

A Copy of the Parish Register of Whilton in the
County of Northampton & Diocese of Peterborough

WHILTON NEWSLETTER

Baptisms 1780

OCTOBER 2001

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| March | 5 th | Ann, daughter of Robert Ingram (labourer) & Elizabeth |
| May | 4 th | John, son of Joseph Emery (farmer) and Ann |
| July | 2 nd | Frances, daughter of William Barker (blacksmith) & Elizabeth |
| August | 13 th | Elizabeth, daughter of Ann Andrew (base born) |
| August | 20 th | Thomas, son of Samuel Paine (labourer) & Mary |
| August | 20 th | Thomas, son of John Ablitt (labourer) & Mary |
| September | 17 th | Ann, daughter of W ^m Langton-Wright Butlin (farmer) & Elizabeth |
| December | 7 th | Thomas, son of James Cooper (labourer) & Martha |

W L Holden Rect

Burials 1780

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| Jan | 16 | Ann, daughter of Simon Freeman (farmer) & Ann |
| Jan | 7 | John Higham (labourer) |
| Feb | 27 th | Thomas, son of John Langton (Woolcomber) and Mary |
| May | 14 th | Elizabeth, wife of Robert Ingram (labourer) |
| May | 22 nd | Sarah Dunkley (widow) |
| Nov | 28 th | Ann, daughter of W ^m Langton-Wright Butlin & Elizabeth |
| Nov | 29 th | William George (woolcomber) |
| Dec | 17 th | Thomas, son of James Cooper (labourer) and Martha |

W L Holden Rect

Marriages 1780

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| Feb | 14 th | Abraham Powell of the Parish of Watford in the County of Northampton to Hannah Butlin of this Parish (Banns) |
| Oct | 12 th | William Moss of this Parish to Ann Cole of Daventry in the County of Northampton (Banns) |
| Oct | 12 th | Henry Flecknoe of Braunston in the County of Northampton to Ann Dunkley of this Parish (Licence) |

W L Holden Rect

The WATFORD WADD-MAN married a WHILTON GIRL in 1780

In the June Newsletter, I wrote about the progress I had made in tracking the movements of the itinerant Powell family around Northamptonshire and neighbouring Counties, from 1706 to 1803. I had become interested in this particular family because recently published research into the woad industry by Vivien Billington, shows that Abraham Powell, who is on the Whilton 1777 Militia List, was a wadd-man — a member of a woad family based at that time in Watford.

The best sources of information on any families in this period are the Parish Registers of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, and the Transcripts of these, which were made annually for the Bishop. Copies of both the original Registers and the Bishop's Transcripts are usually available in relevant County Record Offices.

From her records, Mrs. Billington was able to tell me that Abraham Powell, the wadd-man, got married in Whilton Church. On the front cover is a copy of the complete 1780 Bishop's Transcript for Whilton, which was signed by the then Rector, Revd W L Holden. In the list of marriages you will see

Feb 14th Abraham Powell of the parish of Watford to Hannah Butlin of this Parish.

Wadd-people tended to marry within the woad community and although Mrs. Billington has built up an extensive index of wadd-family names, she was unable to tell me anything about Hannah Butlin or her family. So I decided to search the Parish Registers to try to find out whether Hannah was a Whilton girl 'born and bred'!

Searching our Baptism records, I found Hannah Butlin was the third of six children of William Butlin, (weaver and tailor) from a Whilton family. His father, John Butlin (labourer), had been baptised in Whilton in January 1700.

In the Marriage Register I found the entry for Hannah's parents

24 10 1754 William Butlin married Hannah Eason both of this Parish,

but I could not find a baptism entry in Whilton, for Hannah Eason. There were records for the family of John & Ann Eston [with various spelling of the surname] from 1736 onwards, but no Hannah.

In the Burial Registers, I had an unexpected find. There is a close group of three entries with a note about each. This is unusual — perhaps it was because they died within a few weeks of each other.

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| May 17 th 1767 | Hannah Butlin, wife of W ^m Butlin Tayl ^r . She was born in Chellington in Bedfordshire & married at Whilton. |
| June 16 th 1767 | Anne Butlin, servant to Mr. Thomas Emery. She was born at Whilton 1721. |
| July 9 th 1767 | William Butlin (weaver) son of John Butlin (lab), husband of Hannah & brother of Anne above named. |

When I saw this, I guessed that I might find more about woad, because I knew there were woad grounds in Chellington. I found Hannah Eston in the Chellington Register (baptised 1731) as well as her brother Joseph Easton (1729). Joseph also came to Whilton and was still here in 1773, when he married for the second time. But there are no other references to this family in Chellington — they were not a Chellington family — John & Ann Eston were visitors to that Parish!

