

Whilton Newsletter



OCTOBER 2000

**VILLAGE OF THE YEAR AND BEST KEPT CHURCHYARD
COMPETITIONS 2000**



SUCCESS - Whilton once again appears amongst the prizewinners.

In the millennium year we are the winners of Class 1 Villages (population 50-400) in the Village of the Year Section. The Presentation Ceremony was held on the evening of Tuesday 26th September 2000 at Hunsbury Hill when two representatives from the village attended. They came away delighted with the achievement which is due to the tremendous effort made during the whole of the judging period (June - September inclusive) by the residents of the village.

We are now the proud holders of a cup for a period of twelve months, a certificate which will be hung in the village hall and also a cheque for £75 to use to improve the environment / community project.

Well done - a very good result.

D Brown - Co-ordinator

HELP REQUIRED

We have a vacancy to join the existing team of editors to help spread the workload. A computer is a necessary requirement. The work is not too onerous as some articles are presented ready for pasting. The publication is bi-monthly and a meeting is held shortly after the "deadline date" to finalise the newsletter before going for printing.

Interested? - Please contact Shirley & Derek Brown - 842968

**BE ON YOUR GUARD - OPPORTUNIST BURGLAR/ THIEF
IS VERY ACTIVE IN THE RURAL AREA**

On Tuesday 26th September 2000 a visitor to one of our residents in the village suffered a loss which occurred around midday. The vehicle was parked on the road and unfortunately was left unlocked with the ignition key left in place. The owner of the vehicle had left her handbag in the car, although it was hidden.

It was noticed some time later on returning to the vehicle that it was facing in the opposite direction to which it had been parked. On checking it was found that a handbag and mobile phone had been stolen.

The police were called and they were of the opinion that this was the work of an opportunist who no doubt had driven the vehicle away, made a thorough search for anything worth stealing, and then returned the vehicle!!

THE MESSAGE IS DO NOT LEAVE YOUR VEHICLE WITHOUT:-

- REMOVING ALL VALUABLE ITEMS
- REMOVING IGNITION KEY
- ENSURING VEHICLE IS MADE SECURE

THIS PROCEDURE SHOULD BE STRICTLY FOLLOWED WHERE THE VEHICLE IS LEFT UNATTENDED WHETHER IT BE ON YOUR DRIVEWAY OR ON THE PUBLIC HIGHWAY

**TO CONTACT DAVENTRY POLICE
DIAL 01604 700700 - ASK FOR DAVENTRY CONTROLLER**

Derek Brown
Co-ordinator

IN BRIEF.....

COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE *Just a reminder that the library van calls in the village every other Tuesday at approximately 9.10 am to 9.30 am. The van generally parks near The Old Plough. Good use needs to be made of this service if it is to be retained, why not make a visit to the van for your reading material? The OCTOBER dates will be 10TH and 24TH and NOVEMBER dates will be 7TH and 21ST*

CONGRATULATIONS - to Nikki and Malcolm White on the birth of their baby, Jacob Alan on 21st September 2000, a brother for Siân and Joshua.

CANCER CHARITIES CONCERT - The Garden Concert held on 5th July at Little Rectory raised £3,846.95 for Cancer Charities at Northampton General Hospital. Many thanks to everyone who helped and supported the event especially Gordon Emery who provided parking and fencing and still paid for ticket!.....Richard Stead

PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS!

It was good to have a nearly full council for our September Meeting with the exception of Nora Swinford, who was on holiday. We were grateful to the one member of the parish whose attendance gave us the semblance of a public meeting!

THE VILLAGE CENTRE

After conducting its business in the Hall, the Council finished by surveying the village green after 10pm. This "after hours sortie" was to review the very rounded kerb by the Stone House and the lighting for it opposite the green, and to agree the siting for the Village Standard being produced for the village by Rai Barnes. The Council decided to ask for a lower branch of the tree to be removed and advice from our lighting maintenance contractors about the angle and brightness of the light. We will ask Highways whether the lowered kerb could be made larger or more central to the curve. The Standard will go on the section of the Green where the sign for Cup Winners Village of the Year Award was displayed. This final part of our Millennium Commemorations will seem most appropriate now we have won our village section of Village of the Year for the fourth time. Congratulations to everyone who has spent time beautifying our surroundings.

