

WHILTON NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2005

AUTUMN

Flower Festival Balloon Race

2005

Labels of 10% of the balloons released were returned to Sara & John

Rochelle Lye 's went the greatest distance to the Netherlands. so she won the £20 prize



Photograph taken during Village Hall Toilet Refurbishment
August 2005

Now complete—see inside.

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NEWS FROM ALL AROUND THE PARISH



PARISH PLAN

Whilton Parish

Structure plan, local development framework and regional planning guidance are part of a plethora of development guidelines being used to 'control' the way towns and villages change in the future. So far we have been a bit isolated from their effects but change is on the way. The county Structure Plan does not now require a village confine to be defined for development purposes, it is up to District planning and interested parties to agree. However, the District Council has stated that they would still like to use village confines as an agreed planning guidance, but not as a blunt instrument.

The proposed Local Development Framework suggests that local knowledge in the form of a Village Design Statement or Parish Plan would when approved become a Supplementary Planning Guidance document which would be used in the planning process. This would give us a chance to shape the future of our parish and it is our intention to follow that route. The plan would be developed by the parish under the auspices of the Parish Council, giving everybody the chance to be involved.

If you would like to be part of the team shaping our future please contact me for further information.

Mike Lewis

Chairman – Parish Council. – 01327 842404



ROUGHMOOR SPINNEY



Once again we were beaten by the rapid growth of the ground cover which obscured many areas of newly planted trees and the pond. To keep this under control for the period of June to September inclusive we need to have a structured plan. To arrange organised working parties during this period when holidays are taken is difficult, however individuals may be

able to pair up and work together in allocated areas.

We propose to have a working party on Sunday 16th October at 2.00 pm and will be pleased to see as many volunteers as possible. We can then discuss on site areas to be maintained regularly for 2006 and also construction of additional seats etc.

Management Committee

RECENT CHANGES TO POSTCODES IN WHILTON VILLAGE

There had been some concern in the village about the impact on insurance premiums and credit ratings following the changes to postcodes implemented by Royal Mail on 1st January 2005.

It had been brought to the attention of the Parish Council that some residents had experienced an increase in their insurance premiums following these changes, and it was decided therefore, following discussion at a recent Parish Council meeting, to send a letter to Royal Mail about this situation. We were concerned that Whilton may have been allocated postcodes, which could have previously been used in an area of Daventry that suffered from high house and car crime.

Royal Mail's response was quite detailed, and explained that with the ten year expansion plans for Daventry, they were simply running out of postcodes, and had no other option than to recode NN11 5. When this happens, they close the existing postcode NN11 5 and divide it into smaller new postcode sectors, NN11 2, NN11 8, NN11 9, and NN11 0, thus increasing the number of postcodes from 400 to 1,600.

They went on to say:-

'The new postcode sectors which replaced NN11 5 are as follows: NN11 2 is the rural area to the north of Daventry, Welton, Norton and Whilton. NN11 8 is the area to the west of Daventry which includes Royal Oak Industrial Estate, Drayton Fields Industrial Estate, and the rural area Middlemore Farm and Berry Fields'.

' Postcodes were introduced by Royal Mail for the sortation of mail and although they are now widely used by many companies for all sorts of reasons, we have no control on this. As I have already stated all of these new postcode sectors have never been used in the past therefore there is no historical information attached to adversely affected security and credit ratings of households. In fact now that NN11 2 covers only a rural area the premium set could reflect this if the insurance companies should so wish. Householders should request that their insurance companies set their premiums using their individual historic information. If a higher premium is requested purely because of a new postcode the matter can be taken to The Association of British Insurers whose address is:

51 Gresham Street
London, EC2V 7HQ Tel: No.
02076003333

I hope this explains why Royal Mail took this action?.

Jonathan Hanslip, Parish Councillor

PS. The grammar used is exactly as per Royal Mail's letter!

WHILTON HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

VACANCY FOR SECRETARY.

Would you like to be part of the team running the Village Hall?

We have a vacancy for a secretary, the duties being organising meetings, keeping minutes, liaising with local, national groups and agencies.

Please contact **Mike Lewis on 842404** for application or further information.

PARISH MATTERS JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2005

The Parish Council has met twice since the last Newsletter and has also carried out its annual walks of the Village and the Locks.

FINANCE

The first half of the precept, £1250, has been received from the DDC and all the allotment rents have been paid. It was noted that every allotment is now in cultivation. The lease from the DDC will come to an end next year and we have requested a renewal of the lease.