Other visitors there at this time included Francis & Abigail Allen, who were working 'in the wadd' in Clophill in 1720. So were John & Ann Eston woad-workers? did they work in the wadd at Chellington? did they come to Whilton to work in the wadd here? The answer is probably "Yes" because John Lawson (from a well-known woad family) & his wife Penelope were also here then — they had three children baptised in Whilton Church, between 1737 and 1739.

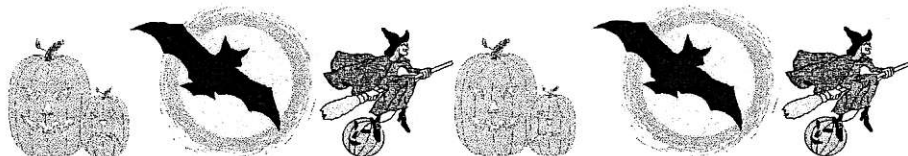
In the tradition of woad workers, the Lawson family soon moved on. The Estons stayed here and settled in our Parish. When their grand-daughter Hannah Butlin — the Whilton girl 'born and bred' — married Abraham Powell, the wadd-man from Watford and joined the woad community, she was going back to the itinerant way of life that her mother's family had previously followed!

Beryl Williams

WHILTON VILLAGE HALL

GRAND HALLOWEEN BEETLE DRIVE
FRIDAY 26TH OCTOBER 2001
7.30 PM - 10.00 PM

There will also be a Decorated Pumpkin Competition (Children and Adults Section). Lights refreshments will be served during the evening and the ticket price of £2.50 (Adults) and £1.50 (Children) will include one free drink.



Please watch the noticeboard for further details



WHILTON SPINNEY PROJECT



It is hoped that the support given to the two working days arranged in September is not going to be the pattern of what is to follow. Three only attended the working party held on 15th September and five only on Sunday 23rd September and one of these was a visitor to the village. Despite our low numbers, we achieved a partial reclaiming of the pond and one good bonfire.

This project is for the benefit of all the residents of Whilton Parish and with a tremendous task ahead of us to clear and burn the debris from the Italian Black Poplar trees, we do need the support of more people.

PLEASE WATCH VILLAGE NOTICEBOARD AND GATE TO THE PUBLIC FOOTPATH LEADING TO THE SPINNEY FOR DETAILS OF FURTHER WORKING DAYS

Derek Brown 842968

COPPER MILE

The copper mile has advanced after slowing to a crawl in the Spring. We are now approaching one third of a mile in terms of distance and an amount of £31 was added to the mile total following a surge of donations at the Village Garden Party. Many thanks to all who donated their coppers on what turned out to be a very successful event despite the best attempts of the British weather to unsettle us all. A big thank you in particular for a large copper donation from new residents to the village. I am sure everyone wishes them well in their new home. That's all for now but don't forget that donations can be made at any time.



At the last meeting on Monday, 6th August it was agreed to obtain the seeds, plants and potatoes from E.. W. King & Co. Ltd of Colchester again as the quality this year has been very good.

Next year's programme is almost complete with a wide range of topics. The report on the second outing of the year to Ryton Organic Gardens stated how enjoyable and informative it had been. Presentations were made of garden vouchers for the best hanging basket, tub or window box (see note below)

After an instructive and interesting talk with slides on the art of composting, the meeting closed with refreshments.

The 3rd December meeting will be the AGM with a Christmas Buffet / Social Evening; an event enjoyed by all.

New members are most welcome, do come along and join a lively and interesting Association. Meetings are on the first Monday of February, April, June, August. October and December held in the village hall, commencing at 7.30 pm.

BEST HANGING BASKET, TUB WINDOW BOX COMPETITION

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| First prize | Don Welch (£10 garden voucher) |
| Runners up | Paul Bilsborough & Anthea Bartram (£5 garden vouchers0 |

This competition originated following a suggestion from a judge of the East Midlands in Bloom and is run by the Whilton Gardeners' Association. The Judge for the East Midlands in Bloom, when touring the village, also assesses and declares the winner and runners-up for our competition.

EAST MIDLANDS IN BLOOM

GOOD NEWS !! WHILTON HAS BEEN AWARDED SECOND PLACE IN THE SMALL VILLAGE SECTION.

