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# WHILTON NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 1992

## ED'S NOTES

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It is now five years since the Whilton Newsletter was revived and it has been produced in its present form, by the same production team, for most of that time.

One member of the editorial committee recently left the team and at least one of the others would like to take a break, so we wondered if the time had come to take stock and ask a few questions about what we are doing.

In the main we get very little feed-back of parishioners' feelings about the contents of the Newsletter or even if it is really wanted by the majority. Apart from the usual reports from the various organisations we get very few voluntary contributions.

We are thinking of putting a questionnaire with the next edition to try and get answers to some of the questions we are asking ourselves. In the meantime if you have any thoughts about the future of the Newsletter, or would care to offer your services to assist in the production, please get in touch with one of the present editorial committee.

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## BRINGTON SCHOOL REPORT

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The new school year has brought changes at Brington. We said goodbye to ten 6th years and hello to 12 in the reception class. We also said "goodbye" to the Franklins hoping that their stay in England had been pleasant and "Hi there" to the Harrisons on their return to England. Both families having swapped places for 12 months.

The old mobile is now doing another spell of "temporary" service at another school. The new one is bigger having a store room and a cloakroom. It still needs a carpet - good old PTA !!

We are sad to report that Sooty, the rabbit, has kicked the bucket. As Charlie the guinea pig cannot live alone we have bought another dwarf rabbit, as yet unnamed.

Rowena Lewis,

School reporter.

## Parish Church

Sundays: 1st of month Benefice Eucharist 10.00 am at each church in turn. (October - Norton, November - Whilton, December - Whilton)

Other Sundays 6.00 pm

Mothers and Toddlers at Brington Church 2.00 pm Wednesdays

Next PCC meeting Thursday 26th November at 7.30 pm.

### Fr. Norman writes

The Benefice Eucharist on Sunday 10th November at Brington will be my last service before retirement from the Benefice and from stipendiary ministry. It is appropriate this final service should be a "Benefice service" as my role over the past 13 1/2 years has been to serve the whole Benefice community of three parishes.

The task involved in this kind of ministry is by no means easy when measured against the style of ministry that is alleged to have obtained in the past in rural communities. Nor will it become any easier as more parishes are combined into larger benefices within the present parochial system of the Church of England.

A reasonable prognosis is that the viability of the parishes (and indeed of the buildings themselves) will depend more and more on the activities of committed lay-people learning to exercise different kinds of 'ministries' - administrative and pastoral, or whatever, and to give no small amount of time to them.

Of course this does go on already - more, or less, in different parishes - and particularly in Whilton there are a dedicated few who serve most admirably - as their predecessors have through the centuries. But, the 'few' needs to grow and the scope must be extended to meet today's circumstances.

In the meantime, whilst my personal thoughts are naturally closest to the officers, congregation and friends of Whilton Church, I do give thanks for the goodwill that has come to me from the village of Whilton and pray that its sense of community may grow and prosper in peace in the future.

Norman Knibbs

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ADVERT Are you tired of work? Don't you just hate those small but time consuming jobs, or even the larger time consuming jobs? Well if you need someone to help just phone Mark Hall in Whilton (0327) 842167, I'd be glad to help. Whether its washing the car, mowing lawns, weeding the garden or even taking the dog for a walk. You name it and I'll consider it.

## PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

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Meetings of the Parish Council have been held on the 27th July and 7th September 1992. Among items discussed were the following;

**Noticeboard for Whilton Locks** - Mr Lewis reported that this was now in his possession and would be installed in the near future near the telephone box.

**Handrail, South View** - The parish council agreed to approach the District Council with a request for them to provide a hand rail at the steps to South View.

**Minor traffic and Environmental Works** - This County Council sponsored scheme was discussed and it was agreed to ask for the following items for the village;

Please Drive Slowly Signs at either end of the village.  
Special traffic calming measures at Whilton Locks.

**Best Kept Village competition** - no news yet other than we have been asked to return the cup !

**Free Dulux Paint** - Our application for a supply of free paint for the village hall and other parish needs had been too late for this year and the clerk was asked to re-apply next year.

**Waste recycling scheme** - The chairman reported that he had volunteered his family's rubbish for a pilot recycling scheme organised by the District Council. Two wheelie bins had been provided - one for recyclable rubbish (tins, paper, plastic etc) and the other for domestic/kitchen waste. One bin was to be collected each week in turn for the trial period of 16 weeks. If the scheme proves successful the District Council may well run a full scale service in the future.