Our payments record some of the responsibilities of the Parish Council. These have been made for electricity, maintenance of the street lights and the village clock, the allotment water charge, audit fees, the Newsletter printing, Village Hall rent and the Clerk's salary, amounting to nearly £1160.

Following discussion earlier in the year we have updated our Assets Register. Among our assets are three seats; one on the Green, one at the top of the village and one at the end of Manor Lane. The Parish Council is wondering if another parish seat would be appreciated, and if so, where it should be sited. Please let us know. Among our other assets are the parish sign on the Green, two notice boards, grass cutting equipment, the trees at the Green and the traditional direction sign on the bottom triangle.

ROADS, SAFETY AND TRANSPORT

Throughout the parish there has been much concern about the dangerous state of the roads and the very poor quality of the temporary repairs carried out. The Parish Council is constantly raising the profile of Whilton's needs and the road problems are the subject of a separate article in this Newsletter, but here I report on a few more positive developments.

The improved drainage at the railway bridge at Whilton Locks is functioning and there is now a good new surface under the bridge. We were just sorry the information about the date for the work was not more accurate.

The grass cutting for safety reasons at the A5 junction has been much more efficient this year providing better visibility all around the junction.

In the village most of the agreed road names have been erected, which we hope will help strangers to find their way around.

RIGHTS OF WAY

In July Maurice Clements, the Footpath Warden, reported that a new, slightly larger kissing gate is to replace the rotten one between the churchyard and Wadd Close. There is also to be a new bridge between Second Wadd Close and Brook Close. The Parish Council has asked about the feasibility of a footway between the village and the Locks and await replies on this.

REPAIRS TO THE DRY STONE WALL

In July I reported that I had contacted the Local Heritage Initiative, and that there is a probability that there could be a grant for the repair of this wall near the bottom triangle, but only if it is part of a much bigger project involving the community and the environment.

The Spinney Committee have considered this and might be interested in becoming involved. The September Parish Council meeting decided to postpone consideration of this for the moment, but if anyone has ideas or is interested in such a project, please get in touch.

RESPONSIBILITIES

In September we went through our Risk Assessment and considered the responsibilities of the Council. We are planning to have the parish-owned trees inspected annually, to keep them as safe and attractive as possible and we shall also be asking for another inspection of the 15 street lights, which were last inspected in 2003. We have checked the duties of the parish volunteers and their insurance cover, and would like to take this opportunity to thank all four for the time they give so willingly.

Phil Waights is our Highways Representative, Maurice Clements is Footpath Warden, Janet Bowers is Salt Warden, and Roy Haynes is our willing grass cutter in the churchyard.

ARE OUR STANDARDS ARE DROPPING?

Much as we appreciate the work of these four volunteers, and of other villagers who do so much to keep sections of the village very beautiful and neat, it is becoming apparent that there are parts of the village which are less well cared for and where less community spirit is obvious. Sadly the East Midlands in Bloom judges had to comment this year on the dog fouling in the churchyard, and, as residents, some of us are aware of this in other parts of the village.

The same attitude was perhaps recorded by the judges of the Village of the Year Competition, who wrote: "*No litter, but grass verges neglected in places...would it be worth employing an occasional grass cutter, or perhaps organising a local rota?*" Although the rules of this competition have changed, making it harder for Whilton to achieve high marks, this is an aspect in which we do have control and it is sad that our community does not seem to care so much.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Several planning applications have been considered. The Parish Council can support or oppose applications, or may choose to make no comment, but it is the District and not the Parish which makes planning decisions.

In July there was an application for a **sheep shed on land at Whilton Locks**. Mr Lewis did not take part in this discussion, as he declared an interest in this application, which is opposite his home.

The Parish Council agreed that it opposed the application because:

- a) The building is excessively large and its height will dominate the houses opposite.
 - b) There will be an increase in heavy vehicles bringing livestock in and out, and Parish Councillors understand that the size of building will accommodate more sheep than could be sustained in the field where the proposed building will stand.
 - c) The entrance giving access to the building will be dangerous as visibility over the hump backed bridge is very poor in either direction.
 - d) There will be a damaging impact of noise, traffic and smell on local residents.
- At the time of writing we have had no further information on this.

An application for the erection of buildings to service a kart racing circuit at **Whilton Mill** was agreed by the DDC, although the Parish Council had opposed this application on the grounds of insufficient information.

The application for insertion of screens and internal alterations at **Manor Barn**, has been withdrawn, as had that for an extension at the **Little Rectory**. An application for a different extension has now been made and the Parish Council made no comment.

