

NEWSLETTER

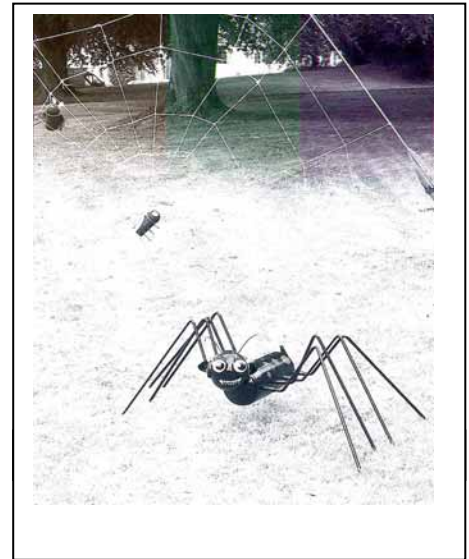
With the compliments of the Parochial Church Council of St. Denys' Church
Village Website – www.ravensthorpe.me.uk

GARDENS & VILLAGE OPEN DAY WITH SCRAP SCULPTURE CHALLENGE Sunday 27th June – 11am to 5pm

At least ten gardens will be open as well as Mr Batten's boot making workshop. A display will be built featuring the two Throckmorton coats made at the Wool Festivals. Teas and refreshments will be served in the Village Hall and there'll be stalls selling cakes, jams and other produce.

A flyer has been delivered throughout the village asking for help by serving teas or washing up in the hall and with car parking and ticket selling – just an hour of your time will make a big difference.

Donations of cakes, fruit and jam jars for Janice's jam, bottles for the Bottle Tombola, prizes for the Children's Tombola and plants for the plant stall will be welcomed. Please contact either Jenny Barford (770484), Roger Spring (770403), (770484), Mary Worthington (770957) or Jean Wiseman (770548) by Tuesday, May 1st if possible.



An entry form for **The Scrap Sculpture Challenge** has also been put through your door inviting you to use your imagination and have fun creating a model, sculpture or work of art made from recycled items of junk to be displayed on the village green. There will be two categories: "A" up to 12 years of age and "B" 13 years and over.

A prize of a **£20 Gift Token** will be awarded in each category. **Please contact Ros Smith on 770471 for entry number and further details. Closing Date; June 20th**

There will also be a dance display at the Old Dairy and a band to entertain you. COME AND ENJOY A GREAT DAY – all proceeds to the Village Hall Refurbishment Fund.

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HORACE BATTEN - Part 5, conclusion

Apart from work, Horace was a District Councillor on the old Brixworth Rural District Council until it was replaced by the Daventry DC. With his late wife, Barbara, he was involved in many notable village events. Barbara was an expert in flower decoration and appeared on a number of TV programmes and was responsible for flower festivals at St. Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Abbey and St. Giles in Edinburgh. She also served on the Chelsea Flower Show Council. Horace and Barbara were the key movers in the two Wool Festivals that raised so much money for St. Denys' Church and other village organisations. If the village considered another Wool Festival, Horace has the two coats that were previously created for use as a guide. (As mentioned above they will be displayed on the Village Open Day.)

At the age of 97 Horace has passed the business, which is still going strong, into the hands of his son Tim and his granddaughter Emma. They have expanded the business, installed new machinery and now make the wooden "trees" that go into the boots. However, Horace is still going into work each day and is very much involved, particularly with the essential skill of pattern cutting. Tim and Emma also have the benefit of his 80 years experience and practical advice.

COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH 2010

Speeding in Ravensthorpe is an accident waiting to happen. The Parish Council is monitoring a Safety Camera speed watch programme in July and August. Volunteers trained by Northants Police will be recording the speed of vehicles through the village and the information collected will be forwarded to the police for any necessary action.

