

GRAVEL EXTRACTION

THE EDITOR is very grateful to Helen Nottingham for the information she has gathered and for obtaining the Representation Forms attached to this "Newsletter."

The County Council's Second Draft Plans for sand and gravel quarries at Lodge Farm, West Haddon (between West Haddon and Ravensthorpe, and also Welford Lodge Farm at Welford) can be obtained by ringing the Council on 01604 - 236014. Ask for the "Second Deposit Draft of the Northamptonshire Minerals Local Plan."

The first draft plans did not include either of the above sites. However these sites have now been added to the second draft, which has initially 650,000 tonnes to be extracted from 35 acres at Lodge Farm, West Haddon.

The proximity of the Lodge Farm site to Ravensthorpe and the Reservoir is shown on the scale map above; a distance of just over a mile in each case. This relationship is not shown on the map published in the Second Deposit Draft.

The Council is under a lot of pressure to fulfil its gravel quota and is therefore reconsidering sites (such as ours) previously excluded, or rejected, from plans in previous years. If they go ahead at Lodge Farm, work could start in two years time and extraction will take 8 to 10 years. Once established there could be pressure to further extend the site.

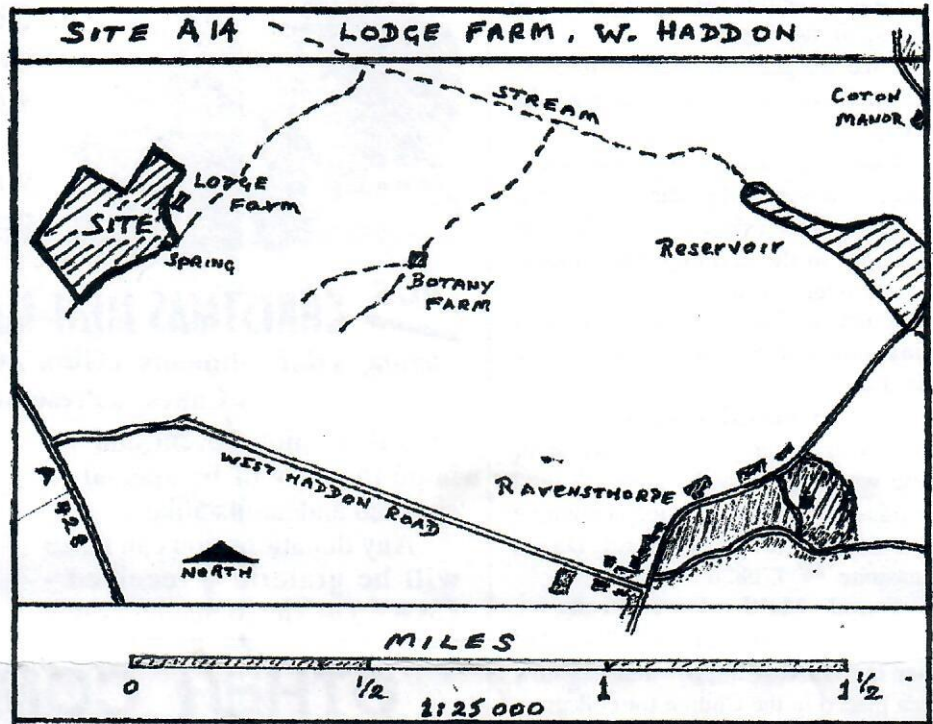
The fact that these sites are included in the Second Deposit Draft means that they have a high likelihood of being adopted, subject only to the appeal procedures.

Falls in house prices are not an issue for appeal purposes. The impact on the environment and health issues etc are relevant.

ACTION

Complete and return the Representation Form attached. The deadline is 8th December. To assist you, you need the following information:-
Section :- Sand and Gravel
Policy :- 3

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Paragraph / Table / Figures:- 4.21

Site / Inset Map:- A14 / 3A

-Remember to sign and date your form-

If you are objecting be as specific as possible, setting out exactly what you disagree with and your concerns, also what you want changed.

For instance:- "Some years ago, quarrying for sand and gravel in the Lodge Farm area was rejected on the grounds that this is A Special Landscape Area. This has not changed and the site should be excluded from the plans."

Concerns also include pollution of the Reservoir, air quality through dust in hot weather, site noise, lorries and other traffic on local roads, and landfill concerns. Also the effect on wildlife.

RAVENSTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

The sand and gravel issue will be discussed at the Parish Council Meeting in the Village Hall, Wednesday 17TH November at 8.00pm.

