

Robert (Pip) Wornum (1919-2005)

On learning of the death of Pip Wornum a great sense of loss will have been experienced by anyone who has lived in Ravensthorpe for some time and knew him before illness affected his active participation in the community.

The Reverend John Tarrant and Father James Evans conducted a most moving Service of Thanksgiving for his life in St Denys Church on Thursday 8th September.

As an old friend of some 35 years Richard Fowler shared his memories with the congregation and vividly portrayed Pip as an erudite leader of men and a compassionate as well as passionate thinker.

Pip distinguished himself in everything he did in life. He was a loving father and husband and tribute should be paid to his children and Marie, his loving wife, whose selfless devotion and tireless care helped and supported him during his final years and the illness he bore with such great dignity. Our sincerest sympathy goes to all the family.

A meticulous wordsmith, Pip took great delight in his long and arduous work as editor of **The Raven**, the quarterly village magazine which was the voice and comment of the village personified. In its 10 editions from 1983 to 1992 his wit, irony and humour (sometimes provocative) delighted his readers, though there were a few occasions when libel actions were prevented by his careful diplomacy. However, his editorial comment was the wittiest and sometimes the best prose in the English Language

Pip's services to the village included his Chairmanship of the Village Hall



Committee and it was his drive and enthusiasm which changed a 1920's building into the Hall we enjoy today. He was also a very effective and forthright member of the Parish Council and the Playing Fields Committee.

As well as a practical handyman, Pip also used his collection of reference books as a mine of information and would readily leave the dinner table to look something up in order to make a point or answer a question. His keen interest in the history of the Middle Ages led him to write a book about "The Black Prince;" sadly never published.

Pip was born in Edgbaston and educated at Beaumont College near Windsor. On leaving college he started as an engineering apprentice and progressed to Assistant Manager. When the Second World War started he was in the Officer Reserve but was rejected for active service having suffered asthma as a child. He went on to be a Company Commander in the Home Guard.

In 1944 he married his first wife Thelma

and together they had three sons, Anthony, Tim and Steven.

In the 1950's Pip was active in politics and became Chairman of the West Midlands Young Conservatives. His predecessors included John Profumo and Gerald Nabarro. He might have followed a political career but chose to balance his life so as to spend more time with his young family.

In 1961 the family all emigrated to Spain and started a new life there. All went well for a time and they had a good life together but eventually Pip chose to return to the UK and work in engineering again.

Sadly in 1970 Thelma became ill and died out in Spain and the boys then returned to England.

Pip then married Marie and shortly afterwards they moved to Ravensthorpe. They had two children Robert and Victoria (Tors). Pip was a great family man and very supportive and proud of all his children and took fresh delight in his grandchildren, Lois, Philip, Amanda and Greg.

There are plans to produce a detailed history of Pip's life to give to the many members of the family and for his many friends. **If anyone has any memories, anecdotes or stories of Pip, then do let Marie Wornum or Ann Fowler hear of them.**

IF ANYONE WISHES TO MAKE A
DONATION IN PIP WORNUM'S
MEMORY, PLEASE MAKE YOUR
DONATION TO
THE VILLAGE HALL
OR THE PLAYING FIELDS' FUND.

RAVENSTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Tenders are invited for

GRASS MOWING

In the Parish of Ravensthorpe
For 3 years Commencing
March 2006

For specification contact:
Clerk to the Parish Council
Tel: 01604 770894

All tenders to be received by
Monday 14th December 2005

TALBOT BUTLER WARD and AIR AMBULANCE SERVICE

COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 12th November
10.30am to 12 noon
At Ann Fowler's Home

Contributions needed for Raffle
Prizes, Bring 'n Buy and Cake Stalls.
Contact Doreen Buck 770220

WOMEN'S' INSTITUTE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 20th October
at 8.00pm

in the

VILLAGE HALL

Hostesses: T Avery & J Reader

MacMillan Cancer Relief

£576 was raised for this cause at a very enjoyable Coffee Morning held in the Village Hall on Saturday 24th September.

