OCTOBER 2004

WITH THE COMPLIMENTS OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST DENYS CHURCH

No. 41

POLICE CONSULTATIVE FORUM

TUESDAY 12th OCTOBER 6.45pm

CRICK VILLAGE HALL

Your opportunity to discuss and listen to matters regarding local policing.

Don't Forget...

WORKING SCALE MODELS EXHIBITION

This event in aid of Village Hall funds takes place on Sunday 24th October 10.00am-4.00pm in the Village Hall. See tanks in battle, trucks, planes, working trains and model boats. Also outside the Village Hall will be real full size World War II Military Vehicles, driven to this exhibition fully restored.

Admission: Adults £2, Chilren £1 Ploughman's lunches, Cakes, Tea etc

BONFIRE NIGHT

Friday 5th November at 7.00pm

Donations at the event in aid of the Playing Field Fund.

TALBOT BUTLER WARD COFFEE MORING

Saturday 6th November 10.30am - 12noon

At Ann Fowler's Home Contributions needed for Raffle Prizes,

Bring and Buy & Cake Stalls

ADVENT FESTIVAL

Apologies! The wrong days were published last month. It should have read:-Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th November.

If you can help in anyway, please contact the people and 'phone numbers given in our September "Newsletter".

'FESTIVAL FROLICS"

Village Hall Thursday 5th December A Christmas Pantomime sponsored by Northampton Performing Arts

VILLAGE OF THE YEAR

As previous winners we were entered in the Cup Winners Cup Competition and we are the **Runners-Up.** Winners are Great Houghton . Judging was on Village Appearance and Activities. **Well done everybody!**

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

SAMARITAN'S PURSE is a Christmas Charity dedicated to working with the victims of war, poverty, famine and natural disasters in those parts of the world where most of us would fear to tread.

Every year at Christmas the Charity distributes gifts to the children in these areas, as a sign of peace and love.

As individuals, we often feel powerless to improve the lives of others far away, but donating a shoe box full of goodies is something many people feel able to do knowing it is a direct, effective and

positive contribution.

To take part in Operation Christmas Child you will need a leaflet which gives full instructions. These are available at our Village Shop or by 'phoning 770308 and leaving your name and address. Boxes need to be ready by mid-November.

Last Year our village donated about 30 boxes. Perhaps we can increase the number of children we make happy this year.

With thanks in advance. LORNA JONES

GRAVEL EXTRACTION

THE PARISH COUNCIL has been advised that there will be consultation on the Northamptonshire Minerals Local Plan (Second Deposit Draft) from 14th October and closing on the 8th December.

A proposed site between West Haddon and Ravensthorpe to extract a million tons of gravel is included.

The Parish Council is going to send the following response and asks Ravensthorpe residents to send in their own responses.

Parish Council Responses:

- a) This is a Special Landscape Area.
- b) Any extraction will cause polluion to the Reservoir.
- c) Site noise will carry.
- d) Serious concerns over the volume of lorries and other traffic using local roads.
- e) Landfill concerns.
- f) Concerns on the effect on Tourism.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

A watch representative is required for **Scott Close.** Please contact Rosemary Partridge tel: 770650.

GUILSBOROUGH ROAD CLOSURE

THE COUNTY COUNCIL will be carrying out resurfacing work on the Guilsborough Road for three weeks in October.

A map of the diversion has been placed on the village notice board but essentially traffic to and from Coton, Guilsborough, Hollowell etc will be re-routed via Teeton.

HOLLOWELL STEAM RALLY

The organisers have very generously donated £500 to St Denys Church.

Our grateful thanks.

WOMENS' INSTITUTE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

IN THE VILLAGE HALL Thursday 21st October 8.00pm

Hostesses
Michelle Pearson & Tanya Avery



Obituary

JOHN WILLIAM LANE, better known as Jack, died on the 6th September aged 90. He lived in Ravensthorpe until five years ago when, after an illness, he moved to Pytchley Court, Brixworth. He was very happy and contented there.