The competition covers six counties, Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire, Leicestershire, Rutland and Northamptonshire. Whilton should be proud to have achieved this position. We were last placed in second position in 1999.

We have received a certificate which was presented at the Awards Ceremony, Paxton Suite, The Pavilion, Buxton, Derbyshire on Thursday 13th September 2001.

Mr Ian Woods (Chairman WGA) and Mr Ken Bowers (Vice-Chairman WPC) attended this ceremony which included coffee, lunch and optional tours.

In his report, the judge Mr Stuart Kitchen, stated that Whilton was an excellent entry, noting colourful flower beds maintained by the WI as a focal point outside the village church.

Mr Kitchen also said that the many excellent baskets and floral displays were a delight. The village perimeter verges were neatly maintained and mown by a local farmer and the village was very clean with hardly any evidence of litter or dog fouling.

On our walk round the village I informed Mr Kitchen of Daventry District Council's recycling scheme of composting household / gardening waste and the delivery of the resulting compost for use in the local gardens. In his report he noted this as an excellent scheme and also the Whilton Spinney Project, bulb planting and volunteer cutting of the grass areas. He concluded by stating it was difficult to fault this entry.

We were only a few marks away from the winning entry Ranby (Notts) and tied with Foxton (Leics).

WELL DONE WHILTON RESIDENTS ---- FIRST PLACE IN 2002 ?

WHILTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

The PCC Meeting was held on Monday 23rd July 2001.

Matters arising Memorial for Harold Haynes - table made by his son to hold the Memorial Bookcase was presented and dedicated at the Easter Day Service. A brass plate engraved with the details has now been fixed to the table top.

Reports

Joint Churchwardens Meeting - the main item of discussion was the possibility of setting up a benefice website. Discussions are taking place concerning the formation of a formal Benefice Council. A paper giving details is being prepared for approval by PCCs at their AGMs in 2002.

Treasurers - as at the date of this meeting the expenses exceed the income by £307. A notice was being prepared with a view to income being boosted and this will be distributed to all households receiving the next Village Newsletter. It was suggested a Gift Day might be arranged. The Bell Fund which is run entirely separate from other church finances has donated £500 to the General Fund but it still leaves a shortfall at this point of £307.

UNBLINC - Canterbury Weekend in September is fully booked. Plans are in hand for the 2002 Shrove Tuesday event, the theme being Caribbean.

Fund Raising - The Village Garden Party raised £526.26 for the Kitchen Fund.

There will be a concert by the Cantaré Singers on Saturday 1st December.

Mrs Grant & Mr Lye were elected to the Fund Raising Committee.

Rectors - The Lay Team and training sessions

are progressing well. The Revd Maurice Walton will be staying with the Benefice till at least May 2002.

Special Items

Christmas Angels - Clifford Ellison who will very shortly be moving to Wiltshire, has offered the angels and holly balls to Whilton. The PCC has accepted the offer and Mr & Mrs Church are willing to store them.

Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee - two of the committee members will represent the PCC

Historic Churches Trust. - a grant of £500 has been received towards the cost of installing water and services to the church.

Date of next meeting - Monday 29th October

Derek Brown Whilton PCC

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

There will be a Christmas Concert in St Andrew's Church, Whilton on 1st December 2001 at 7.30 pm by the Cantaré Singers. For further details see the village noticeboard nearer the date.

SERVICES FOR ST ANDREW'S CHURCH WHILTON

OCTOBER 2001

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| 7TH | | NO SERVICE |
| 14TH | 11.00 AM | FAMILY SERVICE |
| 21ST | 6.00 PM | SUNG EUCHARIST |
| 28TH | 11.00 AM | FAMILY SERVICE |

NOVEMBER 2001

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| 4TH | 10.00 AM | UNITED BENEFICE SUNG EUCHARIST AT NORTON |
| 11TH | 6.00 PM | CHORAL EVENSONG FOR REMEMBRANCE |
| 18TH | 11.00 AM | FAMILY SERVICE |
| 25TH | 9.30 AM | WHILTON & HARLESTONE PATRONAL FESTIVAL SUNG EUCHARIST - SERVICE AT <u>HARLESTONE</u> |

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, WHILTON, CHRISTINGLE SUNDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2001, 4.00 p.m.

