



## **Griffith Davies - 1910 - 2003**

Griff, as he was always known in the village, died on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2003 and the Memorial Service took place at St Michael and All Angels Church, Bugbrooke. He had selected the hymns to be sung at this service and also made prior arrangements with the priest with whom he was very friendly. Although Griff and his wife Joan attended St Andrew's Whilton Church, his main place of worship was the Baptist Chapel at Long Buckby on a fairly regular basis. When he was no longer able to drive, Joan used to chauffeur him and also become a regular worshipper there.

Griff lived with his mother in Bugbrooke and she died when he was ten years old and at that stage he went to live with his aunt in the same village. When he left school he farmed with his aunt at Bugbrooke.

During the Second World War Joan moved and worked at Heygates Farm where apparently she was 'spotted' by Griff who was seeking an introduction and they married in 1946.

They moved to Greenhill, Long Buckby Wharf and lived there until the M1 was built when they went into 'temporary' accommodation at Park House where they remained for 12 years, still farming what was left of the land.

They had been seeking more permanent accommodation and had looked at purchasing Roughmoor Grounds but decided the accommodation did not meet their requirements, overlooking the fact that they could have enlarged this by building on to the existing farmhouse.

The property came on to the market at least twice before they decided to buy and they eventually moved in to Roughmoor in 1970.

There are two daughters Margaret who now lives at Creaton and Wendy at Crick. There are now also a number of grandchildren.

Griff was a keen rugby player in his early days and in later years followed this keenly as a spectator. He served as Chairman of the NFU and was very committed during his term of office. He was a Freemason and had no other hobby as farming was his main interest to which he was 100% committed.

Griff was a true character who is sadly missed by all those who were fortunate enough to know him.

## PARISH MATTERS

The Parish Council met on 15<sup>th</sup> September for a long and interesting meeting. Cllr. Wendy Amos and two members of the public joined us..

**Matters Arising:** These seem almost to dominate the proceedings these days but indicate the growing numbers of queries that have to have solutions sought. I say sought as it frequently seems beyond the powers of other bodies to resolve them.

### **Solutions Sought:**

**Highways** are a partnership example. They have replied indicating they have issued a work ticket for the raising of the kerb to prevent flooding at Lower Farmhouse and Felines but they appear the only ones who believe this will work. They are to look into the re-emergence of some water across the Z bend which ruined its surface last time and seemed to think our concerns about water across the hill down to the Mill were to do with the problem of water by the railway bridge! The Area Highway Manager in a superb letter indicated we were no where near getting into her priorities for any speed or weight restriction through the village. A traffic Regulation Order would cost £1500 plus the cost of signing and moving.

None of this augurs well for the 8 out of 12 improvements that would be their responsibility noted in the Councillors walk around The Locks on September 1<sup>st</sup>. We were pleased that Cllr. Amos said she would ask her husband to take up the situation of the rumbled repair on the 1<sup>st</sup> bend going into Norton that a number of Parishioners have mentioned as dangerous as it seems to propel cars into the oncoming traffic lane.

**Whilton Mill** appears another institution that finds it difficult to pursue an enquiry. The Clerk received a reply to his letter requesting they consider applying for permission to erect a sign at the top of the hill to avoid numerous people coming vainly down into the village in search of it. It indicated they might wish to have our assistance in achieving this. Three reminding phone calls seeking clarification later, contact is still awaited.

**Electricity Providers:** In pursuing an improvement of the Green Lighting and seeking reassurance that the standards used for our lamps were still sound, the clerk learnt from our Maintenance Company ABB that in future we are no longer to be allowed by Powergen to put new lamps on their poles. The most we can do at present is to replace the discoloured visors. Providing our own standards will cost upwards of a £1000 each. The Council decided to order new visors.

The clerk also learnt during this walk that the reason the light at the top of Buckby Lane has not been restored is that the power cable from the Powergen line has come loose and can only be reconnected by them, not their former pre denationalised colleagues in ABB. The assumption has been made that this will not rank amongst their priorities so the clerk will have to write to try to push it up. He is also to ask them to review the safety of their concrete posts in the village as part of our risk assessment.

