

# Whilton Newsletter

OCTOBER 1997



## Freda Thomas

People are greatly missed if their place cannot readily be taken by someone else. In a small community this usually means that they have made a substantial and particular contribution to community and social activities or have a very individual personality, or both. With Freda it was both.

Originally from a Cheshire farming family which specialised in cheese making, Freda had enlarged her farming and agricultural knowledge at Reading University and continued throughout her life to be a very active farmer. She and her husband, Elwyn, developed the farm at Whilton Lodge, where her two children were born, and as a grandmother she was still working hard there.

Despite this Freda took a very active part in all the village activities, often as a committee member, sometimes by just attending meetings. She was always ready with new ideas and suggestions and eager to help - even if it was only with the washing-up! She will indeed be missed by the Church, the Women's Institute, the Garden Association, the Yoga group and those who knew her on the 'outings'.

Freda had a very distinctive personality. She was extremely artistic and creative, producing many beautiful pictures, not only in oils and water colour but latterly in pastel. She had a close circle of friends in her painting group, which gave her continuing pleasure. She was a gifted embroideress, helping the church in many ways with repairs and new contributions to church fabrics. Almost all the societies in the village, however, will miss her flowers. Freda had a great love of flowers and a great talent for arranging them. She was very generous in bringing lovely arrangements to meetings, which cheered the members enormously. Decorations in the church and at the flower festival benefitted, as did annual dinners and parties.

Freda welcomed groups to her home on many festive occasions and she will be remembered as a very outgoing and stimulating member of the village.

Frances M. Drake

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### Quotations (submitted by Joan Davies)

For Autumn.

The melancholy days are come, the saddest of the year,  
Of wailing winds and naked woods, and meadows brown and sear.

W.C. Bryant 1794

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Moons waxed and waned, the lilacs bloomed and died,  
The broad river ebbed, and flowed the tide,  
Ships went to sea, and ships came home from sea,  
And the slow years sailed by and ceased to be.

Lady Wentworth

**WHILTON WOMENS INSTITUTE**  
**SEPTEMBER 1997 MEETING**

The meeting was held on Wednesday, 10th September at 7.30 pm. As the refurbishment of the village hall was not completed we met at "Heritage" the home of Janet Bowers; nine members attended and one guest.

It was decided that the WI would have a Memorial Book for Whilton members who had died as a permanent record. Any planting in remembrance will be again discussed after the Pocket Park Meeting on Monday 15th September.

We were very grateful for the support received for our Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Nurses in August; two members from Harlestone WI also attended. £75.00 was raised. Jane O'Riordan was thanked for her hospitality. Several members were interested in an Antiques Evening with Harlestone WI on Friday, 19th September.

Our speaker was Dr Hover who talked to us about life in Pakistan where she had worked for many years as a doctor. We were shown the flag of Pakistan which has the larger greener area showing the percentage of Muslims in the country against the rest of the religions. The crescent being an Islam symbol.



The ordinary women in the villages have no authority outside their homes and still have to cover themselves from head to toe and also cover their faces when they go outside. Two of our members tried on these heavy hot garments, one black and one white, both with face coverings. We saw some of the beautiful materials and embroidery that were worn. Dr Hover herself was wearing a traditional costume of trousers and tunic which was most attractive. Birth control is still a great problem as boy babies are vital to their way of life, the more they have the better as they will support the family. Daughters have to go away to be married with a dowry and the sons bring their wives back to their home where mother-in-law reigns supreme. All marriages are still "arranged". This had been a very interesting talk and sparked off many questions. Dr Hover was thanked by Diana Scott.

Refreshments were provided by Janet Bowers and she was thanked for her hospitality and the raffle was won by our guest Teresa Egginton.

Shirley Brown

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**WHILTON VILLAGE HALL REFURBISHMENT**

**The work on the Village Hall is now almost complete. We have new flooring and a brand-new fitted kitchen. We are now awaiting decoration to the walls. It is fully open for hire and there are also chairs, tables, crockery and cutlery to be borrowed at a very reasonable price. Let us now make good use of this convenient facility!!**

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

The following request has been received from Western Area Police. This includes Whilton.