As a young man he helped run the Ravensthorpe Football Team. He was a keen Cobblers and Northants Cricket supporter. His great love was his garden but he also loved to go fishing at Ravensthorpe Reservoir, where he worked for 40 years. Jack Lane started working there before the Second World War. During the war he served in the Royal Engineers in the Bomb Disposal Section. Only very exceptional people were capable of doing this hazardous

Jack returned to the Reservoir office after the war and lived in a cottage on Church Hill until he moved to the West Haddon Road.

The Family of Jack Lane wish to thank villagers for their kind donations to Pytchley Court.

Welcome Valerie Kerr

Valerie is renting the cottage in The Hollow renovated by Lady Pearson.

She has come to Ravensthorpe from London's West End to be near her son, daughter-in-law and grandchildren living in Leicestershire and also for a quiet life.

Valerie intends to take up serious gardening, whilst continuing her property interests in London via the Internet.

Valerie's other interests are sport and classical music

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

Contact Editor John Mott 16 Church Gdns Ravensthorpe Tel: 770618 or email: clive.jcapr.T21@btinternet.com I

A HAPPY ENDING

MANY OF YOU would have seen the large notice placed by Peter Cripps outside his garage announcing the theft of two hunt puppies from his property in August.

The puppies were being looked after and given basic training by the Cripps family before rejoining the Pytchley The theft took place at 3.30am and although the alarms were triggered and the property visited by Peter, the loss was not discovered until later in the morning.

Some three weeks later Peter was 'phoned on his mobile whilst working in

East Haddon and told that the puppies had been returned to Weston Favell Police Station. He and his daughter Rebecca drove there straight away and the puppies, though very thin and frightened after their ordeal, recognised Peter and Rebecca immediately. A joyful reunion followed.

The puppies quickly gained weight and health under the Cripps' family care and have now, as intended, rejoined the pack.

Peter is extremely grateful, and full of praise, for the work and devotion of the Police who brought about this happy result.

"ROUND THE CHURCHES" Cycle Ride / Walk

THANKS to eveyone who sat in the Church to welcome people to St Denys.

From Ravensthorpe Sally and Nick Ravine cycled and Ruth Douglas walked and together raised over £95.

Thank you and well done!

CRAB TREE PIT POCKET PARK

MANY THANKS to the 17 volunteers of all ages who turned up on Saturday 18th September to moe and rake the park.

Your efforts are appreciated.

MACMILLAN CANCER RELIEF

OVER £650 was raised for this cause at the highly enjoyable Cofee Morning on Saturday 25th September.

Many thanks to John and Pat Patrick and the many others who contributed and helped to make this such an outstanding success.

KEYS LEFT IN VEHICLES

FOLLOWING the theft of a van and its contents from the East Haddon Road and a possible attempted theft of a vehicle from Church Hill, can I remind all villagers of the need to be extra viligant with their keys.

Do not leave keys anywhere in your vehicle, even for a few seconds. Get into the habit of taking them with you every time you get out.

Never leave them on display in your house and never leave them where they can be seen from a ground floor window.

Some thieves target specific vehicles and will break into a house if they can see the keys, or anticipate finding them on a handy key rack close to the door. Better still, for them, if they are left in the door lock or can be fished through a letter box or cat flap.

Other thieves are opportunists, cruising around until they find a victim.

Let's not make it easier for them.

Glyn Lewis

Police Community Support ***************<u>*</u>

Sunday 3RD October 11.00am Harvest Festival

ALTAR FLOWERS AND BRASS ROTA

Sunday 10TH October 11.00am

Holy Communion

Mrs Ros Jones

Sunday 17TH October

8.00am

Holy Communion

Mrs Ros Jones Mrs Pauline Reeve

Sunday 24TH October

11.00am

Holy Communion

Mrs Pauline Reeve

Sunday 31st October

10.00am

Benefice Service at Creaton

Mrs Beryl Mott

Sunday 7th November 11.00am Family Service

Mrs Susie Pasley-Tyler

Vicar; Revd John Tarrant, Guilsborough 'phone 743508