**Daventry District Council** has also thrown a new spanner in the works over getting street name signs for Main Street, Brington Lane and the Green. Their expert has advised that pursuing this would entail getting new postal addresses or running the risk of not

being found on the list used by commercial agencies for identification and credit. This has been questioned again and Cllr Amos is to seek further explanations from her official. The reply will also affect the Council's intention to seek resident's view to applying for the access road to the Locks houses being known as Spotted Cow Lane. This was the name of the pub that the original lane led to and on whose garden the present road is laid.

### **Solutions Found!**

Having got you all thoroughly depressed by now it is time to speak more positively of what your Council and residents have actually achieved. The major achievement I am sure you will all agree is the skilled piece of craftsmanship now adorning our village green in the new noticeboard. This was recently erected by Roy Haynes, who had offered to make it for the cost of materials, and it is being largely paid for from a bequest of Horace Clements. The Council agreed to mark this double generosity by placing on it a brass plaque commemorating both. Ian Wood is to arrange this. The listed Telephone Box has been repainted as a result of our request to BT, and the hedge along the back lane between the two fields has been cut in keeping with one condition of the Lease inserted by the Althorp Estate at our request. The Council has agreed to write to the British Waterways to support the request for Duck boards to assist young ducklings to get out of the now higher reinforced sides of the canal and stop them drowning. The Chairman has also volunteered to remove the abandoned tyred wheel found on the corner of the lane down the A 5 and has got the agreement of the Rail Workers to clear the layby by the bridge of their dropped rubbish.

It has also to be said that Councillors inspecting **the Locks** area of the parish were appalled at the amount of rubbish about and have agreed a **clean up Saturday morning on 11<sup>th</sup> October. Additional Volunteers are very welcome**, see the notice boards or speak to a Councillor.

### **Matters Financial**

The Council were pleased to receive the notice from our National Auditors of the completion of the Audit without any comments to be considered. This has been posted on our two notice boards for the requisite two weeks. Our Internal Auditor raised in his full report four minor points for discussion which were accepted.

If anyone knows someone who could give us an estimate for repairing the stonewall at the bottom of the village so the we could negotiate the funding, please speak to the Chairman or me.

### **Matters for the future**

#### **The Green**

After the Clerk informed the meeting of his contact with and the advice given by NCC's expert on Green Registrations, the Council decided to pursue the application. The expert believed this would bring the Highways Department into discussion as his preliminary attempts to do this on our behalf had not been successful. He did not now think the Licence idea he had suggested in 1992 viable. **Beryl Williams will again be asked to collect the evidence from you the public , so please write to or ring her about any social/ sport/public use by you or others in the last 20 years.**

### **Broadband**

It appears from Richard Oliver and Andy Walton that we will not be able to access the Broadband being installed at Long Buckby. We are just over the crucial 5 Kms. It is necessary to gauge public demand and if sufficient interest consider alternatives. **Richard and Andy agreed to write an article for our December Newsletter about what these might be with a tear off slip to show the depth of interest. Please start thinking.**

### **Increasing Traffic**

Locks residents are very concerned at the large recent growth in traffic flow at key times on the Northampton/Norton Road, others in the village consider there has been more through traffic in the village since our last survey some 3-4 years ago. **The Council are keen to do a co-ordinated census for both and are keen to hear from any volunteers willing to be involved. Please speak to me or any Councillor.**

### **Daventry Expansion**

The implication of proposed plans for new housing already programmed for Daventry could be considerable for us in Whilton as well as Norton who would be definitely affected if they go ahead. If the moves to make Daventry a major expansion area as is being canvassed by DDC for the Government's Milton Keynes and South Midlands Sub Region Spatial Strategy then the extra 1000s of houses will affect us all. The Chairman is to prepare a response to this consultation on our behalf. The Council was very pleased however to be invited by Cllr. Amos to join Norton in a meeting she is organising with the Leader of the Council and head of Planning. Word has since reached me that **the Meeting will be on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October in Norton Village Hall at 6.15pm. If you can be there please do so.**

**Our next meeting is on 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 8pm. Why not be ahead of the news or even shape it by being there.**

***LIBRARY SERVICE: - THE COUNTY LIBRARY VAN CALLS IN THE VILLAGE EVERY OTHER TUESDAY AT APPROXIMATELY 9.10 AM TO 9.30 AM. THE OCTOBER DATES ARE 7TH AND 21ST AND THE NOVEMBER DATES ARE 4TH & 18TH..***



**NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH.**



I am pleased to say that there have been no reports of incidents in the village.