### **WESTERN AREA POLICE OPERATION CLAMPDOWN**

WE NEED YOUR HELP NOW

If you see anything suspicious RING NOW - 01327 - 300300

If you have any information on offenders RING CRIMESTOPPERS - 0800 55511

### **DON'T DELAY - RING STRAIGHT AWAY**

#### **Whilton Crime Report**

There have been no reports of house burglary, autocrime or other serious offences in Whilton to date this year. This surely reflects the increased security awareness and vigilance of our village.

Please continue to keep downstairs windows closed and all doors locked.

Remember to lock garage and shed doors and to close back, side and front gates when going out.

Report anything suspicious immediately to Daventry Police who will investigate further.

Please give full co-operation to **Western Area Police Operation Clampdown** in order to maintain the reduction of crime in this area.

### **POSSIBLE ENTRY FOILED**

Advices have been received from a resident in the village who disturbed potential intruders in the early hours of the morning. Person/persons were observed shining a light into the ground floor windows of their home. They made off when they became aware of being observed. In addition to making sure windows and doors are securely locked, curtains should be drawn during the hours of darkness.

Christine Bilsborough  
Co-ordinator

## NEWS FROM BRINGTON & WHILTON PLAYGROUP

Last term was a busy one for the Playgroup. Our main topics included "Our World" - we explored the customs and sampled food from a variety of countries including the U.K., France, Italy, India and China and "Space" - we made a rocket to the moon, papier-mâché planets and aliens with boggle eyes!!

The term culminated with a summer coach trip to Farm World in Leicester and a leavers' party.

Five children attended our Thursday morning pre-school sessions (where we aim to ease the transition to Primary School). These more formal sessions revolve around letter recognition and formulation, numeracy, physical and social development.

The new school year brings many changes to our group. We have said goodbye to eight of our children who, having spent many a happy hour with us, have now moved on to the "Big School" and formal education. We also said farewell to my assistant Karen Smith from Little Brington who, having dedicated four years to the group, has moved on to other things. Karen has been replaced by two part-time assistants Sarah Mitchell (Whilton) and Jane Smith (Harlestone). I am confident that these two new members of staff will bring fresh ideas, fun and enthusiasm to our Playgroup.

We thankfully have started the term with some new children and currently have two more who are on the waiting list and will join us as soon as they reach the minimum age of 2 years 9 months. However we do desperately need more children so that our group can continue to survive.

**We need a minimum of 10 children per session to break even financially and are currently not achieving these figures. So please if you have a pre-school child why not come along to one of our sessions, we meet every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9.30 am until 12 noon. Fees are only £2.50 per session and include a drink and snack for every child.**

Topics for the first part of this term will include:-

Animals that come out at night

Safety in the home and road safety  
(I am hoping for a visit from a Road Safety Officer)

Musical Instruments.

Carol Henderson

Supervisor  
01327 - 842849



We have been asked by the **Daventry Volunteer Centre** if we would publish the following article:

**"VOLUNTARY WORK - THERE'S A TASK TO SUIT EVERYONE!"**

Conservation work, Sitting Service for Age Concern or for families with disabled children, driving for Daventry Area Community Transport, Victim Support.....

these are just a few of nearly 50 areas where Volunteer help is welcomed in the Daventry District.

The Daventry Volunteer Centre based in the North Street Library, sets out to show people that doing Voluntary work is not only useful and rewarding, but Volunteers can learn new skills, make new friends and have a lot of fun getting involved in their local community.

Requests received at the Volunteer Centre from different charitable groups are very varied - Volunteers could help organise holiday play schemes, befriend a lonely person, decorate a disabled person's room, listen to children read, sit for disabled children while their parents have a much needed night out together, or do gardening for the housebound.

Wendy and Carella who work at the Volunteer Centre are able to match the skills of Volunteers with the appropriate organisations needing help, and are happy for people to offer as much or as little time as they can spare. They can be contacted on (01327) 300614 or you can call in and see them at the Library on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday mornings from 9.30am to 1.00pm.

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and by Daventry District Council's Leisure Services Department to include the following:

**Daventry District Council Community Development Unit  
will be holding its annual Dickensian Charity Market on  
Saturday 29 November 1997 in the High Street, Daventry,  
Northants from 9.30am to 2.30pm.**

If you are a non profit making organisation, or you would like to display or sell your crafts on a stall, contact Liz Grantham at The Abbey, Market Square, Daventry on 01327 872466 for further information.

