

WHILTON NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2004

WHILTON NEWSLETTER TEN YEARS AGO

- * July Village Outing report on visit to Oxford City Botanical Gardens and Stonor Park near Henley.
- * Thursday 11th August refurbished bells installation complete and were rung for the first time
- * Report on Barn Dance held in July at Roughmoor, a very enjoyable occasion
- * Village Hall Halloween Party to be held on 29th October
- * WGA Speaker was gardener-in-charge at Canons Ashby House.
- * Buses to Daventry from Whilton on Tuesday and Fridays for the market.

WHILTON VILLAGE HALL

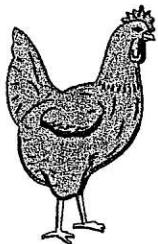
We have received a grant of £5,000 from Awards for All and are awaiting the result of an application made for a grant from Northampton County Council, the maximum amount will be £2,000.

With the balance held in our reserve account we will then be in a position to instruct the contractors to proceed with the refurbishment to the village hall toilets.



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THE MAIN ROADS THROUGH GREAT AND LITTLE BRINGTON WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED ON THE MORNING OF SUNDAY 17TH OCTOBER FOR THE CANCER RESEARCH RUN, RE-OPENING AFTER THE LAST RUNNERS HAVE GONE THROUGH. FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT WWW.CANCERRESEARCHUK.ORG/10

We regret to announce William (Bill) Emery passed away peacefully at Northampton General Hospital on Thursday 16th September 2004

Bill farmed in this village for many years and on his retirement moved to Long Buckby with his wife Marjorie. Our prayers and thoughts are with the family in their sad loss.

A full obituary will appear in the December Newsletter

PARISH MATTERS

THE PARISH COUNCIL

Whilton Parish Council met on Monday 13th September, and we are pleased to report that we now have a full Council. Jonathan Hanslip was co-opted at the meeting, which was attended by all the Councillors.

As a reminder your Parish Councillors are as follows:

Representing the Locks:

Chairman, Mike Lewis of 3 Whilton Locks Cottages
Penny Price of Windlass Cottage, Whilton Locks

Representing the Village:

Ken Bowers of Heritage, Brington Lane
Jonathan Hanslip of Rustlings, Brington Lane
Greg Lye of 1 Langton Rise
Nora Swinford of 1 South View
Andy Walton of Felines, Brington Lane.



I was welcomed to my first meeting as Clerk and I hope this article will give you some idea of the business covered.

The payments authorised by the meeting were for the clerk's salary, street lighting maintenance, churchyard mowing expenses, Village Hall rent and audit fees for the last year. The audit has now been completed with no issues raised.

PLANNING

Two planning applications were brought before the Council. There was a retrospective planning application (DA/2004/1057 for the two LPG gas tanks at Whilton Locks Garden Centre. After some discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council should respond that it opposed this application for the following reasons:

- i) the unattractive tanks overlook the Conservation Area
- ii) the Council was concerned about safety, since the fence on one side could easily be scaled.
- iii) the original plans for the Garden Centre had led the Council to believe that it would bring about an improvement of the area. These tanks were not in the original plans, and their siting in an area where they are visible is not in keeping with the original intention of the plans.

The other application (DA/2004/1190) was for a rear and side extension with alterations at Cottam in Main Street. After discussion the Council agreed to make no comments on this.

VILLAGE OF THE YEAR

We have been told that Whilton has reached the finals of this competition and Mike Lewis will be going to the presentation evening. Probably more will be known by the time this Newsletter is published.

THE LOCAL ENVIRONMENT

The maintenance of various aspects of the village took up a good part of the evening. Following the report on the trees at The Green, the Council is in the process of getting a few quotes for the work which needs to be done to keep them safe and attractive. This matter will be raised again in November when we hope to decide on a contractor for this task.



The deteriorating condition of the roads and the ineffective temporary nature of pothole repairs caused much discussion. Following a visit from a representative from NCC/Atkins, who deal with Highway repairs and resurfacing, the Parish Council is asking for a schedule of works planned for Whilton, which should include dealing with drainage problems at the railway bridge, clearing vegetation and rubbish and dealing with poor road surfaces.

Because of concern about the volume of traffic, the Parish Council carried out a traffic survey for two hours from 7.30 to 9.30 in the morning of 13 July. Vehicles were counted at three points, the Locks, the top of the village and at the pumping station at the bottom.