### Planning Matters

**Two detached houses and garages, The Orchard adjoining Home Farm;** After a site meeting and discussion the following was to be the parish council comment;

"The parish council urges the planning department to require that the access road be brought up to standard before construction on the site is started. The elevation of the site should be clarified and the dominant position of the property to the right be modified, particularly with regard to the garage.

The "open space" at the entrance to the properties be designated and fully maintained by the owners and that the natural spring, on the site, be preserved."

**Footpath Diversion** - A notice regarding the diversion of the footpath FL11 from the field gate opposite Holly House to the spinney on the parish boundary had been received. As this only involved a minor detour the parish council had no comment to make regarding this.

**Daventry District Draft Local Plan** - A copy of this had been received and parish comments were to be made to the District Council by the end of September. As the village itself was not effected by any changes proposed the parish council were to make no representations. The chairman and clerk were to attend a meeting to discuss the plan with the District Council at the end of September.

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Jim Gardner.

# PARISH 2000 NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

## EXHIBITION

on the

24th OCTOBER 1992 2.00 - 5.00 pm

in the VILLAGE HALL

As you may know, Whilton Village is taking part in the Rural Community Council's, 'Parish 2000 Northamptonshire' project. The study involves looking at and recording all aspects of village life; what Whilton was like in the past as well as what is happening in the Village now.

Members of the Whilton Village Appraisal Committee formed in October 1991, have already carried out some research, although there is much work still to be done. An Exhibition will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 24th October 1992 from 2.00 - 5.00 pm to show some of the work already completed.

Please come along, the Women's Institute have kindly agreed to serve teas. Share your memories and express your wishes for the future of Whilton. The Committee would like your help in order to complete the project and publish a report.

Also the Committee members would welcome any photographs, or memorabilia, which could be loaned for display. They will, of course, be carefully recorded and returned to you, permission to take photocopies would also be appreciated.

Please contact Frances Drake, or Jessie Barnes.

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### Brington and Whilton Playgroup

The playgroup is run in Whilton Village Hall three mornings a week, Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9.30 am to 12.00 noon. There are places available if you have, or know of, any pre-school children who need a place.

The Playgroup has arranged for 'Judy Hartland Photography' to come on Monday 26th October 10.00 am to 11.00 am. If you would like any family portraits, please come to Brington Reading Rooms on that date - they make lovely Christmas presents!!

The Playgroup is also in the process of organising a craft evening for Wednesday 11th November at 7.30 pm in the Brington Reading Rooms. We hope to have dried flower arrangements, hand crafted wooden items and other crafts available for sale and coffee and refreshments will be provided. Please do come along - get your Christmas shopping done early!

Mary Kane



## Village Outings

Miss Diana Scott arranged another of her most enjoyable day-trips for villagers and friends on Tuesday, 28th July. The first venue was Savill Gardens on the Royal Estate Windsor, where morning coffee and luncheon were taken in the new Restaurant and there was time for a leisurely walk round the beautiful gardens and lakes. At this time of year the herbaceous borders and roses were at their most magnificent, the various colours being skilfully blended to complement each other. Members of the party recalled a visit to these gardens 7 years ago (18th May 1985) when the rhododendrons and azaleas provided a most spectacular display. It is indeed a garden for all seasons.

In the afternoon a short journey was made to the second venue, Dorney Court, built between 1440 and 1480, a rare example of an unspoiled Tudor Manor House, remarkably little renovation or alteration having been done in the last 500 years, apart from the addition of a William and Mary dining room and a modern bathroom. It is small wonder that this house has been used in historical films such as "Great Expectations" and "The Lady & The Highwayman" when an authentic setting was required. A gigantic Magnolia growing near the side entrance was the focus of much admiring attention.

Excellent cream teas were provided in the Barn Tea Room (much appreciated by all the party) after which there was just time to visit the Church, dating from the 13th Century, before returning to Whilton.

Grateful thanks are due to Miss Scott for organising so efficiently and unobtrusively yet another splendid day out.

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The friends who nearly filled the coach were blessed with beautiful weather on 10th September and the visit to Burford House Gardens left us relaxed and at peace with the world. The extensive grounds appear divided into carefully planned "rooms", each with an exciting vista, punctuated with a statue or stone vase. Each room decorated with a carefully chosen collection of plants, displayed in beds nearly edged with paving or turf - and all so very neat and tidy!

