

WIVERTON NEWS

December 2004 & January 2005

Time to say Goodbye

It's time for Catharine and me to move on. At the end of this year we shall be retiring from active parish ministry and moving to our newly acquired home some way north from here in County Durham. We have a mixture of feelings: excitement and anticipation for the newness of what lies ahead; but also regret and sadness as we leave behind what for us has been a very happy and fulfilling nine and a half years in the Wiverton Group.

We feel full of thanks – village life here has been rich. We have made so many friends. I/we have had the privilege of being involved in so many family events, and celebrations: mostly happy but inevitably some sad. We have loved the countryside, the house and garden, and the neighbourhood.

We have appreciated taking a share in village community life and seeing the way it can develop. In Cropwell Bishop we have witnessed the forming of Cropwell Care and the Heritage Group. In Langar I have been impressed with how the school has moved forward and shone under its present leadership. In Colston Bassett there is reward in seeing fruit for all the slog put into consolidating St. Mary's as a ruin - which can now be on the tourist map and tell its own story with pride.

But most of all it's people whom we have come to know and love that we shall miss. And this is the hard part: to have to walk away out of the pastoral relationship which a vicar inherits and is trusted to nourish – suddenly it is no longer there. Of course we shall be free to keep contact with those who choose to, and with whom we choose to. But nothing can alter the fact that this feels like separation and loss - which it is.

Our final public event is to be on Sunday 9 January in St. Andrew's Langar [10am Group service] to which you are invited. It will be a celebration for the two of us of the wonderful years we have had here. It will also be a moment to pray for you - for what as yet lies unknown in the future: for the continuing health and growth of Christ's church and people in these villages.

Because we shall hope to see you there we'll reserve our final goodbyes till then!

Andrew & Catharine Wigram

PERSONAL

Vicarage garage and garden items for sale

Ring 0115 989 3172 for viewing

We have a number of things to dispose of – donations will be welcome.

- Qualcast cylinder push mower [small] in good working order, recently sharpened.
- Garden table with 4 chairs [white]
- Water butt with down pipe feeder
- Barbecue, small and portable
- Fire fender for child-proofing - extendable
- Garden flares with fuel
- Garage fridge, small, old but efficient!
- Garden hosing – short
- Canes, assorted sizes, and herbacious supports
- Trellises
- Pots – assorted
- Wooden packing crates and pallets – various

Catharine & Andrew Wigram

Sponsored Slim

Chris Dolby would like to thank all those who have sponsored and encouraged her in her 25lb weight loss. The sum of £560 has been raised. £360 for the Nottingham City Hospital Breast Cancer Support Group, and £200 for the Wiverton Group. There is still some money to be collected. **It is not too late.** Please let Chris have the money as soon as possible.

(Ring 01949 850127)

Colston 150 year old debt repaid!

I was handed a letter addressed to the Vicar of Colston Bassett on the night of the Colston Bassett parish harvest supper as we enjoyed ourselves in the village hall. On opening the envelope I discovered £50 in notes and the following message.

Newton, Robert

P/N to Rev. W.H.Wyatt

Mention Parsonage Nottingham

for £20 (to be collected by P. Govt.)

Emig by Sir Edw Paget.

PSccym 396/56

Please find the enclosed £50 = my great great grandfather borrowed from the church to come to NZ in 1856 = It was never paid back as far as I can find out.

Please accept this with our humble thanks.

Joyce Rumbal, **New Zealand**

The original P/N [Promise Note?, Pay Note?] is found in the Museum Archives, Christchurch, New Zealand

Joyce Rumbal is a relative of Val Newton who is the only remaining bearer of the Newton family name remaining in the village. Joyce had paid Val a visit to repay the debt last month.

In a letter of thanks to Joyce I included the following:

On behalf of St. John's Colston Bassett parish church council I convey our thanks to you for discharging your great great grandfather's wishes – nearly one hundred and fifty years later! We receive this legacy/payment with much appreciation and thanks.

Things like this do not happen every day!

Andrew Wigram

December & January Diary

DECEMBER

- Thu 2 8pm Bible Study Group – 3, The Mews, Colston Bassett
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- Sat 11 7.30pm Bingham and District Choral Society – Christmas Concert - at Bingham Parish Church.
- Mon 13 2pm (for 2.30pm start) Mothers' Union hosted *Carol Service and Tea Party* – Rawlings Court, Cropwell Bishop
- Wed 15 2pm Cropwell Bishop Primary School - Christmas Service
- Thu 16 6.30pm Langar Primary School Christmas Nativity - St Andrews
- Thu 16 7.30pm Cropwell Bishop Heritage Committee - 5, Clarke Close, Cropwell Bishop.
- Sat 18 3pm Wedding Anniversary Thanksgiving – Tom and Barbara Saxton – St. Andrews Church, Langar.
- Tue 21 2.30pm Colston Bassett Primary School - Christmas Service – St. John's