Many thanks to Pat and John Patrick who organised the event and to all those who contributed and attended to make this such a success. **Any further donations will be gratefully accepted.**

Reminder...

Harvest Supper / Harvest Service

The Service on 2nd October will be followed by an auction of produce in aid of the Toc H Charity, Bangladesh. The supper will be on Friday 7th October in the Village Hall.

Book now with Gill Douglas on 770541 if you haven't already done so.

Historic Churches Walk and Bike Ride

So far £107 has been forwarded on, of which St Denys will receive 50%. Many thanks to all those who cycled and took part in this fund raising effort held on that wet Saturday 10th September.

Special thanks to Gill Douglas who walked from Thornby to Ravensthorpe and "showed us all up!"

Weekly Envelopes

NOVEMBER sees the start of the new year for those who wish to make a commitment to a weekly donation to maintaining our village church.

New participants will be most welcome and the envelopes can either be collected in the church or by contacting:

David Johnstone (Gift Aid Secretary)
telephone 770826

MOBILE LIBRARY VISITS RAVENSTHORPE FORTNIGHTLY ON TUESDAYS

STOPS IN: ARRIVES: LEAVES:

High Street	3.45	4.00
Guilborough Rd	4.05	4.20
Bettycroft Close	4.25	4.40

YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS PLEASE
DEADLINE FOR NOVEMBER
ISSUE IS 23rd OCTOBER
Contact Editor John Mott
16 Church Gardens
Ravensthorpe Tel 770618

or email: clive.jcapr.T21@btinternet.com

Affordable Housing

by Felix Marsh

On the evening of Wednesday 14th September the Ravensthorpe Parish Council hosted the Village Affordable Housing Project open evening in the Village Hall. The event was arranged in partnership by the Parish Council, Northamptonshire ACRE, Daventry District Council and Northamptonshire Rural Housing Association, with the aim of allowing people to find out more about the Dairyfield extension scheme. Six additional semi-detached houses are to be built on the land adjacent to the existing houses and only people with a strong connection to the village will be eligible to live in them. Northamptonshire Rural Housing Association currently manage the Dairyfield homes and will also manage the new houses.

Approximately 100 people attended this open meeting, which demonstrates

the high level of interest in the scheme from members of the village.

The estimated time of building completion and new residents moving in is Winter 2006 / Spring 2007. At present the application is being finalised ready for submission at some point during this October.

During the project Open Evening there were lots of enquiries about how people can apply to become a resident in the new homes. In the November edition of our Newsletter there will be a project guide explaining how to sign up, who is eligible and details on shared ownership or renting.

Any questions please contact:
Felix Marsh, tel 01604 825890

or email:
felix.marsh@northantsacre.org.uk

Wine Tasting Evening

Thursday 27TH October 7pm for 7.30pm
in the VILLAGE HALL

An opportunity to taste a fine selection of wines
and to buy now for Christmas

Admission £7.50 includes the tasting and light refreshments.
Tickets available from the Village Hall Committee or the Post Office.

ALL IN AID OF THE VILLAGE HALL IMPROVEMENT FUND
Please come and support this event

CHURCH SERVICES

ALTAR FLOWERS
AND BRASS ROTA

Sunday	2 ND October	11.00am	Harvest Festival	Mrs Ros Jones
Sunday	9 TH October	9.45am	Holy Communion	Mrs Ros Jones
Sunday	16 TH October	11.00am	Holy Communion	Mrs Ann Fowler
Sunday	23 RD October	8.30am	Holy Communion	Mrs Ann Fowler
Sunday	30 TH October	10.00am	Group Service at Spratton	Mrs Gill Douglas
Sunday	6 TH November	11.00am	Family Service	Mrs Gill Douglas

Vicar: The Reverend John Tarrant tel: 743508