This showed the following :

Leaving bottom of the village	28 cars	4 lorries
Entering bottom of village	29 cars	7 lorries
Leaving top of village	81 cars	7 lorries
Entering top of village	25 cars	7 lorries
Entering Whilton Locks from A5	397 cars	20 lorries
Entering Whilton Locks from Whilton direction	383 cars	30 lorries

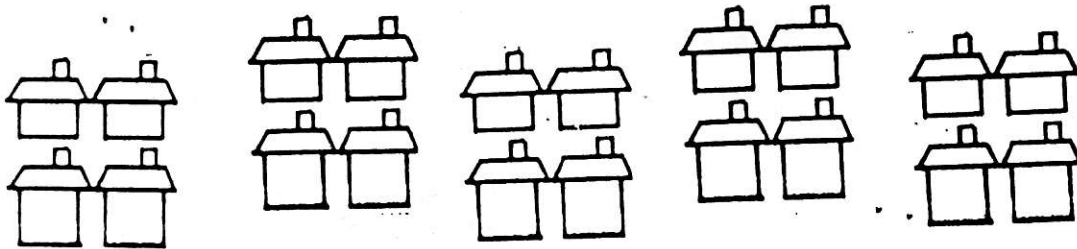


These results emphasize the quantity of the traffic, especially at the Locks and Mr Lewis is following up the possibility of requesting a 30 m.p.h. speed limit there. The number of people being asked for directions to the Mill may also be drawing attention to the need for a tourist/amenity brown sign for this site, which is attracting more traffic to this area.

Some of the tasks done in the village are undertaken by willing volunteers. These have included keeping an eye out for new potholes, noticing the conditions of stiles and the trees. However following concerns raised at the last meeting, that the Highways Warden might be held personally liable if he is seen as an agent acting for NCC/Atkins, the Clerk had asked for advice from NCC/Atkins. This has not yet been forthcoming. He also asked advice for NALC, who have sent us a legal opinion, which does not give clear advice. The Parish Council will continue to try to get a straight answer to this problem. Meanwhile it is clear the Parish Council's insurance covers parish volunteers for public liability.

URBAN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND RELATED MATTERS

Mr Lewis introduced a document produced by Croudace concerned with the way in which an environmental impact assessment will be done on the development of land on our side of Daventry, to provide 5000 homes housing 14000 people. This, he understands will form the basis of a submission to the DDC to incorporate this development into a structure plan. This is in addition to the proposed new "village", which will affect Norton.



Mr Lewis reported that the new target for the population of Daventry is no longer 20,000 by the year 2020, but 40,000. There is a separate article in this Newsletter about this very major development, which is bound to affect Whilton. The Parish Council considers that all villagers should be informed about this and may wish Whilton to have a voice in the consultation.

The next Parish Council will be on 1st November, when members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting

Anthea Hiscock
Clerk to the Parish Council.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Distraction burglaries cover a wide range of ways of gaining access to one's home and are especially directed towards the elderly. Over a period of time this has been highlighted and again remind you to be on guard against callers stating that they are officials – water, electricity, telephone, council etc. also tar macadam, roofing, guttering and tree maintenance 'experts'. Bona fide officials do not call uninvited at your home so PLEASE DO NOT LET THEM IN.

Recently a distraction burglary took place where one of the offenders was wearing what the victim described as a police jacket who said he was following up enquiries about a disturbance the

previous evening. He was invited in and sat down to talk. The victim heard a noise upstairs and realised there were two intruders going through drawers. The offenders all made off when they realised they had been tumbled. The victim should have requested sight of an identification card (warrant card) genuine police will show it on request and they will wait if you wish to phone the police to verify their identity.

Finally keep doors locked at all times if you are in another part of the house or garden and also windows on the ground floor which may be accessible without your knowing.

Derek Brown (Deputy Coordinator)

The Countryside Code



Be safe – plan ahead and follow any signs

Even when going out locally, it's best to get the latest information about where and when you can go; for example, your rights to go onto some areas of open land may be restricted while work is carried out, for safety reasons or during breeding seasons. Follow advice and local signs, and be prepared for the unexpected.

Leave gates and property as you find them

Please respect the working life of the countryside, as our actions can affect people's livelihoods, our heritage, and the safety and welfare of animals and ourselves.