JANUARY

- Sun 9 10am Group Service at St. Andrews' Church, Langar – Farewell to Andrew and Catharine Wigram
- Mon 10 2.30pm Mothers' Union *Holy Communion and Annual Report* – St Giles Cropwell Bishop
- Fri 14 7.15pm St. Giles's Parish Supper evening – Memorial Hall, Cropwell Bishop
- Sat 15 7.30pm Cropwell Bishop Heritage Group – Open Meeting – Memorial Hall
- Sun 16 4pm Christingle Service - St Andrews' Langar.
- Sat 29 8pm Organ Recital by David Sibley at St Giles, Cropwell Bishop; followed by cheese and wine; in aid of St. Giles's Tower Fund
- Sun 30 11am Baptism of Rebecca Louise Hearn – Tythby
- Mon 31 7.30pm Group Council Meeting – St. Andrews' Langar

From the Registers

BAPTISMS

Oct	3	Samantha Ann Goldney	Colston Bassett
	10	Emily Jepson	Cropwell Bishop
	10	Jamie Philip Cordon	
		Sophie Bryher Cordon	Cropwell Bishop
Nov	7	Lloyd William Knott	
		Lydia Jamie Knott	Langar

BLESSING OF MARRIAGE

Oct	1	Stephen Garrett Walsh & Louise McNally	Langar
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FUNERALS

Sep	27	Anthony Edward Riddell	Langar
Oct	7	Noelle Andrew Gullick	Cropwell Bishop
	21	Victor Henry Ward	Banrstone
	26	John Edmund Rickaby	Cropwell Bishop
Nov	17	Brian (Mort) Lewis Fisher	Cropwell Bishop

Christingle Service

This year our Christingle Service is on **Sunday 16th January – 4pm in St. Andrew’s Church, Langar.** Last year, the 5000 Churches and Schools who organised a Christingle Service helped raise over £1 million for the Children’s Society. This year any money raised will go towards the ‘Safe and Sound’ Campaign which aims to help the 100,000 children under 16 who run away from home each year. The Children’s Society aims to give these children somewhere safe to go and someone to talk to.

The Christingle Service is a family occasion and everyone will receive a Christingle to take home. The service lasts around 40 minutes and is followed by tea or squash.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bingham & District Choral Society – *Christmas Concert*

To be held in St. Mary's & All Saints' Bingham
on Saturday 11 December, 7.30pm.

Tickets £6 including wine and mince pies, are available from Bingham Library and choir members as well as on the door.

This is a popular annual event; so book early to secure your seat!

Pre-Easter retreat pilgrimage

Bishop Roy Williamson, former bishop of Southwark, London, will be leading pilgrims on three nights' stay on the historic island of Iona as part of a week long retreat pilgrimage next year in March (16-23).

During the week we will take in the most important sites associated with the Celtic/Anglo-Saxon period. As well as experiencing retreat and Palm Sunday on Iona, visits to Holy Island, Durham Cathedral and accommodation in Durham are included.

Price for the week is £475 (4 nights Half Board, 3 nights Full Board and all trips included).

Further details are available at www.ukltg.com or by phoning LTG Conferences on 01274 599622

! HELP !

Cropwell Care is in desperate need of new volunteer drivers. We take residents of Cropwell Bishop and Cropwell Butler to appointments at the surgery, dentist, chiropodist and occasionally the hospital. A mileage allowance is given. Could you volunteer? Even one morning or afternoon a week would be helpful. **WE NEED YOU!**

For further information telephone Linda on 0115 9892117

WIVERTON GROUP SERVICES: DECEMBER 2004 AND JANUARY 2005

Date	Tythby	C/Butler	Langar	Barnstone	Granby	Elton	C/Bishop	C/Basset
Dec 5 2nd of Advent	11.00am MP	6pm Butler Fellp	9.30am AAHC	9.30am MP	9.30am HC with Elton	9.30am HC at Granby	9.30am MP	11am AAHC
Dec 12 3rd of Advent	9.30am MP	11am Butler AAS	8.30am HC		11am Crib Service	11am MP	11am AAS	11am MP
Dec 19 4th of Advent	11am Carol Service	6pm Christmas Fellowship	4pm Village Carol Service	9.30am Carol Service	6pm Carol Service	6.30pm Carol Service	9.30am [1662] HC	6pm Carol Service
Dec 24/25 Christmas Eve/Day	11pm HC	6.30pm Nativity	11pm HC	6.30pm HC	9pm HC	8.30am [1662] HC	9.30am HC 11am AAS 6.30pm Carols	9pm HC
Dec 26 St Stephen							10am HC Group Service	
Jan 2 2nd of Christmas	11am MP	6pm Butler Fellp	9.30am AAHC		9.30am HC at Elton	9.30am HC [1662] with Granby	9.30am MP 11am AAS at Colston	11am AAS with Cropwell Bishop
Jan 9 1st of Epiphany			10am HC Group Service Farewell					
Jan 16 2nd of Epiphany	11am Plough Sunday		4pm Christingle		11am MP with Elton	11am MP at Granby	9.30am HC 11am at Chapel	4pm EP
Jan 23 3rd of Epiphany	6pm EP	11am Butler AAS	9.30am HC at Barnstone	9.30am HC with Langar	11am AAS	11am MP	11am HC	8.30am HC [1662]
Jan 30 3rd of Epiphany	11am HC with Baptism	6pm Covenant Service	9.30am MPCW		6pm HC at Elton (Candlelit)	6pm HC with Granby (Candlelit)	11am AAS	11am MP

Key: MP – Morning Prayer 1662 – Service from the Book of Common Prayer MPCW – Morning Prayer Common Worship
 AAS – All Age Service AAHC – All Age Holy Communion EP – Evening Prayer

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