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## **SPONSORED BICYCLE RIDE**

This took place on Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> September 1997. I dropped out of cycling this year at the last moment and was really put to shame by Alison (9) and Tom (6) Kane taking up the challenge and cycling from Whilton to Brington and back and raising £22 - well done!! A cheque for £30 will be sent to the Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust which includes Recorder Sponsorship and St Andrew's Church will benefit by 50% of this amount.

Thank you to all the Recorders and Sponsors.

Derek Brown  
Co-ordinator



## **WHILTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

A Meeting of the PCC was held on Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> September 1997 and items which may be of interest are as follows:-

- 1) Mr Ellison has produced several sketches for a Whilton Parish Christmas Card. A selection was made and production of the card is now in hand. It is hoped to obtain maximum support for this attractive card.
- 2) The front pews on either side of the main nave and the corresponding front pews to the rear area of seating are not suitable for use with young children due to the position of the heating pipes. A warning notice is to be affixed to all four pews.
- 3) Services during the summer had been well supported with frequent visitors from the other churches in the benefice.
- 4) The new booklet listing services until the end of the year is now available. A copy can be obtained from the table at the rear of the church.
- 5) Mr Ellison offered to organise a concert by "Mixed Spice" and the date arranged is Friday, 19th December.
- 6) Next year's Flower Festival will be on Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> June 1998.
- 7) Pew runners - a quotation has been accepted for new pew runners.,
- 8) Millennium project - this was discussed and the possibility of building an extension to provide a kitchen and toilets was suggested. Advice is being taken from the architect.
- 9) Belfry sound control - This work has now been completed. Mr Haynes and Mr Williams were thanked for all they had done in designing, making and fitting the system.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING WILL BE  
THURSDAY, 27<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 1997

D.F.B.  
Parochial Church Council

## **PROPOSED POCKET PARK FOR WHILTON**

The first public meeting was held on Monday, 15th September 1997 at the village hall when approximately 40 residents of the village attended. There were others who were unable to come but indicated their desire to be actively involved. We have a total of approximately 24 people who are prepared to put on their wellies and take part in the physical work. There are others, whilst they support the project, are unsure at this stage whether they will be able to help with the actual work.

This is very encouraging and our grateful thanks go to Joan & Griff Davies for their gift of the woodland which has made it possible for us to proceed with this project. The gift is their input for the Millennium and this will be developed as the village theme - a Pocket Park for the Millennium.

A site meeting will shortly take place and it is hoped all those interested will attend and particularly the residents of Brington Lane who have concerns regarding their privacy.

We wish this project to proceed on an amicable basis and feel that it is such a wonderful opportunity and not to be missed. This is seen as a great asset for the village i.e. educational, for conservation and an area where one can relax in a peaceful natural setting.

D.F.B.



### **DAILY NEWSPAPERS**

A few months ago we lost yet another service to the village when the stores at little Brington ceased delivering papers to the village. Mr Paul Bilsborough approached myself as a Parish Councillor for assistance in restoring this service and as you will be aware a survey was carried out to establish the demand. The response was such that an approach was made to Oxford Street News Daventry who have agreed to deliver papers in bulk to the village and Mrs Eileen Martin has kindly offered the use of her caravan as a collection point.

This service is scheduled to commence on Monday, 29th September 1997 and if there is any one else who would like to take advantage of the service, please contact myself for further details.

In the survey each home was involved, not all responded, but now we have the arrangement in place you may wish to take advantage.

Derek Brown  
Parish Councillor  
Tel. - 842968



## WHILTON PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

This is a double header report, to use a trainspotter's phrase. Hopefully you missed the usual report in the last edition! The July Council Meeting had to be delayed by a week missing the editors' deadline. So here goes.

### UPDATES

In my last report I mentioned concerns about traffic speed through the village. Through Councillor Richard Amos contact was made with the police. There is only some limited action that could be taken because of the existing speed restrictions and parked cars. It was decided to include this in discussions being arranged with Norton Parish Council, with whom we share the difficult A 5 crossing, and the Area Planning and Transportation Officer, before making any decision. Meanwhile I have been following up getting the hedges cut in the narrowest part of the back road, getting workmen to blocked drains and the collapsing road, and ensuring the street lights are free from foliage for the onset of winter.

