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WHILTON NEWSLETTER

May 1988

Ed's Notes

So we did get a Springtime after all! The hedgerows suddenly became several wonderful shades of green, the pink and white blossom came out and in the extended spring evening came the sound of the lawn mower in action!. Soon thoughts will be turning to fresh strawberries - crispy green salads - barbecues - whoever is going to have time to read the newsletter? Don't forget the outings and many social events coming along during the summer months.

Welcome to several newcomers to the village, we shall be pleased to see you if you care to come along to any of the various activities in the village. Read on -

Ed's

P.S. All contributions for the next newsletter by Thursday 30th June please.

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Village Fete

NEW DATE.....SATURDAY SEPT. 3rd

At the last committee meeting it was decided to change the date of the village fete to the first Saturday in September. This decision was taken due to the fact that so many families were going to be away on holiday in August. Thankfully all bookings were able to transfer to the new date. Entertainments this year include - English Folk dancing and a gymnastic display. Music will be provided by Daventry & District Silver Band.

As suggested by some of the junior members last year the Fancy Dress Competition will be replaced by a Decorated Bicycle Parade and Competition. The show schedule will be distributed to all villagers in late June and there will be many classes covering Home Products, Crafts and Flower Arrangements. Some to take note of now are:-

1. An Article of knitting.
2. A piece of embroidery.
3. Dressmaking - a child's garment.

Flower Arrangement - title - Olympics '88.

This year for the first time will be two classes of craft for the children.

1. A decorated pebble.
2. A soft toy.

There will be both adult and childrens classes in the Photographic Competition, subject - Your Best Photograph - taken during the last 12 months. Children's Painting Competition, title - A holiday scene.

Stallholders are still required for the following stalls - Produce, White Elephant, Toys, or perhaps you have a new type of stall you wish to organise. If so or if you will help on those mentioned or will help in the Refreshment Tent please contact the Secretary - Janet Bowers at "Heritage" Tel. 842851 as soon as possible.

After the fete, in the evening, will be a barn dance and barbecue. More details in next issue.

Janet Bowers, Secretary.

Parish Church

Sundays: Principal Service. 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 5th Sundays at 6.00pm
4th Sunday at 9.30am

Sunday School: 1st & 3rd Sundays 10.30am

At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (& Vestry) on the 25th March, the following persons were elected (or appointed) to represent the Laity of the Parish:-

Churchwardens: Mr. W. Adams, Mr. H. Haynes. (Also Treasurer to PCC)
Deanery Synod: Mrs. J. Coles. (Also Secretary to PCC)
Parochial Church Council: (in addition to Churchwardens and Deanery Synod rep. who are ex officio) Mrs. J. Bowers (Also electoral Roll Officer);
Mr. C. Ellison; Mrs. G. Haynes; Mrs. S. Townley; Mrs. D. Whitehouse;
Mrs. K. Wright.

Rep. to Village Hall Committee: Mrs. K. Wright

Reps. to Fete Committee: Mrs. A. Ellison & Mr. C. Ellison.

Reps. to Village Mag: Mrs. J. Coles, Mr. H. Haynes and Mrs. G. Haynes.

Auditor: Mr. E. Cowper.

A recommendation was made at the Annual Meeting that the 4th Sunday 9.30am Family Service revert to the previous 6.00pm (E.P. + H.C.) on the grounds that it is not sufficiently used. This has to be referred to the P.C.C. (as the Annual Meeting is not an executive body) as a recommendation. Views have been canvassed in the interim. It is difficult to comment before the P.C.C. meeting but it must be said that if the feeling is to retain the morning service - if only for a further period - it is hoped that families (or parts of them!) will do their very best to support this act of worship. This appeal is focussed directly to those who subscribe to the religious description "Church of England" (one prefers "Anglican") from whom a particular loyalty of belonging is expected but, needless to say, all families or people of whatever hue, age, or shape are most welcome. Adult members of the regular congregation are also expected to support this service to the fullest as part of the attempt to serve the people of the village which is their specific function as Christians.

Very many thanks to all who helped with and contributed to fund raising events for the organ repairs:-

The Fun Afternoon which produced £89 (an amazing sum from a "mini-event")
The Farmhouse Teas from the kindness of Mr. & Mrs. Davies at Roughmoor which was vastly successful in all aspects and in giving the fund £187.
The fund now stands at around £1,500 - well on the way to the £2,500 odd which is (hopefully) the extent of the damage.

