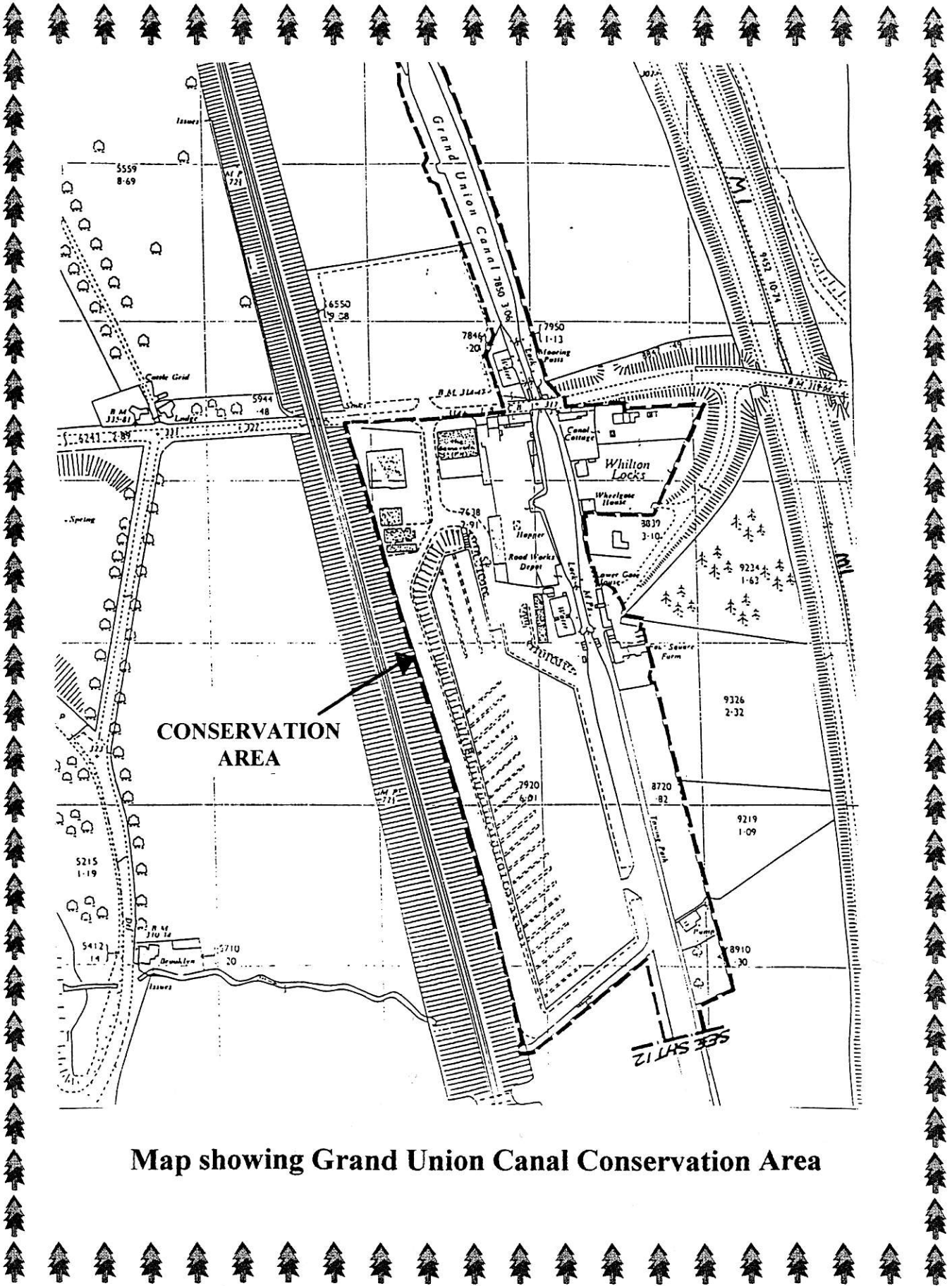


Whilton Newsletter





Map showing Grand Union Canal Conservation Area

Grand Union Canal Conservation Area

In 1995 the Daventry District Council (DDC) proposed that all the Grand Union Canal within its boundaries be declared a Conservation Area. This made a total of 32 miles which included the canal tow-path and the opposite bank. It also included buildings and features deemed important to the canal. The reasons for inclusion sometimes appear vague as very few buildings at Buckby Wharf are included yet, as the map shows, nearly all those at Whilton Locks are.