Protect plants and animals, and take your litter home

We have a responsibility to protect our countryside now and for future generations, so make sure you don't harm animals, birds, plants, or trees.

Keep dogs under close control

The countryside is a great place to exercise dogs, but it's every owner's duty to make sure their dog is not a danger or nuisance to farm animals, wildlife or other people.

Consider other people

Showing consideration and respect for other people makes the countryside a pleasant environment for everyone – at home, at work and at leisure.

"The thing I enjoy about the countryside the most is the peace, quietness, space, fresh air... scenery. It's really beautiful."



www.countrysideaccess.gov.uk

Daventry's development

Daventry's plan is to increase the population to 40,000 and to achieve this it has been made a 'sub regional centre' and is creating an Urban Development Corporation- a quango, to 'control' this expansion. Its impact on our parish should not be underestimated, there are moves to put **5,000** houses in the space encompassed by the Norton road, Grand Union Canal, Daventry reservoir and reaching close to Norton and Thrupp Fields.

About **14,000** people will live there, a large proportion will want to work in Northampton and may take the back road. The UDC will have powers to control development outside their limits if it is to the benefit of people living inside the agreed boundary. Our village confines may not be as fixed as we would like, we may have to defend them. There is no Village Design Statement as supplementary planning guidance so I would urge everybody to take an interest in the future, be aware of all plans and support the initiatives to protect our village/parish from being overdeveloped. It is proposed to have a public meeting at the appropriate time for you to hear about the proposals and to question the planners/developers/opponents.



ROUGHMOOR SPINNEY



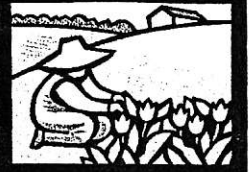
At the end of July 2004 following a 'mini tornado' in this area, a large section of an ash tree, in the picnic area, came down. We are grateful to Roy Haynes for taking on the job of dismantling this very large section and cutting down into smaller lengths and piling the brushwood for burning later in the year.

As mentioned in the August Newsletter there will be a working party on Sunday, 17th October 2004, 2.00pm to 4.00 pm. We shall be concentrating on maintenance work to the pond and also improving the pathways. Do come along and help with these very essential tasks at the same time benefiting from fresh air and exercise. We suggest that wellies be worn and please bring a spade and/or rake.

Management Committee



WHILTON GARDENERS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



Whilton Gardens on Show

Our meeting in August provided an opportunity for the members of the Whilton Gardeners' Association to explore and enjoy some of the beautiful gardens in Whilton. We started off at The Coach House with its gravel courtyard, lake and badger sett. Many members were also taken by the pleached hedge which Liz Church has recently created and which is now starting to take shape.

We then visited the garden at Cottam which has been extensively planted in a cottage style by Christine Phillips. The plants which attracted particular interest were: the grass collection, the mistletoe and the Purple Millet. Christine has collected seeds from the millet and will be hoping for some young plants next season.

The last garden visited was that of Jo and Phil Grant at Westcombe House, Manor Lane. Here, the herbaceous borders looked particularly attractive. Phil extended his garden a few years ago and the planting now looks mature and well integrated with original plot.

We finished the evening with wine and nibbles and a raffle. Many thanks to Jo and Phil for preparing and hosting the refreshments.

The WGA visit Birmingham Botanical Gardens



A group of WGA members visited the Birmingham Botanical Gardens on Sunday 12th September. The gardens proved quite a surprise to everyone who visited as they are located close to Birmingham City Centre, but are a haven of tranquility in what is a crowded modern city.

The gardens, which were opened in 1832, are set in 18 acres and contain hot houses, lawns, a bandstand and many small gardens. One of the most interesting was the Cottage & Garden, situated in a quiet enclosure behind the playground. It is a red-brick cottage which provides a natural setting for a collection of old favourite plants reminiscent of the cottage gardens of the last century.

We also had the opportunity to view a series of BBC Show Gardens which provided inspiration, as well as the national collection of Bonsai.

Finally, no trip by the WGA would be complete without a few purchases of plants. We were fortunate on the day we visited to have an extensive range of plants on offer from local nurseries.

Coming Soon...

