

NEWSLETTER

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SATURDAY, 4th SEPTEMBER – ON THE PLAYING FIELD

10th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

OF THE RAVENSTHORPE MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELD'S PAVILLION
AND THE OPENING OF THE WOODLAND TRUST'S TOP ARDLES WOOD

AFTERNOON – 1 to 5pm -Admission Free - Fun games for all the family – Bouncy Castle – Face Painting – Nature Trail and much, much more! Teas, Cakes, Bar and BBQ with entertainment by local band “Naseby Crossing”.

EVENING – 7.30pm ‘til late –Bar and BBQ Entertainment by “Anybody Out There” Tickets for the evening session, which cost just £7.50 and include the BBQ, are available from Becky Wallington and the village Post Office.

COME AND ENJOY A FULL AFTERNOON AND EVENING OF FUN AND ACTIVITIES

NORTHANTS HISTORIC CHURCHES CYCLE RIDE/WALK Saturday 11th September

This is an annual event to raise funds for the repair of churches and chapels of any denomination. Cyclists and walkers can be sponsored to visit some or all of the 50 churches/chapels in the Brixworth area. **Sponsorship forms** are available from **John Mott**, 16 Church Gardens or **David Johnstone** at 1 Coton Road.

You will enjoy a great day visiting and helping to maintain our heritage

CRABTREE POCKET PARK NEWS – by Cliff Giles (Pocket Park Coordinator)

There are many different types of trees in the Pocket Park, but because they have grown vigorously in the 11 years since they were planted it had become impossible to see any except those at the front. A rough path has now been cut and cleared that allows visitors to wander with care through the little wooded section. Later in the year there are plans to coppice some of the trees to allow more light and increase wildlife diversity. This area, like the rest of the Pocket Park is an ideal place to “get away from it all”. Many thanks to Glyn and Margaret Lewis for all their hard work in creating the track and also to Alan Mold who has taken over the mowing of the path. It has never looked so good!

Ever since the Pocket Park began, care has been taken to ensure that only native plants were used and it seems possible that the Australian Stonecrop that is proving such a problem in the pond was introduced when someone put fish into the pond some years ago (this weed was also used in aquariums). To prevent problems like this arising again in the future please do not introduce new species of plants into the Pocket Park. Just come and enjoy it.

For those new to the village, the entrance to the Pocket Park is to be found opposite Torquemeters on the West Haddon Road. If you would like to become involved in the Pocket Park please contact Cliff Giles on 770451.

A COFFEE MORNING FOR MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

Saturday 18th September 10am to 12 noon in the Village Hall

Your help with any of the following would be much appreciated.

Cakes – to the Village Hall on the morning - Bric-a-Brac (good quality) new or nearly new to Roger and Pat Spring, 23 Guilsborough Road (770403) – Books to Liz Reader, 34 High St. (770275) – Raffle Prizes to John Patrick, 32 High St. (770596) and please ring Pat Foss on 770466 if collection is required.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU FOR A COFFEE AND A CHAT AND YOUR SUPPORT

HARVEST SUPPER - Friday evening 1st October at 7.30pm in The Village Hall

To reserve a place or offer help please phone Meg Benn on 770629. Tickets: Adults £6.50 and £4.00 for children under 13 years. Any assistance with the making of salads, baked potatoes and apple pies will be much appreciated.

HARVEST FESTIVAL – Sunday 3rd October at 11am St Denys' Church

All gifts of flowers and produce to decorate the church will be most welcome and they will be auctioned after the service to raise funds for the church. **They should be delivered to the church on Saturday 2nd October.**

DR. CATTI MOSS – the GP at Guilsborough Surgery was ordained as a Priest on the 31st July at St Ethelreda's Church, Guilsborough. She will continue as a GP while helping with Holy Communion and other services.

TRICIA FREEMAN thanks all who came and helped at her very successful and happy tea party in the garden at 2 The Orchards on the 5th August. The donations received raised £200 for The Children's Society.

THE CHURCH FETE WAS A HUGELY ENJOYABLE AND SUCCESSFUL EVENT.

