

# WIVERTON NEWS

JUNE & JULY 2004

## The Magic Forty

This is a moment to speak personally. The summer of 1964 is a landmark time for Catharine and myself, holding the memories of two events which only normally happen once in a life time.

On July 18 1964 we got married – in North Devon as it happened. Then on September 20 I was ordained into the Church of England in York Minster. So our lives were set in the pattern they have followed ever since.

Our marriage has been blessed with three children, and now five grandchildren. My ordination has led us to serve parishes in North Yorkshire, Kenya, South East Essex and now in the Vale of Belvoir. Throughout all these years Catharine has been very fully involved, as she is today. We have been privileged to share a partnership both in marriage and in ministry.

On Sunday 18 July 2004 Catharine and I are celebrating our Ruby Wedding. In fact, on the Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> we shall be hosting a celebration concert in St. Andrew's Langar to which we shall invite many of you who have filled up the cup of our lives while we have been here for the past 9 years. Equally, we do not want to exclude any others who would want to share this event with us, even if they do not receive an invitation. With or without one you are welcome to join us.

The evening will be run by *In Accord* a Nottingham based small choir which sings a variety of music. Our younger daughter is a member of it. In addition we shall be serving drinks and canapés during the interval.

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July is The Day for the two of us. However, I want to draw on the other celebration, my ordination, even though it will still be a few months short of the date. I have requested to have a Group Holy Communion service at 10am, again in St. Andrew's Langar, to invite all of the congregations within the Wiverton Group, and indeed anyone else from all of these parishes, to join us in celebrating forty years in the ordained ministry.

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So we are planning for a double celebration weekend. Obviously Catharine and I have a great store of memories to celebrate. At the same time we would be honoured to open our doors to you who have been the most recent part of our lives, and made it home for us. We have enjoyed and appreciated village life in Nottinghamshire, and especially getting to know so many of you.

You are welcome to join us – most welcome.

Andrew Wigram

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## Personal

### **Foreign coin collectors**

A collection of miscellaneous foreign coins is on offer, at no cost, to anyone interested. Please ring 0115 989 3172

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## Announcements

### **Notts Historic Churches Cycle Ride 2004**

#### **Saturday 11 September, 9am to 5pm**

No doubt all of the churches within the Wiverton Group will be taking part, as in previous years. The organizer for St. Mary's Colston Bassett [historic ruin] would like people to know that this project will definitely be 'in business' again this year. Please contact Liz Alcock for sponsorship forms [01949 81248].

### **Parish Weekend**

#### **Saturday/Sunday 25/26<sup>th</sup> September in St. Andrew's Langar**

Our Parish Weekend this year will be similar to last year's very enjoyable weekend when various workshops were held on the Saturday, and in a Group Service on the Sunday the Saturday 'creations' were offered to God. Among the workshops on offer were candle making, mosaics, aromatherapy, bell ringing and singing. The theme was "Do something Beautiful".

The theme for this year has yet to be decided; any ideas will be gratefully accepted. Please put these dates in your dairies, and if you are able to offer a workshop, or help of any kind over the weekend, please contact The Rev'd Christine Dolby on 01949 850127.

## ***Cropwell Celebrates! Weekend 2 – 4 July '04***

[Press release issued in early May from Cropwell Bishop Parish Council]

The chairman of the Parish Council, Mr. Alan Wilson, announced that he is delighted with the wide range of events and activities arranged by the village for Cropwell Bishop Flower Festival and Celebration.

Taking place over the weekend of 2 – 4 July 2004 the celebrations include the Flower Festival (in St. Giles Church), a Garden Trail and a village Hanging Basket competition, along with a contribution from the children in the village with their "Greenhouse trail" at the Memorial Hall. Two concerts are planned, a Music in Quiet Places production in the church (Friday evening\*), and a grand outdoor concert featuring Live Music and Fireworks on Saturday evening. For the more energetic there is a Tug o' War competition, Welly Wanging, and Skittles taking place on the playing field.

