



# WHILTON NEWSLETTER

September 1988

## Ed's Notes

It certainly does not seem a year since we published the first of this series of the Whilton Newsletter so we hope you have enjoyed reading it.

For our next issue we would like to make this a really Bumper Christmas one so please send us in any recipe ideas with a Christmas flavour, some artistic hints for decorations would be appreciated, and what about the younger members in the village producing a Christmas quiz?

Summer is nearly over in case this hasn't been noticed, so don't forget to put your clocks back one hour when you go to bed on Saturday 22nd October.

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## Parish Council

A meeting of the Parish Council was held by torchlight (due to a power cut) on Monday 5th September.

Among items discussed were the following:

"Children Playing" signs - Northampton County Council said that we cannot have the official signs as we do not have a school or playground in the village! However they would look into the possibility of other suitable signs.

Telephone Kiosk - Daventry District Council has recommended that Whilton Telephone kiosk be retained rather than replaced by the modern type. English Heritage did not agree with this in their recommendations to British Telecom and D.D.C. are therefore contesting this.

Tidy Village Competition - The Council has been informed that Whilton has reached the final of one of the best kept village/churchyard competitions.

Snow clearing and gritting 1988/89 - Mr. Clements kindly agreed to continue to act as Whilton's link with the Northampton County Council.

### Planning Applications

Kingston Lodge extension - no comment.

Ashridge, Langton Rise extension - no comment.

Garden Centre, Whilton Locks - this application has been refused. However, the Clerk was asked to write to D.D.C. informing them that the business was still continuing to trade and appeared to be increasing in size. They had also erected roadside signs on the A5 and outside the premises.

Jim Gardner

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## Country Ramble

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Members of Whilton W.I. in their quest for fund raising events chose to organise a family ramble around some of the local footpaths in the area.

On the 10th of August several of the more adventurous villagers turned up at the village hall in the early evening prepared for anything - and we needed to be!

The ramble took the form of a route described with clues to assist direction and to exercise the mind as well as the body.

Off we set, the first clue being "What is unusual about the church clock"? The clock showed 6.30 which was the correct time, that was unusual in itself but the answer which eluded most was that there are only 48 minutes on the dial.

Basking in what seemed to be the only fine evening of the summer we continued onwards to the start of the first footpath. At the stile there was a certain amount of hesitation, this was caused by a couple of huge horses that found great amusement in standing with their heads so close that nobody could negotiate the obstacle. Eventually one brave Rambler pushed past the horses and rest of us followed very quickly behind. The next stile proved similar but to our relief the horses were much smaller and so with a relaxed mood we ventured on, the mood soon changed however when one gleeful youth informed us that the horses tend to bite intruders. On to the next field looking for breed of cattle, we didn't need to look far. From the far side of the field a great herd came thundering across to where we were walking/running. No one seemed to care how many breeds there were, but we noticed that they all appeared to have large sharp horns.

After this initial excitement and when the heart rate slowed a bit we squeezed through a broken gate on a bridge and began walking up the side of a cereal field. This proved only just passable as we weren't issued with a machete. Ramblers now settled into clue gathering looking for different types of cereal, counting radio masts and generally enjoying being out in the sunshine.

Once back onto easier walking on the homeward leg and having a stab at most of the clues on this part of the walk, we could look back across the fields to see where we had been and have a quiet chuckle at some tail enders who were still struggling with the beasts or the corn.

One light hearted moment along the bridle road that leads to the Brington Road was disturbing a courting couple who thought they had chosen a very quiet lane, only to have about forty people and a couple of dogs parade past.

Nearing home now and only two more fields to negotiate. A simple task you may think, and so did we, but we hadn't counted on waist high thistles and a flock of very friendly sheep, but we arrived safely back at the village hall.

The walk took about two hours which felt plenty long enough and we were ready for the refreshments that had been donated by W.I. members. The tea and soft drinks were served by Mrs. Haynes and Mrs. Waights who probably volunteered for this duty to get out of walking, they must have known what was in store!