The saga of the late Royal Mail deliveries continues after a short improvement. The Council have been told that there has been a full review because of the increasing population in the district. We have been assured that changes are being negotiated which should cure the problem. The Council will consider what further representations can be made at its next meeting, as deliveries now seem later than ever.

### POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS

Two more promising projects have presented themselves in the last two meetings. The Canal Conservation Area has been agreed for Long Buckby Flight of Locks. This stretches from Whilton Locks to the New Inn. The Chairman, Mike Lewis, is keeping our interests in the forefront on this. The possibility of creating a pocket park to celebrate the Millennium in a favourite spinney near the heart of Whilton is being considered after a generous offer from Mr and Mrs Davies. Derek Brown has done his spadework on this and discovered a large amount of grants and advice available, if there is sufficient public support from village organisations and individuals. Both these projects have been subject to public meetings.

The locks development involves a phased plan starting with the locks ponds at Whilton, improved pathway, seats and access. The pocket park envisages a non intrusive facility we can all enjoy. Both are for residents and the occasional visitor. The Parish Council will continue to take a keen interest in these projects. It has set aside a small sum for the former and would become the trustee for the latter as with the village hall. An active management committee would be needed to run it, should it go forward.

### CHANGES

There has not been much planning activity of late. The Council made no planning objections to a replacement conservatory at the Rectory, or the removal of a planning condition on the annexe at The Stonehouse. It did however vigorously oppose an application for a mobile kiosk on the canal side, and this was withdrawn by British Waterways. The street lighting which it had insisted on was accepted as appropriate and confirmed to the Highways Adoption Manager. The giving of the annual licence for the Village Barn Dance was supported. The name *Wadd Close Lane* was approved and it should soon have its own street sign.

### NEW HEDGEROW REGULATIONS

The Council has been given full details of new regulations that have now come into force to preserve older hedgerows. Anyone contemplating removing one must consult these before doing so.

## AWARDS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

There was coupled with these regulations however the offer of grant aid and project co-ordination for environmental improvement from the District Council. Both the above projects might benefit from the awards, but you are invited to make suggestions to the Parish Council.

The Award for our efforts in the Annual Litterpick was received, and it was agreed we should enter again in 1998. Thanks were expressed to all those who helped Derek Brown this year. All of us can help by picking things up during the year as well as turning up on the night.

Another useful scheme has been launched by the District Council to increase any aspect of community safety. It was agreed to support an application for a grant for an extra street light on South View. Other ideas would be welcome.

The Parish Council continues to be busy on your behalf. Meetings are open to the public and take place in the Village Hall. The next one is on 3<sup>rd</sup> November. Why not come?

Keith Hiscock  
Clerk to the Parish Council

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## THE WHILTON MILLENNIUM MAP PROJECT

The committee met again in September to continue work on plans for the map. We expect to have about 80 drawings and symbols to represent different aspects of life in the parish. So far we have completed just over half of these. The map of the parish will be placed in the centre of these depictions.

Our next meeting will be at 8 p.m. in the Village Hall on Friday 17 October.

Anthea Hiscock

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## COFFEE MORNING in aid of MACMILLAN NURSES

This event was held at The Little Rectory and was well attended despite the threat of rain.

Even though members and guests finished their drinks beneath a sea of colourful umbrellas the event was a resounding success, with a total of £75 being raised.

Grateful THANKS to everyone who supported our efforts.

Whilton W.I.

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A good quantity of **MILK TOPS, FOIL, ETC** has come in recently and we now have two full sacks ready for delivery, together with a fair number of stamps. Many thanks to all savers.

Trudy Haynes

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The County Council's Planning and Transportation Department have requested that we publish the following:

### County Launch for CLARENCE 0800 232323



CLARENCE is a new computerised fault reporting system for members of the public to report highway faults such as damaged pavements, potholes, failed traffic lights, blocked drains and broken street lights.

Open between 9am and 5pm Mondays to Fridays, CLARENCE operators will log details of the fault and give callers a unique reference number so they can find out what action has been or will be taken on their report.

The number to ring is 0800 232323.

Launched countywide last month (June) by Northamptonshire County Council, CLARENCE is run by the Northamptonshire Highways and Traffic Partnership- a countywide group set-up to promote joint working on highway and traffic issues.

The service has already been trialed for a year with parish and town council clerks. Feedback from our market research shows CLARENCE offers a valuable first port of call and is appreciated by the majority of users of the service.

