

# NEWSLETTER

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## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE RAVENSTHORPE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE ON ITS 90<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY



**A**t the beginning of August, as part of the celebrations of its 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday, the members of Ravensthorpe W.I. re-enacted the first outing made in the same month in 1919 to Teeton Hall. The original outing was made by cart, but this time they travelled in style in a beautiful 1952 Bedford coach named Camilla. The guest of honour was **Mrs. Vera Hickman**, who joined the Ravensthorpe W.I. in 1941. A Birthday Poem had been specially commissioned and **Meg Benn's** recitation turned this into a fitting toast. The weather unfortunately did not match that of 90 years ago, so rather than "playing croquet on the lawn, venturing on the pond or sitting about in the garden", after a talk on "Collecting and Drying Medicinal Herbs" (as noted in the Minutes from August 1919), members in 2009 enjoyed a delicious home-made tea and a sing song in the house while the rain poured down. Each member signed a book and over the next months will add their memories and some funny stories about their time in the W.I. Hopefully some of these will be published in future Newsletters. It was a great afternoon and lovely to have an excuse to dress up and wear hats. Thanks were expressed to **Mrs. Tice** for her kind hospitality on this special occasion.

The village as a whole owes a great debt of gratitude to the W.I. Not only do the members have enormous fun together and take part in courses in various crafts, sports and skills; walks; outings and holidays; concerts and theatre visits, but they are at the forefront of most of the village fund raising activities.

**Their AGM is on Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 8pm in the Village Hall. All are welcome – particularly new members. You can learn everything from Latin American Dancing, Thai Cookery to Strip Tease Patchwork – now that must whet your curiosity!!**

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD.** Every year since 1993 this charity has sent millions of shoe boxes packed with Christmas gifts to children in needy communities in Eastern Europe, Africa and Central Asia. For the past 8 years we in Ravensthorpe have joined in and experienced the thrill of preparing a box to send. This year the information-a green fold-out- will be delivered so that everyone can take part. Boxes need to be ready by mid November and collection can be arranged. For more information or to deliver your box please contact:- Tricia Freeman, 2 The Orchards , Tel. 770 855 or Lorna Jones, 28 Teeton Road, Tel. 770308

**PLANNING APPLICATION for the Village Hall refurbishment is now lodged with DDC and once passed the work will be put out to tender.**



**Sian Griffiths and Phil Lowes at their wedding** on 5<sup>th</sup> September at St. Denys' Church flanked by two escorts of the 17<sup>th</sup> Lancers' Display Team (a unit which Phil is part of) in 1890s livery. The reception was at Thorpe House, thanks to the Cripps family, and the couple enjoyed a sunny honeymoon in Northumbria.

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**THE NATIONAL GARDENS (YELLOW BOOK) OPEN DAY** in July raised a magnificent sum of £1615. Many thanks to all who helped and worked so hard on the presentation of the gardens The VH committee donated £100 from the money made from providing teas. Overall Northants saw an increase of 18%, raising nearly £60,000 for charity.

**RAVENSTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL** is looking to fill a **vacancy on the council** as soon as possible and is looking for someone who is enthusiastic and interested in the village. The council meets monthly on a Wednesday evening. If you are interested PLEASE contact either the chairman, Steve Holt (Tel 770945) or the clerk, Liz Peachy (Tel 770894).

### RAVENSTHORPE MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELD

**ANNUAL RACE NIGHT** – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October 7.30pm at the Chequers. There will be eight races supported by a tote where you can back your favourite nag. Gordon and Gill are hosting the event and are providing a free hot food buffet for their guests. So come and have some fun in a good cause!

**BONFIRE NIGHT** – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November from 7pm at the Playing Field. Ken Hickman (Tel 770682) will collect any burnable garden waste for a nominal charge with all proceeds going to Playing Field funds.

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm in the Pavilion. All residents are welcome to attend and hear the committee's reports and ask questions about the management of this resource.

**ODDS200 LOTTERY** – September winners: £50 D. Green, £20 C. Reeve. Chequer's accumulator now £140  
The draws take place on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of every month at 9.00pm at the Chequers

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**VILLAGE HALL LUNCH** – 14<sup>th</sup> October from noon at the Village Hall

Open to anyone. A drink on arrival and two **delicious courses** followed by coffee. All for just £5.

Please contact Lyn Hudson on 770562 or Pat Foss on 770466 to book.

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### REMINDERS

**HARVEST SUPPER** – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 7.30 for 8pm in the Village Hall. Tickets from Meg Benn on 770629. Adults: £6.50 and £4.00 for children under 13 years old. Meg still needs offers of baked potatoes, apple pies and raffle prizes.

**HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE**- Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October. It would be nice if young ones brought gifts of fruit or vegetables to auction after the service with the proceeds to be given to a charity.

**AUTUMN LUNCHES** – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October from 12 – 2pm **Tricia Freeman's**, 2 The Orchards  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October from 12 – 2pm **Ann Fowler's**, Home Farm

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### BAPTISMS IN ST.DENYS' CHURCH

September 12<sup>th</sup> **Charles**, son of Bryan and Anna Guest and grandson of Richard and Ann Fowler.

September 20<sup>th</sup> **William**, son of Hugh and Sally Sparrow and grandson of Bill and Gill Douglas.

CHURCH SERVICES		ALTAR FLOWERS & BRASS ROTA
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	11.00am <b>Harvest Festival</b>	Yvonne Reeve
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	11.00am Holy Communion	Ann Smith
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	NO SERVICE	
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	11.00am Holy Communion	Wendy Bates
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	8.30am Holy Communion	Wendy Bates

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