



WHILTON NEWSLETTER

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Ed's Notes

Autumn leaves, misty mornings, log fires and rain - probably more rain in the next few weeks to come, but this will no doubt make the gardeners and farmers happy. Do remember on these longer evenings ahead that any contribution to the Village Newsletter would be most welcome, no matter how small. What about a few Christmas menus, or ideas for decorations - perhaps even a Christmas ghost story!

Is anyone interested in joining the Editorial Team? New ideas and volunteers welcome.

Do keep an eye on the Events List which is printed on the last page - your attendance is requested.

Happy reading ... Ed's

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Parish Church

Sunday Services 1st Sunday of the month - Benefice Eucharist at 10.00am
(October at Norton, November at Brington, December at
Whilton)

Other Sundays at 6.00pm

Mothers & Toddlers Service at Brington - Tuesday 2.15pm

Harvest Thanksgiving Service - Sunday 30th September 6.00pm

Harvest Supper - Tuesday 2nd October at 7.30pm

Standing Committee - Wednesday 7th November 3.00pm

Remembrance Sunday Service - Sunday 11th November 6.00pm

Parochial Church Council - Thursday 15th November 7.30pm

Bazaar - Saturday 24th November in the Church

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We are most grateful to Mr. & Mrs. G. Davies for inviting us to Roughmoor Grounds for Farmhouse Teas and of course to everyone who helped there to make a pleasant Sunday afternoon outing and a very fine tea. As a result a sum of £135 (including donations) has been set against the outlay for the re-wiring.

Rector or Vicar Someone recently asked what's the difference? Today - none - and the styles are retained only for historical purposes. But at one time the difference was considerable. To put it briefly, a Rector was the person entitled to the 'tithes', in other words, the income due from the people of the parish to support the 'benefice' or 'living'. A rector could be a body such as a monastery. After the dissolution of the monasteries, a Rector could be a lay person, at the gift of the King.

A Vicar (from Lat. vicarious - substitute) was a priest employed to perform the parish duties on behalf of the Rector. Very roughly, older churches tend to have Rectors and newer ones Vicars; but it is not invariable -

Norton is a Vicarage, from the time when a vicar was sent out from the monastery at Daventry. Brington and Whilton are Rectories. Nowadays the Vicar has the same spiritual status as the Rector and the forms of institution to Office are identical since in both cases the jurisdiction is held from the Bishop of the Diocese. The style "Team Vicar" is entirely modern and has no connection with the ancient titles, but 'vicar' is still appropriate as the person ministers on behalf of the Bishop who issues the Licence.

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Whilton Playgroup

The playgroup started the new term on Monday 10th September to a 'colourful' theme and we are pleased to welcome six new children all of who appear to be settling in very well. Beginning this term also is an extra session on a Tuesday morning for all pre-school children, with Angela Evans of Great Brington offering a permanent hand on this day, all seem set to benefit and be enjoyable to those children concerned. However, with the unfortunate departure of Marilyn Harrison, our permanent helper, who is off to pastures greener, we are seeking a replacement for Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning. Should anybody be interested for this paid position please contact Kim Carne at playgroup or Sally Abbott on Northampton 770867.

Various fund raising ideas are planned for this year: a car boot sale has been suggested and arrangements are in order, please watch the village notice-boards for more details. Judy Hartland Photography has been booked for Monday 22nd October at 10.00am in the Reading Room at Great Brington and should anyone like to have individual or family photos taken they are on a sale or return basis with a small commission going to the Playgroup.

Also:

COFFEE MORNING

in aid of Whilton Playgroup
at Fairview House
Whilton Road, Great Brington
on the 19th October 10.00am to 1.00pm