For the fifth year in succession we were blessed with a beautiful, dry summer afternoon. Following the start of the Green Welly Show, which was broadcast by BBC Northampton live from the fete, the fete proper was opened by Johnny Amos also of BBC Northampton. Crowds were soon spreading out over Torch Hill Farm, mobbing the Bric-a-Brac stall, eating ploughman's lunches, visiting all the other stalls and displays and playing the many games and competitions. The atmosphere seemed to be happy everywhere enhanced by the wonderful music played by Lincoln Noel and the Lutterworth Brass Band. I could go on and on, there were so many activities for all ages

Massive gratitude is owed to Colin and Emma Mold for making their home available and to Colin for organising and orchestrating the event. Thanks also to the WI who worked so hard producing and serving an enormous number of lunches, teas and other refreshments. We are also very grateful to all the sponsors for their invaluable contributions and to all those who manned stalls and ran games and especially to those who helped setting up and taking down (there can never be enough these).

The fete raised about £3600 for Church maintenance. An excellent result considering there were no matching funds.

VILLAGE HALL NEWS – Trevor Foss VH Chairman writes:- We are progressing the grant applications and I hope we will be in a position to make a decision on the Hall's refurbishment this Autumn. We already have enough money raised to complete the Entrance Hall, Stage and general upgrade to the structure. It is for stage two, which is the enlargement to the actual hall and kitchen area that we need to secure these extra grants.

The appeal we have been running for pledges stands at a fantastic £7,980 – add in the gift aid and we will be very close to an amazing £10,000. All pledge amounts will remain anonymous **with any further pledges most welcome.**

At times you wonder why you take on committee work, but as a village lad born and bred I would like to say how much these pledges mean to myself and all the Village Hall Committee.

NEXT VILLAGE HALL LUNCH 15TH September 12.30 for 1pm. Please book your place with Lin Hudson on 770562 or Pat Foss on 770466.

OPEN GARDENS (YELLOW BOOK – (NATIONAL GARDENS SCHEME). Jean Wiseman writes:- A big thank you to everyone who helped make our NGS day a success on July 11th. Takings were down on last year, but that was a bumper year nationwide. The reduced numbers this year are the same country wide. Whether this is due to the weather, the sport or the economic climate; who knows? However, we were able to send £874 to the scheme and the Village Hall also benefited from funds raised by selling teas. A good time was had by all who attended.

Next year we will be losing one of our openers. As I've said before, visitors are just as interested in small gardens with interesting ideas as in grand country house gardens. If you think you would like to join us in opening your garden please contact me on 770548 or email ravensthorpenursery@hotmail.com. Jean Wiseman

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH – Ian Baverstock, Watch Scheme Coordinator writes:- Currently there is a lot of national interest in “**Smart Water**”. It is a foolproof way of marking your possessions so that in the event of theft your goods can be returned to you. It also aids the police in bringing a prosecution as whenever anyone is arrested in suspicious circumstances they are checked for Smart Water contamination. I am told it lasts for some weeks and does not wash off, rather it wears off over time. This means that if someone has been in contact with your stolen goods that person can be linked to the crime. The simplest/cheapest way that Smart Water can be obtained is by buying a kit costing about £18.80. The kit comes with window stickers warning potential thieves that your possessions are marked. The stickers are impossible to obtain without the kit so thieves know they are genuine.

If anyone would like a kit then please get in touch and, when I have sufficient numbers (I need at least 10), I will order the kits. You can also order direct from <http://www.smartwater.com/Home.aspx>.

Neighbourhood Watch should mean we live in a caring community where neighbours look out and care for each other. I feel that we do live in that community and are very lucky. If anyone has suggestions about things that I/we should be doing then please let me know. Email: iainbirthe@gmail.com. Tel.770603

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE MONTHLY MEETING – Thursday, 16th September at 8pm in the Village Hall

“**Reach for the Skies! Flying Today**” by British Airways Flight Captains

Hostesses: Liz Ellison and Janet Reader. New members and visitors welcome.

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 5 th September	8.30am Holy Communion
Sunday 12 th September	11.00am Holy Communion
Sunday 19 th September	11.00am Service for All
Sunday 26 th September	11.00am Holy Communion
Sunday 3 rd October	11.00am Harvest Festival

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Contributions for the October Newsletter need to be received by September 19th to the editor John Mott at 16 Church Gardens or Telephone 770618, email jmd.mott@yahoo.co.uk