

CHRISTMAS PARTY

FOR THE CHILDREN OF RAVENSTHORPE AND COTON

Food, Fun and Entertainment provided by "THE CRAZY WORLD OF MR MUDGE"

THE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE wish to invite all children from 3 to 11 to a Christmas Party on Saturday 15th December between 2-5pm, to be held in the Village Hall.

Depending on numbers it may be possible to include a child who would like to come and has a close relative living locally. A small charge will be made.

To help us please enter all childrens' details on the list which is at the Post Office by 30th November.

To enable us to provide for the Party we are holding a Grand Christmas Raffle. This together with the generosity of local businesses will fund the Event.

Tickets cost just £1 each. We have fantastic Christmas Hampers as prizes to be won. The Raffle will be drawn at the end of the Party on the 15th December. Tickets are on sale at the Post Office and of course from Committee members.

To make the Party a big success we need to sell loads of tickets, so please, if you can help by selling tickets at work or to friends, then ask one of our Village Hall Committee Members, who are:

Trevor Foss, Chairman, Shiley Blakelock, Sue Clutterbuck, Varna Hickman, Pat Foss, Lyn Hudson, John Peachey, Bob Pike, Angela Williams.

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE SUNDAY 11th NOVEMBER at 10.50am, St Denys Church

THIS YEAR The Parochial Church Council have decided that the collection during the Service will be given to The British Legion. However, please be aware that offerings in the green and white Gift-Aid envelopes cannot be included.

There is current belief that as there are few remaining survivors of World War I and a declining number from the Second World War, that the need for funding by the British Legion has also declined. However, there are very large numbers of surviving ex-servicemen from conflicts such as the Falklands, Iraq and Afghanistan, with fearsome and costly injuries and disablement. The need for funds by the Legion is as great, if not greater than ever. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

RAVENSTHORPE UNITED CHARITIES CHRISTMAS DISTRIBUTION

APPLICATIONS for a share in the distribution are now due and should be made in writing before 3rd December to: Mrs Shirley Blakelock, 12 Bettycroft Close or to Dennis Patrick, 1 Wigley Cottages, The Hollow.

All senior citizens living here are eligible and also any students who have begun their first year at College or University.

Reminders....

**BONFIRE NIGHT
FRIDAY 2nd NOVEMBER
ON THE PLAYING FIELD
"Best Guy"**

**Competition at 6.45pm
Lighting approx 7.00pm
Fireworks from 7.30pm**

AUTUMN LUNCH

The last lunch of the series will be given by Ann Fowler at Home Farm on TUESDAY 6th NOVEMBER
12noon - 2.00pm

**AIR AMBULANCE SERVICE
COFFEE MORNING
at ANN FOWLER'S HOUSE
HOME FARM
SATURDAY 17th NOVEMBER
10.30-12.00 noon
Bring and Buy, Cakes and Raffle
Contributions to
Doreen Buck @ 770220**

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

SHOE BOXES NEED TO BE DELIVERED TO TRISH FREEMAN AT 2, THE ORCHARDS OR TO THE "OLIVE BRANCH" CAFE IN BRIXWORTH LIBRARY by the end of November
Instruction forms available from the Village Shop. Send a gift to a needy child this Christmas.

EDITORIAL by John Mott

TOXOCARIASIS

I do not like writing about dog-fouling but it continues to be serious and a potentially dangerous problem. Last month I reported fouling on the church path and in the churchyard. Now I have been informed of fouling in the **Playing field**. The suspect is one large dog and its irresponsible owner.

All puppies and dogs are carriers of toxocariasis which is present in their faeces. This can infect humans and lead to blindness. Children are most at risk as they are more likely to place their hands on the ground or handle toys which have made contact with a dog mess.

There is no danger to the dog owner who cleans up the mess in good time as the infection takes a while to develop. Bag it and take it home, washing your hands after disposal. Throwing a bagged mess into a hedgerow or suchlike is totally unacceptable.

The Playing Field in particular must be kept free of dog fouling. Legislation under the Dog's Act provides for a fine of £1,000 for dog fouling on public land and rights-of-way.

Consideration should be given to placing warning signs and clearly marking bins at entrances and around the Playing Fields.

LONG BUCKBY PRACTICE NEWS
This is attached to the Newsletter at their request. Owing to printing delays some items may be out of date.