The Parish Council has supported the application from **The Old Cottage** to create a new entry in Manor Lane which will give a better entrance with improved visibility. We await the DDC's decision on these last two applications.

THE WIDER PLANNING PICTURE

In July three Parish Councillors attended a meeting about the *Local Development Framework Core Strategy Issues and Options Report*. They found this an informative meeting and have responded to the report.

There had been concern in the Parish Council about what appeared to be the abandoning of the village confines for small villages such as Whilton. However under the new Local Development Framework, these confines will remain as a consideration for planning purposes, although not as a statutory item.

In the September meeting Mike Lewis, the Chairman, emphasized that where parishes have made a Village Design Statement or a Parish Plan, these will now be considered by the planning authority as Supplementary Planning Guidance, when looking at applications for new development. Whilton has not produced either of these and Mike is proposing that Whilton should embark on making a **Parish Plan**. He hopes this will be led by the Parish Council, but that others from the parish will become involved. If you feel you would like to have some input in how our parish develops, is protected or improved, please contact either myself or Mike as soon as possible.

The next meeting of Whilton Parish Council will be at 8 p.m. on Monday 31st October. If you are interested in any of the activities of the Parish Council you will be very welcome to the meeting.

Anthea Hiscock
Clerk to the Parish Council

VILLAGE OF THE YEAR COMPETITION 2005.

This year's competition has been run under new rules with an emphasis on involvement and inclusion as much as on the environment. Our marks and the judges' comments were as follows:

	Maximum marks	Marks awarded	Remarks
Building Community Life	80	62 ½	<i>Impressive number of community social activities.</i>
Business	10	4	<i>As expected for a village of this size.</i>
Young People	20	6	<i>Young people included in care of village hall and excellent Spinney area for woodland activities, but no provision as yet for small children's play area.</i>
Older People	20	5	<i>Are included in general activities of village</i>
Environment	20	16 ½	<i>Impressive conservation work at Spinney.</i>
General Impression	25	19	<i>Lots of organised activities involving many people for a very small village. The Spinney conservation work involves many people of all ages. No litter problem, but grass verges neglected in places.</i>
Wow factor	25	18	<i>Very attractive village in area of great beauty, with good community spirit. Was totally "wowed" by young lads on cleaning rota. Well done.</i>
Total awarded	200	131	

For the future: No play area yet within the village. The Spinney is splendid, but obviously not suitable for the very young, so the suggested area near the Church would be good. (I think this is a reference to registering the Green!) Would it be worth employing an occasional grass cutter, or perhaps organising a local rota?

WHILTON'S ROADS

A message from the Parish Council

The conditions of our local roads are always a matter for concern for the Parish Council, and a regular item on our agenda. The Council and our Highways Representative make constant representations to the NCC/Atkins. Whenever a new problem arises it is reported, but over recent years the short-lived remedies have given rise to further complaints.

In addition to reporting potholes and complaints as they occur, the Parish Council walks the village annually to note individual items for attention and to suggest solutions to more general problems, such as how to limit speed or requesting resurfacing. The reports made following these walks are then sent to NCC/Atkins before their annual autumn inspection and some of our requests are acted on. For example the grass on the verges at the A5 junction has been kept much lower for better visibility this year and the road under the railway bridge has been resurfaced. However, the road through the village is now deteriorating very quickly and is even more dangerous. Village residents have made it clear that they are not content to accept the current conditions we live with. There is only one solution, which is a complete resurfacing immediately.

After this year's parish walks and the Parish Council meeting on 5th September, the Council is prioritising its requests with the support of County Councillor Richard Amos, who has brought the County Council Cabinet Member for Transportation to see the state of things in Whilton. We are pushing for action even before the annual inspection due in November and hope to report on some results sooner rather than later.

These are the priorities of the Parish Council, the first two being linked:

- 1 and 2.** The resurfacing of the road through the village and prior to that the sorting out of the drainage problem at the bottom of the village in Brington Lane.
- 3.** A re-appraisal of speed control throughout the parish, with special reference to the frequency of serious accidents at and near the Gypsy Spinney bend, the speed of traffic at The Locks and the speed of traffic passing through the village.
- 4.** A weight limit on vehicles passing through the village.

There are of course many smaller items on our list, which will be included in our main report, such as obscured signs and uneven manhole covers, but many of Whilton's problems would be solved with a new road surface. It would make the village a safer place to live in and to pass through, and this is the aim of the Parish Council.