The designated area is not cast in concrete and may be changed as deemed necessary. A Planning Act of 1990 ensures that Local Authorities develop Conservation Areas by enhancement or preservation. It does not mean that everything has to be put in a time warp. There are restrictions on development concerning building, cladding, windows, trees, etc and any property owner within the Area should consult the DDC before making any changes.

In 1997 the DDC decided on a "Whilton and Long Buckby Canal Improvement Scheme". This would be the first phase of a wider concept to increase the recreational potential for the benefit of residents, visitors, businesses, boat people and wildlife. The usual public consultation was held and all the statutory bodies included. The main participants were the DDC and British Waterways Board (BWB). The Whilton and Long Buckby Locks Association was also included as it could get grants for work that the DDC and BWB could not. The concept of 'honey pot' sites was introduced to enhance tourism, recreation and education. The formation of the Conservation Area led to money being available for improvements, seats, information boards and small ecological projects.

One of the first major projects to be carried out was at Lock 12. With 25% funding each from the DDC and BWB the WBLA would seek 50% from bodies like Rural Action. Ideas and plans were solicited and presented at an open meeting run by the Conservation Planning Officer from the DDC. The WBLA was left to produce one plan, get agreement from the other parties and carry out the work. The aim was not to turn the area around Lock 12 into an ornamental park but to try to preserve its character whilst providing educational and recreational benefits and information.

These were effected by the following:-

A gravelled area containing two seats, one provided by the Parish Council, where people could sit and enjoy the surroundings. This area would have three information boards covering canal history, functioning, and local flora and fauna. There would be easy access for disabled people from the car park, by arrangement with the land owners, and access onto the tow-path, all without going onto the road. School parties and similar groups would be encouraged to use this part.

The remainder around the side ponds would be cleared and planted to provide areas left wild, areas with colourful and attractive native plants and shrubs, and areas that will attract birds, butterflies, bees and insects. These planted areas will not be for public access and will be maintained primarily by the WBLA. The car park and garden centre perimeter will have a one metre high English beech hedge, providing a pleasant boundary at all times. The existing trees have been maintained and some bird boxes will be put up in the near future. Spring bulbs are being planted so there should be colour all the year round.

The side ponds would be cleared of debris and rafts provided to attract ducks, etc (not mink). Further work by the DDC has seen carvings on the lock gate arms, a blocked area at Lock 13 and two seats adjacent to Lock 13.

In time it should be an attractive focal point at the Locks and it is hoped that any industrial and commercial development in and outside the Area will not spoil it in any way.

Mike Lewis

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Council has met twice since our last report - on 14 July and 7 September. This account is therefore a brief summary. More details can be gained from the Clerk or from Council members.

Successful negotiations have ensured the clearing of blocked drains near the Old Plough, cut verges on the A5 crossroads and at the Z bend at the bottom of the village, besides a promise that in future we shall be informed when the gates at Brington will be shut.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND EXPENSES

Planning applications for internal and external improvements at Dormer Cottage have been examined and supported.

Increased insurance cover has been taken out for the new street lights in Manor Lane and the Locks and to safeguard Council funds. Bills for electricity for the eight village lights, water for the allotments, printing of the Village Newsletter and the annual maintenance of the church clock have all been paid. Estimates have been sought for a new larger notice board at the Locks.

TWO PROJECTS

Councillors have been very involved with other volunteers in creating the Locks Ponds and getting the new Spinney Project under way.

In the former, the ponds have been cleared, new planting completed and fences erected by the Locks Association. Three information boards and two oak benches, one donated by the Parish Council, have now been ordered. The whole area will be one of interest and credit to those involved in the Conservation Area.

The new Spinney Project at the other end of the parish is ready to be transferred through the Parish Council as custodian trustee to a board of management, which will become the foundation trustees for the creation of this millennium project.

COMPETITIONS

The Parish Council is aware of the time some parishioners spend on such projects and organisations, and is grateful. Individuals have again been very busy smartening up the village with grass mowing and flower baskets, bringing success again in the Village in Bloom and Best Kept Village competitions. We have again been asked to attend the latter's award ceremony in October. Watch this space!

VOLUNTEERS

The Parish Council did send a note of thanks to Max Middleton for his painting and repairing of the two village seats. Increasingly, however, other agencies are seeking parishioner participation in government which requires volunteers. I have been asked to raise the need for parish representatives to become :

- a) Village Highways Warden for the Highways Department
- b) a member of the Daventry District Council People's Panel

The task of a Highways Warden is to alert the County Council Highways Department of village concerns about roads, drainage, verges and other potential hazards, so that priorities can be agreed for the ever decreasing amount of money available. Training will be given.