The gardens, incredibly cared for by Mr. Treasure (in a wheelchair) and two other men, what a fantastic achievement! The more unusual varieties of clematis both climbing and herbaceous were well represented but I feel our taste may have been spoiled by the spectacular beauty of the larger flowered species. The Penstemons were really outstanding. Unfortunately it was the end of the season and many were already sold out. But the lunch was available and excellent.

The afternoon visit to the Avoncroft Museum Buildings was a brilliant idea (congratulations on the research and planning of these excursions). The ancient buildings leave one with the impression of how wonderfully skilled our forbears were in the use of timber, how artistic their taste in design.

The horse-drawn wagons, carts and caravans brought back memories to some of us, also the domestic appliance displayed. The Prefab was really much more spacious than we realised and many would be happy to see the concept revived.

One of the highlights was the chain making demonstration. It was simple, dramatic and realistic, a thought provoking example of the social and working conditions of the past.

As another season ends we offer sincere gratitude to Diana and Frances for the stimulation and enjoyment of these outings.

Norma Henson

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## 1993/4 Register of Electors

The qualifying date for this register is 10th October 1992. Your name should appear on the Parish register for the address at which you normally live. It doesn't matter if you are away on holiday, or on business on that date, as long as that is your main home.

A brown and white form, addressed to 'The Occupier', is sent to every property in the District. To make sure that you are going to be able to vote at any elections held between 16th February 1993 and 15th February 1994, you should make sure that all the names of people who are eligible to vote are included on the form. The form is already addressed to 'Daventry District Council' and you don't need to put a stamp on it.

Even if you think you will move house shortly after 10th October, you should complete the form before you move, as you won't be eligible for your new address. Anyone who moves house during the life of the register still retains the right to vote as long as they are on a register somewhere.

A draft register is published on 28th November each year. It is sent to all clerks to Parish Councils and Chairman of Parish Meetings. It also goes to all District Councillors and local post offices. Copies are also on display in Daventry at the Council Offices, the Main Post Office in sheaf Street and the Library. All other libraries in the District also have copies.

**YOU SHOULD CHECK TO MAKE SURE THAT YOUR NAME IS SHOWN ON THIS REGISTER.**

If it is not, or you have any queries, you can ring the Electoral Registration department at Daventry Council on 0327 71100.

Remember, if your name is not on the register when any sort of election or referendum is called, you won't be able to vote.

District Secretary, Daventry District Council

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## Successful Pupils

Pupils gathered at the Daventry Tertiary College in July to receive awards for "Young Inventor and Designer of the Year", run by the Rotary Club. Third prize for Young Inventor of the Year went to Adam Davies, of Whilton, for his Clock for the Blind.

Local schools entered pupils' GCSE projects in Design and Technology, Campion School taking 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes.

These three projects will now be entered for the regional awards in October.

We wish you success, Adam!

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## Whilton Village Hall

Congratulations to 200 Club winners of the last two draws:

14th August 1992:

Mrs. N. Baker	203	1st prize - £30.00
Mr. & Mrs. Treacey	082	2nd prize - £20.00

11th September 1992:

Mr. & Mrs. Swinford	025	1st prize - £30.00
M. Carre	102	2nd prize - £20.00

The Halloween Party will be held on Saturday 31st October in the Village Hall. This is a family party with plenty of games for children, a fancy dress competition, supper and drinks. Tickets will be on sale towards the end of October - watch the village notice board for further details.

Following the success of last year's event, we shall be holding another ENGLISH PUB EVENING. The provisional date is 5th December and further details will be circulated nearer the time.

Mary Kane

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### Milk tops, Foil and Stamps

No less than FIVE sacks of foil, etc., have been collected this time, for Lyncrest, one sack coming from our friends at Norton.

The used stamp collection has resulted in a large envelope - packed tightly! I am sure this will be very much appreciated by the member of staff who works for the "Save the Children" fund. Many thanks to all, keep up the good work!

Trudy Haynes



## Whilton Gardeners' Association

Thirty members were present at the meeting on the 3rd August, a very good attendance. A welcome was given to new members by the Chairman, Mrs. Janet Bowers.

It was reported that the recent Gardening Quiz at Flore had been a success. Teams from Flore, Harpole and Stowe-IX-Churches competed.

In connection with the "Britain in Bloom" competition it was reported that, although Whilton did not feature among the winners a certificate had been awarded for the village's contribution to the competition and in appreciation of the effort put in. It was recommended that an album of photographs be compiled showing flower displays etc., taken at different seasons of the year. Members were encouraged to make use of our library.

