

Welcome to Revd. John Tarrant

THE LICENSING of the Reverend John Tarrant as Priest-in-Charge of St Deny's, Ravensthorpe and the Reverend Karen Jongman as NSM Curate by the Right Reverend Frank White, Bishop of Brixworth took place on Wednesday evening, 10th September.

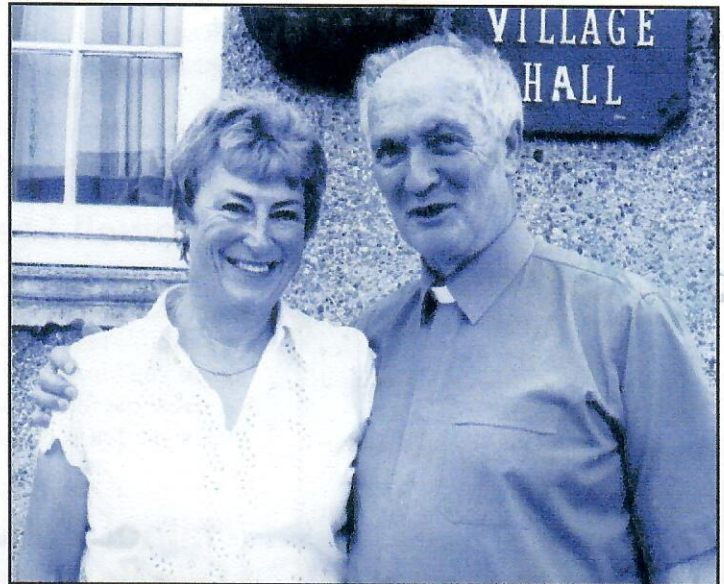
At the end of this year John Tarrant will be celebrating 40 years of ordination. His first position was as curate at Chelsea Old Church in London. He then served as chaplain at St Peter's College, Birmingham. By coincidence the principal of the College was Canon Platten, the father of Meg Benn, our churchwarden.

John Tarrant then became the first Anglican priest in the newly constructed capital of Belize at Belmorpan. For four years he shared an ecumenical ministry with Catholics and Methodists.

On returning to England he became vicar of a church in Sussex, near Ashdown Forest and then went to Ringwood in the New Forest. He then served with the Team Ministry based in Ross-on-Wye and took services in 30 out of 35 churches in that Deanery.

As Reverend John and his wife Madeleine's children were all located between London and Cornwall, he looked for a ministry south of the A14.

On becoming the Vicar of Guilsborough three years ago he luckily just managed this. It is a result of John Tarrant's active support that Ravensthorpe and Coton have become part



The Revd. John and Madeleine Tarrant
(photo courtesy of Clive)

of the Guilsborough Benefice. He felt there is a strong historical and geographical case for this linkage.

We all welcome John and his wife Madeleine into our village community and look forward to many happy years together.

The telephone number for the Vicarage in Guilsborough is 743508

CONGRATULATIONS!



(photo courtesy of Clive)

THE WEDDING of Helen Lewis, daughter of Glyn and Margaret Lewis of 5 High Street to Aiden Longeran took place at St Deny's Church on Saturday September 20th.

The family wish to thank the Reverend

William Gibbs and Father Francis, as well as the choir and bellringers and all the well wishers who came on the day.

We wish the happy couple our heartiest congratulations and all the very best for the future.

RAVENSTHORPE MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELD

Financial Problem

ALAN WORTHINGTON, the Chairman of the Playing Field's Committee has written out a statement of the current position. Regrettably the statement is too lengthy to fit into our Newsletter and too well expressed and complete for it to be edited.

The full statement is therefore included separately and should be read by all our village residents.

Please note also that the Annual General Meeting of the Playing Field Committee is on 18TH November, at 8.00pm in the Pavillion.

OBITUARIES

Alice Mold

Born 26th June 1905

A tribute by her grandson,
Colin Mold

Alice moved to Home Farm, Ravensthorpe (now the home of Richard Fowler and family) in the 1930's and farmed 120 acres with her husband Edward Cecil Mold.

