

THE CHURCHYARD

THE CHURCHYARD often looks at its best in the Spring of each year and this year it has been enhanced by the work undertaken by Alan Fox in clearing away, cutting grass and planting new flower beds at the eastern end of the Churchyard. We are grateful to Alan and his family for what has been done.

Note should also be made of the regular mowing by Colin Mold that has produced a pleasant grass surface and for Bill Saunders' badger-detering efforts also weed and bush clearance. The work of these individuals is of great assistance in keeping the Churchyard under control.

The Churchyard is a Christian burial ground and for this reason there is always the intention that it is a place where the memorials reflect this Christian purpose and are of a timeless and reverent quality.

David Johnstone

PLAYING FIELDS

THE MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELDS COMMITTEE has been hard at work again preparing the fields for the Summer months. The Children's Area has been spruced up and the Pavillion received a Spring Clean.

Further landscaping is planned for the entrance from Teeton Road to improve the ambience of the area. Some of the fencing will be replaced between the playing field and the paddock as the existing fence has been broken down. The committee is concerned regarding the damage and wishes to remind users that there are proper breaks in the fence so that balls etc can be retrieved. It should be noted that the cost of repairing this damage is borne entirely from funds raised by the village.

The **ODDS 200 Lottery** will soon be up for renewal. Annual tickets cost £12 and will be on sale from the Post Office, the Pub and from members of the Committee who will be visiting you soon. The purchase of tickets will give you the chance of winning £50 per month first prize, plus you will be entered into a Christmas Bonus Draw for £100.

The **All Fools Quiz Night** was again a very enjoyable event, raising £450 for Playing Field funds. Thanks to everyone who helped and supported this event.

THE MINERAL PLAN INQUIRY

THE HEARING into the proposed gravel quarry at Lodge Farm, West Haddon took place on Tuesday 19th April. At the outset it was learned that Anglia Water had withdrawn their objections subject to the following conditions:

No on-site processing plant.

No dewatering.

No landfill and the restoration of drainage to the small wet land area.

These conditions will adversely effect the economic viability of the site.

In the morning session Councillor Miller and Mr Wood of Daventry District Council raised their objections to the site and amongst other matters expressed their discomfort that the Northamptonshire County Council wanted environmental issues left to the planning stage.

The speakers in the afternoon were the Reverend Clive Evans, Martin Wilkes, Helen Nottingham and John Wallace on behalf of RAGE, David Herbert for himself and John Matts, chairman of Ravensthorpe Parish Council.

They presented a very professional case to the Inspector who praised them for their in-depth research and the manner of their presentation. It was a very impressive effort.

TREE COUNCIL APPEAL

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COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

If you are concerned about speeding through the village and have not filled in the coupon attached to last month's Newsletter, please do so and hand it in to the village Post Office. Let's not wait for a serious accident before taking action.

Finally the inquiry heard from Mr Bower of the Cornach Trust, representing the De Nobrigas of Coton Lodge.

The Inquiry Team was well supported by a large team from Ravensthorpe, West Haddon, Guilsborough and Long Buckby and our thanks go to these people who have given up many, many hours of their spare time and spent their own money to build a case against Northamptonshire County Council who have spent many hundreds of thousands of pounds to defend their position.

Thanks should also go to those, including our Vicar and his wife Madelaine who attended the Inquiry to support the team.

We will not know the Inspector's findings for some time, but regardless of the outcome it is suggested that Parish and Daventry Councils need to monitor and promptly respond to developments in the run-up to the next Mineral Plan. This will be a combined Waste and Mineral Plan, taking effect in only three years' time.

However, the Consultation Period starts shortly and the County Council has published a document giving details, including a timetable for the various stages.

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PLEASE collect the vouchers from Sainsbury and Tesco supermarkets which can be redeemed by the school for sports equipment, activities and computers.

When collected please hand them to David in the village shop.

The Parent Teachers' Association will be very grateful.

"THANK YOU!"