Thanks too to supporters of the coffee morning organised by the Sunday School after the last Family Service which raised £33 for "Save the Children" Fund.

A Mothers and Toddlers group is now taking place at BRINGTON Church on Tuesdays at 2.15 pm. There is a very short service involving the children and this is followed by tea/coffee/squash at the Rectory. All very welcome This group will NOT meet on Tuesday 28th June nor 5th July.

Brington Fete Saturday 18th June.

Northampton Junior Philharmonic Choir at Whilton Church Saturday July 2nd.

Norton Fete Saturday 9th July 2.00pm.

W. I. Report

Members enjoyed a meeting of a culinary nature in April. "Attractive ideas with Vegetables", was the theme. Members saw 4 dishes demonstrated:- Mushrooms in Cream, Carrot Ragout, Vegetable Lasagne and Fruity Cabbage Salad. The dishes were all raffled off afterwards and I am sure that most of us have tried out some of the tempting dishes for ourselves.

If you have not already got your ticket for the "Have a Go Craft Evening" phone Gill Houghton as numbers are limited. Open to everyone. Tel. 843114.

We are planning an OPEN EVENING in June when anyone interested in coming to visit us will be warmly welcomed, the subject of the meeting will be "Country Crafts". Look out on the notice board for further details.

Mrs. A. Hall

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Collection of milk tops, foil, silver paper and used stamps

Many thanks to the Whiltonians and the W.I. members from Norton who have taken the trouble to give contributions to the above appeal. The response has not been as good as I had hoped for but nevertheless there have been some new contributors.

As reported earlier, the milk tops etc. are sold to help buy Guide Dogs for the Blind. The stamps - torn from letters with surround of envelope - are sold to help the "Save the Children" projects. This is an easy but useful way of showing our gratitude for our own sight and for the fact that our children can be brought up without fear of famine, and disease.

All contributions can be left at the "Old Plough" - in the porch if we are out. Carry on saving!

G. Haynes

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The Pegasus Bus

Whilton was one of the villages in Northamptonshire fortunate enough to have many visits from the Pegasus Bus, a converted single decker, equipped with games, t.v., photographic equipment and a very popular tuck shop!

Following its success in Whilton it may be time to consider the possibility of a Youth Club once again coming to life in the village. We certainly are not short of children, who I feel sure, would welcome an evening of organized games, crafts etc., particularly during the winter months.

We would require a Youth Club leader and of course some volunteers to help, perhaps on a rota basis. If you could spare a couple of hours a week I feel sure the children of Whilton would be very appreciative.

Kay Verity

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FOR SALE: Raleigh Raglan Bike to suit boy or girl age 5 - 8 years.
Good condition £15

WANTED Snooker table (6' x 3') in good condition. Tel. 842167

Church Organ Fund Raising

Since the last newsletter two events have taken place:-

1. The Fun Afternoon in the Village Hall organised by Mr. & Mrs. Morris, Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Emery and Mr. & Mrs. Gardner. This event was much enjoyed by those who attended and especially by the children who ran the raffle and the games - everything was 10p a go. The Grand Sum of £89 was the result. Many thanks to those who made this so successful and well done children - and here's to the next!

2. Farmhouse Teas at Roughmoor Grounds. This proved very popular and many villagers and friends enjoyed an excellent tea in a homely and relaxing atmosphere. The weather was kind and allowed the children the fun of a treasure hunt in the garden as well as viewing the farmyard animals. £187.10 was donated to the organ fund from this afternoon and many thanks are due to Mr. & Mrs. Davies for their hospitality.

We have now raised £1,499.40 towards the approx cost of £2,576.

Mrs. J. Bowers

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Dates for your Diary

Saturday July 2nd

STRAWBERRY FAYRE - in the Village Hall. 3.00pm to 5.00pm.
See separate advert for details.

Saturday July 2nd

NORTHAMPTON JUNIOR PHILHARMONIC CHOIR - in the Church of St.
Andrew, Whilton 7.30pm Tickets - Adults £2.50 Junior £1.50
from Mrs. S. Townley, Home Farm, Whilton.

Saturday October 1st

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If you have ideas for more fund raising events please contact Janet Bowers, "Heritage".

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Thanks to the many complaints, the authorities have shelved, for the moment, their plans to close further education classes which do not have sufficient full fee paying members.

