

NEWSLETTER

With the compliments of the Parochial Church Council of St. Denys Church, Ravensthorpe

A New Macmillan Haematology Suite Opens!



Molly Mold presenting a posy to Lady Halifax.

On Tuesday 16th October the NGH Macmillan Haematology Suite was officially opened by Lady Halifax and Doctor Swart.

Fundraising for the unit has been taking place for a number of years and to date the total raised is around £1.2 million.

The new suite goes a long way to providing patients with a peaceful and tranquil place to undergo their treatment.

May we take this opportunity to thank everyone who, over the years, has been so generous in supporting the numerous events that have taken place in the village.

Although the suite is now open, there is still a £300,000 shortfall so please support us and come to a Christmas coffee morning to be held at Mrs Anne Fowlers on December 1st, 10am till 12 noon. Once again, thank you all for your continued support for this very worthy cause.

Lin Hudson & Family

Message from Reverend Mark Battison

A lot of 2012 has, according to the weather experts, been the wettest on record and although most of us are back at work and school, many of us are wondering what happened to our summer? Back in March I remember praying to God to bring rain to our dry countryside as we were in danger of losing crops and suffering through hose pipe bans – in fact we prayed that it would rain for 3 months I seem to remember. Beware of what you pray for!

A famous Scottish comedian / philosopher once said that there was no such thing as bad weather – just inappropriate clothing! Well, I wonder what the appropriate clothing is for us here in our wonderful villages – what is it we should put on every day to protect us, not from the weather, but from what the world has to throw at us?

The answer, according to St Paul in his Epistle to the Ephesians in our Bible, is to put on the armour of God every day by prayers and Bible reading and, if you do, then this armour will protect you and guide you so that whatever happens in your lives God will be with you every step of the way.

So, every morning as you decide what to wear to protect yourself from our ever changing weather, may I invite you to also put on the armour of God and be fully protected as you go about your day.

God Bless Rev'd Mark

(Home: 01604 740 050 / Email: markbattison@btinternet.com)



Some youngsters who took part in 2011!

If you would like take part, please contact Alice Cooper on 01604 771245 Kierenandalice@btinternet.com specify the date you would prefer.

Any room at the Inn?

From the 2nd December through to Christmas Eve, Mary, Joseph, the baby Jesus and the rest of the Nativity cast (or a smallish knitted version of them – thanks to Sandra Patrick's hard work!) will be travelling round the village looking for a night's hospitality!

We would ideally love to find them a different home for each night, so that means we need 22 homes!

The box will include the knitted nativity set, some activity sheets for children, and a simple version of the story and a prayer and candle to light, and will be suitable for anyone to use, whether you have children in the house or not. All you need to do is agree to give them a home for the night and pass them on the next day, and we hope amongst the rush of the build-up to Christmas the box will give you a chance to pause for a few minutes and remember the true Christmas story.

Glitter & Glow Party Thurs 1st Nov

Children aged 0 -11 are welcome between 4-6pm at the Village Hall. Entry just £1, no need to book just turn up on the day. Parents welcome too. Please wear fancy dress (any theme you like but please nothing too scary for little ones). There will be games, activities, music and a light supper for the children.

All Saints Day Thursday 1st Nov

A quick reminder that on Thursday 1st November there will be an Uplands Group service at Guilsborough at 6pm. This will be an opportunity to celebrate All Saints Day by remembering loved ones.

Bonfire Night, Friday 9th Nov

Why not join us for this year's Bonfire Night celebrations on Friday 9th Nov at the Ravensthorpe Playing Fields. As usual there will be a BBQ, bar and fun for the kids.

If you have any material for the bonfire call Ken Hickman on 770 682.

Please come along & support this popular annual event. Donations most welcome.

Operation Christmas Child!

Fill a shoe box this Christmas for a child. Details on forms at the post office or visit www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk

Drop your boxes to Tricia Freeman 770855 or Lorna Jones 770308 by Thursday November 15th.

Christmas Craft Fayre Fri 16th Nov

Guilsborough Primary School and Guilsborough Preschool invite you to their Christmas Craft Fayre on 16th November between 6.30pm - 9.00pm at Guilsborough Primary School £1.50 entry

Village Hall Lunch Weds 21st Nov

Please book with Pat Foss 770466 or Lin Hudson 770562.

Xmas Shopping Friday 23rd Nov

Visit the Christmas Giftbox between 6 – 8pm at Manor View, 4 Guilsborough Road. Call Viv for details 01604 771 076.

Coffee Morning Sat 1st Dec

Please join us at Mrs Anne Fowler's home on December 1st 10am till 12 noon. In aid of the NGH Haematology Suite.