[\* Tickets for Music in Quiet Places are obtainable from the village Post Office, and should be bought early to avoid disappointment, as they are on sale centrally also]

Throughout the weekend there are Art and Photographic exhibitions, the School Fair, Dance and Gymnastic exhibitions, and an excellent outdoor theatre production from the Common Players.

Mr. Wilson said, "The whole event would not be possible without the involvement of lots of villagers, along with local groups such as the church and youth club. The help of Rushcliffe Borough Council who have provided both financial and logistical support has been invaluable. The village is looking forward to a weekend of fun and friendship, of enjoyment for all ages; and wants to spread the message far and wide:

**Join the celebrations at Cropwell Bishop this summer!"**

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### New Leaders

1st Langar (Vale of Belvoir) Scout Group are in urgent need of a Beaver Scout Leader and a Cub Scout Leader. If you feel this is something that would suit you or you just want some more information then please ring Rod Whitehead, the Group Scout Leader, on 01949 860662 Rod Whitehead, the Group Scout Leader, on 01949 860662

# June & July Diary

## JUNE

- Sat 5 10-12pm St. Michael's Elton Coffee Morning & Sale – Elton Manor Cottage Garden
- Mon 7 7.30pm Granby & Sutton PCC – Curate's House, 4 Granby Hill
- Sun 13 11am Baptism of Milly Anne Healing – St. Giles C Bishop  
3pm Methodist Rural Ministry Circuit Service – Cropwell Butler Chapel
- Mon 14 2.30pm Mothers' Union: *Dementia, personal & professional view* [Paul Dunnery, Alzheimers Society] – Langar
- Sun 20 9.30am Baptism of Thomas Edward Besson – Langar
- Mon 21 8pm Elton PCC – St. Michael's church
- Wed 23 7.30pm East Bingham Deanery Synod – Venue ?  
8pm Colston Bassett PCC – St. John's Memorial Chapel
- Sat 26 7.30pm Concert *Cavendish Singers* – St. Andrew's Langar
- Sun 27 11am Baptism of Isabella Higginbotham and Madeline Richardson – All Saints' Granby
- Wed 30 7.45pm Langar & Barnstone PCC – St. Andrew's church

## JULY

- Fri 2 – Sun 4 Cropwell Bishop St. Giles Flower Festival & Village Weekend [See details under Announcements]
- Sat 10 Langar Primary School Summer Fair  
3pm Wedding: Vincent Corley & Anne Pickup – Granby
- Sun 11 9.30am Baptism of Kate Perkins [daughter of Simon & Abbe] - St. Andrew's Langar  
11am Baptism of Oliver Beech – St. Giles Cropwell Bishop
- Mon 12 Mothers' Union *Away Day* led by the Rev'd Janet Gorick at Sacrista Prebend, Southwell  
7.30pm Cropwell Butler & Tythby PCC – Chapel

Thu 15 7.30pm *Music in Quiet Places* – All Saints' Granby  
 Sat 17 1pm Wedding of Andre Mould & Kay Tinkley – C Bishop  
 Sat 24 1.30pm Wedding of Mark Glover & Nicola Straw – Granby  
 Sat 31 1.30pm Wedding of Matthew Robinson & Carron Shaw – St.  
 John's Colston Bassett

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## From the Registers

### BAPTISM

|        |                                  |                 |
|--------|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Mar 28 | Olivia Louise Caseldine          | Granby          |
| Apr 25 | Isabella Florence Whalley        | Granby          |
| May 2  | Michael Victor Beresford [Adult] | Langar          |
|        | Evangeline May Searle            | Colston Bassett |
|        | Emma Louise Freegard [Adult]     | Colston Bassett |

### MARRIAGE & WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

|        |  |                 |
|--------|--|-----------------|
| Apr 3  | <i>Golden Wedding Anniversary</i>              |                 |
|        | George and Violet Rhodes                       | Langar          |
| 8      | David & Helen Green <i>B/M</i>                 | Langar          |
| 17     | David & Caroline Findlay <i>B/M</i>            | Langar          |
| May 15 | Thomas Howes & Ruth Davison <i>M</i>           | Colston Bassett |
| 22     | Dean Fitch & Joanne Wiles <i>M</i>             | Cropwell Bishop |
|        | <i>B/M – Blessing of marriage M – Marriage</i> |                 |