The winners of the competition were Lynn Heeley for the children who managed to pluck a pigeon on the way round, and Janet Bowers for the adult section. £15 was raised for W.I. funds.

To put our minds at rest, Jim Gardner acted as sweeper to make sure everyone who started was accounted for and he confirmed that as he walked past them, the courting couple decided to call it a day and go home!

All in all it turned out to be a very pleasant family evening enjoyed by all who participated. Many thanks to the organisers Ros Gardner and Gill Houghton.

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### Parish Church

Sunday Services:                   1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th                   at 6.00pm  
   4th (Family Service)                   at 9.30am

Sunday School:                   1st and 3rd Sundays                   at 10.30am

At the last P.C.C. meeting the decision was reluctantly taken that, in view of comments from both police and insurance representatives, the church building must be locked when not in use. (The Church is of course never locked!) At Whilton we have been a long time coming into line with what must be the great majority of churches in Northamptonshire and it is much regretted that this sign of the times and society at large should have come to us.

The Organ re-build is proceeding apace. Part-payments have naturally been made but there will be a day of final reckoning. We are so grateful for all the support we have had, but must hope that this will continue as other events take place so that the account be decently cleared.

A "Mothers and Toddlers" group meets at Brington Church on Tuesdays at 2.15pm and afterwards at the Rectory. All welcome.

An open group will meet to view and discuss the David Watson video "Jesus Then and Now" in houses, more or less fortnightly on Wednesdays at 7.45pm beginning 21st September at the Rectory, Gt. Brington. On alternate Wednesdays there is a Bible discussion group at the Baptist Church Lt. Brington. This enterprise is together with our Baptist friends. All are welcome at any time - but check venue with Fr. Norman (or see Church Notices).

Standing Comm.                   2nd Nov.  
 P.C.C.                               11th November.  
 Remembrance Sunday Service   13th November   6.00pm  
 Brington Bazaar   Saturday   19th November at the School.  
 Deanery Advent Carols Service at Daventry Parish Church Sunday 27th November 6.00pm (Collection for "Family Care")  
 Feast of St. Andrew the Apostle (our Feast of Title) Wednesday 30th November Sung Eucharist at 7.30pm.

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Our Harvest Thanksgiving Service is on Sunday 25th September at 6.00pm. NOTE Although this is the 4th Sunday, there is no morning service (The Service is not a Communicating Service but the Communion is available at Brington at 8.00am or Norton at 11.30am). Tokens of Thanksgiving may be brought to Church on the Saturday for arranging or just added on the Sunday. Harvest Supper Monday 26th September at 7.30pm Tickets £2. Followed by the auction of produce.

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4. **Best Kept Village Competition**

It came as a surprise when Mrs. Gill Houghton, Clerk to the Parish Council, received a letter congratulating Whilton on reaching the final of one of this year's competitions and inviting the Council to send two representatives to the prizegiving at Litchborough Hall, the home of Mr. A.R. Heygate, on Wednesday 14th September.

Mr. Horace Clements and I went along to represent the Parish Council, wondering if we might possibly be bringing back the cup for the Best Kept Village in Class 1 of the Competition or the shield for the Best Kept Churchyard. In the event it was neither! We did not come back empty handed, however, since we were awarded a certificate as "The most improved village in Daventry (South) area", together with a cheque for £25.

On behalf of the Parish Council may I thank everyone for their co-operation in helping to achieve this success. It was in 1985 that we last received an award so it is very encouraging to be among the prizewinners again. Perhaps we can do even better next year!

Harold Haynes

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**BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION**

Sponsored by Calor Gas Ltd.

This is to certify that Whilton  
has been awarded Most Improved Daventry (S)

in the 1988 Best Kept Village Competition

Signed Richard Cockram

**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE RURAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

# Village Fete

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September 3rd - Fete Day - blue skies and sunshine, what a treat, after the wind and rain of the previous days in which the marquees only just about stayed up.

First signs of activity were the exhibitors hurrying to and fro with their exhibits of vegetables, flowers, home products and crafts. These arranged on the show benches, they then awaited the judges decisions.