Val Cole wishes to thank all those who attended her "Walk The Walk" Coffee Morning. She raised £121 towards sponsorship of her Moonlight Marathon Walk on 18th / 19th June in aid of **Breast Cancer Awareness**.

Any further contributions will be gratefully appreciated at 4, The Orchards, Ravensthorpe.

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK
 15TH - 20TH MAY**

VOLUNTEERS will be delivering envelopes throughout the village during Christian Aid Week and collecting them at the end of the Week.

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.

**WOMENS' INSTITUTE
 MONTHLY MEETING
 AT THE VILLAGE HALL
 THURSDAY 19TH MAY
 8.00pm**

**"RESOLUTIONS AND
 PICTURE QUIZ"**

**Hostesses
 L Jones and P Patrick**
 New members and visitors welcome

**YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS PLEASE
 DEADLINE FOR JUNE
 ISSUE IS 23RD MAY**

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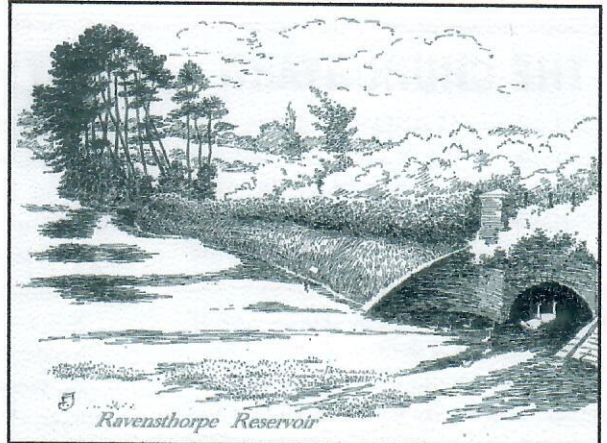
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June 11TH 12TH

**ALSO SHOWING
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 BY SUE ELLIS**

All proceeds to the
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From an original pen and ink drawing by Felicity Jones

PROMOTION

Ravensthorpe Athletic Football Club are currently top of their Division and guaranteed promotion to the First Division.

Sadly, however they lost in a penalty shoot-out in the final of the League Cup. They held the Munton Cup for the past three years but congratulations on a wonderful season.

There is a strong possibility, but not a certainty that Ravensthorpe will play Northampton Cobblers Veterans X1 at Six Fields on 20th May (kick-off 7.30pm) so watch out for notices on the village board or in the "Chequers."

**LADIES
 INDULGENCE EVENING**

The evening last month was great fun and extremely pleasurable and relaxing for all those attending and raised over £150 for the Village Hall.

**COFFEE MORNING
 Ravensthorpe Village Hall
 Saturday 14TH MAY 2005**

Please support this Event in any way you can, to raise funds for needed refurbishment.

Donations of good quality Bric-a-Brac, Books, Kitchen Utensils, Household items, Raffle prizes, Cakes, Jams, Non-perishable Groceries, Toys, Jigsaws & Puzzles etc.

Sorry, no clothes or shoes.

FOR COLLECTION BEFORE 7TH MAY
 PLEASE CONTACT:
 Lin Hudson (01604 7705730)
 or Vana Hickman (01604 770682)

CONGRATULATIONS!

To Howard and Rebecca Wallington of "Little Gable," 6 Coton Road on the birth of their daughter Eloise in Northampton General Hospital on 22nd April 2005 at 1.33pm, weighing 6lbs 14oz

CHURCH SERVICES

			ALTAR FLOWERS AND BRASS ROTA
Sunday 1 ST May	11.00am	Family Service	Mrs Beryl Mott
Sunday 8 TH May	9.45am	Holy Communion	Wedding
Sunday 15 ^H May	11.00am	Holy Communion	Mrs Jackie Broadaway
Sunday 22 ND May	8.30am	Holy Communion	Mrs Barbara Glossop
Sunday 29 TH May	10.00am	Benefice Service at Guilsborough	Mrs Doreen Buck
Sunday 5 TH June	11.00am	Family Service	Mrs Pauline Reeve

Vicar: Rev'd John Tarrant, Guilsborough. tel: 743508