Anthea Hiscock
Clerk to the Parish Council



WHILTON GARDENERS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



What a Summer!

Since the last Whilton Newsletter hit the streets, the WGA's members have been rather busy with a variety of different events.

First up was a talk on hardy geraniums by Gerald Sinclair at the start of June. We learned the difference between geraniums and pelargonium, then how to spot a geranium by its leaf structure and finally we had the opportunity to look at some of the many varieties. Very useful in view of what came next.

Which was a trip to

The Old Vicarage Gardens, Sudborough

Most of us had never heard of this garden, let alone visited it, but it was well worth it. As usual we met at Whilton village green and set off for the quiet village of Sudborough, near Thrapston. The garden has been created on a two acre plot and arriving at the house does not prepare you for the horticultural delights that lie behind it. The owner, with her small team of gardeners have produced a fine blend of elements which include a large lawn, mixed borders, rose garden, a potager and a woodland area with its own stream.



The WGA group spent a very pleasant morning wondering around the pathways, looking at the plants (including geraniums!) and how they had been laid out. We finished the visit with tea and biscuits and left with plenty of ideas for our own gardens.

Whilton's Wonderful Gardens

Although not the official title of the WGA's August meeting, there is no doubt that Whilton has some very fine gardens and some keen gardeners. This year we visited the gardens belonging to Kath Wright, Gill and Steve Martin and Gill and Stephen Denbigh. The three gardens were all quite different but all showed the flare and imagination of their owners. Many thanks to the Denbigh's for the wine and nibbles at the end of our trip around Whilton.

Coming Up

Our next meeting is on Monday 3rd October in the village hall when Kitty Billingham will be talking to us about cottage gardens. The talk starts at 7.30, with refreshments after the talk. New members are welcome to come along and learn more.

Our next garden visit is on Saturday 8th October when we visit Westonbirt Arboretum. This visit will be a must for anyone who enjoys the colours of autumn – new members are welcome to join us.

Neil Phillips, Secretary, WGA

EAST MIDLANDS IN BLOOM 2005

The Award Ceremony was held in the Guildhall, Northampton on 7th September 2005. Whilton was placed **third** and received a **Silver Medal Certificate**. Whilton achieved 139 points out of a possible 200 and this showed a slight improvement on last year's 136.

The judges, in their report, stated that Whilton was a lovely village to visit with many Groups working together to improve the area. Good quality floral displays could be found in most of the front gardens with many residents participating in the gardening competition. The village does not have many areas where flat bedding or planters could be installed but could consider hanging baskets at the village hall or planters near the church.

The judges made other comments which were endorsed by the judge for the Village of the Year competition – see **Parish Matters**.

The portfolio shown to the judges gave a good impression of the Spinney Project and the work and surveys carried out and the encouragement of wild life. They were also impressed with the section of the churchyard which is a conservation area and the development of wild flowers and grasses and also the bird boxes and feeding holders for the birds.

The report closed with "there was a lot of community involvement and fund-raising to improve the village and the Flower Festival and Open Gardens were a good idea. Well done!"

Here's to our even greater success in 2006

The Whilton Gardeners' Association Competition judged by EMIB Judges resulted in the winners being:-

- Hanging Baskets - Gill Martin, Dormer Cottage
- Window box - Kathleen Wright. 2, South View
- Tubs - Gill Denbigh, Russett House

Janet Bowers

WHILTON VILLAGE HALL

The refurbishment and development of the toilet to comply with the Disability Discrimination Act has now been completed. The cost is going to be in excess of the original figure due to extra work being necessary, mainly due to the age of the building. Your support to any fund-raising events and in particular the 200 club for 2006 will be appreciated.

If anyone has ideas of any other activities we could hold in the Village Hall to increase our rental income, perhaps you will pass this to the Editors to forward on to the Management Committee.

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH NEWS

PAST – The Village Open Gardens and Church Flower Festival on Sunday 12th June 2005 was a very successful event raising £1,212 for church funds. Nine gardens were open for viewing, the church had a colourful display of flower arrangements and artwork and on the Green there were various stalls – a balloon race, face painting, silent auction and a raffle. Despite the chilly afternoon the many visitors appeared to enjoy the event and were able to warm themselves up with cups of tea and homemade cakes in the village hall.