SAFETY

County Council Highways have replied that they will again review the dreadful state of our village road after seeing some pictures of the surface supplied by Ken Bowers. Alas, again no promises! They had done a good job on the dangerous steps at Southview, but there was no word about the badly distorted and broken green fence wire that disfigures that pathway and could provide a hazard to young children. The Clerk was asked to write to them again asking for suggestions. In response to a complaint about a low flying helicopter, Whilton Mill has promised to ask pilots to avoid the village as a flight path. The Clerk was asked to take action on hedges, shrubs, and brambles obstructing pavements and some of the footpaths.

PLANNING MATTERS.

The Council made no observations on the retrospective application to divert a footpath at the top of the village, which had successfully been used by the village for 25 years after new farm buildings had been built. Confirmation was received of District Council approval for the conservatory at 8 Southview, the change from agricultural to garden use of part of the field next to the Spinney and the inclusion of windows in a loft/roof extension to the new bungalow being erected at the back of the Stonehouse. The latter application had not been the subject of observation when considered by the Council, but was an example where plans showing elevation would have been helpful. There was as yet no sign of the planning application for the alteration to Apsley Cottage. The Clerk was asked to follow it up. These matters underline the important role of the Council in being able to comment on applications. They indicate the advantage there could be to the parish in drawing up a *Village Statement*. This could be given to future applicants when planning changes to the look of the village. The Chairman would welcome hearing from anyone interested in sharing in this task.

FINANCE

As the Bank now wishes to charge us for storing the Village Hall deeds it was agreed free alternatives should be sought. Any suggestions/ offers please? Payment for Parish Council bills and expenses was agreed and the Clerk was pleased to find on his return to the meeting that the annual ritual of reviewing his salary had led to the raising of his stipend to £600!

Keith Hiscock (Clerk to the Parish Council)

WHILTON VILLAGE HALL

GRAND HALLOWEEN BEETLE DRIVE



We are holding a Beetle Drive & Pumpkin Competition in the Village Hall on Friday 27th October from 7.30 pm to 10.00 pm. The tickets will be £2.50 for adults and £1.50 for children and available soon from Shirley & Derek Brown (842968) or Janet Bowers (842851) Light refreshments and one free drink are included. Soft drinks will be available to purchase, but other drink you may wish to consume. please bring with you. Glasses will be provided. See noticeboard for further details.



*The response to our **SECOND** plea for volunteers to join the Management Committee has been disappointing. We still need a secretary and other representatives to fill the vacancies on the Management Committee. We meet three to four times each year so the commitment is not demanding.*

We have an excellent facility which many other communities lack and therefore it is desirable to have a full and energetic committee to manage the affairs of this very important meeting place in the village.

If you are able to give a little time and require any further information please telephone Mike Lewis (842404) or Derek Brown (842968)

BRINGTON AND WHILTON PRE-SCHOOL

The Autumn term is now well underway and although we are small in number, the children who do attend are having lots of fun and are enjoying themselves. We have also had some staff changes this term and have welcomed Trudy Bass, who has settled well into the job.

During this term we are looking at all sorts of Shapes, we have cooked, painted, been sticking and drawing shapes, we have also been around Whilton village looking for different shapes.

We have taken on the new Foundation stage curriculum which covers Personal & Social Development, Creative Development, Language and Literacy, Mathematics, Knowledge and Understanding of the World and Physical Development and these will continue through into Reception Years in school.

We do have vacancies for children aged 2 years 9 months - 4 years. We offer a friendly, safe and stimulating environment for your child to begin learning through play, interaction with other children their own age and development of social skills in preparation for formal schooling, but most of all to come along and enjoy themselves.

If you require more information about Pre-School, or wish to register your child, please contact Jenny Holman 01604 770083.

A Whilton Bell Ringer Remembered

Harold Haynes had been a bell ringer for over sixty years, having learned to ring at Whilton in the 1930's, and where, for a good many years, he was the tower captain. He had rung at many churches and had friends and contacts among bell ringers over a wide area. Just before his funeral on 11th July, the tenor bell (which weighs 13cwt) was slowly tolled 77 times, one stroke for each year of his life, and as he was laid to rest in the churchyard he knew so well, the bells rang out a touch of Grandsire Triples, one of his favourite methods.

On August 4th, the 100th birthday of H.M. Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, the local ringers gathered to mark that occasion and to pay their own tribute in memory of Harold Haynes, their friend and colleague. A Quarter Peal, consisting of 1260 changes in three Doubles methods, Plain Bob, Grandsire and Reverse Canterbury was rung in 45 minutes on the back six bells at St Andrew's Church. The conductor was John Townley Snr and the ringers were

Whilton, Northants 4 Aug, 1260 Doubles (3m); Philip Townley 1, Sue Townley 2, Janet Bowers 3, Bryan Williams 4, John Townley Snr (c) 5, John Townley Jnr 6.