The police are, however, warning about the activities of a firm called **HIGHWAY SERVICES OF BIRMINGHAM** who purport to be selling surplus tarmac at cut prices. They seek to persuade people to sign contracts and then charge excessive prices. An elderly woman in Daventry recently paid £600 for work worth £10. They operate from a white transit van with their name on it. Their activities continue.

Sleeper thefts and distraction burglaries also continue in the area.

**P.R.Waights.**

**Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator.**



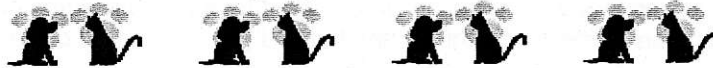
## CHURCH MATTERS



A sunny afternoon, a variety of beloved pets and an open air **Pet Blessing** rang the changes for the service on **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2003.**

Pets and owners and other worshippers gathered together on the grass bank in the churchyards to sing hymns to the accompaniment of John Townley on keyboard. A special address and prayers were followed by the blessing of the pets.

### **A very special service**



### SERVICES FOR ST ANDREW'S CHURCH WHILTON

#### ***OCTOBER 2003***

<b>5TH</b>	<b>8.00 AM</b>	<b>HOLY COMMUNION 1662</b>
<b>12TH</b>	<b>11.00 AM</b>	<b>FAMILY SERVICE</b>
<b>19TH</b>	<b>9.15 AM</b>	<b>SUNG EUCHARIST + NORTON</b>
<b>26TH</b>	<b>11.00 AM</b>	<b>FAMILY SERVICE</b>

#### ***NOVEMBER 2003***

<b>2ND</b>	<b>10.00 AM</b>	<b>BENEFICE SUNG EUCHARIST</b>
<b>9TH</b>	<b>6.00 PM</b>	<b>REMEMBRANCE SUNG EUCHARIST</b>
<b>16TH</b>	<b>9.15 AM</b>	<b>SUNG EUCHARIST</b>
<b>23RD</b>	<b>11.00 AM</b>	<b>FAMILY SERVICE</b>
<b>30TH</b>	<b>9.15 AM</b>	<b>SUNG EUCHARIST AT <u>NORTON</u></b>

## **Christmas Market**

DATE:- 22<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER 2003  
 TIME:- 2.00PM – 4.00 PM  
 PLACE:- ST ANDREW'S CHURCH WHILTON

It is planned to invite Father Christmas to come and receive your Christmas letters. We have a variety of stalls planned to include Christmas goodies, gifts and mystery parcels, cakes and refreshments

If you can help in any way please contact Mary Emery, Jo Grant or Janet Bowers.



*From Rev'd Chris Goble*

"You're a shepherd!" "No I'm not, I'm a spy" "Yes, You are a shepherdsy!" (To fully get this read it out loud!!) I wonder if you recognise the source of this quote - it is a quote from the late Spike Milligan, some lines from the Goon Show. The Goon Show was imaginative, with the sound of someone running down lots of stairs to open the front door of a bungalow, or building cardboard replicas of Britain to fool Germany in the Second World War! It sounds crazy and so it was. Yet there is something wonderful about the use of the imagination, and with so much reality TV around today, that was certainly unreal radio.

There is something, I believe, God given about our imaginations. At this harvest time we give thanks for the harvest, without realising that all of creation was created by a bountiful imaginative God. I know my wife has a wonderful imagination, some of the things she thinks I get up to when out of her sight! Yet when we employ our minds, in imaginative ways, we can be honouring to God. Jesus himself used imaginative stories to convey messages about the Kingdom of God to his listeners, and to use our minds for God is a wonderful rewarding activity, which honours Him and brings glory to Him.

I work from Brington Rectory, 01604 774042 or E-Mail [chris@rectory.freeseve.co.uk](mailto:chris@rectory.freeseve.co.uk)

## **UNBLINC OUTING TO CHESTER**

For several years UNBLINC ( the Benefice Social Committee) have arranged weekends away in a cathedral city which have been very successful and this year the visit on 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> of September to Chester was no exception.