Book this date in your diaries. This is a special service for The Children's Society Charity. The money from the collection and from the candles, handed out earlier, helps the Society's funds to support children in much less fortunate circumstances than ourselves. **THEY NEED YOUR HELP.**

Janet Bowers

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



Following a number of years of stalwart work as Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator, Christine Bilsborough has left the village. We extend our grateful thanks for the work she did and wish Christine and Paul a happy and fulfilled future in their new surroundings in Yorkshire.

Philip Waights kindly came forward to succeed Christine and this is greatly appreciated. Derek Brown will continue to assist as deputy Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator and shortly, revised Cascade Telephone Lists will be issued.

Philip Waights (842431 & Derek Brown (842968)

WHILTON VILLAGE HALL 200 CLUB

JULY

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| 1st Prize | 012 | S Lye | £40 |
| 2nd Prize | 075 | A Heeley | £20 |
| 3rd Prize | 151 | J Clements | £10 |

AUGUST

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| 1st Prize | 047 | I Woods | £40 |
| 2nd Prize | 208 | G Clements | £20 |
| 3rd Prize | 186 | E & L Smith | £10 |

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE WINNERS

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 9TH & 23RD and NOVEMBER dates will be 6TH, and 20TH.*

BAPTISM (1) *The Family Service on Sunday, 12th August included the Baptism of Madeleine Healey, daughter of Samantha and Matthew Healey.*

BAPTISM (2) *The Family Service on Sunday 9th September included the Baptism of Claire Helen Townley, daughter of Isobel and John Townley.*

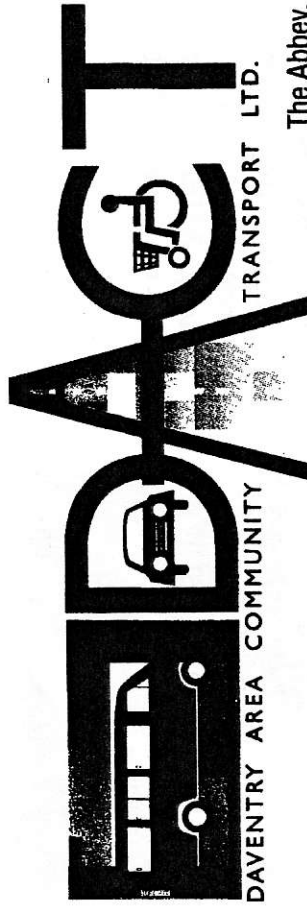
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST ANNUAL SPONSORED CYCLE/WALK DAY SATURDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2001

Very many thanks to all who sat as Recorders in church during the day. With Norton and Brington opening this year we did get a few more cyclists signing in during the day. Unfortunately there was only one person from this village who took part in the walk, namely Janet Bowers.

Janet visited 18 churches in her walk around Northampton. A distance of six and a half miles was covered in two and a half hours. We understand she parked her car in Kingsthorpe and signed in at the Methodist Church in Welford Road at 10.00 am. She **then walked to all the churches** on her list finishing up at the Roman Catholic Cathedral at 12.30 pm. Having achieved her target, Janet caught the bus back to her parked car in Kingsthorpe. **What a marvellous achievement!!**

Janet extends her sincere thanks to all who kindly sponsored her - raising a magnificent sum of £200. This will be divided equally between the Trust and St Andrew's Whilton.

St Andrew's Whilton. PCC



TEL: 01327 701666

FAX: 01327 701667

WHO CAN USE DACT CAR SCHEME?

Anyone who has difficulty accessing public transport, either because they cannot physically get on a bus or because there is no bus service available at the time needed.

HOW DOES THE SCHEME WORK?

We call upon the services of volunteer drivers, who use their vehicles to take you to medical appointments. We require the **MINIMUM of 48 hours notice** of an appointment, where possible. If required, our volunteers will accompany you and wait with you for **UP TO 2 HOURS**, and return you to your home afterwards. There is no charge for the driver's services or for any waiting time. All you pay is a contribution towards petrol costs. **N.B.** If you know that your appointment will take longer than 2 hours your return journey will have to be booked and paid for separately.

DOES DACT ONLY DO MEDICAL JOURNEYS?

We are not a taxi service, and cannot take you to work, shopping or on a pleasure trip. However, if an organisation such as Age Concern were to make a request on your behalf for a journey which was non-medical, but which they considered essential, we would normally try to help.

HOW MUCH WILL MY JOURNEY COST?

Journeys currently cost 38p/mile. There is a minimum charge of £3.00 up to a maximum of £10.00 per journey within the county. (Journeys costing over this amount are subsidised by DACT).

