

## PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE

### REMINDER!

## SUMMER FAIR

SATURDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JULY  
*Fun for all the family!*

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**Car Boot Sale Bouncy Castle**  
**Games for children**  
**and grown-ups**  
**(including a model train)**  
**Plant & Garden Stall**  
**Bric-a-brac and Book Stall,**  
**Bottle & Tombola Raffle**  
**Afternoon Teas and**  
**Refreshments provided by W.I.**  
**Licensed Bar, Pig Roast**

We will be very grateful for any contributions to the Stalls and prizes for games and the raffle

Call Alan Worthington on 770957

## ODDS-200 LOTTERY

The village Playing Field Lottery has got off to a flying start, with wonderful support from the villagers!

Thanks to all who have supported it.. For those who have not been home when the "Lottery hawkers" have called, Dave Sue at the shop have annual yellow tickets at £12. Single month (red) tickets are also available at £1.00 from Dave and from Gordon at the Chequers.

We have just passed the annual 150 tickets-sold mark, so keep supporting us.

The next draw will be held at the Chequers on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July at 9pm  
First prize: £50 plus consolation prize.

## VACANCY FOR A PARISH COUNCILLOR

As few people came forward at election time there is a vacancy for a parish councillor in Ravensthorpe.

If you think you may be interested and want to know more please contact either Chairman John Matts (770251) or Clerk Peachey (770894).

It is hoped the appointment will be made at the next council meeting on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July.

## TREE WARDEN

Pat Patrick has taken over the job of Parish Tree Warden from Thalia Pike.

Tree Wardens are nominated by the Parish Council to act as voluntary local advisers in the protection of trees, hedgerows and woods throughout the Parish.

They attend three training sessions organised by the Northamptonshire Tree Council. Three wardens regularly monitor and note the condition of locally important trees and hedges and then

report to the Parish Council and Tree Warden Co-ordinator.

They also help promote the Tree Council's campaigns throughout the year.

This is a brief summary of the job which has many aspects to preserve and improve the Parish environment.

If you have any concerns or suggestions regarding trees or related issues - Pat Patrick will be pleased to hear from you - 'phone 770596.

## Wedding of Viv and Dave!

THE WEDDING of Viv Joczsa and David Rees of Manor View, Guilsborough Road took place on Saturday 19<sup>TH</sup> June, at St Denys Church.

The Wedding was performed by Reverend John Tarrant.

After the ceremony the reception was held in a grandiose marquee in the Playing Field.

Viv especially wishes to thank Martin Wilkes and "The Clutterbucks" for their help.



Our best wishes to the happy couple for a wonderful future together. Photo courtesy of Clive

## GIFT AID REBATE FROM DONATIONS TO ST DENYS

OUR THANKS to all who are using Gift Aid envelopes in making their donations or gifts to St Denys.

We recently received a £926 tax rebate from the Inland Revenue from all the gift aid envelopes for the financial year 2003-2004.

This indicates how worthwhile it is to use this tax concession. As our diocesan parish quota and insurance costs have risen by £771 this year, tax rebate is helping us to keep our "heads above the waterline."

Please continue to use the white gift aid envelopes in the Church for occasional donations and green envelopes are available for anyone wishing to make a regular weekly donation.

David Johnstone -  
PCC Gift Aid Secretary

## Reminder!

### CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

#### A BUFFET SUPPER

will be held by Chris and Tricia Freeman at 2, The Orchards on Saturday 17<sup>TH</sup> July. Tickets £7 per person. 'phone 770855. Raffle prizes welcome. All proceeds to the Children's Society.

### CHRISTIAN AID

OVER £496 was raised in Ravensthorpe during Christian Aid Week in May. Many thanks to all those who made donations, as well as the organisers and collectors.

## WANTED! VOLUNTEER DRIVERS

There was **NO** response to last month's appeal.  
**WHERE ARE YOU?**

**POT HOLES**

If you are concerned about the number and size of potholes in the village, the Parish Council is asking for your help.

Our council is continuously contacting the County Council regarding this problem.

We are now asking everyone to 'phone "CLARENCE" (the centre for road problems) on freephone 0800 232323 and report the problems, stating the position and dimensions of the holes.

It is hoped that if we all bombard the telephone line, action will be taken.