### FUNERAL

|        |                              |                 |
|--------|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Mar 22 | Isaac Dolby                  | Granby          |
|        | Dennis Christopher Armstrong | Cropwell Bishop |
| 29     | Aline Gladys Albans          | Cropwell Bishop |
| 30     | Harold Richards              | Colston Bassett |
| Apr 19 | Geoffrey Sheppard            | Cropwell Bishop |
| 27     | Rosemary Judith Ann Duffin   | Cropwell Butler |
| May 06 | Janice Mary Parnham          | Cropwell Bishop |
| 10     | Mary Baxter                  | Cropwell Bishop |

# A year in the life of a PCC – 1959

by Peter Singleton

Dibley is probably the Anglican Churches' best known Parochial Church Council, although I suspect its functions have got a little confused with Dibley Parish Council but then, as you know, anything can happen in Dibley!

Most PCC's are a little more mundane in their business, a fact borne out by looking through a past Granby PCC minute book the first entry of which was for Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May 1957. The meeting was chaired by the Rev. G. Marson. Feelings were running high at the meeting over the management structure of the newly created village hall and a resolution was passed not to send representatives to its first meeting. The PCC also acknowledged the gift of the new minute book which had been given by Col. Charles Hemsley DSO and his wife Isla, along with a cheque for £100 towards the upkeep of Granby Church.

The book was finally closed after the meeting of the 18<sup>th</sup> March 1993 and an awful lot of business was conducted in the 36 years in between. 1959 seemed to be a particularly busy year. Castro may have led his revolution and monkeys be sent into space but in Granby there were concerns about the roof, construction of a new vestry, provision of an oak panel screen for the tower, repairs to the heating system as well as to the window next to the pulpit. The bells were particularly in the mind of the PCC in 1959. They had been recast and a newspaper article included in the minutes recorded their dedication by the Bishop (Rt Rev. Frank Russell Barry) and the fact that 'Granby children who had never heard the bells in their lives listened enraptured to the first triumphant peal'.

The annual garden fete occupied a great deal of the PCC's time and in particular establishing a date every year. 1959 was no different except that the date had to be hastily rearranged because Langar had altered theirs to allow Forest, who were the F.A. cup winners that year, to visit their Fete. That meant that Granby lost both their Opener and flower show judge who presumably had been booked for Langar. However, all was not lost, and the knobbly knees competition along with other homely attractions like skittles, children's fancy dress competition and the flower show went ahead. The net result was later reported to be £80/14/10. There was no shortage of things to spend the money on despite the previous year's Quota of £12 having been paid in full and the PCC having splashed out on a new bucket at a cost of 6/6d. Despite all the demands on the PCC's funds, in the previous year

£1/14/6 had been set aside from Jessica Faulks christening for a new flag.

The behaviour of young people is always a cause for comment and in 1959 there were complaints about the behaviour of the village children. The PCC secretary eventually recorded 'It was agreed that Granby Children had had more than their fair share of original sin'. That's small thanks in days when, according to the minute book, there was a Sunday School and an annual trip to the seaside and the pantomime. At the same meeting the state of the churchyard caused 'grave' concern and sheep and goats were suggested as alternatives to 'non existent scythians'.

However, the great excitement occurred because on September 4<sup>th</sup> Granby was the Home Service' week's good cause! Following on from Alistair Cook's 'Letter from America' came an appeal by Lady Graham on behalf of All Saints Church Granby with contributions to be addressed to Lady Graham at Wiverton Hall. The Radio Times reported that 'after great local efforts to put the Church in repair after the war it has now come as a shock to discover that the death watch beetle has attacked the roof of the nave. The village has already raised more than £2,000: to find the extra thousand or so for this new repair is beyond its capacity'. It was later recorded in the minutes that the broadcast had realised £321/10, although £4/5/6 had been spent on post cards telling people to listen to it!