Fortunately we have 12 keen members and this will keep the class open during the summer. All new members would of course be very welcome.

Anne Heeley

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FOR SALE

Ladies re-modelled Fur Coat
£50 o.n.o.

Cash to be donated to Whilton Church Organ Fund.

Contact Jean Waights, Kunda Cottage, Tel. 842431

Whilton Gardeners' Association

The Gardeners' Association met on 5th April, and after the conclusion of the business, Mr. Watkins gave us a lively and informative talk about caring for indoor plants, which was most enjoyable.

Here are a few basic rules for the successful growing of house plants.

The darker the leaf the further away from a light source the plant can be kept. The lighter coloured the leaf the more light is needed, e.g. a Spider plant with green and white striped leaves needs to be placed close to the light whereas a Rubber Plant with dark coloured leaves can be kept further away from the light. An exception to this rule is the Cheese Plant with its dark leaves with deep slits. Although it can be kept away from the sunlight, if it begins to form new leaves without as many slits in them then giving it more light should correct this problem.

Plants with thick or leathery leaves can conserve moisture far better than those with thin leaves. Cacti and Mother-in-law's Tongue come into this category and can go for fairly long periods without water. Whereas plants such as Ferns and Poinsettia need moist or humid conditions in which to thrive. The best way to provide this atmosphere is to place the pot on a shallow tray of stones which can be kept moist so that the air around the plant is always humid, or place the plant in the bathroom where the atmosphere is more often wet than dry. A daily spraying of water on the foliage would also be beneficial.

Plants should not be left on a windowsill when the curtains are closed. The drop in temperature from daytime to night, especially in winter, is considerable and will be detrimental to their well being. When you close the curtains bring your plants in to the room and put them back in the light next morning when the curtains are drawn back.

Plants should be fed regularly in the growing season, generally from Spring to Winter with a houseplant food such as phostrogen. It is also beneficial to water the foliage with feed mixed at half strength only. Also instead of always watering the plant a good idea is to submerge the pot in a sink of water and allow the compost to get completely saturated. When the plant is taken out of the water the excess will drain away and at the same time draw oxygen into the compost, which is also food for the plant. Some plants require potting in fresh compost each spring, others are best left for perhaps two years in the same pot without disturbance.

A general rule regarding the health of plants, if they appear to be shrivelling or going yellow on the leaves from the outside then the atmosphere they are kept in is too dry. Whereas if they go yellow from the middle of the leaves they are not getting sufficient, or the correct type of nutrients.

The next meeting of the Association is on Monday 6th June at 7.30pm in the village hall when the speaker will be Mr. Tanser talking about Garden Machines.

Anyone interested in joining us, please come along you will be most welcome.

Anne Heeley

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Think before your strike!

Check before you put that match to the bonfire - the neighbours' glad rags or nappies may be hanging on the line!!

Children's Society Week

As a result of the recent appeal a total of £40.53 was collected in the Parish in aid of the Children's Society. Grateful thanks to Mrs. Diane Whitehouse for organizing the collection on behalf of the Parochial Church Council.

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Recipe CornerSpring Greens?Dandelion:

The flowers make a lovely wine and the leaves are used in the classic French dish Salade de pissenlit au lard. Their strong bitter flavour is much reduced by serving them with fried, chopped bacon and croutons, or dressed with a normal vinaigrette.

Stinging Nettles:

When the plants are four to six inches high, snip off the top two inches and use to make a potage with chicken stock, onions, garlic and potatoes.

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"STRAWBERRIES"Strawberry FayreStrawberry Teas

in the Village Hall on Saturday July 2nd from 3 - 5pm

Pedlar Girls, Ice Creams, Old English Produce Stall,
and other attractions.

Come and enjoy a taste of Old England.

To finish the day enjoy the Junior Philharmonic Choir in their summer concert in the Church at 7.30pm.

All proceeds to the Organ Fund.

Mrs. S. Townley

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Whilton Playgroup

As the year has progressed the number of children coming to Playgroup has increased. We have 16, our full complement, on Mondays and Fridays and only a few spaces on Wednesdays. As this is the last term before some of the children start school we are running some of the Friday sessions at Brington School. We are sure that this will help to ease the transition from home and playgroup to school and we appreciate the hospitality and welcome we receive.

We must thank the many people whose gifts to us have varied from old socks to puzzles, dress material to yogurt pots. Of course we are collecting again and would be happy to receive shiny paper, wallpaper, seashells, tissue boxes, pieces of string and anything else you think might be useful!