During the afternoon displays of Folk Dancing, Gymnastics and Fencing took place while the bargain hunters did the rounds of the stalls.

The day finished with a barn dance and barbeque in the evening.

The results of the day are as follows: GROSS TAKINGS:

Books	£ 78.11	Skittles	£ 26.15
Bottle Gamble	£ 63.95	Welly Throwing	£ 18.20
Cakes	£152.40	Whisky Bottle	£ 6.83
Handicrafts	£ 57.28	Smells	£ 4.20
Plants	£ 61.61	Produce	£ 20.92
Show entries	) £ 7.10	Darts	) £ 16.95
Photographs/	)	Football	)
paintings	)	Tombola	£114.40
Toys	£ 30.00	White Elephant	£ 58.30
Ice Cream	£ 44.82	Refreshments	£114.10
Grand Draw	£265.60	Evening	£242.30
Auction	£ 20.90	China Smashing	£100.35
Gate	£ 64.78	Donations	£ 30.70

GROSS TOTAL £1599.95

There are of course some expenses to be taken off some of these stalls plus the major items of expenses i.e. marquees, entertainers etc.

The Fete Committee meet shortly to finalise these and to discuss the Fete as a whole - good and bad points - and to distribute the amounts due to the appropriate organisations (listed in the next issue of the Newsletter).

May we, the Fete Committee, take this opportunity to thank the Emery family for the use of the field Wadd Close.

Janet Bowers

P.S. Found after Fete - 1 Bowler Hat  
1 Square blue tray  
Both temporarily residing at "Heritage"

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## Attention

All Witches and Warlocks

There will be a Halloween Party,  
to be held in Whilton Village Hall.  
Date 29th October - Family evening  
Fancy dress optional - prize for best.  
Refreshments - witches brew - entertainments - competitions.  
Proceeds in aid of Village Hall damp proofing.

Mary Kane

## Water Pollution

### Are you concerned?

Mr. Bob Markall from Anglian Water will be speaking on water pollution, including the problem of nitrates, in the Village Hall on Wednesday 12th October at 8.15pm.

This meeting has been arranged by Whilton W.I. and will follow the A.G.M. for W.I. members at 7.15pm.

All (including men) are welcome to the public meeting at 8.15pm to be followed by refreshments.

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## Whilton Fruit, Flower and Vegetable Show

There is something very satisfying about the sight and smell of well grown vegetables particularly where they are enhanced by beautiful flowers. Plates of homely potatoes, monster onions, tender beans and carrots and vivid tomatoes - all draw us to admire and wonder.

Despite being a very small village Whilton always manages to produce a very high standard of exhibits and we have been congratulated by the judge in the past on the quality of the display. This year was no exception and it was very pleasant to see not only the excellence of the produce but the care that had been taken in presenting it. Onions and shallots are very fiddly to do but the results paid for the trouble. Whilst some of our number are very gifted gardeners and always do well, it was also nice to see a fair spread of winners and newcomers being successful. We hope that they will be encouraged to enter again and win further prizes and that others will join in making the show even more successful.

The Gardener's Association Prize Tankard was won for the second year running by Mr. Don Welch with Mr. Harold Haynes second. Mr. Maurice Clements and Mrs. Janet Bowers were next in line. The Whilton Fete Cup for the best individual exhibit was won by Mr. Harold Haynes for his collection of vegetables, but special mention of Mrs. Moses' gladioli was made by the judge. Congratulations to all of them in their success and thanks to the other contributors who gave us so much pleasure by their exhibits particularly the very beautiful flowers.

Francis Drake

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## Whilton Playgroup

The Playgroup has just begun its new term and despite the departure of ten children who started school this autumn, we have ten children on the register at the beginning of the year. We meet on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings in the Village Hall.

We are always glad to receive cartons, pots, paper, toys and books and I would like to thank all who have left bags and boxes of useful items on my doorstep. We do make use of these bits and pieces and this term we shall be collecting lids of bottles and jars and old pillowcases.