There were 38 people in the party including five from Whilton. The coach arrived promptly and the journey passed very quickly as we had been provided with a quiz. This was cleverly set out so that the maximum investigation was required (details were supplied) which also taught us all the tourist information, what to see, where and the opening hours.

Chester itself is an interesting city with the most complete city walls in the UK, the beautiful wide River Dee, the two storey shops in Eastgate (the Rows) including the famous Browns (now Debenhams) and a large Marks & Spencers along the road. Our hotel was so central that the back door of M & S came down the side of it!

We went on our guided Cathedral Tour in the afternoon which was very interesting and amusing and some of stayed for Evensong, beautifully sung by their choir. The hotel was very good and they let us have a private room for dinner.

10.00am Sunday morning the whole party went to Eucharist at the cathedral which was very well attended including children who were made very welcome. The service was inspiring with beautiful singing and an amazing address by Canon Trevor Davies which stunned us all. We had an opportunity afterwards in the refectory to have coffee with local worshippers and gathered that all connected with the cathedral were welcoming and friendly.

Our thanks go to the UNBLINC Committee for their attention to detail and organising abilities and particularly to Gary Schaeffer who masterminded the outing, although unable to be there himself. He was also responsible for the helpful quiz.

Watch out in September 2004 for their next outing, do come along, you will be in for an enjoyable time.

S & D Brown (Whilton)

# **EAST MIDLANDS IN BLOOM**



## **Not one but two awards**

*This year Whilton has not only been awarded third (147 points) in the Small Village class but also a Judges Special Award for any special achievement in any class which they feel merits attention. This was awarded for the Spinney Project.*

*Their report is as follows:- “ The judges were met at the church where an inspection of the well-maintained grounds, including a mini nature reserve, and viewing of the interior decorated with floral exhibits set the tour off to a good start.*

**The village is a comfortable mixture of old stone cottages and more recent housing, all of which demonstrated a pride in their gardens. Numerous hanging baskets, window boxes, tubs and lots of flowers throughout the village contributed to a lovely display.**

**The judges were particularly impressed with the spinney, a two and a half acres of streamside land gifted to the village, which is being developed as a nature reserve by volunteer work parties.”**

*Judging took place in July on a lovely sunny morning ((last year we had just had torrential rain and a hail storm) and consisted of a tour of the complete village and this year, the spinney.*

*The awards were presented at a ceremony at the Three Swans Hotel, Market Harborough on 11<sup>th</sup> September. Philip Grant as Chairman of Whilton Gardeners' Association and myself as coordinator / correspondent attended, It proved an enjoyable enlightening occasion giving us ideas for future years.*

*The winning village in our class was Skillington (Lincolnshire) entering for the first time. Second was Lullington (Derbyshire) and Dale Abbey (Derbyshire) shared third place with us.*

**The East Midlands in Bloom has grown so much that they have introduced a new class in the villages. Now there is small village, village and large village according to population size. Other classes are small town, town large town, city, urban community and urban regeneration.**

## **WELL DONE WHILTON**

*Janet Bowers*



# **VILLAGE HALL NEWS**

**CLEANER REQUIRED - A NOT LITTLE EARNER**

**CAN YOU SPARE AN HOUR A WEEK TO CLEAN THE VILLAGE HALL?**

**FOR FURTHER DETAILS PLEASE RING  
SHIRLEY OR DEREK ON 842968**

**A Family Fun Cricket Match** was held on Saturday afternoon 20<sup>th</sup> September. It was the first time that this activity had been tried by the Village Hall Committee.

Gordon Emery kindly let us use the field below the Rectory and Mike Lewis measured and mowed the pitch ready for the match. As the pitch was so bumpy, due to the dry weather, a softer ball was used both for the adults as well as the children.

The children began proceedings with the men bowling and fielding but as so few of the same age turned up, it was more or less individual performances but we hope this will give them a taster and they will want to play again and bring their friends. The ladies of the village had a bat next (again individual 'entertainment').