Next Meeting - Monday 4th October at 7.30pm in Whilton Village Hall

Our next lecture will feature a talk entitled '100 Years of Gardening' from Nicholas Warliker. This should prove to be a highly entertaining and informing lecture. As usual the talk is open to non-members.

If you want to join the Whilton Gardener's Association, please contact **Christine Phillips on 844182** for more details. We arrange a series of lectures, visits and social events every year – so come and join and find out how to get the best from your garden.

Neil Phillips, Secretary, WGA

CHURCH MATTERS

***Our Rector - Rev Chris Goble works from Brington Rectory and can be contacted on 01604 774042
or E-mail chris@spencerbenefice.freeserve.co.uk***

If you were in charge of the world, what sort of world would you want to create? Would it be a world where you forced people to be loving? Would you seek to stamp out hunger and poverty, homelessness and need? What changes would you make?

The reality is that all of us have some control over these things. All of us decide on what our money goes on, and that can be determinate in our world. Do we support companies that employ young children in third world for a pittance?, and do we care enough to find out? Do we buy fair trade bananas, more expensive than others, which give a fair wage to the growers.

When God created this world, he gave it enough resources and enough food to sustain us all. What he didn't do was turn us into robots to slavishly follow some instructions. What he desires is that we become sons and daughters of him, and enter into relationship with him, and for us to desire enough to make a difference in our world.

During the next weeks we spend rather a lot of time remembering. On 6th November we meet together as a Benefice at Church Brampton church at 10.30am for a special Memorial service, to remember loved ones who have died. If there are particular people you would like to remember, please let me know (contact details at the end of this piece). On 12th November at 7.30pm we have a Remembrance service at Brington church, and then on 14th at 6.00pm in St Andrew's we hold our special Remembrance Sunday service. All this remembering - what is the point? Surely it has passed and is gone. The act of Remembrance can actually be to focus on the people we are and the times we have been through, either individually or corporately. It is these people that we remember that have helped to form us, as a nation, as a community, as individuals. It is not purely reflecting on our history, but affirming who we are, the journeys that we have come through. God is with us on our journey, and longs for us to invite Him to be our companion.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday 3rd October- 2.30 pm –_Bring your pet to this special Pet Blessing Service.



Sunday 12th December – 4.00 pm – Christingle_– The money raised from this service goes towards helping needy children – this year especially for those suffering from bullying.

Sunday 19th December- 6.00 pm – CAROL SERVICE

CHRISTMAS DAY- 9.15 am – Family Holy Communion

SERVICES FOR ST ANDREW'S CHURCH WHILTON

OCTOBER 2004

3 RD	8.00 AM	HOLY COMMUNION 1662
	2.30 PM	PET SERVICE
10 TH	11.00 AM	FAMILY SERVICE
17 TH	9.15 AM	SUNG EUCHARIST
24 TH	6.00 PM	EVENSONG
31 ST	11.00 AM	SUNG EUCHARIST AT <u>NORTON</u>

NOVEMBER 2004

7 TH	10.00 AM	<i>BENEFICE SUNG EUCHARIST AT NORTON</i>
14 TH	6.00 PM	REMEMBRANCE SERVICE
21 ST	9.15 AM	SUNG EUCHARIST
28 TH	11.00 AM	PATRONAL FAMILY SERVICE

CONGRATULATIONS



to ANTONIA and MARCUS ROSKILL on the birth of their son HENRY GEORGE WENT WORTH

CONGRATULATIONS



to VIKKI and ANDY FRY on the(early) birth of their son BARNEY, a brother for PARIS

CONGRATULATIONS



on the MARRIAGE OF PETER EYTON-JONES to ANGELA TAYLOR on 14TH AUGUST 2004 at ST ANDREWS, WHILTON

MODERN LANGUAGE

The editors have observed, that over the last twenty years or so, new expressions have come into over-use in our everyday spoken language, and we have listed some of them and wonder whether anyone can add to the list

- *At this moment in time.*
- *The 'wow' factor*
- *Up to speed*
- *I see where you're coming from*
- *Touch base*
- *Put in 110% (or more) effort*

WHILTON VILLAGE HALL 200 CLUB

JULY

1 st Prize	063	M Valentine	£40
2 nd Prize	173	F Drake	£20
3 rd Prize	043	R Hawkins	£10

AUGUST

1 st Prize	084	T Treacy	£40
2 nd Prize	035	P Waights	£20
3 rd Prize	159	M Kane	£10

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE WINNERS



EAST MIDLANDS IN BLOOM



This year the award ceremony was held in Dronfield, Derbyshire on 8th September. Whilton was represented by Christine Phillips (Whilton Gardeners' Association) and Anthea Hiscock (Whilton Parish Council).