Special rates apply for journeys outside the county.

CAN I GET HELP WITH THE COSTS?

Passengers currently claiming any of the following can receive help with journey costs: **INCOME SUPPORT; DISABLED PERSON'S TAX CREDIT; WORKING FAMILIES TAX CREDIT; JOB SEEKERS ALLOWANCE (MUST BE INCOME BASED)** Proof of claim will be needed so please be prepared to produce your Order Book or similar documents. Expenses can normally be reclaimed for hospital appointments only. **OUR DRIVERS ACCEPT NATIONAL TRANSPORT TRAVEL TOKENS.**

WHERE DOES THE SERVICE OPERATE?

We cover the whole of Daventry District, with the exception of Byfield and Woodford Halse who operate their own scheme. (Rural Wheels 01327 260992)

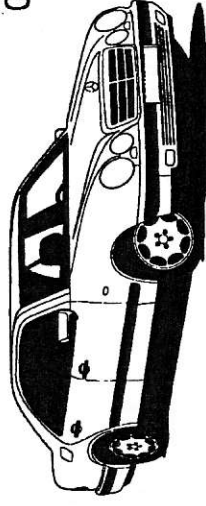
HOW DO I BOOK A JOURNEY?

Please telephone 01327 701666 at least **two working days before your appointment.** Please note that for Monday appointments this means Thursday afternoon at the latest. Tell us if you have any special needs, or if you need to take a wheelchair or walking frame. A friend or partner may accompany you at no extra cost.

ONLY JOURNEYS BOOKED THROUGH THE OFFICE WILL BE UNDERTAKEN - PLEASE DO NOT GIVE YOUR REQUEST TO OUR VOLUNTEER DRIVERS.

Office hours are 9.30am - 4.30pm Monday to Friday
24 hour answerphone

Car Scheme Manager: John Hodgkiss



Tel: 01327 701666 Fax: 01327 701667 e-mail: dact@byte-it.net

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS ALWAYS NEEDED IN ALL AREAS

DAVENTRY SHOPMOBILITY

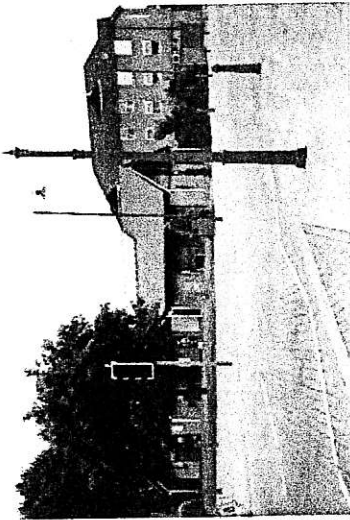
The Shopmobility scheme enables people with mobility difficulties, whether permanent or temporary, to get out and about around the town centre.

In Daventry, we provide wheelchairs or power scooters, obtained with the help of generous sponsorship by local organisations. These are loaned, without charge, to registered users of the service. A small charge is made to non-registered users.

The town centre of Daventry is ideal for Shopmobility users. The wide pavements and dropped kerbs make the area very easily accessible.



WHERE IS SHOPMOBILITY?



Daventry Shopmobility is located on New Street, Daventry, alongside the Police Station (see map on reverse of leaflet).

There is ample Disabled Parking adjacent to the unit and the local bus station is within 100 yards.

Public toilets are located next door to Shopmobility.

Daventry Shopmobility is ideally situated for shoppers using the town centre. Easily accessible by car, bus or taxi, Daventry Shopmobility offers you the freedom and independence to get around the town centre - to go **WHERE** you want to - **WHEN** you want to - to buy **WHAT** you want.

HOW DOES THE SCHEME WORK?

You will be invited to join as a registered user for a small annual fee (no further charge for hire of equipment). Two proofs of identification will be required when you register.

How many times you use our facilities will be up to you, subject to availability of the equipment you require. You will be issued with a membership card which is all you will need to produce each time you use the equipment.

Visitors to Daventry or non-registered users will need to provide two means of identification and will be charged a nominal fee each time the equipment is used.

If using powered equipment for the first time, you will be given a short training session to ensure that you can operate it safely.

Please note, the scheme reserves the right to refuse to loan powered equipment where it is considered there may be a danger to the safety of the user or others.

It is advisable to book in advance to avoid disappointment.