On August 19th, ringers again met at St Andrew's Church, and this time the ringers included some who had known and rung with Harold ever since the days when they were young men together. Their activities had been centred on Whilton and Long Buckby, and the band included Canon Ernest Orland (Market Deeping), Leslie Townsend (Lincoln) and Stanley Ruddlesden (Long Buckby). A Peal was rung in 2 hours 58 minutes, the method being Cambridge Surprise Major. The conductor was Murray Coleman (Desborough) a former President of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

The following entry appeared in the pages of *The Ringing World*.

PETERBOROUGH D.G.

WHILTON, Northants St Andrew

Sat Aug 19 2000 2h58 (13)

5088 Cambridge S Major

Comp. J S Warboys

1 John S W Townley

2 Raymond A Vickers

3 Richard F Waddy

4 Ernest G Orland

5 Leslie G Townsend

6 Stanley M Ruddlesden

7 Bryan Williams

8 Murray A Coleman (C)

On the 50th anniversary of first peal: Leslie G Townsend 5

In thanksgiving for the life of Harold Haynes, ringer at this church from 1938.

After the peal, the band was entertained to tea, in splendid style, by Trudy and Janet and members of the Haynes family, many happy reminiscences being exchanged. I am sure Harold approved!

Bryan Williams



ST ANDREWS AT CHRISTMAS

We are planning to make a big effort this Millennium Christmas in decorating the church; to do this well we will need volunteers.

A new flight of angels is already under construction and you may like to help with this. There is also the physical decoration of the church, the lighting, the making of the holly balls and decorating with flowers and greenery. It would be good if the children also made a contribution. There is a proposal that they could make lanterns with withies (willow stems) and paper to a pattern.

All the above can be done, under instruction, in my studio.

Materials, which are expensive, have been largely covered by sponsorship but that need not prevent you from making a contribution.

On 20th December, members and friends of the Bach Choir are giving a Christmas Concert in the church. They did this two years ago when it was a sell-out. They have asked if they could come again as they found it so magical.

Let us make this year even better.

Please ring me if you would like to help - Clifford Ellison - 01327 842568



Printed below is a seasonal recipe given to the Newsletter several years ago by Mrs Carol Edwards who also designed the cover of the Newsletter when she lived in Whilton

AMERICAN PUMPKIN PIE

1 unbaked pastry shell 8"	½ teaspoon ginger
2 eggs slightly beaten	¼ teaspoon cloves
1¾ cups pumpkin (1 tin)	¼ teaspoon nutmeg
¾ cup sugar	1 2/3 cups evaporated milk (1 tin)
½ teaspoon salt	
1 teaspoon cinnamon	

Mix in order given. Pour into pastry shell. Bake in hot oven (425° F) for 15 minutes. Reduce temperature to 350° and continue baking for 45 minutes or until knife inserted in centre comes out clean.

Chill and serve with slightly sweetened whipped cream.

WHILTON GARDENERS' ASSOCIATION

The August Meeting, chaired by Mrs Gill Denbigh in the absence of Mr Ian Woods, was well attended. The main item on the agenda, purchase of seeds for 2001, was discussed and members voted in favour of a change from Dobies to Kings. This was due to the fact that Dobies were slow on deliveries and the standard of seeds was not satisfactory.

The Association has had two outings since June - an evening visit to the garden of Mrs Cropley of Evenley (one of last year's speakers). We enjoyed a delightful and most interesting garden despite the damp conditions. Plastic bags, trowels and secateurs were available for us to take cuttings and the evening finished with coffee and biscuits.

The second outing, by mini-bus, was through country lanes with delightful views of the countryside to the National Herb Centre at Warmington, near Banbury. Here we visited the various herb garden layouts and the garden centre or followed nature trails through fields and woods. We met for lunch in their Bistro and sampled the herb menus (the chocolate and rosemary roulade was mouth-watering).

The Centre's shop had all things herbal and natural including a wrens nest with five young in a dried flower arrangement. In all a good day out.

The WGA membership is now 39 and the funds are healthy. Our meetings are interesting with very knowledgeable speakers and there is a very good social atmosphere. **Why not join?**

Following the August business meeting, Mrs Anna Bird gave a talk on Historic Roses accompanied by delightful colour slides. Mrs Bird started growing roses in 1974 and is now a Royal Rose Society Judge. In 1980 she was elected to the Worshipful Company of Rose Growers and is Chairperson of the Historic Rose Group worldwide with a membership of 800.