The success of the afternoon was due to all those parishioners who worked hard and gave their time to the Festival and the Parochial Church Council wish to extend a sincere thank you to all

The profits are divided between the Fabric Fund (for the upkeep of the Grade 2 listed building and the General Fund

Since the last newsletter we have had the baptism of Georgia Hathaway, daughter of Alison and Ian of Langton Rise and the wedding of Robert Eyton- Jones and Antonia Curson. The bride walked from her parent's home in Wadd Close and Robert from his parent's home, Stone House. After the marriage ceremony they and their guests returned to Stone House for their reception in the garden to the sound of the church bells. We wish them a long and happy life together.

FUTURE – On Sunday, 25th September 2005, St Andrews will be having its Family Harvest Thanksgiving Service at 9.15 am. **This year will be special** – Marjorie Emery has donated a new altar frontal in memory of her late husband Bill and this will be dedicated during the Service by Bishop Frank. St Andrews is fortunate in possessing some lovely altar frontals in the colours of the various church seasons i.e. purple for Lent and Advent, red for Pentecost etc. The only one we did not have was white, used for Christmas and Easter periods.

which covers the cost of running expenses i.e Parish Share to the Diocese, various bills, maintenance of the organ and fire extinguishers, insurance and service requirements - yearly total approximately £10,000.

On 2nd July a Pudding and Pimms Evening was hosted by Teresa and Ian at their home 'Woodview'. A small marquee complete with comfortable seats and fairy lights provided a welcome venue in the garden. A table displaying a mouth-watering array of puds greeted the visitors and together with Ian's pancakes cooked on the barbeque to order, a glass of Pimms and good company all added to a really splendid occasion and also raised £400 for church funds.

A big thank you to Teresa and Ian for their hospitality and to all those who provided the tasty puds.

Marjorie, wishing to donate a lasting memory of Bill who had been a Churchwarden at St Andrews some years ago, chose to give the white frontal and we are extremely grateful for this lovely gift.

25th September will be a very special occasion, both for the Emery family and St Andrew's Church and hopefully many villagers will come and support Marjorie and family and remember Bill and all he did for Whilton.

In the evening of 25th September at 6.00 pm it is hope to hold the Harvest Supper and auction of produce given at the Service. If you wish to come to this entertaining evening, please give Janet a call on 842851 as soon as possible.



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

SERVICES FOR ST ANDREW'S CHURCH WHILTON

SEPTEMBER

11th	11.00 am	Family Service
18th	9.15 am	Sung Eucharist
25th	9.15 am	Harvest Family Service

OCTOBER

2nd	8.00 am	Holy Communion 1662
	2.30 pm	Pet Service
9th	11.00 am	Family Service
16th	9.15	Sung Eucharist
23rd	6.00 pm	<i>Benefice Trafalgar Service at <u>BRINGTON</u></i>
30th	11.00 am	<i>Patronal Eucharist at <u>NORTON</u></i>

NOVEMBER

5th	10.30 am	Benefice Memorial Service
6th	10.00 am	<i>Benefice Sung Eucharist at <u>HARLESTONE</u></i>
11th	10.50 am	<i>Benefice Act of Remembrance at <u>BRAMPTON</u></i>
13th	6.00 pm	Remembrance Service
20th	9.15 am	Sung Eucharist
27th	11.00 am	Patronal Family Service

PET BLESSING SERVICE

The following **Sunday, 2nd October 2005** in another very important service for our animal friends – **THE PET BLESSING SERVICE at 2.30 pm**. Do bring your pet and it will receive an individual blessing by the Revd. Chris Goble. Last year we had all types of pets, from stick insects to large dogs. So bring your pet and enjoy this special service.

Dogs on leads and cats in baskets please



FLOODLIGHTS



THIS FACILITY IS AVAILABLE FOR ALL CELEBRATIONS OR TO REMEMBER A LOVED ONE OR IF YOU WOULD JUST LIKE TO SEE THE CHURCH FLOODLIT. AT A SMALL COST THE CHURCH CAN BE FLOODLIT FOR THE EVENING, MAKING ANY OCCASION SPECIAL FOR YOU.



JANET BOWERS

PLEASE NOTE SLIGHT CHANGE OF TIME

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE:- NOW CALLS IN THE VILLAGE ON ALTERNATE TUESDAYS AT APPROXIMATELY 9.05 AM TO 9.20 AM AND STOPS OUTSIDE THE 'OLD PLOUGH' IN MAIN STREET. The dates for September 2005 are 6th & 20th, for October they are 4th & 18th and for November 1st, 15th & 29th.



LOCAL PAPERS DELIVERED



Did you know that you can have the Northampton Chronicle & Echo delivered to your door in Whilton? If you would like a paper, please telephone the Chronicle & Echo on 01604 467000 and they will pass on your order to me.