CLARENCE has many advantages. With one freephone number the problem of who to contact to report a fault or hazard on the highway is solved. Council workers are alerted to highway faults more quickly and can assess the problems more speedily.

Remember - the CLARENCE freephone number is **0800 232323**.

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On the facing page we have reproduced details of a leaflet received from the same department as the above. We have not included the map as, without colour, this would not be of very much value.

## Advice for winter driving

### Check

- That your tyre pressures are at the recommended level and that the tread depth is correct. Don't forget your spare!
- That your vehicle's lights are clean and in working order.
- That the wiper system is working effectively.
- That the washer-bottles are full and contain a suitable additive to prevent freezing.
- That your battery is in good condition, topped up and fully charged.
- Your anti-freeze. (Your garage can do this for you).

### Before driving off

- Consider whether your journey is essential.
- Make sure that all your windows and mirrors are completely clear of ice and condensation. Carry a can of de-icer and a scraper in the car. Cars left outside overnight will benefit from their windscreen being covered over.

### Remember

- Do not travel too fast or too close to the vehicle in front. When ice and snow are present drive smoothly, avoiding harsh braking and sudden changes in direction. Keep in as high a gear as possible.
- Always use dipped headlights when visibility is poor due to rain or snow and when driving in fog. **SEE AND BE SEEN.**

- Allow yourself more time for a journey and in severe conditions only travel when it is absolutely necessary.
- It is better to travel a little further on a main road that has been treated than to use untreated minor roads.
- Finally, even the most carefully organised procedures can suffer setbacks or mechanical breakdowns and as a result some gritting routes may not be treated.

## Advice for pedestrians

Many pavements are not routinely gritted. In times of prolonged icy weather, or when snow remains on the ground, the treatment of some major pavements, i.e. main shopping areas, near hospitals, etc., is undertaken, but this still leaves many pavements in residential areas untreated.

The following points may therefore help when you have to use the pavements in wintry conditions.

- Consider whether your journey is essential
- Always wear appropriate footwear. Smooth leather soles make walking treacherous in icy weather
- If possible, delay your journey so that temperatures have had a chance to rise and the frost has melted
- Avoid using pavements that are in the shade. Even a weak winter sun soon thaws out frost and ice

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## SAFER WINTER DRIVING IN NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

1997 - 1998 SEASON



### WINTER GRITTING ROUTES



Northamptonshire  
County Council



NORTHAMPTONSHIRE  
HIGHWAYS & TRAFFIC  
PARTNERSHIP

## WHY WE GRIT

To make the County's roads as safe as possible and to reduce delays caused by bad weather.

We grit key routes when there is a risk of ice by providing **24 hour** cover to respond to weather conditions, using a large fleet of gritters. This means that just under half of the road network in the county is treated; a total length of approximately **1,750 km**.

## WHEN WE GRIT

Decisions are based on **road** temperatures rather than air temperatures, and gritting is likely whenever road temperatures are **1°C** or below. Gritting is normally carried out after the evening peak traffic period or before the morning rush, because frost does not usually affect the road surface until late evening or early morning.

**CLARENCE**  
Freephone  
**0800 23 23 23**  
For reporting  
road and  
lighting faults  
and hazards in  
Northamptonshire



## WHERE WE GRIT

With such a big road network, it would be unrealistic and uneconomical to attempt to treat all roads, and so decisions as to whether to grit are made according to the category of road. **Priority** is given to those roads carrying the highest volume of traffic and where the risk of accidents is greatest. We also try to ensure that the majority of road users live within reasonable distance of a gritted road.

Precautionary gritting is therefore carried out on all motorways, trunk roads and main 'A' roads. In addition, certain local roads, such as those serving industrial areas, shopping centres and some key roads in towns and rural areas are also treated. Motorways and some trunk roads are now dealt with by others under new arrangements with the Highways Agency.

In prolonged adverse weather conditions an additional 880km of road is gritted.

The fact that it costs the County Council on average **£20,000** for one outing by the full gritting team makes it clear why we cannot treat every road in the County.

## ROUTES WE GRIT

The map in this leaflet shows the gritting routes for Northamptonshire for the winter of 1997/98.

Please remember that **the majority of minor roads will receive no treatment**, and, because arrangements may not always go according to plan, you should **never** assume that a road has been gritted.

In the event of snowfall, roads will be cleared according to their priority status and need.