Also exercising the minds of the PCC was the Deanery magazine. It had been proposed by the Dean that sketches made by his wife of the churches of the Deanery should appear on the front cover in successive months. Granby was certainly not having that! A resolution was passed that 'sketches of the churches at Granby and Elton were to be made by Miss Judith Parkin', presumably a talented home grown Granby parishioner.

So, who were the stalwarts of the PCC in 1959? Perhaps Granby residents will be able to recall them. There was the Rev. Marson, Mrs Lee, Mrs Moulds, Mrs Marson, Miss Pepper, Miss Skinner, Mr Allwood, Mr Parkin, Mr Moulds and Mr Coy.

It's all the 'stuff' of church life but these, and their successors today, are the people who turn up to meetings to ensure that the Parish finances are sound, that the building is in a good state of repair and that the Church continues its witness to the community it serves.

**For those of you too young to remember 'old money' take a look at [www.oldbaileyonline.org/history/london-life/coinage.html](http://www.oldbaileyonline.org/history/london-life/coinage.html) or [www.24carat.co.uk/commoncoinnames.html](http://www.24carat.co.uk/commoncoinnames.html)**

# WIVERTON GROUP SERVICES: JUNE AND JULY 2004

| Date   | Tythby           | C/Butler  | Langar                               | Barnstone           | Granby                   | Elton                 | C/Bishop   | C/Basset                                  |
|--|------------------|-----------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|--|---|
| <b>Jun 6</b><br><b>Trinity</b><br><b>Sunday</b>      | 11.50am MP       | 6pm Fellp | 9.30am HC<br>All Age [CW]            |                     | 9.30am MP                | 11am MP               | 9.30am MP<br>11am AAS                                    | 11am HC<br>All Age                        |
| <b>Jun 13</b><br><b>1st after</b><br><b>Trinity</b>  | 9.30am MP        | 11am AAS  | 8.30am HC<br>[CW]                    | 9.30am MP           | 9.30am HC<br>[CW]        | 11am AAS              | 11am AAS<br>and Baptism                                  | 6pm EP                                    |
| <b>Jun 20</b><br><b>2nd after</b><br><b>Trinity</b>  | 11am HC<br>[CW]  |           | 9.30am AAS<br>and Baptism            |                     | 6pm EP<br>at Elton       | 6pm EP<br>with Granby | 9.30am HC<br>[1662]<br>11am at Chapel                    | 11am MP<br>[CW]                           |
| <b>Jun 27</b><br><b>3rd after</b><br><b>Trinity</b>  | 6pm EP           | 11am AAS  | 9.30am HC<br>at Barnstone            | 9.30am HC<br>[CW]   | 11am AAS<br>with Baptism | 11am MP               | 11am AAS   | 8.30am HC<br>[1662]                       |
| <b>Jul 4</b><br><b>4th after</b><br><b>Trinity</b>   | 11am MP          | 6pm Fellp | 8.30am HC<br>[CW]                    |                     | 9.30am MP                | MP at Granby          | 6pm Festival<br>Celebration                              | 11am AAS                                  |
| <b>July 11</b><br><b>5th after</b><br><b>Trinity</b> | 9.30am MP        | 11am AAS  | 9.30am HC<br>[CW] with<br>Baptism    | 9.30am MP           | HC at Elton              | 9.30am HC<br>[CW]     | 11am AAS<br>and Baptism                                  | 6pm HC [CW]<br>with Prayer<br>for Healing |
| <b>Jul 18</b><br><b>6th After</b><br><b>Trinity</b>  |                  |           | 10am Group<br>HC [CW]<br>Anniversary |                     |                          |                       |  |   |
| <b>Jul 25</b><br><b>7th after</b><br><b>Trinity</b>  | 6pm HC<br>[1662] | 11am AAS  | 9.30am HC<br>At Barnstone            | 9.30am HC<br>[1662] | 11am AAS                 | 11am MP               | 11am HC [CW]<br><b>with Prayer</b><br><b>for Healing</b> | 8.30am HC<br>[1662]                       |

Key: MP – Morning Prayer  
AAS – All Age Service

1662 – Service from the Book of Common Prayer  
HC – Holy Communion EP – Evening Prayer

CW – Common Worship Service

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