The adults couldn't manage more than five a side (some cowards feigning injury?) but maybe it was the rate the balls were bouncing off the pitch! The split was one side of the road versus the other. Those living on the allotment side of the road won the match, with a very good performance by Paul Day and those living on the church side of the road, put up a good performance but lost by 24 runs. We hope too that they will want to play again and ask their friends to come next time. It was interesting to note that three generations of the Day family played - Paul, his son Nick and his son Lewis (just eight) who shows quite a skill for the game.

Phil Waights did an excellent job of umpiring and the Browns did the scoring and much to their surprise were not challenged.

After the match an excellent tea was served in the village hall and everyone seemed to have enjoyed themselves. Our thanks to Barbara Lewis for her involvement in preparing the tea and all those who helped in many ways.

**ACTION SHOTS TAKEN BY OUR ROVING PHOTOGRAPHER – KEITH HISCOCK**



*Rochelle taking it easy & Paul Day star batsman*



*Next team in.*



**Where did that go?**



**Demon bowler, grounds man & Chairman**

**OTHER MATTERS**

**Following the success of the Fun Cricket Match, looking to the future, perhaps similar events can be organised . Rounders has been suggested.**

**The Village Hall committee are still in discussion about the refurbishment of the toilets and incorporating a loo for the disabled.**

**Village Hall Management Committee**



## **CLEAN UP 2003**



**A**s residents of Whilton we are privileged to live in a beautiful part of the country, but we are all aware that some parts are unnecessarily messy. Countrywide the presence of litter causes major problems, as revealed by the following facts supplied by "Keep Britain Tidy".

- Council taxpayers in the UK payout £408 million a year to clean the streets.
- Around a third of all fires are caused by accumulations of rubbish.
- Thanks to the growing presence of dropped food, the UK rat population now stands at a staggering sixty million.

Our second Whilton litter pick this year took place on 28th August, when a dozen of us once again set out to clear the hedges and verges of the village. As usual the village itself was reasonably litter free, with a few items probably dropped accidentally or blown by the wind, but sadly the main road yielded generous amounts of cans,

paper, plastic bags, bottles and fast food cartons. We can only presume that these are deliberately thrown out by passengers and drivers of passing cars.

We hope we have made a difference and improved the village environment, although the group was too small to cover the Locks area, which is also affected by junk from through traffic.

The band of collectors, wearing Keep Whilton Tidy tabards and protective gloves, completed their activity and then met in the Village Hall for refreshments provided by members of the WI.



**Thank you to everyone who took part, especially the willing children and the refreshments ladies. Your joint efforts are all helping to:**

**KEEP WHILTON TIDY.**

Anthea Hiscock  
President, Whilton WI.

# WHILTON WI – September 2003

Eleven members and five visitors attended the September meeting when Gary Schaeffer gave an illustrated talk entitled "Scott of the Antarctic."

Slides taken from photographs by Herbert Ponting were used. He was the "camera artist" for the expedition and his equipment consisted of a tripod, large camera and glass plates for the photographs. It must have been quite weighty!

In 1910 the party set sail in their ship the "Terra Nova" and on reaching the base camp had the exhausting job of unloading the cargo. There were large boxes of food plus personal items, donkeys, dogs, and a pianola. The latter to provide entertainment.

Ponting trained some of the final trek members to use his equipment.

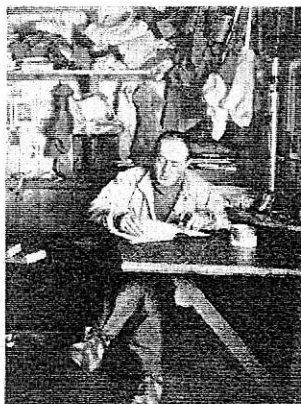
What a hard slog it must have been on that last lap for Scott and his four chosen companions. They pulled a large sledge with all their food etc. on board and in dreadful conditions.

They reached the pole only to find the Norwegian flag already there. Amundsen was there first. It must have been a bitterly disappointed party who turned back for the base camp they didn't reach.

A search party later found the tent in which were the bodies of Scott and two companions. The journal and photographs were there and were removed and the tent encased in a cairn of ice blocks with a cross on the top.

The journal and plates helped to reveal the tragic story. On returning home the photographs were given to a relative who sold them for £50. Now they are in the archives at POPPERFOTO at Overstone.

Anthea Hiscock thanked Gary for helping us to share the journey of "Scott of the Antarctic" and his friends.