** Bring and Buy ** Cakes ** Raffle **
(donations and prizes would be extremely appreciated)

Tickets 50p OAPs 25p

Contact Ann McWatt 770047, Angela Evans 770864

Sally Abbott 770867

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL PLAYGROUP

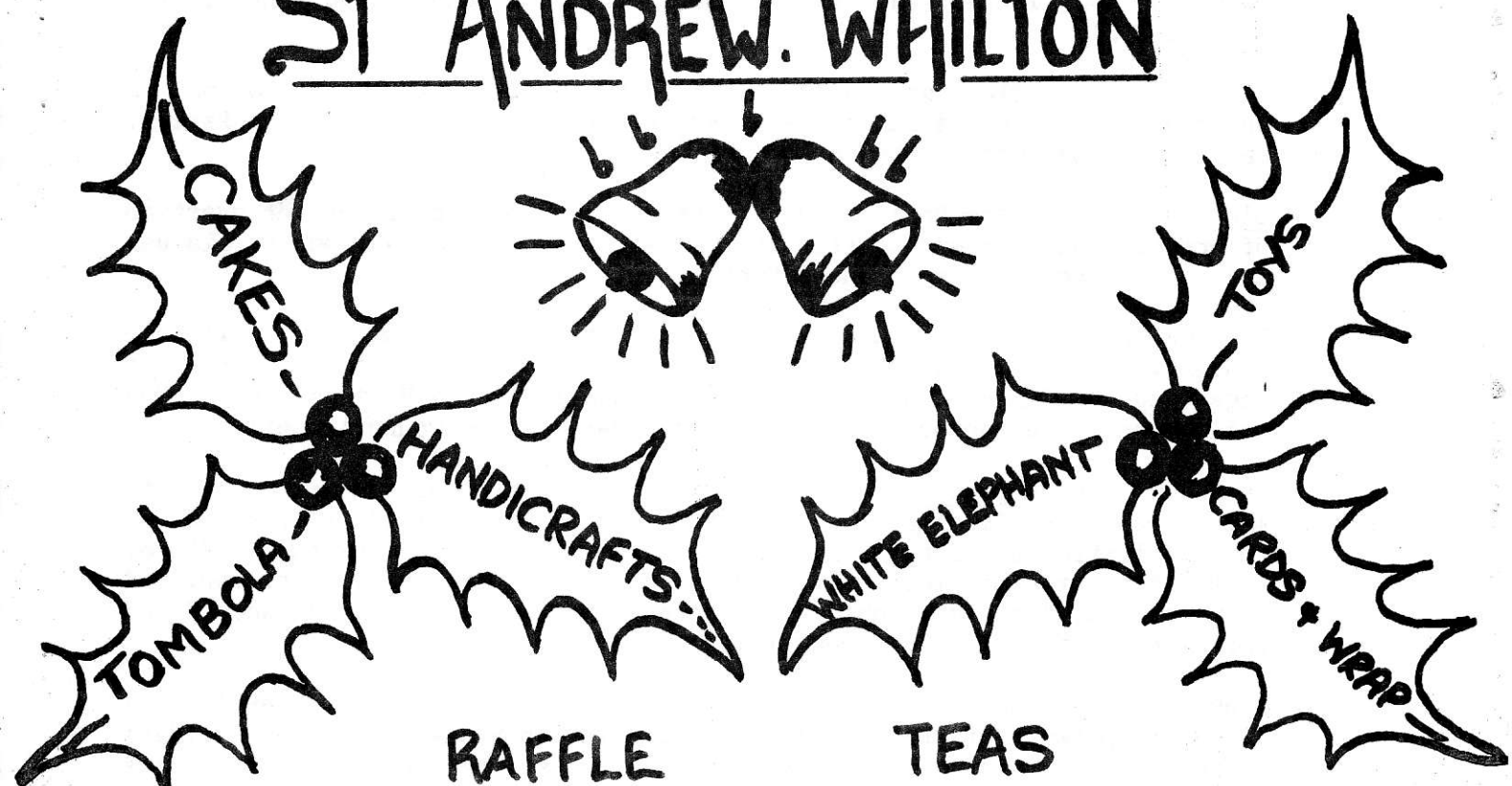
Thank you

Kim Carne,
Playgroup Supervisor

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

SAT. NOV. 24th 2.30pm

ST ANDREW. WHILTON



TO FINISH PAYING FOR THE REWIRING OF THE CHURCH.
OFFERS OF HELP + DONATIONS TO JANET BOWERS
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE PLEASE

Farmhouse Teas

A very pleasant Sunday afternoon was spent at Roughmoor Grounds on September 2nd. The weather was sunny and warm and visitors could sit in the garden enjoying their tea. The proceeds from the afternoon were £125 which together with donations received after resulted in a grant total of £135 towards paying off the re-wiring of the Church. Our sincere thanks are due to Mr. & Mrs. Griff Davies for opening up their home and garden for the occasion.