I also deliver the Daventry Express on Thursdays. If you are interested please contact me direct on 01327 842618.

I am sorry I can only deliver to Whilton and not Whilton Locks.



Your local paper boy - Tom Kane



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



No incidents have been reported in Whilton Village but Whilton Locks has not been so lucky. A van was broken into and a cash box was stolen. A motor cycle helmet has also been taken.

Thieves have also been targeting churches the nearest to suffer is Flore. Village halls have also been a target. Please report any suspicious persons loitering around such buildings.

Four thefts of satellite navigation equipment has been reported and five sets of tyres has been slashed in two days.

The police are keen that you make sure everything is secure and ask neighbourhood to look after your property whilst you are on holiday.

P. Waights
Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator.
27/8/05

BE VIGILANT AND HELP PREVENT CRIME

Northamptonshire Police Contact Nos. 01327 300300 or 01604 70070

Whilton W I – May 2005

The May Meeting of the WI was predominately concerned with gaining members' views on three areas of interest which were important nationally, globally and locally. In attendance was Mrs Bradbury, County Advisor.

The Resolutions

Two resolutions were to be presented at the AGM at the Albert Hall to become future initiatives.

- a) **Farm Gate Milk Prices** - *This meeting urges WI members to do all in their power to raise public awareness of the unfair difference between the retail prices of milk and the price paid to the farmer.*

- b) **Care of the Environment** - *This meeting urges WI members to take further action to reduce waste and conserve resources in their own homes and communities; to lobby manufacturers, retailers and decision makers to reduce waste in the production, packaging and transportation of public and consumer goods.*

Both these resolutions and background information which was supplied were thoroughly discussed and both were supported.

The second area of discussion was the proposed entry for the Federation Show on Saturday 25th June 2005 when it was hoped that members would be able to contribute items that would comply with the rules.

Thirdly members were asked to discuss whether the present definition of the W I is modern enough and whether its aims need to be updated. This will be further considered.

Welcome Pack –

It was agreed that to produce such an item would be an extremely useful project and would benefit newcomers to the village. They would learn

about all the activities available in the village and other local information.

The President has obtained suitable folders and Teresa Leadbetter and Janet Bowers agreed to coordinate information from the various societies and groups.

Last year, one of the Resolutions concerned the trafficking of women and children. It was rewarding to hear on the "Today" programme that four charities would be speaking at the European Convention about trafficking. The four charities were: Amnesty International, Antislavery, UNICEF, and the Women's Institute – our resolutions go far.

Frances Drake

WHILTON W I JUNE 2005

Twelve members and two guests attended the meeting. After the minutes had been read and signed, there was a discussion about our entry to the Federation Show at Moulton on 25th June 2005. Our entry is to feature "Grandma's Tea Party" and will include bread made by Janet, butter by Ros, fruit cake from Anthea, a posy of flowers and herbs from Kath, an invitation card by Judith and jam whose maker is still to be selected.

There was then further discussion about the National Federation of Women's Institutes account of themselves. Our contribution will be based on the thoughts of and notes made by Frances and there will be a final decision about this and the Federation Show at Ros's home on 22nd June.

Then followed a talk by PC Dickinson on "A Neighbourhood Watch Scenario". He told us that our own area was one of his smallest responsibilities and said we were very "crime free" although last year two car thieves had been caught. He then gave us different situations and asked how we would try to cope with each situation:

1. You see a car with an out of date car tax.
2. You see somebody trying to get through next door's window.
3. You see a Nott's knocker.
4. You see a local youth "boy racing"
5. You see a youth interfering with a vehicle.
6. Friends are away but you see a car parked in the drive that you do not recognise.
7. You are visited by someone purporting to be a Water Board Official.

The vote of thanks was given by Frances. We went home happily with soap and tea samples from Unilever and Yorkshire Tea.