The competition covers the counties of Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire, Leicestershire, Rutland and Northamptonshire. There are various classifications according to the population and Whilton was entered in the small village class.

This year the structure of awards has been changed to RHS standard and although not placed in the first three, we did win a Silver Medal Certificate with 136 points. Skillington (Lincs) won the Gold with 171 points, winning for the second year running. We now need to aim for a Silver Gilt or even Gold.

As the award is presented, a photo of that village is shown on a screen and the judges' choice for Whilton was the planted display by the sign at the top of the village (congratulations to Mary Emery who plants and tends the box).

In their report, the judges George Slinger and Dick Symonds state that "Whilton has enthusiastic residents, all seemingly willing to play their part" and that "Whilton can boast very clean and tidy streets, a beautiful church and churchyard, Flower Festival each year and a fund-raising garden crawl (Open Gardens), the hanging basket competition has been extended with separate classes for tubs and window boxes and nearly all residents take part or are involved in some way"

They concluded their report by saying "a very nice presentation by two ladies of the village (Gill Denbigh and Janet Bowers)". WELL DONE WHILTON.

Janet Bowers Co-ordinator

WHILTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE MEETING - 8TH SEPTEMBER 2004

Last year, when we held a dinner to promote Free Trade in aid of a charity and a small amount for our own funds, the evening was very successful. However it was disappointing that this year's event (for the Heart Foundation) had to be cancelled for lack of support from the village.

We began to cheer up when Trudy Haynes told us that Betty Pride would be 94 in a few days time. She and her sister Freda lived in Whilton all their lives but they had to move into a residential home in Daventry. We sent Betty a card and our best wishes. The Ros Gardner said that September was in fact Frances Drake's birthday so we all sang 'Happy Birthday to you'. It will of course be a few years yet before Frances too is 94.

The best part of the evening was the talk and video given by Mrs Freeman and her husband on 'Venice and the Orient Express'. It was most interesting and informative and we enjoyed it very much.

The evening concluded with welcome refreshments and the raffle was won by Shirley Brown.

Diana Scott.

The Wanderer of Buckby Lane



Henny-Penny Gardner was a happy brown hen
She lived in a paddock with a donkey as a friend.
She rushed to greet all visitors and listened to their talk
Of places in the village, so she thought she'd take a walk

She found a way of getting out (in the field there were no locks)
She was so determined and didn't fear the fox
She went to the allotments to see the veggies grow
And met both Don and Alice who tried to make her go.

Even though she loved her trips, an egg at home she laid
Before setting out and venturing - she ensured her duty paid
Going out and meeting people was what she liked to do
She even ventured once to where there was a barbeque!!

Her trips gave her such pleasure that she had to go again
She planned another route this day as she toddled up the lane
Being like a Rambler, with the 'freedom to roam'
She ended up at Sira - Beryl's & Bryan's home
Ros & Jim then claimed her and took back this time
Her escape route is now blocked so this sadly ends my rhyme

Anon

You will not get benefit if you have savings over £16,000.

How is the benefit paid?

We pay Housing Benefit to council tenants by reducing the amount of rent you pay each week.

We pay Housing Benefit to private tenants by cheque direct to you or your landlord, usually every four weeks.

Council Tax Benefit

We pay this by taking it off your bill.

If you have sent us all the information we need to work out your Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit, we will make sure that we pay your benefit quickly, within four days if possible.

For independent advice, contact Welfare Rights on 01327 701630 or Citizens Advice on 01327 706464.

Customers with special needs.

If you ask us, you can get information in Braille, on tape, in large print and in community languages.

People with hearing difficulties can contact us using a textphone. The textphone number is 01327 312844.

A loop system is also available in the interview rooms and cash office.