"MORE NERVOUS THAN A LONG-TAILED CAT
IN A ROOM FULL OF ROCKING CHAIRS" - a Texan saying

RAVENSTHORPE, COTON & TEETON
NEWSLETTER

Carers'
Coffee Morning
Friday 14th December
10.00am - 12.00noon
Guildsborough Surgery
West Haddon Road,
Guildsborough

If you care for someone at home,
then come and join us for coffee
and a mince pie.
Talk to members of the Patient
Participation Group, other carers
and doctors to find out how
Guildsborough Surgery
can support you.
There will also be a
Bring and Buy Sale

**HARVEST SUPPER
and HARVEST SERVICE**

Many thanks to Meg Benn and all who
helped her make the Harvest Supper such
an enjoyable and convivial evening. £351
was raised for Church Funds.

The auction of produce by John Matts
following the Harvest Service made £117,
all of which has been given to The Friends
of Khasdobar, the charity we support in
Bangladesh.

**CRABTREE PIT
POCKET PARK**

Pat Patrick, Thalia Pike and Ruth Douglas
were joined by six volunteers to rake the
Park on Saturday morning, 13th October.

The job was completed in an hour and
forty minutes - *many thanks*.

It would have been nice to have had
more people join us.

MOWER STOLEN

On Thursday 25th October a lawn mower
and its accessories were stolen from a
garden shed at the home of Nicholas and
Elizabeth Ellison in The Hollow. This
matter has been reported to the Police.

LOCAL TURKEY & XMAS TREES

It is not too early to order now from
HAWTOFT FARM
Telephone 770466
Trevor and Pat Foss

**YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS PLEASE
DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER/JANUARY
ISSUE IS 23rd NOVEMBER 2007**
Contact Editor John Mott, 16 Church Gdns
Ravensthorpe Tel 770618
or email: clive.jcapr.t21@btinternet.com

**COFFEE & MINCE PIES
FOR A**

FAIRTRADE CHRISTMAS
at "Stonebank", 26 High Street,
Ravensthorpe

Wednesday 14th NOVEMBER
10.00am - 12.00 noon

Tradecraft Christmas cards for sale,
enabling those less fortunate to earn a
fairer wage and improve the lives of
their families.

If you do not need any cards,
**PLEASE join me (Jayne Tatham-
Harris) for coffee and a natter-it's
FREE!!!**

**RAVENSTHORPE PLAYING
FIELDS COMMITTEE**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
TUESDAY 20th NOVEMBER

**AT 7.00pm in the
PLAYING FIELDS' PAVILION**

The Committee is looking for
volunteers to help with pruning and
glass cutting and generally help with
caretaking on a part-time basis.

A DANCE

**TO THE MUSIC OF
THE 50's & 60's**

SATURDAY 1st DECEMBER
8pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL

**LIVE MUSIC BY "TAKE TWO"
OF BRIKWORTH**

TICKETS £7.50 each

Includes light refreshments.

For bookings phone

JANET READER@ 770477.

**They plan a great evening
with all proceeds
to Village Hall funds**

AUTUMN LUNCHES

THE LUNCH given by **Tricia Freeman**
on the 4th September raised over £140
which has been given by Tricia to
Christian Aid, the Charity of her choice.
The lunch was enjoyed by everyone who
came, thanks to the excellent food and
company.

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On the 9th October **Lorna Jones** gave her
lunch which again was greatly enjoyed
by all who came. Lorna has sent £150 to
"Recycle," the charity attempting to
support the lives of Coptic Christians in
Egypt. who collect and sort rubbish
which is the only way they can survive.

WINE TASTING

THE WINE TASTING EVENING on
12th October was a great success.
Tickets sold out and plenty of wine was
sampled all ably described by Kevin
O'Rourke who brought them along.

Make sure you book early next time,
to avoid missing out on a very enjoyable
and social evening.

THANK YOU BUCKBY RAVENS

The Playing Fields Committee is grateful
to the **Buckby Ravens Football Team**.

They cleaned and then stained the
wood around the windows and doors of
the Pavilion. It's great to see them taking
pride in their new venue.

**WOMEN'S INSTITUTE
MONTHLY MEETING**

Thursday 15th November
at 8.00pm in the Village Hall

**"Flower arranging for
Christmas"**

by **Olive Darker**

Hostesses: A Williams and B Ward
New members and visitors welcome

CHURCH SERVICES

ALTAR FLOWERS
AND BRASS ROTA

Sunday 4th November 11.00am Family Service Susie Pasley-Tyler

Sunday 11th November 10.50am **Remembrance
Day Service** Susie Pasley-Tyler

Sunday 18th November 11.00am Holy Communion Rosemary Gee

Sunday 25th November 8.30am Holy Communion Rosemary Gee

Sunday 2nd December 11.00am Holy Communion Marie Wornum

Vicar: The Reverend John Tarrant, tel: 743508