**THEY CAN MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE**

The Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association - Forces Help is the national charity helping those serving and ex-Service men, women and their families in need, for example, help in **Welfare, Financial Support, Housing, Friendship, Social Work, Health Care etc.**



They can make a real difference. They are dedicated and committed to helping those in need, suffering or distress, regardless of age or condition.

SSAFA-FORCES HELP estimate that one quarter of the population in the UK could be eligible for their help. If you are one of them, know someone who is or want to join their volunteer caring force, please get in touch. **The local branch is: SSAFA-FORCES HELP, T.A. Centre, Clare Street, Northampton NN1 3JQ Tel/Fax/Ansphone: 01604 603899**

**THE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE MONTHLY MEETING**

The Village Hall

Thursday 15<sup>TH</sup> July - 8.00pm

**"MY FEET ARE KILLING ME"**

A talk by Susan Constable of The Shoe Museum

Hostesses are P Freeman & M Hancox

**OUTING to The Shoe Museum**

Saturday 21<sup>ST</sup> August

Meet at Village Post office -1.15pm

**YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS PLEASE - DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER ISSUE IS 23<sup>RD</sup> AUGUST**

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**A QUARTER CENTURY ON**

by **PETER CRIPPS**

IN 1979 I had been running the Village Agency for about two to three years when I decided that I was in need of a new direction.

This presented itself one lunchtime when en route to have lunch with my mother, then living at "Shangri-la," I stopped in for fuel at the Garage and started talking with the then owner, Roy Atkinson.

Roy said "Peter, I'm thinking of retiring and what I would like is a bungalow in the village just like your mother's, next door."

Over lunch I discussed the prospect with mother and that afternoon I called back round to see Roy and a deal was agreed. Roy would buy the bungalow next door and I would buy the Garage and the white cottage at the other side of the forecourt, known as The Old Woolpack.

So mother and Geoff Wykes (who now manages the Garage), moved into the old white cottage for six months whilst a new house was being built for them in East Haddon. I continued living over the Village Agency and Geoff took up the reins at the Garage in my absence.

Some six months later Mother and Geoff moved to East Haddon and Teddy and I moved into The Old Woolpack. After some years of gentle persuasion, Teddy and I were married in 1984. Our first daughter, Sophie, was born in 1992 and some two-and-a-half years later, our second daughter Rebecca arrived. Now with the family up to four we had outgrown The Old Woolpack and so we set about the task of building the new



**Peter Cripps in his Garage Workshops**  
*photo courtesy of Clive*

house where we now live on the site of the old stable yard.

Over the years of owning and running the Garage, we have had a relatively small number of staff working here, but there have been some great characters and in amongst the serious business of working there have been many moments of drama and amusement. During this time, we have had six young men/school leavers join the Garage as apprentices who have sometimes had to start running to keep up with life's learning curves! Most have moved on successfully either in the car business or similar.

Although I have been away on numerous occasions with other interests, I have always enjoyed coming back to the Garage with its great atmosphere and some wonderful customers who have been a pleasure to work with for all these years. With almost a quarter of a century passed like lightning, I wish to say "thank you" for all those who have made running the Garage a great experience and pleasure.

*Peter Cripps*

**CHURCH SERVICES**

ALTAR FLOWERS AND BRASS ROTA

Sunday 4 <sup>TH</sup> July	11.00am	Family Service	Mrs Y Childs
Sunday 11 <sup>TH</sup> July	11.00am	Holy Communion	Mrs R Jones
Sunday 18 <sup>TH</sup> July	8.00am	Holy Communion	Mrs E Reed
Sunday 25 <sup>TH</sup> July	11.00am	Holy Communion	Mrs V Hickman
Sunday 1 <sup>ST</sup> August	11.00am	Morning Service	Mrs P Foss
Sunday 8 <sup>TH</sup> August	11.00am	Holy Communion	Mrs V Rees
Sunday 15 <sup>TH</sup> August	8.00am	Holy Communion	Mrs A Fowler
Sunday 22 <sup>ND</sup> August	11.00am	Holy Communion	Mrs Y Reeve
Sunday 29 <sup>TH</sup> August	10.00am	<b>Group Service at Creaton</b>	Mrs R Gee