Current Opening Hours:

Mon, Tues, Thur, Fri 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Wednesday 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

(These times may be amended in due course subject to user requirements)

Guide Dog Puppy Walking

I decided to become a puppy walker for Guide Dogs for the Blind Association in 1999 and it was a great move. Petra was my first dog, a 7 week old black Labrador bitch, very lively and full of fun. She settled into our home life very quickly. We still had Gem – our 13 year old Golden Retriever, who found a new lease of life once she realised this little black ball of energy was here to stay. It was hard work at first, learning what was expected of me as regards training, I had to introduce Petra to a lot of things a normal dog does not need to do, going in and out of shops, banks, the library, restaurants, on and off trains and buses, in lifts, up slippery stairs and all sorts of challenging things. It has opened up a new world for me; you make a lot of friends through a guide dog puppy.

Petra left us in October 2000 and went on to be trained in Leamington G.D.B.A. Center. She then went on to Exeter for her advanced training. She has now been matched with a blind person.

We then had a black Labrador/ Retriever puppy called Percy, he came to us at 6 weeks old just before Petra went. He was another bundle of energy, a wonderful character and a very loyal and intelligent dog who loves everyone from children to old people. He has just gone to start his training at Leamington, a very sad day for us (as it was when Petra left us), but an exciting adventure for him. He learns everything very quickly and I am sure he will be successful in his training.

We now have Major, a 7 week old yellow Labrador dog, another feisty little character who has already taken over our lives, having been here for less than a week. Oh well, here we go again.

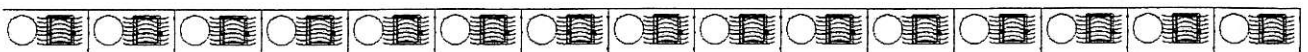
Jean Davies
P.W.G.O.B.A

CHURCH CLEANING

We urgently need volunteers to help with the cleaning of the church. Over the past two years we have gradually lost helpers for various reasons. The work is not arduous and can be shared with a friend.

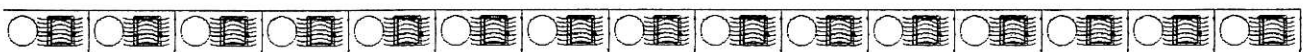
If you feel you can assist please contact Shirley Brown on 842968

USED POSTAGE STAMPS



Trudy Haynes, The Old Plough, is still collecting used postage stamps, this time for the Children's Society.

Please save your stamps and pass to Trudy to support this very good cause.



THE ROYAL BRITISH
LEGION



MAKING A WILL - WHY IT IS SO IMPORTANT

A Will is an extremely important document as it is one of the simplest ways to safeguard the future of your family and friends after your death. It is your opportunity to protect all that you have worked for and set down how you would like to see your life benefit family, friends and causes you hold dear. If you do not make a Will, your estate will be distributed according to statutory rules, and those you care for most might not automatically benefit.

Many people put off writing their Will as it can seem a very daunting and complicated task. With this in mind The Royal British Legion have prepared a new guide to making and amending Wills which provides straightforward advice on preparing a Will and the processes involved.

If you would like to receive a free copy of our new guide please telephone Janet Loze on 020 7973 7270

**When you go home, tell them of us and say
for your tomorrow we gave our today**

Registered Charity No. 219279

As Treasurer of the PCC of Whilton Parish, I have been approached by the Royal British Legion requesting the above article to be placed in our Newsletter.

The Royal British Legion is not offering a legal service but an informative guide with the view to making people more aware of the importance of having a Will.

Their aim is not only to make parishioners aware of the new information leaflet on Will Making, but facing the hard facts of life, people may remember their Cause in their Wills.

I have available the guide referred to, if anyone should be interested.

Derek Brown (842968)

PARISH MATTERS!

The Council met on 3rd September in the presence of three members of the public. We were pleased to be joined for part of the meeting by Cllrs Mr and Mrs Amos from NCC and DDC respectively. There was a lot of business to catch up with from over the summer and to be done before our next meeting on Monday 12th November.

Matters Arising:

Highways: The clerk reported on a number of items.