Scott Robert Falcon Scott seen writing his journal during his second, fateful expedition to the Antarctic 1910-12. Scott and his companions reached the South Pole but perished on the return journey. The diary was found and published posthumously.

Trudy Haynes

## WHILTON VILLAGE HALL 200 CLUB

### JULY 2003

1st Prize	018	C Emery	£40
2nd Prize	028	G Clements	£20
3rd Prize	017	D Day	£10

### AUGUST 2003

1st Prize	175	P Webster	£40
2nd Prize	208	M & S Healey	£20
3rd Prize	201	M Clements	£10

### SEPTEMBER 2003

1st Prize	074	D Scott	£40
2nd Prize	145	T Treacy	£20
3rd Prize	167	D Scott	£10

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE WINNERS**





# WHILTON GARDENERS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



## The WGA visits Mill Garden, Warwick

This peaceful garden in Warwick stands in a place which, for many centuries was one of hustle and of business. The whole of the traffic from the town to the South and to the East crossed it on its way to the old bridge; earlier still to the ford. For hundreds of years traffic to and from the Castle Corn Mill came to it. At times when the Castle building work was in progress, it was little better than a stone mason's yard. If old pictures are to be believed, there were stalls for the sale of fruit and vegetables outside the cottages in Mill Street.

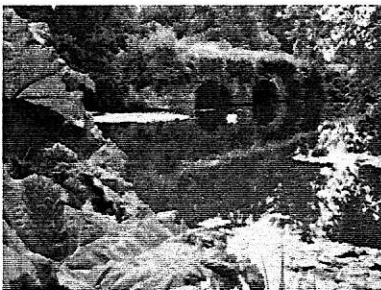
The old road came direct from the centre of the town, through the present Castle wall opposite and down to this spot. Mill Street was never the main road.

Many famous men must have come this way - all of the Earls of Warwick, the Kingmaker included; some of our Kings and Queens; common folk too from the town and the surrounding countryside. Probably William Shakespeare crossed the bridge stood on it, looking up at the Castle, when thinking of his histories.



### THE OLD BRIDGE

The latter part of the 14th century was peaceful. It was then that the famous Earls, Thomas Beauchamp and his son, built the two huge Castle Towers, the Gatehouse and Portcullis, etc.; and it was then that the old bridge was built. It was long - some eleven spans in length - and narrow; wide enough for only one cart or carriage. Indeed it appears from the masonry to have been widened at some stage of its history. Perhaps when it was built it served only for pedestrians, livestock and packhorses.



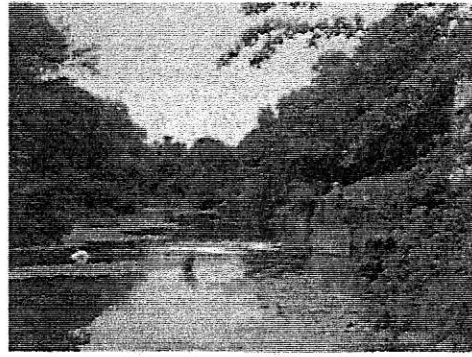
At all events, in the 18th century traffic problems were such that the Earl, George Greville, ("George the Improver") started in 1780 to build the fine single span new bridge some 300 yards up stream. It took him nearly 10 years to complete and he had to bear most of the cost himself.

When the building was completed and a new road to it constructed, the Earl shut off the old road and built the wall on the opposite side of Mill Street, as part of a large extension and improvement to the Castle grounds. Subsequently, part of the old bridge was deliberately demolished leaving only the present "romantic ruin".

### THE CASTLE MILLS

When the old bridge came into use, it was possible to dam the river and raise the water level above the former ford by some six feet, thus providing water power for two mills. A corn mill was built under the Castle wall and a cloth mill on the other bank, near the corner of Bridge End. Of the latter only the mill race remains. The water from it can be seen beyond the weir opposite, gushing into the river at the lower level. The original corn mill was probably a humble,

timber framed structure. It was replaced later by the present more imposing stone building. It continued to grind corn until the late 1800's when it was turned into a generating station to provide electricity for the Castle; its timberyard; and some of the cottages in Mill Street and Bridge End. This use was discontinued about 1945. As from April 2002 visitors to Warwick Castle can visit the newly restored Castle Mill.