Daventry District Council is very keen to have contact with local residents to discuss and test out their own and Council ideas for priority changes in policy, procedures, practice and vision for the future.

If either of these interest you, please contact the Clerk for more details. It is important that the village view is known. Please consider volunteering.

WORK OF PARISH COUNCILLORS

Meanwhile members of the Parish Council continue to attend meetings on Highways and Roads, the AGM of the Northants Local Government Association and the new Northants Canal Partnership/Liaison Group. These are in addition to their already heavy involvement in parish activities.

The Parish Council continues to receive much information about local concerns, organisations and events, some of which, such as the Carers' Initiative, and dog fouling appear separately in the Newsletter or on the notice boards. There are others, such as the new Primary Health Care Planning groups, and potential applications for gravel extraction/ landfill at Long Buckby Wharf, which could radically affect us. Why not come to the meetings and hear about them?

The next meeting is on 2 November at 8 p.m.

Keith Hiscock
Clerk to the Parish Council

CORNED BEEF FOR ROMANIA

Keith Hiscock would like to thank all in the village who contributed tins of corned beef for families using Child Care Centres in Romania.

56 tins were sent from the village and Daventry Methodist Church.

Women's Institute Report

The September meeting of the W.I. was held on 8th September, when members were treated to a very interesting demonstration of cake decorating, given by Mr. Keith Faulkner from the Bakery in Duston.

Mr. Faulkner demonstrated covering a sponge sandwich cake with icing which he rolled out and covered the cake very quickly. He made it look very easy! Then he showed the members how to make roses and buds for a simple but very effective decoration. A ribbon and bow finished it off beautifully. We were then able to sample the cake and Mrs. Haynes was lucky to win the remainder in the raffle.

For anyone interested, Faulkner's in Duston run sugarcraft classes and stock all cake decorating equipment.

Members were reminded that the Millennium Map Project will need lots of import over the coming months and non-members are most welcome to join in the assembling and sewing of this project. The more the merrier. A meeting will be arranged within the next few weeks now that the nights are drawing in, so watch the notice board for details.

The next W.I. meeting will be our A.G.M. on Wednesday, 14th October, at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Ros Gardner

Whilton Village Hall - 'News'

Have you been in the hall since August? It is now fully double glazed and feels so much warmer and looks very smart and clean.

It is, of course, thanks to you and your continued support of the 200 Club and of events organised by the Village Hall Committee that the Committee has been able to maintain and improve the hall to the extent that it has during the last few years. Please do continue to support your hall.

The Barn Dance on 4th July was again tremendously successful and well attended and although ticket prices were held at the very reasonable price of previous years, we were still able to show a profit of £287.34. Thank you all who came and all who helped to make the dance so successful. Special thanks to Griff and Joan Davies for allowing us the use of their barn - I am sure the authentic setting helps to make the event so much fun.

The beetle drive held last year was such fun that we hope to hold another one Mid-February 1999. I will let you know further details in the next issue of this magazine, but it's something to look forward to in the bleaker months of the year.

Finally, the Committee is hoping to purchase some new card tables - they are used for various events in the village during the year and the old ones are a bit dilapidated. This leads me to ask the question - would anyone be interested in a revival of the village Whist Drive? Please let us know. Of course, if you have any other ideas for activities that we could organise, bearing in mind the limitations of the hall itself, I would love to hear from you.

Mary Kane,
For the Village Hall Committee.

VILLAGE GREEN MOWING

I am pleased to report that, in response to my last request, a volunteer came forward.

We are now nearing the end of the mowing season and perhaps early next year a rota can be prepared including the two or three persons who have indicated they will be willing to help on this basis.

Derek Brown (Parish Councillor) 842968

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF WHILTON VILLAGE HALL 200 CLUB

JULY 1998

1st Prize	No.043	R.Hawkins	£40
2nd prize	No.040	P.lisley	£30
3rd Prize	No.117	C.Fisher	£10

AUGUST 1998

1st Prize	065	R.Gardner	£40
2nd Prize	084	T.Treacy	£30
3rd Prize	054	R & S Green	£10



THE WHILTON SPINNEY PROJECT



GREAT NEWS - THE TRANSFER OF LAND DOCUMENT HAS BEEN RECEIVED from our solicitor. This will shortly be placed before the Parish Council who is acting as Custodian Trustee for approval and signature. Before this can take place, a further document needs to be presented which clearly sets out the ownership (residents of the parish) and duties of the Whilton Spinney Management Committee. This document is in the course of preparation.

