

NEWSLETTER

With the compliments of the Parochial Church Council of St. Denys' Church
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A PRESENTATION TO DOREEN BUCK

DOREEN BUCK'S COFFEE MORNING IN AID OF THE NORTHAMPTON & WARWICKSHIRE AIR AMBULANCE SERVICE will be held on **Saturday, 21st November from 10 to 12am at Ann Fowler's House, Home Farm. Bring & Buy, Cakes, and Raffle.** Offers of raffle prizes and contributions to the stalls will be much appreciated. Please contact Doreen Buck on 770220 or Ann Fowler on 770415. **There will be a presentation to Doreen at 11.45am to honour her 60 years of service on the P.C.C.**

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY. The Service of Remembrance will be held on **Sunday, 8th November at 10.55am in St. Denys, Church.** The collection will be given to the Royal British Legion which owing to the current conflicts has heavy demands on its resources.

VILLAGE HALL EVENTS.

THE NOVEMBER LUNCH will be held on the **4th November at 12.30 for 1.00pm.** Tickets cost £5.00 and places should be booked by 31st October by contacting Lin Hudson on 770562 or Pat Foss on 770466. All proceeds for the VH Renovation Fund. (The October lunch made £271). These lunches have proved a great success both socially and for the excellent food thanks to Lin and Pat and their helpers.

WINE TASTING EVENING. Friday, 20th November at 7.15pm for a prompt start at 7.30. These are very enjoyable and social occasions. Tickets from VH committee members or David at The Village Shop.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EVENING. Friday, 27th November from 7pm to 10pm. Make a date in your diary to join the VH committee for a fun and relaxing evening whilst you choose perfect gifts for your family and friends.

There will be a wide range of local traders including Giftbox, Vanilla Bunni, Hampton Frames, Bay Tree Cottage, Phoenix Cards and Body Shop selling a great range of items including Christmas cards, gift-wrap, handbags, jewellery, picture frames, gifts for all ages, fudge, children's books, toys games and lots more!

Entry is only £2.50 and includes festive refreshments with all proceeds in aid of VH renovations.

There is still room for one or two stall holders. Please call Viv on 771076 to book your place.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY. Details have not yet been finalised but the party will definitely take place and also there are plans for a **NEW YEAR'S DANCE.**

Watch for posters and next month's Newsletter for information.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – SHOEBOX APPEAL. Green leaflets giving details of how to respond to this appeal have been distributed around the village. The boxes have to be ready by **mid-November.** For more information, or to deliver your box, please contact:- Tricia Freeman, 2 The Orchards, Tel.770855 or Lorna Jones, 28 Teeton Road, Tel. 770308. **Bring happiness to a deprived child !**

POCKET PARK NEWS. From Cliff Giles (Pocket Park Co-ordinator). In October Ricky Pike organised a group of volunteers from the Northants Post Office Managers Group to rake the grass. We are extremely grateful for their hard work and once again, with the grass gone, the wildflowers that have been planted over the years will have the opportunity to flourish. Thanks also to those who lent a wheelbarrow and especially to Gill Douglas and Thalia Pike for the splendid spread of refreshments – much appreciated by everyone.

The bench donated by the family of Pat Patrick has been installed with a good view across the Pocket Park and the fields beyond. A fitting reminder as Pat spent so much time establishing the wildflower area.

CHRISTMAS TREES & DOOR WREATHS – TURKEYS & COCKERELS

Turkeys can be boned or rolled – Free delivery in village – Order in advance

Trevor & Pat Foss, Hawtoft Farm, 34 Guilsborough Rd. Tel: 01604 770466

MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELD'S NEWS

BONFIRE NIGHT – Friday, 6th November from 7.00pm with **Judging of the “Guys”**.

Ignition about 7.15pm, followed by a **magnificent fireworks display**.

There will be hot food and refreshments served from the pavilion to sustain you during the event.