Janet Bowers
Church Fundraising co-ordinator

Parish Council Report

The following points were discussed at Parish Council Meetings held on 16th August and 3rd September.

Allotments - A new 5 year lease had been agreed with the District Council.

A letter had been received from the County Council regarding the improvements to the access. The Chairman agreed to clarify the matter with them and a letter has since been received concluding the matter satisfactorily.

Radon Gas - The Clerk was asked to contact the District Council to enquire as to whether or not a Radon Gas Survey has been carried out in the Parish, and if so, the results obtained.

Closed Village - The Parish Councillors were asked to consider the question of prohibiting through traffic in the village. It was agreed to discuss this at the next Parish Council Meeting.

Village Green - The Clerk was asked to write to the County Council, who claim ownership of the Green, to see if they have any comments to make regarding the Parish Council registering this area as a Village Green. The matter was to be further discussed at the next Parish Council Meeting.

Proposed Clay Pigeon Shoot - The Parish Council's observations on this matter has been finalised. The letter listed at least 14 points against the application under the headings of Noise, Traffic, Safety and Wildlife. In addition to this letter it was agreed that copies of letters received from parishioners who could not attend the public meeting should be forwarded to the District Council.

Since then an amended application had been received. In this application it was proposed that there will be no shooting on Weekends or Bank Holidays nor outside the hours of 10.00am - 6.00pm. Also the number of shoot days is to be reduced from 200 to 50 in any calendar year. After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council's original comments should still apply to this application.

Jim Gardner

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The First Disco in Whilton

It was a Tuesday night. A few of us were deserted on the green, boredom clouded our minds. It was about time for a change. We started talking about having a Disco. After a lot of organising we came to a conclusion - SATURDAY NIGHT.

John and Philip Townley, Aaron Hardy, Jenny Houghton and I gave £2 each a total of £10. We needed a bit more! (Mrs. Townley coughed up the rest).

The big night came, Loud music, dancing, food and even football! It was a success. Many people came and enjoyed it (I think). At the end we raised a total of £20.50. We got our money back and the rest was given to the Church. Come to the next one and see for yourself. Information will follow soon.

Ace Reporter Dorothy Webster

Whilton Gardeners' Association

At the August meeting of the Society, Mr. Bates came to talk to us about beekeeping, which proved to be a very humorous and informative evening.

Mr. Bates has kept bees since 1953 and is clearly very enthusiastic about the ancient creature which has not evolved very much during the past 50,000 years. The bee is a compulsive worker and will work itself to death, probably within about 6 weeks, its life is governed by work.

Napoleon had put on his Coat of Arms a bee to represent hard work and industry.

Disease wiped out the indigenous British bee in recent years and we had to import bees into the country. Several foreign types were tried, some were not suited to the climate, others were found to be very aggressive, and none were quite so well adapted as the original. Over the years honey production has dropped because of loss of habitat, buildings, roads and most probably the use of weed-killers.

Bees are very clean creatures and don't allow any debris to collect in the hive. If for instance a mouse were to get into the hive the bees would sting it to death and then, because it would be too heavy to remove, would embalm it in wax so as not to allow it to be a threat to their health.

A large colony could contain up to 60,000 bees; usually 1 Queen, 500 Drones and the remainder of the hive are Workers. Interestingly bees weigh around 5,000 to the pound.

The Queen can lay 2,000 eggs per day for 3 years. The workers feed the drones who are incapable of feeding themselves. The drones are killed off in October because they will not be needed over winter. They are starved for several days and then thrown out of the hive.

All baby bees are fed Royal Jelly. Workers are fed just a small amount, but if the hive wants to produce a Queen she will be fed vast quantities of Royal Jelly.

It takes 5 bees, 1 hour to collect enough pollen/nectar to produce one small spot of honey. If the feeding ground is 1/2 a mile away it would take 50,000 miles of flying to produce 1 lb of honey.

Dark honey comes from tree flowers whereas lighter honey comes from plants. Honey is instant energy passed straight into the bloodstream without digesting. Good for healing wounds especially bee stings, strangely enough. The best honey granulates quickly.