Prompt re-scheduling of an Action Day in the Spinney is now urgent and all residents will shortly receive notification.

Derek Brown

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

CRIME REPORT

There has been no reported crime in Whilton during the past ten months. This is good news and indicates that continued security and vigilance in the village is proving effective

POLICE REPORT

Daventry Police have recently issued the following crime warnings and related advice:-

1. Reports of physical assaults in Daventry occasionally occurring in the pedestrian underpasses.

Be alert when using these and report anything suspicious.

2. Theft of personal items left in unattended cars. A reminder not to leave handbags, jackets, shopping or personal belongings where they can be seen in your car.

Check that windows are closed and doors and car boots locked when parking.

3. Local churches, where unfortunately furniture and decorative items have recently been stolen. Also reports of unsuitable behaviour in churchyards.

Report immediately to Daventry Police if you are concerned about St Andrew's Church, they will investigate further

4. Bogus Callers including "officials" from gas, water and electricity suppliers and, in one instance, a bogus Police Officer claiming to be "checking". Be cautious of antique dealers buying and selling furniture, paintings etc.

Check all callers and do not let them into your house unless they have made a previous appointment to call.

5. House burglaries in neighbouring villages have been reported throughout the summer.

Check that all windows and doors are locked before leaving home, even if only for a short time.

Do not leave front gates or side gates open. Lock garage and shed doors.

DAVENTRY POLICE WORKING WITH THE LOCAL COMMUNITY TO REDUCE CRIME.

REPORT ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS IMMEDIATELY

DAVENTRY POLICE - 01327 300300

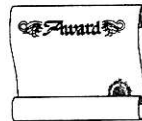
Christine Bilsborough

EAST MIDLANDS IN BLOOM 1998

Congratulations and well done Whilton!! We have been awarded a Highly Commended Certificate in the above competition.

We have not yet received the judge's report, but on the judging day, he remarked on the obvious community spirit of our village in keeping it so neat and tidy and well planted throughout.

He was very impressed with the number of hanging baskets and of their high standard. After much deliberation he awarded Kath Wright first place in this contest organised by Whilton Gardeners' Association. Her entry won on sheer impact of colour and size and there being no part of the basket visible - the floral contents should completely cover the actual basket.



Janet Bowers
Co-ordinator for W.G.A

THE MILLENNIUM MAP PROJECT

After the launch of our map making in May, many people took away fabric squares on which to produce a design. Some people, I know, have completed their work, but most of us found that the summer was filled with other activities and decided to get down to their work in the autumn. This is just a gentle reminder to all of us that the autumn is now here!

The next meeting of the Millennium Map Committee will be on Friday 27 November and we hope that by that time all the squares given out will have been completed. If yours is finished, please give it to Janet Bowers, Barbara Lewis or to me. If you have a problem (such as a lost square?!) please contact any regular member of the committee.

It may be that you have not yet taken the opportunity to work on a square, or that you would like to have another. Janet Bowers has more to give out. Age and sewing experience are not important. The designs can be produced in your own way, painting, sewing or sticking on the square. The map is not a needlework competition but we hope it will be a reflection of the community.

In the meanwhile, the WI has held its first working party to begin to put together the field patchwork, which will form the centre of the map.

If we can all give a little time during the autumn and winter, we should be able to put the different parts together in the spring. Be creative - have a go.



I have recently been appointed as Carer Outreach Worker for Daventry and South Northamptonshire. I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of the services that I can offer to carers within your community.

A carer is someone who helps to look after somebody else who has a disability, a long-term illness, a mental illness, a serious addiction, or who is frail and elderly.

A carer can be a husband, wife or partner, son or daughter, brother or sister, parent, relative, friend or neighbour.

A carer is someone who is not paid for the care they provide. In 1995 there were 453,000 adults over 16 years old living in Northamptonshire, 68,175 of those are carers. Northamptonshire Carers Association provides a confidential service to support the needs of carers, supplying information about issues that concern carers most, including information about benefits and grants, support groups, information about various illnesses and disabilities.

One of our most important roles is giving carers a chance to talk to someone about their situation and listening to the carer's experiences.

Caring for someone can be a very demanding and lonely job. It can be frustrating, tiring and exhausting. My aim is to offer help, support and information to such people. I attend Carers Surgeries and Support Groups in the rural areas and I also carry out home visits to carers who prefer this. There is a high chance that someone who is reading this article is either a carer, or knows someone who is.