Remember, **speed kills**, especially in icy conditions, therefore **kill your speed to make your driving safer**.

**Please take care on all routes and follow the advice in this leaflet.**

This leaflet has been produced with support from :

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## **ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH**

Apart from the first Sunday of the month, when a benefice service is usually held in one of the six churches of our benefice, there is normally at least one Sunday service at St. Andrew's.

For details of the times, etc. of these services please consult the village notice board.

In the meantime please **note these dates for your diary:**

### **Sunday, November 23rd.**

#### **Family Patronal Festival**

This will consist of a family Eucharist for all in church at 3.00pm,  
followed by tea in the village hall.

### **Friday, December 19th**

#### **Concert in the church at 7.30pm by "Mixed Spice"**

who visited us last year, providing us with a  
most enjoyable evening

Janet Bowers

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## **News and Views from the Rectory**

Well, it's been an interesting fortnight at the Rectory. I don't think I've ever dealt before with so many media enquiries, or strange letters through the post. Some have been very supportive of the fact that we do not want Brington Church to become a Gracelands type shrine, others have been downright hostile, accusing me of only caring about the church building. That really started me thinking about the purpose of our church buildings.

First of all, the church is there to keep the rain off the people of God. The word church comes from Ekklesia (from which we derive ecclesiastical) and originally meant an assembly of people. Our church buildings are there primarily to provide a meeting place for the assembly of God's people. A place to offer worship to God week by week.

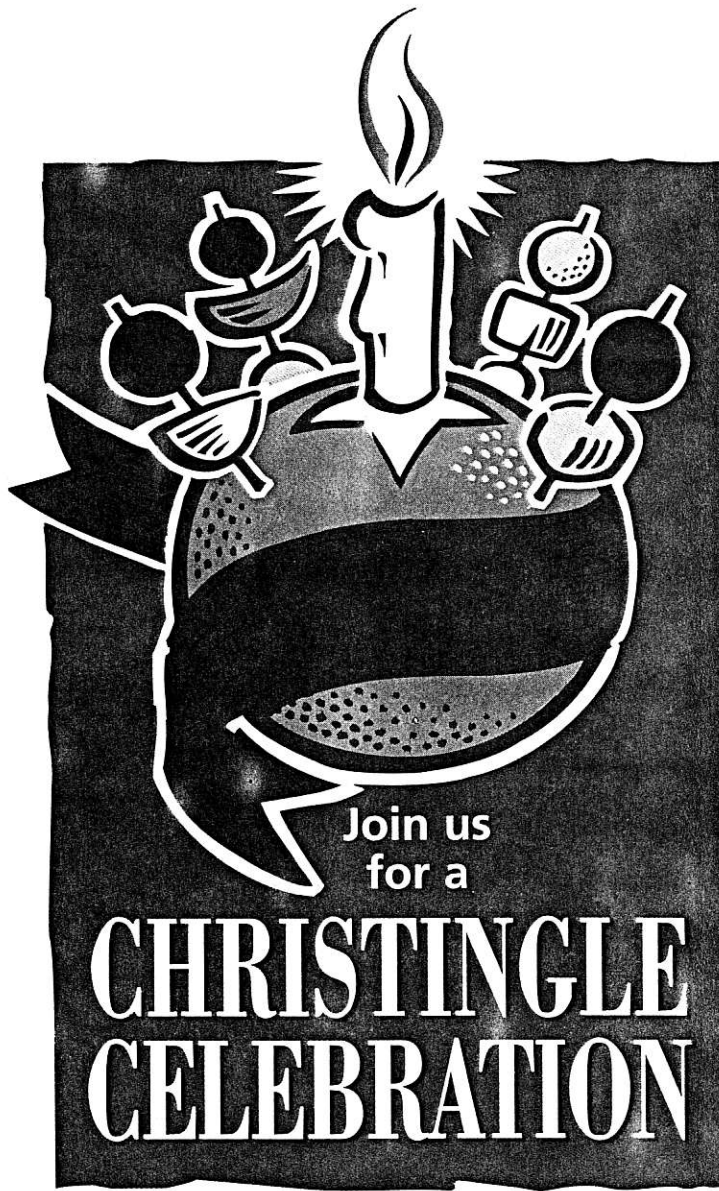
Secondly, the church building is a sacrament. A sacrament is an outward sign. So the church building is an outward sign of God's presence in a particular community.