Anthea Hiscock

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# Village Newsletter Competition

A competition was recently organised by the Northamptonshire Rural Community Council and sponsored by Taylors Estate Agents to find the best newsletters in the county. There was a prize of £100 for the newsletter adjudged to be the best, a second prize of £50 and four runners-up prizes of £25 each. In the words of the organisers the aim of the competition was "to support and encourage one of our most valued local services".

Our editorial committee felt it would be worthwhile entering Whilton's newsletter, even though it is a comparatively recent venture.

Two of the editorial committee went along to the prizegiving at the N.R.C.C. headquarters at Hunsbury Hill Centre and, although they did not bring back a monetary prize, felt that it had been a valuable experience. We were awarded a certificate of merit for our entry, so at least we had some encouragement.

There were over fifty entries in the competition and all these were on display, the two most recent copies of the newsletter from each village, so it was very interesting and useful to look at other people's efforts and see what ideas we might copy to incorporate in our own newsletter. We also heard about the wide ranging methods adopted by the various villages for the financing, printing, distribution, design etc. of their newsletters.

Harold Haynes

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ESTATE AGENTS

BEST  
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE  
Village Newsletter  
Competition 

This is to certify that WHILTON NEWS

has been awarded WITH MERIT

in the 1988 Village Newsletter  
Competition 

Signed Michael Cochrane

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE  
RURAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL





## Womens Institute

The Women's Institute July meeting was very well attended, with several new faces who we hope will come again. After the business was concluded, we were introduced to Mr. Jordan who had come to tell us and, also show us pictures of, "Unusual things to see in Northamptonshire." We were told that Mr. Jordan gives the talks but that Mrs. Jordan is responsible for the photographs. He brought along just a small selection of their many slides and proceeded to take us on an interesting journey around the county.

We were shown pictures of the Roman road known as Watling Street. Parts of it are used to this day, now better known as the A5. Roman roads were sometimes built on embankments between 3 and 6 feet high and 30 feet wide.

We were shown the toll cottage at Weedon which had windows facing in each direction. Miss Drake explained that she had lived in the house for several years which added a further touch of local interest. Mr. Jordan also said that there was a toll cottage at Staverton. In 1706, the Stony Stratford to Dunchurch road was a turnpike road with toll cottages along its length.

There is a packhorse bridge with low parapets in Charwelton which is thought to be the only surviving example in Northamptonshire.

In 1820 mailcoaches would be a regular sight in the countryside and one route used to follow the green road at Braunston, now called the Old Road. Originally there were no hedges and, when the road became muddy, coaches would drive alongside the dirty main track and in this way, some of these coach roads became very wide.

In 1800 Grand Junction Canal opened and Braunston became a busy inland port. Pickfords operated "fly wagons" transporting goods from the canal boats at Braunston to the surrounding area. There was a pumping station at Braunston to ensure that the correct water level in the canal was maintained. Every time a lock was used, a substantial amount of water was lost downstream and during busy periods on the canal, rainfall alone was insufficient to keep the water deep enough - I wonder if the rainfall would have been adequate this July!

At the September meeting of the W.I., members not only enjoyed a selection of records chosen on a Desert Islands Discs theme but were able to purchase produce from one another's gardens and kitchens. The selection ranged from home-grown grapes to free range eggs, jams, cakes, herbs, vegetables and mayonnaise.

We have an exciting programme of events ahead of us, all of which are open to non-members. Not only are they organised to raise money for the W.I. but they provide (we hope) a useful social outlet where villagers can come together and meet new faces without having to get in the car (sorry all of you down at the Locks!)

### Events Until Christmas

3rd October	7.15	W.I. AGM
	8.15	Anglian Water (Open to husbands too. Come and raise your queries - brown water, nitrates etc.)

- 19th October      Corn Dolly Making  
An expert will bring the corn and demonstrate THEN  
the fun begins when we try to follow suit.
- 9th November     W.I. Evening - The Feel and Beauty of Wood"
- 23rd November    Cake Decorating  
Following an earlier demonstration by Mrs. Bowers,  
she is going to show us how to tackle our Christmas  
Cakes.
- 7th December     Cookery Demonstration  
Details later
- 14th December    W.I. Members Night

Well, I hope you have taken all that in! Posters will go up on the Notice Board and we look forward to seeing you at some, if not all, the events.