If you would like more information get in touch with me by phoning 01604 – 232500.

Becky Brewer
Carer Outreach Worker
Daventry/South Northants



The Princess Royal Trust
for Carers



Community Programme



Northamptonshire
County Council
Social Services



Northamptonshire Health
Authority

Northamptonshire Carers Association is a Registered Charity No 1061417/0
Registered office: 1 Meadow Road, Kettering, Northants NN16 8TL
Tel: (01536) 414259 Fax: (01536) 525649.
Incorporated as a non profit making company limited by guarantee No 3328459.

INFORMATION:-

Welfare Rights Benefit Advice:-
 Northampton -01604 636112
 Daventry -01327 871848
 Wellingborough -01933 277500
 Kettering -01536 520387
 Corby -01536 265501

Well Informed/NDIP

Provides telephone information on all aspects of health and disability, including local support groups.

Confidential service open daily 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

FREEPHONE - 0800 665544

For out of hours medical advice phone your G.P. surgery.

Carers National Association
Information, advice, support and helpful literature.

Northampton & County –
01604 411185 or 01604 719335

Citizen's Advice Bureau

CARER'S ASSESSMENT:-

If you provide a substantial amount of support for the person you care for you are entitled by law to be assessed for your own needs. You may then qualify for respite care or other services.

Contact Social Services:-

Northampton - 01604 236147
 Brackley - 01280 703370
 Corby - 01536 401104
 Daventry - 01327 300567
 Kettering - 01536 410011
 Wellingborough/
 East Northants - 01933 220710

The space below is provided for your own personal telephone numbers:-

District Nurse/C.P.N/Macmillan nurse.

 Doctor
 Local Hospital.....
 Local support group.....

Northamptonshire Carers Forum

An Independent Voice for the Unpaid Carer

SIGNPOST TO SERVICES FOR CARERS

We hope the information in this leaflet will be of help to you in your Caring role.

WHAT IS THE FORUM?

The Carers' Forum, a voluntary body, exists to represent all unpaid carers and to bring their views and concerns to the attention of policy makers and service providers. We also aim to give information to Carers within the county.

Forum North - 01933 461228

Meets at Rockingham Dene, Kettering, 1st Tuesday of each month at 1.30 p.m.

Forum South - 01604 752970

Meets at the Obelisk Centre, Kingsthorpe, 3rd Friday of each month at 2 p.m.

To canvass the views of Carers countywide we have established a Carers Database – 01604 624088

HELP & SUPPORT:-

Northamptonshire Carers Association including Young Carers Project workers.

Open Monday – Friday, 10am – 4pm

Kettering Carers Centre
01536 414259

Northampton Carers Unit
01604 232500

Both centres offer information, advice, and support for Carers, plus support groups and social events.

HELP & SUPPORT cont.:-

Mental Health Carers

Carers Consultant and advice on support groups - 01933 387496
Mental Health Helpline - 0345 660606

Drug & Alcohol Addiction
Substance Misuse Service-01604 233227

Can - Changing Peoples Lives
(formerly Council on Addiction)
Northampton - 01604 622121
Corby - 01536 201973

Kettering Family Support Group
-01536 519148

Aquarius - 01604 632421

Huxlow House - 01536 493059

Black & Ethnic Carers Support Groups

Wellingborough Afro Caribbean Association
-01933 222095

Northampton Asian Women's Group (Dostyo)
-01604 601097

Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Alliance
Provides information, support and advocacy.
Northampton & County - 01604 628986

Bereavement Project - 0171 8377324

H.I.V & Aids
Terence Higgins Trust - 01712 421010

SITTING & BEFRIENDING SERVICES:-

Serve
Rushden - 01933 315555

Charara Community Care Services Ltd.
Wellingborough - 01933 273885

SPECIALIST SERVICES:-

Crossroads Care (Home Respite/ Carer Support)
Northampton - 01604 766769

South Northants - 01604 858741

Daventry - 01327 703296

Age Concern offer a wide range of services for the Elderly and their Carers on a countywide basis.
Advice, Advocacy and Information including Carers sitting services and support groups etc.

Northampton - 01604 611200

Learning Disabilities
Parents in Partnership – 01604 671888

Cruse Bereavement Counselling
Northampton - 01604 416800

Corby - 01536 408000

Rushden - 01933 311805

Samaritans - 0345 909090

The following article was submitted by the Northamptonshire Co-operative Development Agency with a request for publication. Eds.