Thirdly, the church is a historic building; often the oldest building in a community. It encapsulates the history of a town or village; a history that often goes back eight or nine hundred years. Many of our church buildings have a fascinating tale to tell, if we can be bothered to learn the points of interest within them.

None of the purposes described above is mutually exclusive. In our own village church worship is offered to God week by week, and it remains a symbol of God's presence in our community, and it also enshrines the history of our village. We have a duty to cherish it.

David MacPherson





BRINGING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD  
TO CELEBRATE GOD'S LOVE FOR HUMANITY

at ST ANDREW WHILTON

on SUNDAY DECEMBER 14<sup>th</sup> time 3.00pm

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY IS A NATIONAL VOLUNTARY ORGANISATION  
OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND AND THE CHURCH IN WALES. IT EXISTS TO  
WORK FOR CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILIES IN NEED.



**The Children's Society**  
MAKING LIVES WORTH LIVING  
A VOLUNTARY SOCIETY OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND  
AND THE CHURCH IN WALES

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## WHILTON GARDENERS' ASSOCIATION

The August Meeting was attended by 20 members. Mrs Maureen Wells was welcomed as a new member and also Lynn and Andrew Shackleton, who had been members when they lived in Whilton.

A report was given on the summer evening visit to Chris Lefley's garden. Since our previous visit a series of wild life pools have been incorporated, further enhancing this lovely cottage garden. After a relaxed and peaceful wander through the garden we enjoyed coffee and biscuits on the terrace. Thanks were expressed to Chris and Neil for their hospitality.

Several speakers have now been confirmed for next year's programme.

Following the business part of the meeting we enjoyed an interesting and informative talk and demonstration on propagation by Mr Dennis Patrick. We were not disappointed for, as usual, there were plenty of cuttings for us to sift through and take home to try our own skills at propagation. How we look forward to Dennis coming to Whilton with all his interesting and often unusual plant cuttings!!

A raffle was held to boost Association funds and Dennis, in his usual generous way, donated for prizes all his "potting ups"

The next meeting will be on Monday, 6th October and the subject will be "Organic Gardening"

Janet Bowers

## BRINGTON C.P.SCHOOL

The school year started by welcoming a new teacher, Mrs Vicky Masters, who has joined the staff to teach the older children.

The PTA organised a Treasure Hunt and Barb-Cue as a 'welcome back to school' for pupils and parents on Sunday, 14th September. We were lucky with the weather and a fair turn out of families ensured that Little Brington was swarming with treasure

hunters. Mrs Karen Cox and her daughters Natalie and Abbi won the hunt.

The PTA is planning a Quiz Evening on 27th March 1998. If you have not been to one of these, they are fun and, of course, any funds raised are put towards extra equipment and learning aids for the children. You would be very welcome.

Mary Kane  
P.T.A

## WHILTON VILLAGE HALL 200 CLUB

Congratulation to the winners of the July and August draws.

### JULY

1st	No. 134	C. Messinger	£40
2nd	No. 025	N. Swinford	£20
3rd	No. 070	M.Kane	£10

### AUGUST

1st	No. 177	R. & S. Green	£40
2nd	No. 021	J. Fisher	£20
3rd	No. 033	M. Clements	£10

## Summary of Events

- Mon 6 Oct 7.30pm Gardeners' Association - Organic Gardening - Mr. Jeremy Pearce  
(HDRA Member. Chairman N. London Organic Gardeners)
- Wed 8 Oct 7.30pm Women's Institute - Annual Meeting
- Fri 17 Oct 8.00pm Millennium Map Project Meeting - Village Hall
- Sun 2 Nov 10.00am United Benefice Sung Eucharist at **Whilton**
- Mon 3 Nov 8.00pm Parish Council Meeting
- Sun 9 Nov 6.00pm Remembrance Service
- Wed 12 Nov 7.30pm Women's Institute - "The work of the Samaritans"
- Wed 19 Nov Newsletter Deadline - Please hand in your contributions by this date otherwise we cannot guarantee they will be included in the next edition.**
- Sun 23 Nov 3.00pm Patronal Festival Family Eucharist Service - followed by tea in the village hall
- Thur 27 Nov 2.00pm Parochial Church Council Meeting - Old Plough

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