Mrs Bird is an excellent speaker who kept us enthralled with her wealth of knowledge.

Janet Bowers
Secretary

EAST MIDLANDS IN BLOOM

The report from the judge, Mrs Anna O'Sullivan has just been received and is as follows:-

"An excellent entry with the entire village taking part. The new housing development is in keeping with the village with some wonderful planting. The "water garden" at one house was excellent, all front gardens were well maintained and interestingly planted with some outstanding areas. The "Stableblock Area" was a delight, verges and churchyard were well kept, in all an all round satisfactory entry."

Despite this glowing report Whilton was not awarded a placing this year.

Unfortunately I know of one area we fell down on - dog fouling. This was noticed by Mrs O'Sullivan at the bottom of South View steps and in the middle of the path. Since then it has been noted that there is regular fouling on the bank in front of South View. Other points noted were weeds along path edge or junction of path and house.

Although no award will be received, the remarks in the report are encouraging.

Janet Bowers - Co-ordinator



For the past three months there has been very little activity in the spinney due to the annual holidays and the fact that, until we are able to have the Italian Black Poplars felled, there is little progress that can be made either with replanting or laying out of more permanent paths and seating etc.

The pond project has yet to be finalised there being further work necessary to four or five trees in that area. Once the work to the trees has been completed, a little attention will be needed to the pond and to the channel feeding the pond.

Derek Brown - 842968

WHILTON WOMENS INSTITUTE MEETING SEPTEMBER 2000

The speaker for our September meeting was Mrs Pendar whose parents moved from London to a cottage in the grounds of the estate which was to become Whipsnade Wild Animal Park. Here animals birds and reptiles would be free instead of in cages. It was the first of its kind in the world.

A teddy bear on display was given to Mrs Pendar by Mr Peter Mitchell whose idea it was to give us such a wonderful amenity.

At first, in spite of high fences, there were many escapees but this problem was finally solved.

The "lion" on the hillside was both to advertise the Park and to warn pilots not to fly too low and frighten the animals.

At one stage circus animals were bought up in Scotland and transported to Whipsnade.

These included two elephants, one of which was very quiet and seemed sad. It transpired that her baby had been taken away from her at some time.

Today we have Siberian Tigers, white rhino and rare Père David deer among the 2,500 animals. The breeding programme has been very successful especially in the case of the rare deer. They were thought to be extinct until some were discovered in a remote area of China. Some were brought to Whipsnade and bred well.

It is a very popular and fascinating place to visit but ongoing funding is vital to maintain the park and care of the animals.

Mrs Anthea Hiscock gave the vote of thanks for a most entertaining evening. Mrs Janet Bowers won the raffle.

Trudy Haynes

SERVICES FOR ST ANDREW'S CHURCH WHILTON

OCTOBER 2000

8TH	11.00 AM	FAMILY SERVICE
15TH	6.00 PM	TAIZE
22ND	11.00 AM	FAMILY SERVICE
29TH	9.30 AM	SUNG EUCHARIST

NOVEMBER 2000

5TH	10.00 AM	UNITED BENEFICE SUNG EUCHARIST AT NORTON
12TH	6.00 PM	CHORAL EVENSONG FOR REMEMBRANCE
19TH	11.00 AM	FAMILY SERVICE
26TH	9.30 AM	SUNG EUCHARIST - PATRONAL FESTIVAL

HARVEST FESTIVAL AND SUPPER - SEPTEMBER 2000

A SUCCESSFUL AND ENJOYABLE HARVEST THANKSGIVING SUPPER TOOK PLACE ON SUNDAY EVENING, 24TH SEPTEMBER, IN THE VILLAGE HALL

THE HARVEST GIFTS WERE AUCTIONED BY PETER BENNETT, PROVIDING A LIVELY AND WITTY END TO THE EVENING.

THE TOTAL OF £182.73 RAISED, TOGETHER WITH MONIES FROM THE CHURCH GENERAL FUND, WILL BE DIVIDED BETWEEN VARIOUS CHARITIES.