This is an open meeting.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

See last month's "Newsletter." Boxes need to be ready by 15th November.

Leaflets giving instructions are available at the Village Shop, or by 'phoning Lorna Jones on 770308, leaving your name and address.

Please help make as many needy children as possible happy this Christmas.

WOMENS' INSTITUTE

MONTHLY MEETING

IN THE
VILLAGE HALL
Thursday 18th November
8.00pm

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"Gift Wrapping Demonstration"
by Jennifer Best

Hostesses
Angela Williams & Barbara Ward

HARVEST SUPPER & HARVEST SERVICE

AN enjoyable and successful evening in the Village Hall. Our thanks to all who came and in particular to all those who gave donations of food, raffle prizes and their time to help in the organisation and running of the Supper.

We are grateful to Meg Benn for masterminding the whole occasion. The total raised was £445.

Thank you also to all those who helped and gave flowers and produce to decorate St Denys for the Harvest Service - in particular to the children who brought baskets to the Service.

The auction of the produce for the ToCH Bangladesh charity after the service raised £85.

Weekly Envelopes

A new year's supply is now available for those who wish to make a regular (and confidential) commitment to maintaining St Denys Church. Contact David Johnstone ☎ 770826

Found - Multi-coloured Brolly

This was left behind in the Village Hall after the Harvest Supper and has now been placed in the Church for collection by the owner.

SCALE MODEL EXHIBITION SUCCESS

On Sunday 24th October our Village Hall held its first fundraising event, for a while.

Adrian Clutterbuck, the Committee Vice Chairman and organiser said, "235 keen modellers from as far away as Bedford, Leicester, Northampton and Coventry attended throughout the day, raising £621.70 in aid of the Village Hall running costs.

My thanks to the villagers who helped with exhibition stands and catering - the food was terrific.

Regretfully it was noticed that less than 25 of our visitors were actually from Ravensthorpe (apart from organisers and helpers). Please do support the Village Hall events - it's your hall!"

**YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS PLEASE
DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER ISSUE IS
23rd NOVEMBER** Contact :
Editor John Mott 16 Church Gardens
Tel: 770618 or
email:clive.jcapr.T21@btinternet.com

ADVENT FESTIVAL

SATURDAY 27TH AND SUNDAY 28TH NOVEMBER

10.30am - 4.30pm

in ST DENYS CHURCH



Featuring an Exhibition of Christmas Nativity Cribs with over 40 Cribs from all over the world.

Admission to the Church will be by donation (at least £2 per adult will help our funds).

plus CHRISTMAS MINI-MARKET in the Village Hall

selling • Refreshments • Gifts • Cribs • Christmas Decorations
• Cakes • Preserves -- and a Raffle

This is a unique event and we hope that it will be special to children and adults alike.

Any donations you can make will be gratefully received - **CAKES** to Meg Benn, by Friday

evening 26 November.

PRESERVES to Mavis Johnstone anytime before 25 November.

RAFFLE PRIZES to Beryl Mott or Doreen Buck anytime before 26 November.

OTHER COMING EVENTS

BONFIRE NIGHT

FRIDAY 5TH NOVEMBER at 7.00pm

Donations in aid of
the Playing Field Fund

TALBOT BUTLER WARD COFFEE MORNING

SATURDAY 6TH NOVEMBER

at Ann Fowler's home 10.30am-12 noon
Contributions welcomed for Raffle Prizes

BRING & BUY AND CAKE STALLS

END-OF-SEASON PLANT & BULB

CLEARANCE SALE

SUNDAY 7TH NOVEMBER

10am - 4pm

IN THE VILLAGE HALL

BY COTON-BASED BEE-FRESH PLANT CO

Bring your copy of this
"Newsletter" and get
10 FREE BULBS!!!

CHURCH SERVICES

ALTAR FLOWERS
AND BRASS ROTA

Sunday 7TH November 11.00am Family Service M^{RS} Susie Pasley-Tyler

Sunday 14TH November 10.55am Remembrance Day Service M^{RS} Susie Pasley Tyler

Sunday 21ST November 8.00am Holy Communion M^{RS} Gill Douglas

Sunday 28TH November 11.00am Hollowell M^{RS} Gill Douglas

Sunday 5TH December 11.00am Family Service M^{RS} Ann Fowler

Vicar; Revd John Tarrant, Guilsborough 'phone 743508