Diana Scott

Whilton Village Hall 200 Club Draw

MAY

1 st Prize	153	S Bennett	£40
2 nd Prize	105	A Gilbert	£20
3 rd Prize	040	M Roskill	£10

JUNE

1 st Prize	178	P Webster	£40
2 nd Prize	062	P Waights	£20
3 rd Prize	208	G Clements	£10

JULY

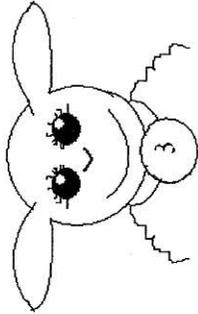
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2 nd Prize	117	C Fisher	£20
3 rd Prize	090	P Webster	£10

AUGUST

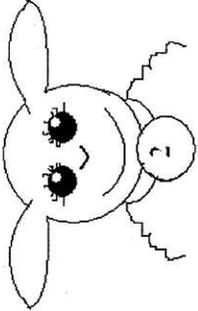
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2 nd Prize	161	T Price	£20
3 rd Prize	020	M Houghton	£10

Congratulations to all the winners

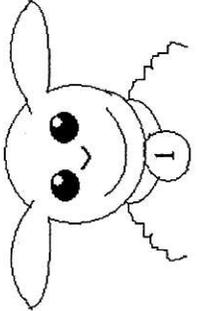
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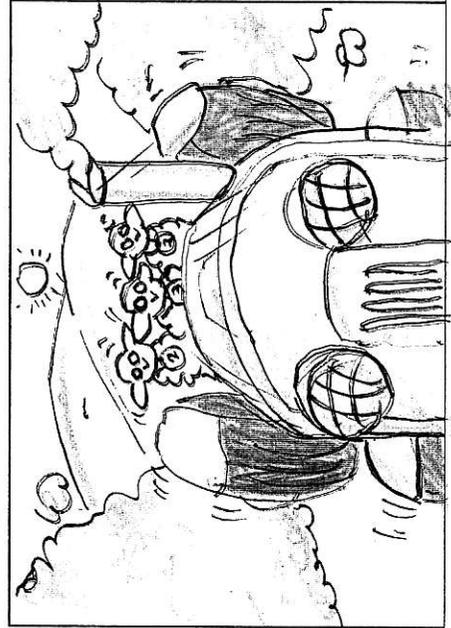
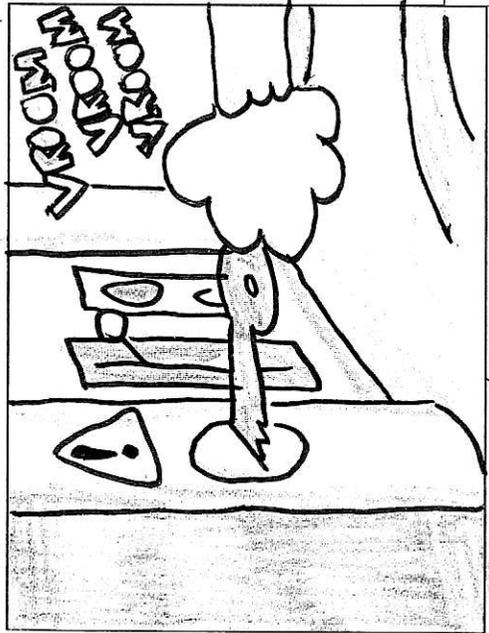
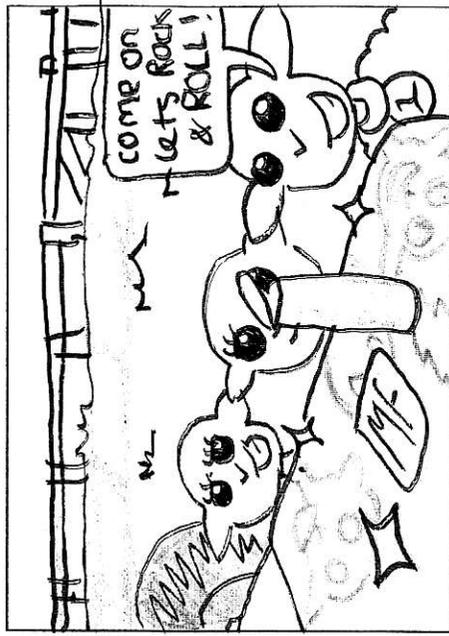
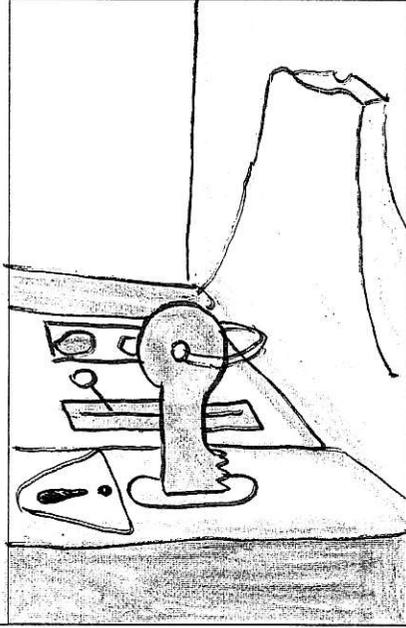
The Woolies

Will they ever escape?