Angela Hall  
"Shaftsbury"  
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**Church Organ Repair Fund**

Latest Update

The Car Boot Sale held on 8th September realised a profit of £154.05 and happy participants who, having given to the fund by paying for a pitch, returned home wealthier than when they left. Many thanks to those who, so pleased with sales, gave a little extra to the fund and once again to the Emery family for the use of the Wadd Close field.

We have now raised £1,827.25 towards the target of £2,576 and it is not quite 12 months since fund raising began.

Next Event - 1940's Evening - Saturday 1st October  
Note new venue - village hall  
Time 7.30 - 10.30 pm

Do come and enjoy an evening of memorabilia, music and songs of the 40's in the transformed village hall. Listen to the sounds of Glenn Miller still popular today. Maybe win a prize in the raffle of items hard to obtain during and immediately after those wartime days. Bangers, mash and beans with wine or beer included in the price of a ticket £2.50 available from Janet Bowers. Buy early: numbers are limited.

If anyone has any memorabilia they would lend, please 'phone Janet on 842851.

Future events in the pipeline - Christmas Concert.

Janet Bowers

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Golden Wedding

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Horace Clements  
who celebrated their Golden Wedding on 9th July.

10.                   **The Car Boot Sale**

As the cars arrived with their boots laden, the crowd of people had them surrounded. All the bargains were pouring out, there were books, games, sweaters, lampshades of all different sizes and a whole range of jigsaws, sweets and plants. The interest was amazing, people seemed to appear from everywhere.

All sorts of interesting and forgotten items had been dug out of lofts, garages and drawers. The sort of items that other people seemed to want to buy.

As the sky grew dull and the air grew chilly people began to follow their noses to the Village Hall, there they found tea/coffee and inviting homemade cakes and buns. After this short pause for refreshment most people wandered back to the field to see what else they could buy.

At the end of the day both the mood and spirit were high, everyone returned home exhausted but with the memory of a very different way to spend Saturday afternoon.

Can we have one next year?

Lynn Heeley

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**Whilton Locks**

Whilton Locks was and still is more than just a set of locks on a canal. It is still a small community but now people tend to travel a lot more to their employment. Years ago places like the Locks were more or less self sufficient with passing narrow boats and horse-drawn carts bringing and taking away produce.

The focal point of any hamlet was the pub. The "Spotted Cow" was down by the lower gates and still has the iron bracket where the sign hung. It used to be a Hopcraft & Norris', of Brackley, house. Landlords from the 1920's include Elliot, Wadham, Brown, Wright and Mrs. Hawgood, who was landlady from 1942 until the closure in 1959. There was a flexible approach to opening hours and Mrs. Hawgood was known to close during the day so that she could clean the chimney with rags soaked in paraffin. The beer slops were used as a fertilizer or just thrown out of the window, hops can be seen growing in the hedge nearby. In the freeze-up of 1947 sheep in the field behind the pub were in danger of being smothered in wet snow as it thawed so Henry Grantham, with no work to do as the "cut" was frozen, went with one of his mates and lassoed them all and brought them to safety.

A blacksmith's and a grocery shop used to be where Peter Isley now lives, run from the 1920's to about 1939 by Sam Tomlinson. As well as smithing Sam used to make bicycle frames, buy the wheels and sell the complete cycle.

Fred Overton, the lock-keeper in the 1920's, lived in the now derelict cottage by the bridge. He was followed by Jube Collins who lived in Windlass Cottage which had been the Weedon lengthman's cottage. In 1943 Henry Grantham took over and was lock-keeper until he retired some years ago. He lived with his parents, his father being a No.1 (someone who owned and ran his own boat), in 2, Locks Cottages. In No. 3 lived another bargee, John Woodward. Many people used donkeys as well as

horses to pull barges and John used to keep his in the pig sties. Apparently he never swore and was known as "the beautiful man and his donkeys". On the other side of the cut were lime, stone and coal wharves so the traffic on the poor roads must have been considerable. In the area between the road and the bottom of the Marina there used to be a small holding. The house, a substantial, double fronted one, was sadly demolished so that the "Bannaventa" could be built. The council yard, now Bryant's, still has some of the corrugated iron roofed cow sheds.