Community Matters

You care about your community. After all you wouldn't be reading this magazine if you *weren't* interested. So this article is written to make sure that you know all about an organisation that exists to foster community development and local economic well-being.

Nothamptonshire Co-operative Development Agency (NCDA) is a small but experienced non-profit company, being aided by the county and several other local councils. NCDA's remit is (to use the buzz phrase of the moment) to help develop the social economy. In layman's language this broadly means helping local people to help themselves. The word 'co-operative' is key to all NCDA's development activity. We are the County specialists in all forms of co-operative activity and structures, especially community co-operatives, credit unions and worker co-operatives. And if we're not 'hands on' involved in some areas e.g. housing co-operatives, LETS schemes and marketing co-operatives, we're best placed to know 'a man who can'.

Just to give you a flavour of community co-operatives. Kingswood Community Co-operative was set up by residents of the Kingswood area of Corby to identify and address local needs and aspirations. They started by setting up a cafe, based on the local community centre. This cafe provides paid work and volunteering opportunities for local people to create tasty, nutritionally sound, affordable snacks and meals and gives local residents a focal meeting point as well as ideas to include in their own catering. After the cafe idea came the furniture repair and re-cycling scheme. Perhaps the 'buying group' (bulk food or garden products purchase at considerable savings on retail costs) will be next.

Then there are the Community Transport Schemes. Local examples are DACT (Daventry Area Community Transport) and Outreach Community Transport of Kettering. Schemes can be as basic as setting up and matching a volunteer driving pool with local needs on an expenses only basis, or as sophisticated as purchasing/leasing one or more minibuses and the development of a pick up/drop off route responding to 48 hour notice requests.

In other counties community co-ops are involved in activities as diverse as after school and holiday children's activities, taking over the local pub/working men's club threatened with closure, and setting up local heritage centres/events. The common denominator is a desire to meet an unmet local need or prevent the loss of a local service or focal point.

If this article has set some bells ringing, why not take things a step further? There's nothing lost by sounding out one or two people you know, and by giving NCDA a call on 01604 259700. Today's idea could be tomorrow's reality. Give it a whirl.

Advance notice

**THIS YEAR'S CHRISTINGLE SERVICE AT ST. ANDREW'S WILL BE
ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13TH, AT 4.00PM.**

Further details in the December issue.


IN BRIEF.....




CONGRATULATIONS to Theresa and Rupert Egginton on the birth of their baby, Joshua William, on 19th July 1998; a brother for Daniel.

BAPTISM Our Family Service on 26th July included the Baptism of Sophie Charlotte Bolton, daughter of Lucy and Craig.

VILLAGE OF THE YEAR AND BEST KEPT CHURCHYARD

COMPETITION 1998 - Success again!  We were recently advised that Whilton has been selected in the finals although our exact placing will not be known until the prize-giving evening on 9th October 1998. Well done everyone. Further news to follow.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE.  The response once again was very disappointing. Entries only received from two young members of our community namely Alison and Tom Kane who on this occasion walked and visited four churches accompanied by their mother. Our grateful thanks to Alison & Tom and all who readily volunteered to act as recorders in the church.

CHURCHYARD MAINTENANCE Disappointing - no response to previous request for help. However early next year contact will be made with all those who indicated a willingness to help in response to the Pass-it-on Campaign. (1996)

WHILTON GARDENERS' ASSOCIATION The very popular speaker, Mr Dennis Patrick, gave an interesting and useful talk on "Container Planting" which was followed by a very lively question time. For our meeting which will take place on 5th October 1998, Mr Richard Overton of Tebbs Nurseries will speaking on bulbs and Spring bedding.

Summary of Events

- Mon 5 Oct 7.30pm Gardeners' Association Meeting - Village Hall -
Bulbs & Spring Bedding - Mr. Richard Overton
- Wed 14 Oct 7.30pm Women's Institute - Annual Meeting
- Sat 31 Oct 3.00pm Norton - Induction Service for the Revd David MacPherson as
Rector of the United Benefice
- Sun 1 Nov 10.00am United Benefice Sung Eucharist - **East Haddon**
- Mon 2 Nov 8.00pm Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall
- Wed 11 Nov 7.30pm Women's Institute - "The Tale of Sid & Vicky" - Mr. Cliff Christy
- Fri 20 Nov Newsletter Deadline for December Issue**
- Fri 27 Nov Millennium Map Committee Meeting

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