The best lipsticks and make-up are honey based to draw in moisture which softens the skin.

If stung by a bee, scrape out the sting with your thumb as quickly as possible to stop more venom being pumped into the wound. Then of course smear it with honey!

You can revive a tired bee by giving it a spot of honey on a cocktail stick, within a few minutes it will be ready to fly off.

A recipe for Mead which Mr. Bates gave to us

4 lb of pale honey, Moray yeast, 1 gallon water, 1/2 tsp Marmite,
1 tbsp strong cold tea, Juice of 2 lemons.

Bring to boil, water and honey, take off the froth, cool, add remaining ingredients, ferment to a finish.

The longer you keep it, the dryer it will get. Ready by Christmas from August brewing.

Anne Heeley

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Village Outing

It seemed like more friends than ever before joined the coach on the 25th July to visit Waterperry College Gardens and Winslow Hall. If I had known I was to report, I would have paid greater attention to numbers, names and dates. Just as well perhaps as there was nothing to mar the enjoyment of the outing.

Many of us are gardeners and can appreciate the effort that must have been made to make Waterperry impressive in spite of the difficulties of so dry a season. The walk to the river was rewarded with a view of an herbaceous border that rivalled the standards of Wisley. Some of the party were able to buy plants not always readily available.

At Winslow Hall, in peaceful natural landscaped gardens we found a real home, within a cleverly designed structure, by Wren, with panelling by the craftsmen who worked on Hampton Court.

There was no "Great Hall" just a sturdy central wall containing fireplaces and flues in the middle of the building, servicing livable family sized rooms with staircases on the two outside walls. Was this the original concept of central heating?

It was such a homely place, nothing was tidied away, it was so "lived in" with emphasis on love of books - old and new. At the top of the house, with wonderful views a family room with many comfy chairs and most memorable, Mummy's or was it Granny's room with so many inviting toys.

For a family that has withstood so many tragedies what a fine example of determination to remain indomitable! What an atmosphere!!

I wonder if Miss Scott and Miss Drake realise just how therapeutic these outings are and what a true service they give to those of us who are privileged to enjoy them. Our sincere gratitude to them both and our hope to see Miss Scott again very soon.

Norma J. Henson

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W.I. Report

The speaker for September was Mrs. Satham who spoke on behalf of Guide Dogs for the Blind. We had invited non-members to the meeting and were pleased to welcome some of the children.

Mrs. Satham proved to be a great success with everyone though to the children she came second best to her white labrador - Ivory. She told us the story from becoming blind to actually owning Ivory. Many people think that acquiring a guide dog is a straightforward business but that is not the case. Once a person has applied to have a guide dog they have to submit a medical certificate to prove their condition; a certificate to show that they have undergone "white stick training" and lastly they have to have their home environment vetted to prove its suitability as a home for a dog. This included a visit from a trainer to Mrs. Satham's home in Braunston and her having to lead him round the village using various commands. As he was wearing a harness, this caused much amusement to the local children who jovially cheered her on. (I don't think he walked on all fours!)

Once all the criteria have been reached the applicant is put on the waiting list. When Mrs. Satham applied, about 10 years ago, the wait was 20 months, nowadays it is 3 months. Unbeknown to Mrs. Satham, on the very day that she applied, Ivory was born.