Further away from the cut is Whilton Lodge, built by Baron Thomas Albert Craven in 1867. His initials are carved above some of the stone fireplaces. An interesting feature of this 58 roomed house is the 200ft. gully between the two pitched roofs. So that light could fall on the passage-way on the ground floor glass blocks 1 inch thick were used to form the first floor. Most of the staff lived on the estate. The cowman, Ted Tysoe, lived in Kingston Cottage, the head gardener in Gardener's Cottage and the chauffeur, George Bye, in Yew Tree Cottage. George Bye used to drink in the Spotted Cow but in moderation as he may have been called out at any time to drive his master. He also drank apart from the other staff - superior or sensible?

The laundry for the Lodge and Church linen was done at Brooklyn, although why so far from the Lodge is not clear. One of the Lodge's owners was a London barrister, Colonel Geoffrey Reginald Devereux Shaw, who bought it in 1929. He used to have a fresh carnation in his buttonhole from the heated greenhouses every Sunday. Friends from London used to fly up to stay with him and the field opposite Whilton Locks Cottages (15 acre field) was known as the "Flying Field".

Mike Lewis

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### Whist Club

Our twelve-hand whist drives are due to start again in October. It has been decided to run these on the second rather than the first Friday of each month so make a note of the first one:

Friday 14th October (7.30pm) in the Village Hall

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### Village Coach Outings organised by Miss Diana Scott

Diana has been organising village outings for the last eighteen years. These trips have given us all such a lot of pleasure over the years and so it was decided to give Diana a present to mark our appreciation. This took the form of two large, French, terracotta plant pots which were planted with red geraniums. These were presented to her on Mrs. Church's lawn when we returned from our visit to Luton Hoo.

We have been to some wonderful houses, gardens and bird parks. The variety is endless. Once we found ourselves on a steam train in a French coach - the instructions on the windows told us to "ouvrez" and "fermez" - this was near Peterborough. Another time we found ourselves sailing up the canal eating a strawberry tea.

There have been some memorable moments!

Mr. Amos's large coach was not really made for narrow country roads. It was rather hair raising watching the driver turn the coach round in a

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quiet country lane and completely demolish a road sign! The entrance to Ragley Hall nearly defeated the driver but he just managed to get through with fractions to spare on either side. Tea on the terrace with the peacocks on a sunny summer day is a treasured memory.

The high light of these trips for me was Waddesdon Manor. Bequeathed to the National Trust by a member of the Rothschild family, Waddesdon Manor was built by Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild between 1874 and 1889. It was designed in the French Renaissance style by the French architect, Gabriel-Hippolyte Destailleur and the gardens were laid out by another Frenchman, the landscape gardener, Laine. It contains a wealth of treasures. Most of the tapestries, panelling, pictures and rugs came from France when the old palaces were demolished to make way for new roads. Each room we went into at Waddesdon was filled with fine tapestries, old master paintings, fine furniture and huge bowls of fresh flowers. I hope we shall return one day as there was far too much to see in one afternoon.

Everyone enjoyed the Arden farm in Warwickshire's Shakespeare country. The beautiful, half-timbered farmhouse, buildings and garden were frozen in time. The kitchen, larder and wash room were almost in working order. The table was waiting for the master of the house. His plate and plate warmer were at the head of the table. It was as though the family had only just left but that the blacksmith had forgotten to go. His fire was burning brightly and he was busy making horse shoes.

We are all looking forward to next year and wonder what treats lie in store for us.

Freda Thomas

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### Whilton Gardeners' Association

The meeting on 1st August was a joint one with Harpole Gardener's Association and took the form of a Gardeners' Question Time. Each Association provided two members to be on the panel and the questions put to them were many and varied.

It seems that the secret of growing large onions is to do with deep digging, rich soil and a raised bed allowing the soil to warm through quicker in the Spring.