- The water on the Z bend at the bottom of village had been stopped. Mr Messenger had informed him in a note read to the meeting that proper drainage arrangements had now been agreed with the owner whereby the water was being piped across the gardens of Mr Woods and Mr Messenger to the stream. The Council was grateful for this offer from the two parishioners. The larger problem of surplus spring water remained all along the line from Manor Lane.
- Ms Spenser from Highways had written to say they were back in contact with Mr James about the rain water affecting his and Mr Walton's properties and a meeting had been arranged.
- She had also confirmed that the work from the Daventry Area Committee Grant was now imminent, and she had agreed to replace the wire on Southview and resecure the loose hand rail as soon as possible.
- A name had been given and contact had been made with the person Mrs Sheila Gilder responsible for sorting the cutting of Z bend bank grass. This she was checking out with the contractor for the village who was responsible.
- The clerks letter had been passed to Mr John Trimble who was responsible for advising on moving speed restriction signs. He had not replied yet.
- Mr Morris confirmed that he had booked the safety posters for Whilton and would attempt to get the Speed indicator van here for a spell

Tenders for erection of Commemoration Plaque and new village seat

The Chairman proposed and the Council agreed to put out to village tender

- i.) the erection of the plaque
- ii.) the raising of the seat level on the green back to the original height, (possibly by removing earth from in front of it)
- iii.) the installation of the new seat by the entrance to the footpath to the Spinney.

This was to be done by an insert in the In Flight magazine delivered throughout the village and a poster on village notice boards. The Clerk indicated that the £5m public liability cover would be required if it was not done by the Parish Council. It was also agreed that every effort would be made to get the plaque finally in place by the year's end.

The Clerk confirmed that the DDC had written that no planning permission was necessary for the new seat. The NCC only required the permission of the landowner. This he had gratefully received from Gordon Emery on behalf of his father. Utilities did not need to be approached as it would not be deep enough.

Churchyard grass cutting. The Clerk reported that he had spoken with Mr Green who had claimed he wished to retain the contract and would cut the grass now brought under control by volunteers. Mr Green had not appeared. The Council agreed his contract had lapsed and should be officially terminated.

It was further agreed that the chairman should convey the thanks of the Council to Roy Haynes and Max Middleton and others for doing the grass instead to the end of the season. He was empowered to offer them the same contractual sum per cut if they wished to claim it.

Appointment of Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator- The Council very much welcomed Mr Phil Waights of Kunda Cottage volunteering to fulfil this vital role following the departure of Mrs Bilsborough to Yorkshire.

Parochial Village Charities: Article and Commission appointment

The Clerk's article in the newsletter had produced a welcome response from Anne Gilbert. She clearly had experience and expertise in this area from her job. The Council supported Miss Drakes nomination of Ms Gilbert to replace herself as the third co operative trustee. This would need to be agreed officially at a meeting of the Trust. Meanwhile Mr Hiscock had arranged a consultation with the Charity Commission locally arranged by NALC to discuss the future options to which Ms Gilbert had agreed to go.

Allotment nuisance: Miss Swinford was pleased to report there had been no further incidents

Approval of Planning Permission for Phone Mast at Water Works had been received from DDC.

Engine Noise at Whilton Mill

The Chairman had not yet arranged the meeting of the two Parish Councils, Mr Ashby and DDC but would be doing this shortly. The DDC Environmental Health had meanwhile indicated to the Clerk in a letter that they had discussed public concerns with Mr Ashby and were actively monitoring the situation for noise. There had been a further concern over helicopter flights but complaints directly to the Mill had been effective.

Registration of the Village Green and the Open Space Society

The clerk had approached this society but they could only help if the Council became a Member. It was agreed to do so and the Council confirmed its wish to examine what registering the green would entail.

Golden Jubilee Committee progress

There had been interest in this from the WI and Gardening Club as well as some suggestions about an event. The Chairman would convene a meeting open to all interested through a flyer to the parishioners.

Future Possibilities: There was a wide mixture of other issues and some important possible future offers of help to the village.

NCC Daventry Area Committee wanted bids for improvements by 24th September. The Chairman would again co-ordinate bids but Cllr.Mr Amos indicated that our success last year would be taken into account.

The Help Guide for Parish Transport Grant Scheme was discussed. On the suggestion of Mrs Amos we will invite DDC to discuss with us next time possible benefits of a scheme being developed in Long Buckby and others in the district.

Highways had circulated a form for bids for sustainable minor works which the clerk was asked to complete with a bid for the Brington Road Z bend resurfacing.

Long Buckby Rail Users Group. It was agreed to join and to send a letter of support in the light of continuing and future problems for Silverlink trains in which services could be reduced and the remaining ones could be too long for our platforms. The issues were to be shared through the village newsletter.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 8PM .