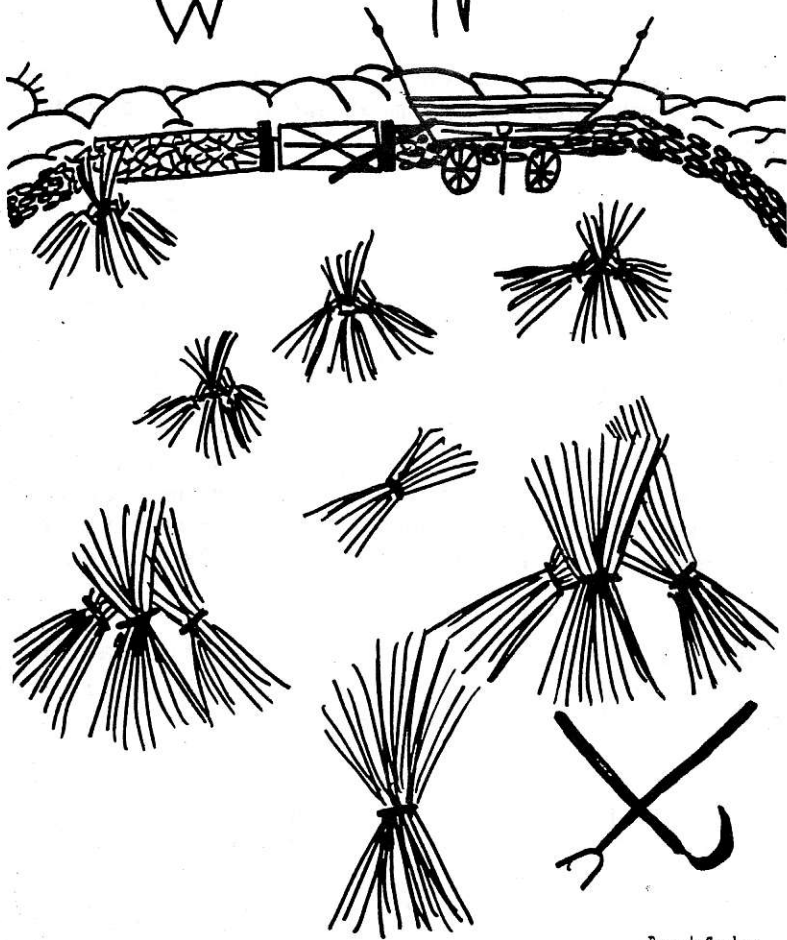
After a long wait she finally received the letter she had been waiting for - she was to report to the training headquarters of the Guide Dogs for the Blind in Leamington. It was with a certain amount of fear and trepidation that she arrived at the centre as she was there for a 4 week stay during which time she would not be allowed home. She had to take enough clothes for the stay and ones which would see her through all weathers. Her room was comfortable, with a dog basket beside her bed, and after her husband had settled her in she went to meet the other residents. All of them had had a Guide Dog before, one lady of 75 was there to train with her fifth dog.

The first two days were spent getting used to putting the harness on to a plastic dog called Fred, and learning the commands. The time was also spent letting the instructors get to know her so that they could match her to the most suitable dog.

The day arrived for them to be given their dogs. Firstly they were told the colour, sex, breed and name. Mrs. Satham was delighted with the description of her dog and impatient to meet her. She was told to go to her room and sit on the chair where she must wait for the dog to be brought to her. Eventually the knock came, the door opened slowly then in burst Ivory who leapt up to her putting both paws on her shoulders. It was love at first lick, despite the fact that her glasses had gone flying in the excitement.

Now the really hard work began, firstly within the grounds and local roads, then further afield. Many of the tests left Mrs. Satham quaking in her shoes. Ivory was told to go forward to cross a road when suddenly a car from the training centre was driven towards them and reversed back and forth. Mrs. Satham was told to continue commanding Ivory forward, but like the super intelligent dog that she is, she refused.

Whilton Newsletter



Rupert Gardner



WHILTON
NEWSLETTER. Sarah Houghton



These pictures were judged by Whilton W.I. members at their meeting on 12th September. The winner (on the front cover) was Kate Gardner. On the back cover is Abigail Hiscock's picture.

These pictures in the centre of the Newsletter have been reduced in size to accommodate them and are from

Rupert Gardner Sarah Houghton Penny Hiscock

Thanks go to all 5 for making the effort to enter the competition.

There were other tests, finding her way about town, travelling on the bus and finally the train. The worst test of all must have been when the instructor directed them to the edge of the railway platform he then told her to command Ivory forward! With her heart in her mouth Mrs. Satham obeyed. Ivory managed to get in front of her legs and pull her away from the edge. Mrs. Satham did not need to be encouraged when the instructor said "Praise your dog - she has just saved your life."

A few weeks passed and Ivory travelled home to Braunston where she was not allowed to leave the house and garden as she needed time to adjust. A trainer from the centre came and took Mrs. Satham into Daventry and they went to all the places that she would normally go to - dentist, doctor, bank, shops. Having been once, Ivory would remember the way. Mrs. Satham was finally independent.

