

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

**OPEN MEETING, FRIDAY 14TH MAY
AT 7.30pm**

AFTER 10 years on the Committee and two years as Chairman, **Hubert Bott** has resigned. **Terry Smith**, the Treasurer retired in February after 15 years serving on the Committee. The village is very grateful for all the years of service given by these two dedicated volunteers.

The Village Hall was given to the village over 100 years ago and it is important that it continues to be run by villagers - for the village.

New Committee members are needed so **please come to the meeting and helpfully, volunteer to help.**

For the present please contact **Lin Hudson** on **770562** for bookings etc.

FROM MR BEVAN'S SETASIDE LAND WALKING ACCESS TO RESERVOIR

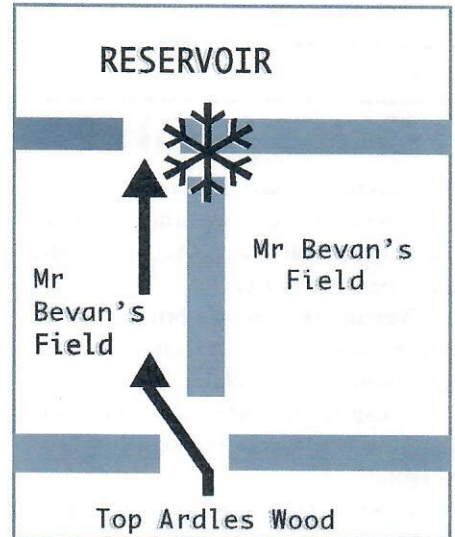
ANGLIA WATER are happy for walkers to have **ONE** access to the Reservoir from Top Ardles Wood.

Please only enter the Reservoir property via the middle of the hedge, by the large tree, where Mr Bevan's hedge meets the Reservoir hedge at right angles. In due course the entrance/exit will be improved and signed.

Please refrain from pushing through gaps elsewhere as Anglia could refuse access completely if we do not comply.

It is a privilege, **not a right** to have access both to Mr Bevan's and Reservoir property. **PLEASE RESPECT IT.**

John Matts, Chairman
Ravensthorpe Parish Council



LENT LUNCHESS SUCCESS

ONCE AGAIN the five Lent Lunches organised by **Doreen Buck** were an outstanding success this year, raising over £450 for St Denys Church and the Bangladesh Toc H.

They were also most enjoyable and happy social occasions.

Our thanks to Doreen Buck and all the hostesses as well as to all those who came and supported these events so generously.



Curate to have Benefice of her own

Karen Jongman, our curate for the last several months has been appointed Priest-in-Charge (non-stipendary) of the parish of Walgrave with Hannington, Old and Scaldwell.

She will be licenced at a service in Walgrave at 3.30pm on June 27TH and will live in the Rectory at Walgrave.

Although Karen has only been with us for a short time she has made many friends.

We all congratulate her and wish her well in her new ministry.

WOMENS' INSTITUTE MONTHLY MEETING

**AT THE
VILLAGE HALL
THURSDAY 20TH MAY
8.00pm**

Hostesses:
L. Jones and P. Patrick

**"Resolutions
and Picture Quiz"**

New members and visitors welcome

REMINDER

PARISH & DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Nomination papers for both councils are available from **The Parish Clerk, Liz Peachey tel: 770894.**

The elections are on 10TH June and nominations have to be submitted well in advance.

QUIZ NIGHT

The Playing Fields Committee's Quiz Night on the 21ST April was a huge success. The Village Hall was packed and many had to be turned away.

Martin Wilkes was brilliant as the Quiz master, making the whole evening tremendously enjoyable.

Despite the unexpected numbers somehow the cooks managed to feed everyone.

A welcome £470 was raised for Playing Field funds.

Congratulations to all the committee and everyone who made this such an enjoyable event.

ODDS-200 LOTTERY

Tickets will be on sale in May. £12 per ticket will enter you into a monthly draw for 12 months. First draw Friday 3RD June: prize £50. More information about tickets etc in flyer coming your way.

SPRING CLEAN DEBACLE

A LONELY PAT PATRICK stood outside the Village Hall at 2.00pm on Saturday 17TH April, armed with gloves, tabards and sacks to equip volunteers for "Operation Spring Clean." No one turned up!

With the grass and foliage now growing vigorously the litter in the village verges and hedgerows will probably be there to greet us in November.

VILLAGE OF THE YEAR ?

OUR VILLAGE is entered in this competition but, following the Spring Clean debacle, we have a lot to do before the Judges arrive sometime during the Summer.

We won the Village Activities section of the competition in 2001 but it would be good to compete in the "Appearance" of the village as well.

Please help by doing your bit.

Crime Report at Parish Meeting

Glynn Lewis our local PCSO reported on the crime situation in Ravensthorpe over the past year. 13 crimes were recorded as opposed to 12 the year before.

The most vulnerable people to burglary are old people who are believed by thieves to have high amounts of cash in their homes.

Four-wheel-drive vehicles are also targeted and, in most cases, they are taken when keys are left in when unoccupied.

Car keys are also stolen when left visible inside houses. Houses with alarms are least likely to be broken into. There are fewer officers in the western area of the county, as many have been transferred to fight crime in Northampton town. This makes it more important for everyone to take precautions and be vigilant. In addition to the police, Neighbourhood Watch and Farm Watch are there to help.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 9TH-15TH MAY

Volunteers will be delivering envelopes throughout the village during Christian Aid Week and collecting them at the end. Christian Aid works to fight poverty around the world. It funds projects that help people improve their

own lives and challenges the causes of poverty and injustice. Please give generously and **remember to complete the gift aid form** on the envelope to enable the Charity to claim 28% tax paid on donations at no cost to the donor

EASTER CHURCH FLOWERS

MANY THANKS to **Rosemary Gee** who organised the flowers and decoration of St Denys for the Easter celebration.

Special thanks to **Doreen Buck** and all those who donated lilies and other flowers as well as those who helped arrange them in the church.

They provided a beautiful background to the lovely service on Easter Sunday.

Thanks also to the **choir** who helped to make the service so memorable.

CUP WINNERS AGAIN

RAVENSTHORPE Athletic Football Club retained the League Cup by defeating Wilby 2 - 0 in the final on 13TH April. Congratulations to the whole team.

Sadly the team lost its chance for a treble when they were beaten 5 - 2 by Corby Grampians in the semi-final of the Munton Cup on 17TH April.

They will have to beat Corby Grampians in their next league match to have a change of being top of the league.

Good luck!

SUMMER EVENT

ANOTHER REMINDER to keep Saturday 10TH July free for the Playing Fields Fundraising Event.

The committee (see February Newsletter for names and phone numbers) will welcome anyone who can help by providing and running stalls or games.

YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS PLEASE DEADLINE FOR JUNE ISSUE IS 23RD MAY

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CHURCH SERVICES

ALTAR FLOWERS
AND BRASS ROTA

Sunday	2 ND May	11.00am	Family Service	Mrs Ann Fowler
Sunday	9 TH May	11.00am	Holy Communion	Mrs Barbara Ward
Sunday	16 TH May	8.00am	Holy Communion	Mrs Sally Marsh
Sunday	23 RD May	11.00am	Holy Communion	Mrs Barbara Glossop
Sunday	30 TH May		Whitsunday - Group of Parishes Service	
		11.00am	Holy Communion	Mrs Doreen Buck
Sunday	6 TH June	11.00am	Family Service	Mrs Yvonne Reeve