Anthea Hiscock

Then and Now

It is interesting to read the comments of estate agents, when they are advertising houses for sale in Whilton, and note the points that they consider make the village such an attractive place in which to live.

Those of us who were born and brought up in Whilton before the last war can reflect on all the changes that have taken place in our lifetime. How a village that was once looked upon as being "at the back of beyond" is now "within easy access of the M1" and so within easy travelling distance of many towns and cities that, in our childhood, were another world.

Before the last war living conditions for the majority of people in the village were, by today's standards, primitive, to say the least. There was, of course, no electricity, no mains water and no main sewage. (Electricity was installed in 1948, mains water, to the village as a whole, in 1956 and main sewage in 1971). This meant that heating and cooking was done mainly by coal fires, supplemented, in a few cases, by an oil stove. Lighting was by candle and oil lamp. Most of the cottages had the old-fashioned fire grate with a small oven at one side of the fire and possibly a small boiler for water at the other side.

The first job each morning would be to get the fire going and boil up the kettle, which was usually suspended on a hook over the fireplace. This meant that a good supply of dry kindling was required and it was quite common for a housewife and one or two children to set off with an old pram to go "sticking", especially when someone locally had been cutting and laying a field hedge. A bundle of sticks would often be left in the fire oven overnight so that they would be thoroughly dry to get the fire going quickly in the morning.

Water was obtained from wells, of which there were many in the village, some households having their own while others shared with neighbours. The water was drawn from the well either by means of a pump or by a bucket being lowered on a chain. The chain was attached to a cylindrical, wooden roller with a cranked handle. As the handle was turned the chain would wind round the cylinder and the bucket was brought to the top. Wells varied in depth, those at the top of the village being much deeper than those at the lower end. The depth of those in the centre of the village was about thirty feet, with a depth of water of about three feet.

Lavatories were usually in a building at the end of the garden, often placed next to the pig-sty. The theory was that the pigs gave off a certain amount of heat, making a visit to the lavatory on a cold, winter's night perhaps just a little less uncomfortable! There were two common types of lavatory; either the bucket, which would need frequent emptying, or the earth closet which would probably need emptying once a year. In each case there would be a wooden, box-like structure over the top, often made in two heights, to suit adults or children, with the appropriate sized circular holes cut in the top.

Motorized transport was quite rare in the village so if one wanted to get anywhere it was usually a case of walking or cycling. One outing very much looked forward to, certainly by the children, was the annual visit to "Buckby Feast", which took place in August, and to which we usually walked over the field path. Generally, however, people did not go out of the village very often but tended to make their own amusement. Television was, of course, unheard of and radio sets were not very common. The only radio I remember as a child was a small crystal set, for which we needed head-phones. It was a case of twiddling the "cats-whisker" to find a good spot on the crystal to get the best reception.

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In spite of the hardships and lack of amenities people did not seem to complain very much but generally appeared reasonably happy and contented.

Harold Haynes

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BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

Don't Forget the first judging takes place during June.

!! HAVE YOU DONE YOUR BIT !!

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Fund raising at Campion

Not long ago at Campion School, Bugbrooke Sycamore and Cedar Houses held a charity week, altogether we raised approximately £1,500 in aid of Great Ormond Street Wishing Well Appeal.

All sorts of activities took place e.g. sponsored throws, cycle rides, swims and also a sponsored silence!

T-shirts with "I am helping Great Ormond Street get better" printed on were sold to help raise money. People sold items in the hall such as sweets, drinks and cakes. (There was all sorts of games like, the money under the egg cup and the money in the bucket).

Two members of Sycamore 2nd Year held a coffee morning with a bring and buy stall, they managed to raise £110.

Miss Goacher and her 4th Year form invited pupils and teachers to put pennies in a line around the netball courts and raised a lot of money that way.

We all got so involved in raising money, it took more than a week. We held a "Gunk Tank". We paid an entrance fee to watch teachers, getting covered with yesterdays dinner! This turned out to be the highlight of the week.

Just recently there has been a sponsored run to help school sports funds. Nearly half the school joined in. We ran for half an hour around a 400 metre track, no-one doing more than 20 laps. We won't know the exact amount raised until a little later. The money is to go towards buying a bus/minibus to take pupils to away matches.