Before leaving the centre at Leamington, Mrs. Satham had to pay for Ivory and her accommodation. Ivory cost her 50p and she paid £1 for each week she was at the centre. She was given a brush, comb, leather, bed and harness for Ivory and vets fees and Ivory's food for the rest of her life are paid for by the organisation. This is so that nobody is in a position of not being able to pay for and keep a dog.

A dog's working life is about 7-8 years and they then are retired or can be kept by the owner. The cost of each Guide Dog is £5,000.

We were all very impressed by Mrs. Satham and her story. I am sure that during the next National Guide Dog week we will all be supporting it very positively.

The W.I. served refreshments and sold home made cakes at the Village Horticultural Show. The funds benefited by £17. Many thanks to all who contributed time, cakes and biscuits.

Thanks also to Mr. & Mrs. Haynes for allowing the W.I. to use their home on Saturday 15th September when they had a Coffee Morning with cake and produce stalls. This was to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the forming of the National Women's Institute.

The amount raised was £70 for which we thank all the villagers who supported the event by calling in for coffee and a chat. We were grateful for the donations of produce which were bought by those of us not blessed with "green fingers".

A donation from the proceeds will be sent to W.I. House who are splitting the proceeds between four children's charities. The rest of the money will help to keep our own W.I. solvent throughout the rest of the year. Once again we thank you for your support.

The results of the "Design a Cover for the Newsletter" were announced, all entrants received a small prize for effort. The winning design from Kate Gardner is displayed on the cover of this edition of the Newsletter.

Angela Hall

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FAMILY CARE Spencer Leeson House in Northampton is a hostel for single mothers supported by the Diocese of Peterborough. They are always in need of household items (i.e. saucepans, crockery, linen etc) and domestic items to equip a home. Baby clothes in good condition are also required. If anyone has any of these or similar articles to offer please contact either Joyce Coles on Northampton 770427 or Jill Fothergill on Northampton 770665 who will be pleased to collect.

EXTRACT FROM THE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER - FOR DAVENTRY DISTRICT

CRIMINAL DAMAGE

This over the last six months has been one of the most prevalent crimes committed within our communities. In the rural section it appears top in two beats if we take away "other offences" and remains prominent in the other beats. In Daventry Town it appears at the top of the list in 3 out of 4 beats if we take out the broad category of "other offences".

If you hear on the 'grape vine' of anyone having smashed a shop window or car window please let us know. We need to stop these mindless acts that push up, yours and others, insurances to pay for it all. So please keep this type of offence to the forefront. It is difficult to prevent other than ensuring the perpetrators are made aware that the community will not stand for their behaviour by coming forward and enabling us to put them before the courts.

AUTOCRIME

Theft from motor vehicles still remains one of our big problems. Indeed on one of the beats in Daventry it topped the list. The usual target for the thieves are the car radio/cassette players. If you are offered one cheap, then beware; obviously we would like to know. The other items that attract them are brief cases, presents etc being left on view. Please put them out of view and ensure your DOORS ARE LOCKED when you leave your vehicle, even if it is just to pop into the Newsagents whilst on double yellows. Make it a habit, then you will not forget.

Let's put it this way: I haven't got enough Police Officers to stand and watch your car all day long just to ensure it is not stolen or stolen from. It is up to all of us to make the effort to make it difficult for the would be thief, that means all car owners. It will give me great pleasure to see Autocrime figures on the downward trend. Please don't just read this message for yourself, tell your friends, neighbours and relatives and get them to tell theirs.

BEAT 33	L.Buckby	W.Haddon	Watford	Whilton.L	W.Gap
Violence	0	0	0	0	1
Burglary Dwelling	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary Other	1	0	0	0	0
Theft from M/Vehicle	0	2	1	0	1
Theft of M/Vehicle	1	1	0	0	0
Criminal Damage	2	0	0	0	0
Other Crime	0	0	2	1	6

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Quotations and Country Sayings

Mrs. Gwen Gardner of Norton sent the following poem: short and to the point

No sun, No moon,
No butterflies, No bees,
No fruit, No flowers,
No leaves, No birds,
NOVEMBER

St. Martin's Day - 11th November

If the ice on St. Martin's Day will bear a duck, there will be none that will bear a goose all winter.