YOGA

WHILTON VILLAGE HALL
MONDAY 1.15PM – 2.45PM

A 30 week course starting 24th September 2001

Tutor: Shelia Heath

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Northamptonshire County Council
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Whilton Women's Institute
12th September 2001

The evening's business included a collection of foreign coins to raise funds for a water project in India. We shall be sending in all the coins collected after October's meeting (10th October) so, if you have any coins left over from your summer holidays, we would be very happy to receive them. (Remember that with the introduction of the Euro next year, you won't be able to use up many of those bits of currency you have left over from previous trips.)

The business concluded, Ros then welcomed Dr. John Bond of Northamptonshire Police Forensic Science Department.

What is forensic science? We've all seen various portrayals of this subject in drama programmes and series on the television but probably wouldn't be able to define this science. Dr. Bond enlightened us - it is the comparison of two or more articles to establish a link or connection.

Wherever we go and whatever we do in everyday life we leave behind traces of our physical presence and we take away traces of our surroundings. These can include fibres from clothing, hairs, footprints, fingerprints and traces containing DNA (on cups or glasses from which we have drunk for instance). Using the various tools available to them, it is the job of the forensic scientist to establish a link between say, a person and a place, by connecting these traces - fibres from a person's clothing or a footprint found at the scene of a crime.

Programmes such as *Dangerfield* and *Silent Witness* focus specifically on the related science of forensic medicine. Northamptonshire has a team of 12 police surgeons (who are actually local GPs) whose role is to attend sudden deaths and also to determine if a person is fit to be interviewed. In addition there is one Pathologist who is specially trained in detecting the type of injury that is likely to occur as the result of a criminal action.

The best known of the forensic scientists' tools is fingerprinting. This was first used

in Argentina in 1891 and in England in 1901. In each country a crime was solved using this method the year following introduction and the rest is history. Many improvements have been made in this area including a national database so that criminals can no longer nip over the border to commit a crime in a neighbouring county that in the past would not have had a record of their fingerprints on file. Dr. Bond revealed that it takes five years to train as a fingerprint expert and a possible match between a suspect's prints and those found at the scene of a crime must be verified by three experts.

Footprints made by shoes are also as unique as a fingerprint due to the fact that no two shoes will wear in exactly the same way.

DNA has, of course, revolutionised forensic science. Discovered 20 years ago it is now a prime tool in criminal investigations. Previously, a blood, hair or fibre sample could be used either only as supporting evidence or to discount a person from enquiries (for instance a sample of blood type O would not match a suspect with a blood type of A). DNA provides the conclusive evidence required to connect a person to a victim or to a crime scene.

You can also take some comfort from the fact that Northamptonshire is way ahead of all other police authorities in Britain in terms of costs to detection ratios for both DNA and fingerprinting methods.

The members and visitors found the subject fascinating. Dr. Bond clearly explained and illustrated his talk with a selection of slides - some from crime scenes and one particularly gory picture of a pair of severed hands! I could cover several more pages on the subject but space is limited.

The evening ended with a sale of members' surplus garden produce which raised nearly £10.00 to add to the donation to *Guide Dogs* for the Blind requested by our speaker in lieu of a fee.

Teresa Leadbetter

Summary of Events

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| Mon | 1st | Oct | 7.30 pm | Whilton Gardeners' Association in Village Hall |
| Tues | 2nd | Oct | 9.00 pm | Golden Jubilee Meeting in Village Hall |
| Tues | 9th | Oct | 9.10 am | Library van in village |
| Weds | 10th | Oct | 7.30 pm | W.I .AGM in Village Hall |
| Tues | 23rd | Oct | 9.10 am | Library van in village |
| Fri | 26th | Oct | 7.30 pm | Halloween Beetle Drive in Village Hall |
| Mon | 29th | Oct | 7.30 pm | Whilton PCC Meeting |
| Tues | 6th | Nov | 9.10 am | Library van in village |
| Mon | 12th | Nov | 8.00 pm | Parish Council Meeting in Village Hall |
| Wed | 14th | Nov | 7.30 pm | WI in Village Hall "Pacesetter Dog Display Team" |
| Tues | 20th | Nov | 9.10 am | Library van in village |
| WED | 21st | 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. |

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

It would be most helpful to the Editors if regular contributors to the newsletter would consider submitting their article, if preparing on a PC, via a disk (saved to floppy disk A/drive) or by email (saraspicer@lineone.net). For those who do not have this facility please produce articles as they have done in the past.

Any contributions to the newsletter
by the deadline date, please. to any of the above Editors.