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NEWSLETTER

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Ed's Notes

Well here it is - our first and hopefully, not only, Whilton Newsletter of 1987! In the hope that the newsletter will be welcomed by everyone - please let us have all your contributions in good time for the next issue - we need all the help and support we can get. The aim is to produce a bi-monthly issue so anyone with good ideas please come forward. If anyone is able to offer the use of equipment for reproduction of the newsletter this would be a great help.

October is well upon us now, cold winds and dark mornings! Don't forget to put your clocks back on Sunday 25th. Not many shopping days to Christmas either (lots of Xmas ideas please for next issue). Did you see what was on sale at a local supermarket last week?

Hot Cross Buns!:

In a more seasonal tone,

Happy Halloween

Eds-

All contributions for next issue to be in by Friday November 20th to a member of the "Production Team"

Mr. Jim Gardner  
Mr. Harold Haynes  
Mrs. Trudy Haynes  
Mrs. Anne Healey  
Mrs. Joyce Coles

### Whilton Badminton Club

Whilton Badminton Club has two courts at Duston Upper School between 7.30-9.30 pm on a Friday night.

We are a mixed ability club and although we enjoy a good game we are not so serious that we don't enjoy ourselves. Most of our members are from Whilton but we would accept members who don't live in the parish.

Please come and have a game or telephone Mr. A. Fallows on L.B. 842887 for further details.

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### Whilton Women's Institute

Whilton has a small and friendly W.I., whilst we are not a very formal Institute we do live up to the general objectives which is to provide an educational and social organisation for country women.

Our meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month in the village hall, starting at 7.30 pm. The format of the evening is 7.30-8.00 pm business, 8.00-9.00 pm a talk followed by refreshments.

Members benefit also as they are eligible to attend Danham College, the W.I.'s college of further education in Oxfordshire, which run many weekly and weekend courses throughout the year. Locally we are fortunate to have Miss D. Scott who tirelessly arranges day trips to places of interest.

Our programme for the remainder of this year is:

- October - Annual General Meeting
- November - "Tea Towels"
- December - "Members' Night"

We are always happy to welcome visitors and new members. All age groups are represented. Newcomers are welcome to attend two meetings before making up their minds whether or not to join.

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### Pet the Bird

One day when I was feeding the birds, I saw a different bird. It had a pink tail and face, blue wings and a purple tummy. I said to myself that is funny, I have never seen that bird before. I caught the bird and took it to Mummy. Mummy said it must be a bird from Africa because that is the only one in the whole world. I said to Mummy can I keep it there was a silence, then Mummy said as you have found it, yes you can. I said to Mummy I am going to call it pet and I lived happily ever after.

Jennifer Houghton

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### The Whilton Gardeners' Association

The AGM of the Whilton Gardeners' Association was held at the village hall on Monday 5th October.

The meeting, which was attended by 19 members, was chaired by Miss Drake who welcomed the gathering and proceeded to thank the retiring secretary Mrs. Lofley for her efforts during the past year. She went on to express appreciation to all members of the committee and sub-committees for their work and efforts, in particular Mrs. Shovelton for her willingness to take over the Treasurers duties at short notice when Mrs. Colton left the village. Thanks were expressed to Miss Drake for her work as Chairperson for the past year. Miss Drake then announced the Horticultural awards won at the village fête. Mr. Don Welch was presented with the Tankard for highest points in the show. Mr. Jack Wright received the cup for best exhibit in the show.

It was reported that outings to Coton Manor to see the bluebells in the spring and to the organic gardens at Ryton were a great success. Later in the season a visit to the steep but very beautiful garden at Kiftsgate Court, with its unusual plants and the ever popular evening spent visiting members gardens, were enjoyed by all who joined in these outings.

The membership subscription for the coming year was unchanged at £1.50 per person or £2.50 per couple and members were urged to pay the fees promptly in order that they would be included in the seed catalogue list which was due shortly.

The programme committee told us that next year's meetings were mostly in hand and should prove to be very interesting. In August we would be joining with the long established Harpole Gardeners' Association for a Gardeners' Question Time.

The committee was duly elected and Miss Drake agreed to continue as Chairperson. Mrs. Shovelton, Mr. Wright, Mr. Barnes and Mr. Morris were re-elected and also elected onto the committee were Mr. Welch and Mrs. Hall.

Unanimous agreement was reached that some kind of memorial be made to Mrs. Freda Adams, perhaps in the form of a tree. She had, for many years, gladly spent a great deal of time helping the various organisations in the village and her presence would be greatly missed at the meetings and around the village.

The AGM was then concluded and a most enjoyable wine tasting followed. Several members brought home made wine to taste along with home grown apples, pears, grapes, plums, tomatoes etc. A number of excellent vegetables were on display and a magnificent array of dahlias, filling members with admiration.

The next meeting of the Whilton Gardeners' Association will be on Monday December 7th at 7.30 pm in the village hall, when a talk on Herbs and Fragrant plants will be given by Mr. Barton.

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## Parish Council Notes

It is hoped that this will be the start of regular reports on parish council affairs which we hope will be of interest to parishioners.