The new Dobies seed catalogues would shortly be circulated. Members were asked to co-operate by sending in orders promptly, as usual.

The Association had the luxury of two speakers for the evening. Mr. Larkin began by unfolding his scheme of creating a Wild Flower Garden, discussing arrangements and conditions and the necessary work over three years or more to get one launched. He confessed to being more of an amateur photographer than a gardener. He gave each of us a good, colour-illustrated brochure on wild flowers. His references to birds, butterflies and hedgehogs helped to make his talk more vivid. Mr. Larkin dealt with preparation, sowing, mowing and weeding. He said there was no escape from hard work!

The second speaker was Mr. Webster who clearly had a profound knowledge of his subject and had spent many years as a country park warden. His slides were of good quality and very interesting, backed up by a wide-ranging talk on wild flowers, lichens, ferns, funguses, etc.

Names of the wild flowers were fascinating; many names were ancient, descriptions were vivid and some clearly linked with folk-lore. Mr. Webster made various references to name origins and the use of herbs and wild flowers in traditional folk medicine which added to the interest of his talk.

Mrs. Sheila Heath proposed a vote of thanks to both speakers who had given us a very stimulating and enjoyable evening. Refreshments followed.

Our next meeting is to be on Monday, 5th October, when the subject will be: "Unusual plants and shrubs".

Michael Merriman

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## W.I. Report

Wednesday, 9th September saw us gathered for our meeting after the holiday break, it was cheerful and well attended.

BUT - when the question of 5 ladies to replace committee members who have served their allotted time of 4 years came up - there was a stony silence. For Whilton W.I. to survive it is essential to have a committee of 7. The tasks for each lady are not arduous and they meet briefly once a month. Most of the existing committee have been doing one job or another for years, it is so unfair to expect the same people to serve and we do wish a few of the others would volunteer. Also if we have no committee, we have no W.I. in Whilton, it will have to fold and this would be such a shame, the W.I. do so much both locally and nationally.

There followed several items for our diaries and discussion. An important date is the Group Meeting with other members from nearby villages and we are the hosts, always a good meeting with refreshments by members and a talk on "The Royal Family".

Our adopted baby African elephant needs our support for another year, a further £14.95 which members readily agreed to pay.

We are delighted to know we had an award of £5 for selling the most raffle tickets in the summer draw.

On Saturday October 24th, there will be an exhibition by the Village Appraisal Committee in the village hall from 2.00 - 5.00 pm. Work so far will be displayed and the W.I. have offered to provide refreshments.

Mrs. Freda Thomas was thanked for her talk and demonstration of flower arranging which took place in July.

The evening ended with a most interesting and very helpful demonstration of Fish Cookery. There were some splendid tips and suggestions. Ideas for family and children and salmon for a special dinner. As Miss Scott said when thanking the speaker, on our behalf - it looked good, it smelt good and would no doubt taste good.

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm. - with the hope we can get a few more members who will offer to do a little work so we can survive.

The October meeting will be held on the 14th and is the AGM, the speaker will be Mrs. McAlwane on "A canopy of care".

Kay Roberts

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### FOR SALE

Girls Racer Bike 24" wheels - 18" frame - 5 speed gears	£55.00
Exercise Bike -	£10.00
Mens Racer Bike - Falcon "Vitesse" - 12 gears - 21 1/2" frame	£70.00

Phone Angela Hall 842167

## Article ?

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**A missed opportunity to print something of interest  
but nothing arrived to fill the space.**

**As you can see we could do with more ARTICLES!!!**

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## Summary of Events

Mon.	5th	Oct.	7.30pm	Gardeners' Association Meeting
Sat.	10th	Oct.		Qualifying date - Electoral Register
Wed.	14th	Oct.	7.30pm	W.I. meeting
Fri.	23rd	Oct.		Half Term begins
Sat.	24th	Oct.	2 - 5pm	Village Appraisal exhibition
Mon.	26th	Oct.	10 - 11am	Photographer Brington Read. Room
Sat.	31st	Oct.		Halloween Party
Mon.	9th	Nov.	8.00pm	Parish Council meeting
Wed.	11th	Nov.	7.30pm	W.I. meeting
Wed	11th	Nov.	7.30pm	Craft Evening Brington Read.Room
	12th	November		Last date for items for inclusion in Dec. Newsletter.
Sat.	5th	December	(Provisional)	English Pub Evening

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