Ken Hickman, Tel.770682 will collect any burnable garden waste for a donation to the Playing Field's Fund.

RACE NIGHT. The Race Night on the 16th October at the Chequers raised around £1300.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – Monday, 16th November in the Pavilion. All residents welcome.

ODDS200 LOTTERY: October-£50 Mr. Mason, £20 Mr “P.M.A. – Chequers Accumulator now £160

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THE MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING held on September 26th raised a magnificent £752.

John Patrick wishes to thank everyone for their support, in particular for all the help and contributions.

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AUTUMN LUNCHESES. The series of lunches ended at **Ann Fowler's** house on October 21st when £111 was raised for Village Hall Funds. **Tricia Freeman** raised £140 for The Children's Society at her lunch on 7th October and **Lorna Jones** made £120 for the Recycle Charity in Egypt. Many thanks to them all, to all the helpers and all those who supported the lunches and made them so successful and enjoyable.

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ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY BEN NEVIS CHALLENGE – 19th September

John and Wendy Bolland scaled Ben Nevis setting off from Fort William at 8am in mild, bright weather on the valley floor. About two thirds of the way up they entered the cloud level followed shortly afterwards by driving rain. Though prepared for this they were surprised that once at the summit they found their soaked waterproofs had frozen!

They scrambled their way back to the bottom by 4pm. 96 people took part in the challenge and 94 made it to the summit. It was a thoroughly rewarding weekend. So far John and Wendy have raised nearly £3000 for the society which goes towards helping and supporting patients with all forms of dementia and aiding their carers.

All promised sponsorship money is needed within the next few weeks. Donations can still be made to the Bollands at 22 High St., Ravensthorpe or online at www.justgiving.com/johnandwendybolland

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CYNTHIA SPENCER HOSPICES. Another fund raising effort was made by **Steve Pearson** on 27th September when he completed a 25 mile bicycle ride. The weather was perfect and he had a fantastic day making over £280 for this charity. He is very grateful to all those who sponsored him and a special thank you to **David McDermot** and **Patsy Tevendale** for all their help.

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HARVEST SUPPER AND FESTIVAL. Many thanks to **Meg Benn** and all those who helped and contributed food to make the supper such a resounding success. Extra thanks to **Gill and Gordon** at the Chequers for cooking the turkey. The auction of produce following the Harvest Festival Service produced £94 for the Bangladesh charity which St. Denys' Church supports.

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HISTORIC CHURCHES CYCLE RIDE/WALK. Thanks to all those who helped on the 12th September by manning the Church namely **Lin Hudson, Mavis Johnstone, Anne Smith** and **Gill Douglas**. It was appreciated by all those who visited St. Denys' Church.

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WOMEN'S INSTITUTE MONTHLY MEETING. Thursday, 19th November at 8pm in The Village Hall
Pressed Flowers / Cards for Christmas by Anne Griffiths. New members and visitors welcome.

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HOLLOWELL STEAM. The Parochial Church Council and the Memorial Playing Field Committee are very grateful for the donation of £500 and £400 respectively by the Hollowell Steam Committee in recognition of the help given in the Tea Tent and Raffle Stalls by residents of Ravensthorpe.

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday	1 st November	8.30am Holy Communion
Sunday	8 th November	10.55am Remembrance Service
Sunday	15 th November	11.00am Holy Communion
Sunday	22 nd November	11.00am Holy Communion
Sunday	29 th November	10.00am Group Service -Cottesbrooke
Sunday	6 th December	8.30am Holy Communion

ALTAR FLOWERS & BRASS ROTA

Wendy Bates
Susie Pasley-Tyler
Susie Pasley-Tyler
Lyn Hudson
No Flowers in Advent

Vicar: The Revd. Michael Pettitt Tel: 743508

**Contributions for the December/January Newsletter should be sent to the editor,
John Mott at 16 Church Gardens. Tel: 770618 – email: jmd.mott@yahoo.co.uk by 23rd November**