Parish Council meetings are held on the second Monday of alternate months - the next meeting being on Monday, 9th November, at 8.00pm. These meetings are open to the general public and are advertised on the notice board at least five days prior to the meeting. Although members of the public may attend they are not allowed to take part in the business of the meeting (although the chairman would usually adjourn the meeting and ask for relevant comments before re-convening to discuss the agenda item). Any points you feel should be raised at a parish council meeting should, ideally, be notified to the clerk at least five working days prior to the next meeting in order that they may be put on the agenda.

The present members of the parish council (until elections next year) are :-

Mr. H. Haynes	-	Chairman
Mr. J. Gardner	-	Vice-Chairman
Mr. W. Adams		
Mr. P. Bilsborough		
Mr. K. Bowers		
Mr. H. Clements		
Mr. M. Lewis		

Mrs. G. Houghton is parish council clerk.

Matters discussed at the last meeting were, briefly:-

- \*Improvements to street lighting.
- Improvements to the notice board.
- Pavement and road repairs within the parish.
- Dumping of builder's rubbish within the parish.
- Road signs "Please drive slowly".
- Allotment vacancy.

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Bulb planting on village green.

Planning matters (the parish council is always asked by Daventry District Council for comments on planning matters within the parish.) Application has been made for :- Proposed building plot at the rear of Stone House. Erection of two dwellings at the rear of Holly House.

Approval has been given for :? A single building plot at The Old Cottage. Renovations to The Thatched Cottage.

Permission has been refused for :- Display and sale of garden sheds at Bryant's Windows premises at Whilton Locks.

\* At the last meeting a representative of E.M.E.B. came to talk to the parish council and give advice on street lighting. The council has to decide whether or not to try to improve the present standard of lighting by changing to a different type of lamp and/or increasing the number of lamps.

At present the village has 7x100 watt tungsten lamps and 1x80 watt mercury. The latter is the one opposite Langton Rise which, as you will have noticed, gives a much better light than the tungsten lamps. We are told that the most efficient and economical lamps are the 35 watt, low pressure, sodium lamps, (the type that burn an orange colour). One big advantage with these lamps is that they come on automatically as it gets dark. They can be set to operate for as long as desired.

The capital cost to change to this type, or to the mercury lamps, is £88.00 per lamp so, if it were decided to change all the lamps over a two year period, the cost would be about £350.00 per year, the product of a penny rate, approximately.

Parish councillors would be pleased to hear your views about the present standard of lighting and about the cost of improving it.

## P A R I S H C H U R C H

Sundays: 1st & 3rd 6pm Sung Eucharist  
2nd & 5th 6pm Evening Prayer (sung), followed by The Communion  
4th 9.30am Family Service, followed by The Communion

Sunday School: 1st & 3rd at 10.30 in the church.

Friday, 16th October, 7.30pm, "Bites & Beverages" at The Old Plough,  
(courtesy of Mr. & Mrs. H. Haynes) Tickets £1.50 (Organ fund)

Fridays 23rd & 30th Oct. "House group" at the Rectory, Gt. Brington,  
7.30pm. All welcome.

Sat. 14th November. Brington Bazaar, 2.30pm at the School, It. Br.

Much gratitude is expressed to all who helped to make our Harvest Service and Supper such happy events. We are obliged to donors of gifts & flowers and those who arranged them; the kind "labourers" who did so much work for the Supper. As a result of much generosity - in provision of goodies for the supper and in the following auction - a total of £139.15 has been credited to Church funds.

Readers are reminded of our Sunday School and time given by our teachers to do this work. Parents please encourage your children to join - surely growing youngsters need all the help they can get these days!

Choir We are always looking for new members for our church choir - one of the few occupations left in life where an 'O' level is not required (not even in R.E.)

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From the Rector's notes in the Church magazine for August 1897:-

"On Tuesday, July 13th, at 3.30pm, a service was held in the Parish Church to dedicate the new organ. The Very Rev. W.C. Ingram, DD., Dean of Peterborough, preached from Ps. LXX1, v. 20 - "Therefore will I praise



Thee and Thy faithfulness, O God, playing upon an instrument of music".

The church was well filled and many friends and clergy from the neighbouring villages were present. The service was taken by the Rector and the Rev. R.A. Parsons, Vicar of Long Buckby, and the lesson was read by the Rev. A.O. James, Rector of Bugbrooke. Mr. W.H. Jude, of Liverpool, played, and all present had a real musical treat. I am sure we are all looking forward with the greatest pleasure to the visit which he has promised to pay us in August. The organ, Mr. Jude says, is a very fine instrument and its stops are chaste and artistic in tone, especially the principal on the swell and the suabe flute on the great, which are very brilliant. The choir are to be congratulated; their rendering of Caleb Simper's anthem, "They shall mount up on wings as eagles", was very good.

The organ is given in memory of the Rev. John Rose, a former Rector, and his sister, Miss C. Rose."

You will see from that extract from an old magazine that the church organ has now been in use for ninety years! During that time its music has regularly enriched the worship at Sunday services, the great Festivals of the Church and, of course, at countless baptisms, weddings and funerals.

In those ninety years the organ has never had a major overhaul but now, alas, the time has come when one is needed. About £3,000 has to be raised to pay for this work so it is hoped that everyone will give generously to any fund-raising events organized for this purpose.

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STOP PRESS - Post Office . We have just heard that the P.O. authorities propose to cut down the length of time that the village post office is to be open after it changes hands in the near future. Apparently it is proposed that it shall open on Thursday mornings, only.

The parish council will discuss this at the next meeting. Please let one of the members know your views.