One panel member told us that taking a cutting from the soft lead of ivy would produce a plant which climbed like its parent plant, but that taking a cutting from the hard or flowering wood, would produce a new plant which could be grown into a bush.

On the subject of organic gardening we were told that manure is high in nitrogen, however, strawy manure will take nitrogen out of the soil as it breaks down. To counteract this problem manure should be mixed with compost before use. Compost and manure should always be rotted down for 12 months before using on the garden.

There is said to be very little plant food in manure and therefore Sulphate of Ammonia, Sulphate of Potash and Superphosphate should also be used to encourage strong healthy growth which will in turn produce plants that are more resistant to pests and diseases.

Home made compost is a better plant food than manure. Keeping the garden clear of debris and with plenty of light and air around plants will help deter slugs and snails.

A tip we discovered from the experts was, when planting container grown trees/bushes the roots should be gently teased out of the soil. The tree should be planted in well dug earth so that the roots can quickly spread out.

To get rid of moles, we were told, you should first get rid of worms, because this is what the moles are looking for! However, it might be easier to get rid of the moles by other methods. Soak a rag in creasote and put it down into a mole run. The moles should very soon decide your garden is not an ideal place to spend their time and hopefully they will leave. Another method is to obtain a narrow necked beer bottle, and after drinking the contents, bury the bottle in the garden in an upright position so that when the wind blows it makes a noise over the top of the bottle. This we were told should also work. Would anyone like to try and let us know if they really do work?

Next meeting of the Association will be the A.G.M. on Monday 3rd October at 7.30pm in the village hall.

The business of this meeting will be followed by home made wine and home grown produce tasting.

Contributions for the above will be appreciated.

Anne Heeley

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Whilton and Badby National Women's Register (NWR) meet fortnightly on Monday evenings at 8.00pm. We discuss topics, on an informal basis, of interest to women, (excluding children and housework!)

A selection of forthcoming topics for discussion are:

Drugs - are they worth the side effects they sometimes cause?

Rape - its causes and effects.

1992 - will Britain gain or lose from 'the single market'?

If you would like to join us for some or all these topics ring Joanna Earle on Long Buckby 843274 for more details.

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The costs are met by the Parish Council and the Editors are:

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Mrs. Gertrude Haynes  
Mr. Jim Gardner  
Mrs. Joyce Coles  
Mrs. Anne Heeley

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Summary of Events

Fri.	23rd Sept.	Morning	Gifts of flowers for displaying in Church Please.
Sat.	24th Sept.	9-10am	Gifts of Harvest Produce to Church Please.
Sun.	25th Sept.	6.00pm	Harvest Festival.
Mon.	26th Sept.	7.30pm	Harvest Supper in Village Hall.
Sat.	1st Oct.	7.30-10.30	1940's Evening in Village Hall.
Mon.	3rd Oct.	7.30pm	Gardeners' Association A.G.M. in Vill. Hall
Wed.	12th Oct.	7.15pm	W.I. A.G.M. in Village Hall - followed by)
Wed.	12th Oct.	8.15pm	Open Meeting "Anglian Water" in V. Hall )
Fri.	14th Oct.	7.30pm	Whist Drive in Village Hall.
Wed.	19th Oct.		W.I. "Have a go Evening" - Corn Dollies V.H.
Sat.	22nd Oct.	Night	Clocks go <u>back</u> one hour.
Sat.	29th Oct.		Halloween Party in Village Hall.
Wed.	9th Nov.	7.30pm	W.I. "The Feel and Beauty of Wood" V. Hall.
Sun.	13th Nov.	6.00pm	Remembrance Service.
Tues.	15th Nov.		Closing date for next issue of Newsletter.
Sat.	19th Nov.		Brington Bazaar at B. School.
Wed.	23rd Nov.		"Cake Decorating" Demonstration in V. Hall.

Advance Notices

Wed.	7th Dec.		Cookery Demonstration in Village Hall.
Wed.	14th Dec.		W.I. "Members Night" in Village Hall.

Christmas Concert in the pipeline!!