Janet Bowers

Copper Mile Update

Hello again everyone, I am pleased to report that further progress has been made over the summer. Another twenty pounds of copper has been banked which means a gain of 33 yards advanced in terms of distance. Thankyou to all who have contributed so far, hopefully everyone out there is still saving their coppers. Donations can be handed in at any time to either Janet Bowers or Gill Denbigh or at the donation point in St Andrews in Whilton

WHILTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

The last meeting of the PCC was held on 24th July 2000 and the following may be of interest:

- 1) **Gate to Ringing Chamber** - looking at safety as an ongoing matter, it was agreed that the ringing chamber should be made more secure to prevent children in particular gaining access to this area whilst ringing is in progress. Mr Peter Finnemore has undertaken to make and install a suitable gate.
- 2) **The Benefice Pilgrimage 2000** - this was very successful with approximately 50 worshippers attending the six churches within the benefice, with many staying for the picnic lunch at Brampton.
- 3) **The Lay Team** - there were 18 who attended the initial meeting and apart from Harlestone, each parish as at least two members
- 4) **Emmaus Course** - the Nurture Course is to be repeated followed by a Growth Course later in the year.
- 5) **Treasurer's Report** - the General Fund should just about break even at the end of the financial year - 31st December 2000. There is a definite need to increase the income by regular giving and a letter is to be sent out explaining the advantages of the Gift Aid Scheme.
- 6) **Fund Raising** - the Car Boot Sale had been successful raising £344.75. The Concert and Flower Festival and Open Gardens Weekend raised £94.63 and £1026.15 respectively. All monies to the designated kitchen fund.
- 7) **Harold Haynes** - following the death of Harold it was agreed to record, in the minutes, a vote of appreciation for all the work and devotion of time he gave to St Andrews. It was felt that some form of memorial to Harold Haynes should be given. Members to bring ideas to the next PCC meeting
- 8) **Memorial Book** - it was suggested that a more suitable position should be found as the present siting was rather hidden away. A more suitable place would be by the north pillar of the nave. A stand would be needed and it was felt this might be a suitable memorial to Mr Haynes.
- 9) **Church Porch Pews** - these are in need of renovation and Mr Bowers has offered to undertake the work

Derek Brown PCC

WHILTON VILLAGE HALL 200 CLUB

JULY 2000

1st Prize	031	A Bartrum	£40
2nd Prize	173	F Drake	£20
3rd Prize	039	C Phillips	£10

AUGUST 2000

1st Prize	021	G Fisher	£40
2nd Prize	117	C Fisher	£20
3rd Prize	032	S Mitchell	£10

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE WINNERS

Christingle

You are warmly invited to our Christingle celebration



Please come and help us in reaching out to vulnerable children and young people who need our support. Help us to help them reach out for a better, brighter future.

If you believe every child deserves a decent chance in life, you believe in everything we stand for.

**Light up
a child's life**

"The Christingle service has become a popular children's event in hundreds of our parishes."

Dr George Carey
Archbishop of Canterbury

on SUNDAY 10th DECEMBER

at ST ANDREW, WHILTON

time 5.00pm.



**The
Children's
Society**

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Christingle originated in the Moravian Church in 1747

Photographs modelled for The Children's Society

All proceeds raised will be donated to The Children's Society.

RULES of this TAVERN

4 pence a night for bed

6 pence with potluck

2 pence for horsekeeping

No more than five
to sleep in one bed

No boots ^{to be} worn in bed

No razor grinders or
tinkers taken in

No dogs allowed
in the kitchen

Organ grinders to sleep
in the wash house

Lemuel Cox's INN

Summary of Events

Mon	2nd	Oct	7.30 pm	Whilton Gardeners' Association Meeting in Village Hall
Tues	10th	Oct	9.10 am	Library van in village
Weds	11th	Oct	7.30 pm	Whilton WI AGM in Village Hall
Tues	24th	Oct	9.10 am	Library van in village
Fri	27th	Oct	7.30 pm	Halloween Beetle Drive in village hall and judging of pumpkins.
Sun	5th	Nov	10.00 am	United Benefice Sung Eucharist - Norton
Mon	6th	Nov	8.00 pm	Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall
Tues	7th	Nov	9.10 am	Library van in village
Tues	21st	Nov	9.10 am	Library van in village -
Thurs	23rd	Nov		<u>Newsletter Deadline</u> Please hand in your contributions by this date otherwise we cannot guarantee they will be included in the next edition
Sun	26th	Nov	9.30 am	Patronal Festival Sung Eucharist

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Derek & Shirley Brown - Cherry Orton, Main Street
Trudy Haynes - The Old Plough, Main Street.

We are always pleased to receive additional contributions from people who do not normally have an input. Articles of local interest, poems, recipés, puzzles or drawings will always be considered for inclusion in the Newsletter.

Contributions to the newsletter to any of the above editors **by the deadline date, please.**