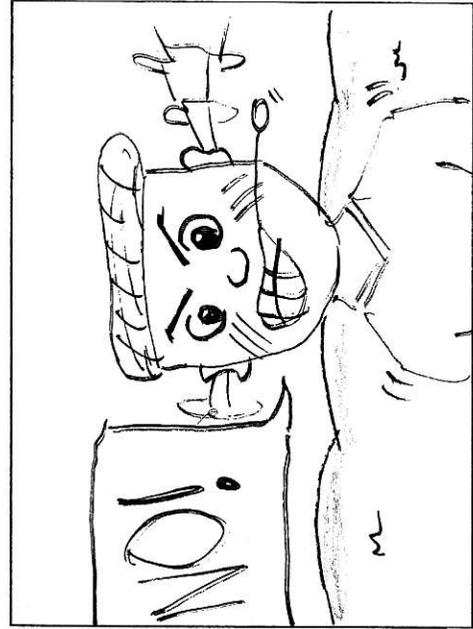
Farmer Bob was on his new Tractor working on his crop



As usual when farmer bob finished work, he would keep his key in the Tractor



The Tractor was racing towards the gate, the Woolies were going to escape!!



To be continued...

BETSEY AND I ARE OUT

By Will Carleton

Draw up the papers, lawyer, and make, em good and stout,
For things at home are crossways, and Betsey and I are out.
We, who have worked so long as man and wife,
Must pull in single harness for the rest of our natural life.

"What is the matter?" say you. I guess it's hard to tell!
Most of the years behind us we've passed by very well!
I have no other woman, she has no other man-
Only we've lived together as long as we ever can.

So I've talked with Betsey, and Betsey has talked with me,
And so we've agreed together that we can't ever agree;
Not that we've caught each other in any terrible crime,
We've been a-gathering this for years, a little at a time.

There was a stock of temper we both had for a start,
Although we never suspected 'twould take us two apart;
I had my various failings, bred in the flesh and bone;
And Betsey, like all good woman, had a temper of her own.

And there have been days together, and many a weary week,
We were both of us cross and sulky, and both too proud to speak;
And I have been thinking and thinking, the whole of the winter and fall,
If I can't live kind with a woman, I won't live with her at all.

And so I have talked with Betsey, and, Betsey has talked with me,
And we have agreed together that we can never agree;
And what is hers shall be hers, and what is mine shall be mine,
And I'll put in the agreement, and take it to her to sign.

So draw up the paper lawyer, and I'll go home tonight,
And read the agreement to her, and see if it's all right;
And then, in the morning, I'll sell to a trading man I know,
And kiss the child that was left to us, and out in the world I'll go.

And one thing in the paper, that first to me didn't to occur,
That when I'm dead at last she'll bring me back to her,
And lay me under the maples I planted years ago,
When she and I were happy, before we quarrelled so.

And when she dies I wish that she should be laid by me,
And, lying together in silence perhaps we will agree;
And, if ever we meet in heaven, I wouldn't think it queer
If we loved each other the better because we quarrelled here.

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SUMMARY OF EVENTS

Tues	20 th	Sept	9.05 am	Library Van in village outside The Old Plough
Sun	25 th	Sept	9.15 am	Family Harvest Thanksgiving Service
Sun	2 nd	Oct	2.30 pm	Pet Blessing Service in St Andrews Church
Mon	3 rd	Oct	7.30 pm	W G A – ‘ Cottage Gardens’ by Kitty Billingham in Village Hall
Tues	4 th	Oct	9.05 am	Library Van in village outside The Old Plough
Weds	12 th	Oct	7.30 pm	WI – Annual General Meeting
Tues	18 th	Oct	9.05 am	Library Van in village outside The Old Plough
Mon	31 st	Oct	8.00 pm	Parish Council Meeting in Village Hall
Tues	1 st	Nov	9.05 am	Library Van in village outside The Old Plough
Wed	9 th	Nov	7.30 pm	WI – Meeting in Village Hall
Sun	13 th	Nov	6.00 pm	Remembrance Service in St Andrews Church
Tues	15 th	Nov	9.05am	Library Van in village outside The Old Plough
Fri	18 th	Nov		Newsletter Deadline for December – Please hand in your contribution well before this date or otherwise we cannot guarantee it will be included in the next edition
Tues	29 th	Nov	9.05 am	Library Van in village outside The Old Plough

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