The project already has some excellent volunteers **but needs a few more**. Instruction in the use of the Speed Safety Camera will be provided by the police at **Brackmills on Saturday 19th June between 10.00 and 12.30 hours**. For further information or to volunteer contact **Brenda Ball –Ravensthorpe Speed Watch Coordinator on 771371 or e-mail bfball47@btinternet.com**

PARKING ON THE PAVEMENTS. The Parish Council has received several complaints regarding the parking of vehicles on pavements. In the interest of safety, please could everyone ensure that our pavements are left clear by asking their visitors to park sensibly. This will then enable pedestrians to have a safe passage. Thank you.

RAVENSTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL. Due to the resignation of one of our councillors there is a vacancy which the council would like to fill as soon as possible. The council is seeking someone who is enthusiastic and interested in the village and can spare a little time to help. 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).**

VILLAGE HALL. The series of lunches held over the past months have not only provided some excellent food and an enjoyable time for everyone who came but they have also raised a fantastic £1525 for the refurbishment funds. A huge thanks to all concerned, especially those who worked so hard in the kitchen

A special plea for you to return a pledge no matter how large or small – any amount is welcome. We are applying to a host of charities for help to refurbish the hall and these pledges are a good way to show how the village is getting behind the 50% we expect to have to provide. More forms are available in the Post Office or Village Hall.

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| <p>ST. DENYS' CHURCH FETE – Sunday 8th August from 12noon to 4pm at Torch Hill Farm Plans for another great Church Fete are well advanced but offers of help are still very much needed. Can you spare an hour or so to man a stand or help setting up and taking down? Even a little help makes a lot of difference. Please contact Colin Mold on 770667. Offers to make cakes for sale will be greatly appreciated and good quality bric-a-brac can be delivered to Torch Hill Farm or Colin will collect if necessary.</p> |
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CHRISTIAN AID WEEK. Ken and Barbara Ward would like to thank all those who contributed with especial thanks to the team of collectors for the hard work they put in. A magnificent £515.71 was raised.

MOLDIE'S OLDIES BINGO NIGHT. The Village Hall was full on the evening of 30th April for the Bingo evening organised and orchestrated by Colin Mold. A tremendous amount of fun was had by everyone and £300 was raised for the VH Refurbishment Fund as well as funds for the WI from the sale of refreshments. The Star Mystery Prize was a bright red mountain bike won by Mrs Terry Smith from Cold Ashby and Molly Mold won £55 in the popular "Cash Stand Up" Bingo. Another Bingo Evening is planned at Christmas time.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE MONTHLY MEETING – Thursday, 17th June at 8pm in the Village Hall
"Just a Red Postbox" by Helen Crabtree. Hostesses: Rosemary Partridge and Gill Pawson

AFTERNOON TEA IN AID OF THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY – Thursday 5th August 4pm at 2 The Orchards
Tickets £5 from Tricia Freeman Tel. 770855

GRAHAM REEVE AND ANNIE BATCHELOR wish to thank everyone who sent cards, gave gifts and good wishes on the birth of their daughter Ruby Kathleen on April 3rd.

ODDS200 May draw £50: Tim Hogben £20: Mr & Mrs Hastie £200 Chequers' Accumulator: Steve King
Tickets for the 2010 draws are now available from the Post Office priced at just £12.00

| CHURCH SERVICES | | ALTAR FLOWERS & BRASS ROTA |
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| Sunday 6 th June | 8.30am Holy Communion | Pat Foss |
| Sunday 13 th June | 11.00am Holy Communion | Wendy Bates |
| Sunday 20 th June | 11.00am Morning/Family Service | Wendy Bates |
| Sunday 27 th June | NO SERVICE – Village Gardens & Open Day | Yvonne Childs |
| Sunday 4 th July | 8.30am Holy Communion | Yvonne Childs |

Contributions for the July/August Newsletter should be sent to the editor, John Mott at 16 Church Gardens or Telephone: 770618, e-mail jmd.mott@yahoo.co.uk