### THE COTTAGE



The cottage too, is subject to a Preservation Order. It was formerly the Toll Cottage for the old bridge, and following the demolition of the latter, it continued, like many of the other cottages in the street to house Castle employees. The last of these was the Castle Blacksmith who left in 1938.

The remains of the original, very small, stone built, 14th century cottage are incorporated in the present building. In the 15th century it was extended to the present street frontage, together with two tiny

adjoining cottages (now a single dwelling). All three cottages were refaced in brick in the 18th century, the original timber frames having rotted.

The members who took part in the visit not only enjoyed this garden, but were also able to visit the garden of Lord Leycester's Hospital in Warwick town centre which was open on the same day. This is a charming garden for which the formal area is particularly worth a visit. We were fortunate to be in Warwick on one of the few days in the year when it is open to the public.

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## Coming Soon...

### Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on **Monday 6th October at 7.30pm in Whilton Village Hall**. The speaker for the evening will be Mr Billington and he will be talking about **'The Bog Garden'**.

### Outings

**The WGA will be visiting the 'The Menagerie' in Horton on Sunday, 28th September. We will be leaving from Whilton village green at 1.30. Admission fee is £3.50 for adults and £1.50 for children.** As usual this will be a self-drive event – although a number of us will be taking our own cars if you need a lift. Call Neil Phillips on 01327 844182 for further information.

**New members are always welcome, whether you are an expert or a complete novice – so come along to our next meeting or on our outing to the Menagerie.**

**Christine Phillips  
Secretary**



**On looking at the back numbers of Whilton Newsletter we found that there used to be input by Brington Primary School, Champion School and Whilton & Brington Pre-School on a regular basis. These young people are a very important part of our Parish.**

**Could we please have articles for publication as some residents are interested in reading about young people?**

**The Editors**

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*As the nights are 'pulling in' and the weather is getting colder, why not try the recipe below which is both healthy and warming which was suggested by a WI Member.*

***Warm winter fruit salad for 4***

*450 g/1lb mixed dried fruits such as prunes, apricots, figs, apples*

*15 ml/1 tablespoon Calvados or brandy*

*1.1 litres/2 pints cold Earl Grey tea*

*Water to cover*

*60ml/4 tablespoons orange juice*

*3 - 4 cloves*

*5ml/1 teaspoon concentrated apple juice*

*5cm/2 inch cinnamon stick*

*1.25 ml/1/4 teaspoon mixed spice*

*Pared rind of 1 lemon*

*1 star anise*

- Soak the mixed fruits in the Calvados or brandy and the tea and water overnight.*
- Pour the fruit into a saucepan, add the orange juice, cloves, apple juice, cinnamon, mixed spice, lemon rind and star anise.*
- Bring the liquid to the boil and let it simmer slowly until the fruit is soft (about 20 minutes.)*
- Remove the cloves, cinnamon, lemon rind and star anise.*
- Serve hot, although the salad tastes equally good cold.*

## SUMMARY OF EVENTS

Mon	6th	Oct	7.30 pm	WGA Meeting in village hall – “The Bog Garden” by Mr Billington
Tues	7th	Oct	9.10 am	Library Van in village
			6.15 pm	Meeting in Norton Village Hall – Daventry Expansion
Wed	8th	Oct	7.30 pm	WI Meeting in village hall – AGM
Sat	11th	Oct	TBN	Whilton Locks Clean Up – (watch noticeboard for times)
Tues	21st	Oct	9.10 am	Library Van in village
Sun	2nd	Nov	10.00 am	Benefice Sung Eucharist in St Andrew’s Church
Mon	3rd	Nov	8.00 pm	Parish Council Meeting in village hall
Tues	4th	Nov	9.10 am	Library Van in village
Wed	12th	Nov	7.30 pm	WI meeting in village hall – Parchment Craft Workshop
Tues	18th	Nov	9.10 am	Library Van in village
Sat	22nd	Nov	2.00 pm	Christmas Market in St Andrew’s Church

**Mon 24th Nov Newsletter Deadline - Please hand in your contributions by this date, at the very latest, preferably well before or otherwise we cannot guarantee they will be included in the next edition.**

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