The moon and the weather;

On Saturday new,
On Sunday full,
Has never brought good,
Nor never 'ull (will)

Near burr, far rain,
Far burr, near rain,
(burr - ring round the moon)

The following two quotations are from Mrs. Joan Davies;

Robert Burns - 1759

Oh, would some power the giftie gie us,
To see oursels as others see us.
It would from many a blunder free us.
And foolish notion.

Lastly a quotation from G. Curtis - 1824

I walked beside the evening sea,
And dreamed a dream that could not be,
The waves that plunged along the shore,
Said only, "Dreamer, dream no more".

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We have now finished our year of country sayings, proverbs and quotations. Many thanks to the contributors.

The response has not been as good as I hoped but if there are any more "offerings" they can be included at the appropriate time of year. Have you any country legends or origins of sayings? Perhaps these could be of interest.

Trudy Haynes

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Milk tops, Stamps etc

We have one sack of foil etc., and many, many stamps. Thank you for your response. I am sure that in some cases there must be some long suffering office persons who take the trouble to tear off stamps. Please convey our thanks to them.

An envelope of stamps was left in the back door letter box a few weeks ago. In it was a 10 centime piece. I have it here for collection.

Trudy Haynes

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Whilton Village Hall

Following our update in the last newsletter, on the state of the Village Hall roof, the committee has now considered the two options open to us:

- a) to remove the present suspended ceiling and replace it with lightweight material (in order to resolve the problem of weight on the roof structure). We would also hope to replace lighting and heating systems. The heating options open to us are a system similar to the existing elements, or fan heaters.
- b) to remove the present suspended ceiling repair and make good the roof and insulate between the timbers. Skylights would be replaced and the roof space left open.

Option b) would enable us to use quartz ray heaters. Some committee members have seen these in operation in another village hall and an Electricity Board representative has demonstrated the system. We feel that they would offer an efficient and economical method of heating the hall.

The costs of these two options are similar but we have now unanimously decided to choose Option b). The work will include a total refurbishment of the main hall. We are in the process of submitting an application for local authority grant, for next July. Assuming a grant will be available, the village will need to fund the project to a sum of about £3,000. Fund raising will be started in October with a Hallowe'en Party and we hope you will support it.

Mary Kane

HALLOWE'EN PARTY

To be held on Friday 26th October 1990

Fancy Dress, Games, Supper, Raffle and Prizes

Watch the notice board for further information

Tickets will be available.

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Whilton Produce Show

As the sunny weather continued during August, Whilton gardeners increasingly bemoaned the lack of water and spoke of shrivelled crops. The members of the Show Committee began to feel somewhat apprehensive as to whether a sufficiently worthwhile show could be staged to justify their efforts and the Judge's time.

As you will know an appeal was made to encourage entries and in the event almost the same number of entry forms were received as last year. Not only that but, on the day, a very high standard was achieved in a number of the classes. Indeed the Judge commented that for a village of our size, the entries compared favourably with those at the Northampton Show. Inevitably certain classes showed the results of the drought, but overall the effect was very pleasing and successful.

The hall looked both interesting and attractive with the classes for flowers and pot plants giving a very pretty concentration of colour and smell.

The Judge was Mr. R.G. Burge:

Awards

The Whilton Garden Association Tankard was won by Mr. Don Welch
second was Mrs. Chris Lefley
third was Mr. Harold Haynes

The award for the exhibitor who had never won the Tankard,
went to Mrs. Lefley

as did the award for the best entry in the show, a plate of James Grieve
desert apples, which the Judge described as the 'perfect entry'.

Frances Drake

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Summary of Events

Sun.	30th	September	6.00pm	Harvest Service
Tues.	2nd	October	7.30pm	Harvest Supper, in Village Hall
Wed.	11th	October	7.30pm	W.I. AGM in Village Hall
Fri.	19th	October	10-1pm	Coffee Morning - Playgroup
Fri.	26th	October		Hallowe'en Party in Village Hall
Wed.	7th	November		Last date for next Newsletter
Sun.	11th	November	6.00pm	Remembrance Service
Sat.	24th	November		Bazaar in Church

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