

- SHE AND NICK HAD A PROPERTY⁽⁸⁾ THERE WHICH ABSORBED MUCH OF THEIR TIME AND ENERGY - SHE WAS ESPECIALLY INDUSTRIOUS IN THE GARDEN WHERE SHE DEVELOPED A CITRUS ORCHARD, HAVING GERMINATED AND RAISED SEEDLINGS AT HOME IN ENGLAND BEFORE TAKING THEM OUT TO SPAIN FOR PLANTING - THE SKILLS OF HER FIRST CAREER BLOSSOMING LATE.
- IN 1985 SHE RETIRED FROM TEACHING, AND UNHAPPY WITH THE OVERDEVELOPMENT TAKING PLACE AROUND THEM IN THORNTON LE BEANS, THEY MOVED TO THORNTON STEWARD IN UREDALE WHERE SHE SAID IT WOULD BE 'SAFER FOR THE CATS'.
- SADLY, IN 1997, ON A VISIT TO SEE THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL WONDERS OF PETRA NICK WAS TAKEN ILL AND DIED.
- WHILST IN THORNTON LE BEANS A⁽⁷⁾ GROWING FRIENDSHIP DEVELOPED WITH A CERTAIN NICK DURHAM, WHO WAS A CLERK OF WORKS.
- THEIR FRIENDSHIP GREW AND IN JUNE 1973 THEY WERE MARRIED.
- ALTHOUGH THEY WERE NOT TO HAVE ANY CHILDREN OF THEIR OWN, ALWYN HAD ALWAYS HAD A CLOSE AND LOVING RELATIONSHIP WITH HER BROTHER AND SISTER AND WITH THEIR CHILDREN. - SHE WAS ALWAYS DELIGHTED TO SEE MICHAEL, JIM AND JOHN - - AND OF COURSE, PHILIP AND DAVID WERE NOT ONLY HER NEPHEWS, BUT HER GOD-SONS AS WELL, A POSITION SHE REGARDED MOST HIGHLY AND TOOK MOST SERIOUSLY.
- ALWYN HAD ALWAYS HAD A DEEP INTEREST IN ARCHAEOLOGY AND WHENEVER SHE COULD, TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT ANCIENT SITES - SHE WAS WELL-TRAVELLED IN TURKEY, ITALY, FRANCE AND THE HOLY LAND..... BUT THE PLACE SHE LOVED BEST WAS SPAIN.

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- ALWYN WAS FULL OF ENERGY, AND⁽¹⁰⁾ IT WAS NOT UNUSUAL TO FIND HER USING JOHN AS A LADDER SO THAT SHE COULD STEP FROM HIS SHOULDERS ON TO THE ROOF TO DO A SPOT OF PAINTING - NOT BAD FOR A LADY IN HER MID-70's.
 - AND NOT ONLY HAS JOHN BEEN A SKILLED AND WILLING LABOURER FOR ALWYN - BUT A CARING ONE AS WELL.....
 - ONE DAY I CAME ACROSS HIM ON HIS BICYCLE TRAILING ALWYN AS SHE RODE A HUGE HORSE ALONG THE BACK LANES NEAR THORNTON STEWARD - HE WAS FOLLOWING HER BECAUSE SHE WAS BARELY RECOVERED FROM A PREVIOUS SERIOUS FALL!
 - SHE TRULY WAS IRREPRESSIBLE!
 - AND SO IT CAME AS A DREADFUL SHOCK TO HEAR ONLY A MATTER OF MONTHS AGO, THAT SHE HAD BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH TERMINAL CANCER.
 - ALWYN HAD A HARD TIME COMING⁽⁹⁾ TO TERMS WITH NICKS DEATH AND WAS FAR FROM WELL FOR SOME CONSIDERABLE TIME.
 - A FEW YEARS LATER, THROUGH CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH DO NOT CONCERN US, (BUT WHICH INVOLVED THE COLLECTING OF HER HORSE MANURE BY A HANDSOME RETIRED GENTLEMAN BY THE NAME OF JOHN NEWBY), ALWYN FOUND LIFE COULD STILL BE FULL AND FULFILLING.
 - HER NEW-FOUND FRIENDSHIP GAVE HER A NEW LEASE ON LIFE AND THIS CULMINATED IN THEIR BEING MARRIED IN THE CRAKEHALL METHODIST CHURCH ON THE 10th JUNE 2000 - A SERVICE WHICH I WAS PRIVILEGED TO CONDUCT - AND WHICH WOULD HAVE HAD IT'S 7th ANNIVERSARY THIS COMING SUNDAY.....
 - ALWYN WAS TO BE VERY GLAD OF JOHN'S SKILLS IN CONSTRUCTION WHEN THEY WENT TO THE HOUSE IN SPAIN.