If you want more information, please contact:

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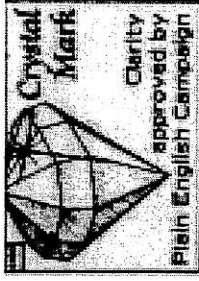
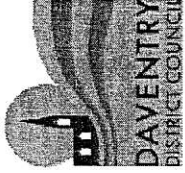
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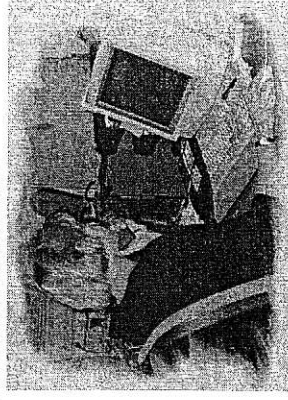
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What Is Housing Benefit ?



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INVESTOR IN PEOPLE



What is Housing Benefit?

Housing Benefit helps to pay your rent if you are on a low income.

Council tenants

If you rent your home from us, you may qualify for Housing Benefit.

Private tenants

We will help by giving you benefit if: you rent your home from a private landlord or housing association; you are a boarder, or lodger; or you live in a hostel.

What is Council Tax Benefit?

Council Tax Benefit is a reduction on your Council Tax bill if you are on a low income. You may qualify for Second Adult Rebate, depending on the financial and personal details of the adults in your home.

What about my savings?

We will ignore savings if they are under £3,000 (£6,000 for pensioners). If you have savings between £3,000 and £16,000, we will work out your benefits by assuming that you have an extra £1 of income every week for every £250 of savings you have (£500 for pensioners)

Here are some examples

You have savings of £3,250

You have £1 extra income a week

You have savings of £3,500

You have £2 extra income a week.

You have savings of £5,000

You have £8 extra income a week.

You have savings of £16,000

You cannot get Council Tax Benefit.

How do I apply?

You should apply for Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit now. You can get an application form from the Benefit Section at Daventry District Council.

Couples who live together need to make a joint claim.

If you receive Income

Support or Jobseeker's Allowance (income based),

you may qualify for the maximum Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit. You must fill in our form and send it back to us.

How much will I get?

The amount of benefit you get will depend on your personal and financial circumstances.

You may get extra benefits if you are a pensioner, have children or are disabled.

Opening hours

8.30am to 5pm Monday to Thursday

8.30am to 4.30pm on Fridays

You can arrange appointments outside these hours. You do not need to make an appointment during normal office hours. However you should make an appointment if you want to see us at a specific time.

For independent advice, contact Welfare Rights on 01327 701630 or the Citizens Advice on 01327 706464

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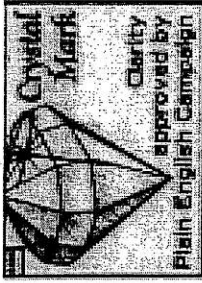
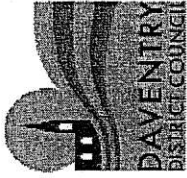
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Single Person Discounts



SUMMARY OF EVENTS

Sun	3rd	Oct	2.30 pm	Pet Blessing Service at St Andrews Whilton
Mon	4th	Oct	7.30 pm	Whilton Gardeners' Association – Talk by Nicholas Warliker (VH)
Tues	5th	Oct	9.10 am	Library Van in village outside The Old Plough
Wed	13th	Oct	7.30 pm	WI Annual General Meeting (VH)
Sun	17th	Oct	2.00 pm	Spinney Working Party
Tues	19th	Oct	9.10 am	Library Van in village outside The Old Plough
Mon	1 st	Nov	8.00 pm	Parish Council Meeting in Village Hall
Tues	2nd	Nov	9.10 am	Library Van in village outside The Old Plough
Sun	14 th	Nov	6.00 pm	Remembrance Service in St Andrews Church
Wed	10 th	Nov	7.30 pm	WI – Ideas for Christmas in the village hall
Tues	16th	Nov	9.10 am	Library Van in village outside The Old Plough
Mon	22nd	Nov		<u>Newsletter Deadline</u> – Please hand in your contribution well before this date or otherwise we cannot guarantee it will be included in the next edition.
Tues	30 th	Nov	9.10 am	Library Van in village outside The Old Plough

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We are always pleased to receive additional contributions from people who do not normally have an input, especially children. Please supply a disk with your contribution if possible so that we can manipulate the text to fit if necessary. If you do not have a PC or typewriter the editors will type the articles as we have always done in the past.

Articles of local interest, poems, recipes, puzzles or drawings will always be considered for inclusion in the Newsletter.

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