They farmed mostly dairy cattle with some arable and grass to feed their herd of Friesian cattle. After retiring in 1965, and handing the farm over to their son Ronnie, Alice and Edward moved to East Farndon, then to Lorraine Drive, Northampton and finally to Stannard Way in Brixworth.

Alice's husband Edward died in 1978. Alice remained in Stannard Way until the late 1990's. She first moved to Boniface House and then to Pytchley Court in Brixworth where she was tenderly cared for until her death on 1st September 2003, at a grand age of 98.

Alice was laid to rest with her husband in Ravensthorpe Churchyard.

*"Rest in Peace
Granny"*

Winifred (Winnie) Meadowcroft

1923 - August 2003

A message from
her husband Ewart

SINCE coming to Ravensthorpe to live, some 40 years ago, I have realised that although many things have changed, the fundamentals remain the same. This has been shown to me by the kindness of so many of you in my home, the church and hospital.

Your numerous letters and cards of condolence have overwhelmed me and moved me very deeply.

I therefore wish you all to receive my heartfelt warm thanks and sincere appreciation of your loving kindness.

Yours most sincerely

Ewart Meadowcroft

Ravensthorpe Pocket Park

AROUND 20 volunteers, both young and old joined Thalia Pike and Pat Patrick in mowing and raking the wildflower meadow on the sunny Saturday morning of 20th September.

Our Pocket Park is one of over 80 in Northamptonshire and was established some three years ago. It has already developed into a lovely peaceful area providing good habitat for wild life.

Hollowell Steam 2003

St Denys Church is most grateful for the generous donation of £500 from Hollowell. They also extended a big "thank you" to the 12 volunteers from Ravensthorpe for all their help and hard work in the Tea Tent over the weekend in July.

Talbot Butler Ward

A Coffee Morning in aid of the ward will be held on November 20th at 10.30am, at Ann Fowler's house, Home Farm.

There will be Bring and Buy and Cakes Stalls, as well as a Raffle.

Doreen Buck will be grateful for any contributions: Tel: 770720.

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LOCAL INTEREST STORIES, HUMOUR,
PHOTOS. LETTERS TO THE EDITOR etc

**YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS PLEASE
DEADLINE FOR NOVEMBER
ISSUE IS 23RD OCTOBER**

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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

FILL A SHOE BOX WITH GOODIES FOR THE NEEDY

Would you like to send a Christmas present to a needy child in a troubled area of the world? All you need is an empty shoe box available at a shop or from Lorna Jones. Fill it with goodies, £2 cash and The Samaritans Charity Purse will do the rest.

**Boxes need to be ready by 30th
November at the latest.**

**Call now for more information
from Lorna Jones on 770308**

Thank You!

I was overwhelmed by the greetings and good wishes of my fellow villagers after my spell in hospital suffering from a minor heart attack in August. Also thank you, editor John Mott for your "get well" message in September's "Newsletter."

I'm feeling fine now and delighted to be active again in our community.

*Clive G Clewes
Brunel Cottage, Coton Road*



STOP PRESS

**Saturday 27th September
Macmillan Coffee Morning**
SPECIAL THANKS to everyone for their help, support and generosity with goods and raffle prizes.

The preliminary count shows we raised £570.75p for this very good cause. Anyone else wishing to make a donation can still do so. Thanks again.

**Pat & John Patrick, 32 High Street
Tel: 770596**

CHURCH SERVICES

ALTAR FLOWERS
AND BRASS ROTA

Sunday 5 th October	11.00am	Harvest Festival Family Service	Mrs Ros Jones
Sunday 12 th October	11.00am	Holy Communion	Mrs Ros Jones
Sunday 19 th October	8.00am	Holy Communion	Mrs Gill Douglas
Sunday 26 th October	11.00am	Holy Communion	Mrs Gill Douglas
Sunday 3 rd November	11.00am	Family Service	Mrs Susie Pasley-Tyler