Lynn Heeley

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Parish Council Report

As only seven members of the parish were willing to stand as Parish Councillors, an election was not necessary.

Your Parish Councillors are:-

Mr. H. Haynes
 Mr. J. Gardner
 Mr. P. Billsborough
 Mr. K. Bowers
 Mr. M. Lewis
 Mr. A. Kane
 Mr. H. Clements

If you have any points you wish to raise regarding parish affairs please contact any of the people above, or attend a Parish Council meeting.

Since the last Parish Magazine was published a special meeting was held regarding two planning applications:-

1. Proposed dwelling and garage - land adjacent to Holly House - Miss D. Scott and Miss F. Drake.
2. Proposed House and garage - land adjacent to allotments - Mr. Harrison.

At the above meeting several members of the public were present and were invited to express their comments on both applications prior to the discussion by Parish Councillors.

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council was held on 16th May 1988.

Mr. Haynes was re-elected Chairman and Mr. Gardner was re-elected Vice Chairman.

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Kane to his first meeting as a Councillor, and also paid tribute to Mr. Adams who has retired from the Council after 39 years service.

Roads - A site meeting had been held with the Area Surveyor who stated that very little money was available for repairs and that the main priority would be the repairs to the Great Brington to Whilton road. Other jobs mentioned in the past could not be considered at present.

Dustbins - Wheeled dustbins will be provided and issued to all households in the Autumn as part of a new scheme to be introduced by the District Council.

Allotments - D.D.C. acknowledged the Council's refusal to give up the present lease but could give no assurances as to the fate of the allotments after 1991.

Water - Anglian Water have advised that the mains will be cleansed in the area during the period 17th May to 13th June.

Planning Applications - It was proposed and accepted that at future Parish Council meetings members of the public will be given the opportunity to express their views on planning applications, prior to the Councillors final comments, being forwarded to the District Council.

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- a) Proposed dwelling - land adjacent to Holly House - Granted.
- b) Conservatory - Lodge Cottage, Whilton Locks - Granted.
- c) Proposed dwelling - land adjacent to allotments - Refused. A new application was presented, showing slight changes and how the sight was to be lowered. After discussion it was felt that the same comments applied to this application that applied to the previous application.
- d) Part change of use to Garden Centre - Bryant Windows, Whilton Locks. Concern was expressed that the estimate of 20 - 30 vehicles per day using the site was unrealistic especially at weekends, and this volume of traffic would pose a real danger with regard to the close proximity of the two bridges.

It was felt that the site is too small to accommodate a tearoom, garden centre and the existing double glazing and window manufacturing business. It was also felt that the mixing of retail and manufacturing on the same site would pose an internal traffic problem.

Concern was expressed that once again the Parish Council is being asked for comments on an application when the changes proposed have already been implemented and trading has commenced without permission.

- e) An appeal was to be made by Mr. Eyton-Jones regarding refusal of permission for a dwelling on land to the rear of Stone House. The Council would reiterate their previous comments, but in addition would point out strongly the very misleading and inaccurate submission made by the applicant.

Date of future meetings - It was decided that as from July meetings would be held on the first Monday of every other month. The next meeting being on Monday July 4th 1988.

Tree Planting - A tree planting scheme was to be implemented by the Parish Council in conjunction with the Gardeners' Association.

Village Hall Representatives - The Parish Council representatives for the Village Hall Committee are Mr. P. Bilsborough and Mr. J. Gardner.

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Parish 2000 Project - A reasonable amount of interest was shown at the open meeting but since then no-one has offered their help in this project. It was decided to make a final mention in the Parish Newsletter to try and find any interested members of the village to take on this project. If no interest is forthcoming from this appeal then the Parish Council will drop the project.

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Summary of Events

Wed. 25th May 7.30pm Have a Go Craft Evening in village hall.
Mon. 6th June 7.30pm Gardeners' Association in village hall.
Wed. 8th June 7.30pm W.I. Open Evening in village hall.
Sat. 18th June Brington Fete.
Thurs 30th June Last date for items to be included in next Newsletter.
Sat. 2nd July 3-5pm Strawberry Fayre in village hall.
Sat. 2nd July 7.30pm Northampton Junior Philharmonic Choir in Whilton Church.
Mon. 4th July Parish Council Meeting.
Sat. 9th July 2.00pm Norton Fete.

Advance Notices

Sat. 3rd Sep. Whilton Fete
Sat. 1st Oct. 1940's Evening.

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