Village Hall News

The Village Hall kitchen refit was completed in August, this in addition to the previous refurbishment to the Village Hall now gives local residents a hall that is bigger, better and brighter! The overall investment had been over **£92,000**.

The Village Hall Committee is justly proud of what they have achieved but it took a lot of hard work and generous donations. One final job will be to put up a dado rail to protect the walls which we hope to do in the next week or so.

We are planning to continue the popular Village Hall Lunches and in the spring we plan to hold another Safari Supper Evening.



Children's Christmas Party Saturday 15th Dec

The Village Hall committee are pleased to announce date of this years Children's Christmas Party. All children between the ages of 3 – 11 are welcome to come and join the fun between 2.45 - 5pm in the Village Hall.

There will be party games, entertainment, tea and of course a visit from Father Christmas!

To join in, please put your child's name on a list in the Post Office or contact Pat Foss on 770 466 by Saturday 1st December

Free to children of Ravensthorpe. Non resident Ravensthorpe Grand Children £2.50.

Trevor Foss, Village Hall Committee Chairman

Harvest Thanks

Thanks to all who came along to and supported all the harvest activities this year. We were very pleased to raise around £120 from the auction for the Friends of Khasdobir (our Bangladesh village charity).

What should Ravensthorpe look like in future?

Daventry District Council is currently working, along with other Northants Councils, on the primary planning document for our area, the West Northants Joint Core Strategy. For more info go to the link below:

<http://e-voice.org.uk/ravensthorpe/village-news/local-plan/>

This plan will be at quite a high level, but other local plans will be developed within it. These will lay out Daventry's plans for development within the area, including the distribution of new rural housing.

All villages are being encouraged to put their views forward as part of this process, and DDC have just announced an initial consultation, to which the Parish Council will reply in general terms on behalf of Ravensthorpe.

National Government has set in place a planning climate which favours "sustainable development", and it seems that residents' views may be more likely to be taken seriously if they take account of this presumption.

Ravensthorpe's current planning status is that of a "restricted infill" village.

Ravensthorpe is lucky (thanks to the work of a number of residents) to have an existing **Village Design Statement**, finalised in January 1999, which was adopted by DDC as part of its planning policies. 14 years on, it may well be that updating this document is again the best way for the village to put its views forward.

Your opinions will count & an open meeting is being planned for the New Year, to which all residents will be invited.

Please keep an eye on the Newsletter and the village website (www.ravensthorpe.me.uk) for further details.

If you would like to help in ensuring that Ravensthorpe's views are heard, please let Liz Peachey (Clerk to the Parish Council) know, either at ravensthorpepc@yahoo.co.uk, or on 770894.

Hawtoft Farm Christmas Shop

From Saturday 8th December, Pat & Trevor Foss will have a good selection of Christmas trees, doors wreaths and tree stands for sale at the Farm.

Why not order a locally reared turkey or goose. If you prefer order boned or rolled turkey joints, beef joints and sausages. Call 01604 770466.

Thanks to Pat & Trevor as always for donating a Christmas Tree to the church. The Editor.

Day	Time	Ravensthorpe Village Hall	Price	Contact	No January 2013 Edition! Just to remind you that as normal, there will be a December & February newsletter, but no January edition . If you want to mention anything occurring in January, you will need to get it in the December edition. ravensthorpenewsletter@gmail.com
Monday	09.45 – 10.45	Pilates	£6.50	Natalie Carter	
	10.45 – 11.45	Pilates	£6.50	07967 811945	
Tuesday	09.45 – 10.45	Triple Workout (aerobics/toning & flexibility)	£5	Vicky Sewell 07970 116576	
Tuesday	20.00 – 21.00	Zumba	£4	Tina Sheridan 07810 380636	
Saturday	09.00 – 10.00	Special Back Care Pilates	£7	Tina Sheridan	
	10.00 – 11.00		£7	07810 380636	

Church Services	Time	Service	Location	Flower/brass rota
1 st November	6.00pm	All Saints Group Service	Guilsborough	NA
4 th November	8.30am	Traditional Communion	Ravensthorpe	Sally Barringer
11 th November	10.55am	Remembrance Service	Ravensthorpe	Susie Pasley-Tyler
18 th November	9.45am	Modern Communion	Ravensthorpe	Susie Pasley-Tyler
25 th November	11.00am	All Age with refreshments	Ravensthorpe	Sally Marsh
2 nd December	8.30am	Traditional Communion	Ravensthorpe	No flowers

Email December contributions to ravensthorpenewsletter@gmail.com for the attention of the editor, Viv Rees (01604 771 076) by: **Friday 23rd November 2012**

Visit the village website: www.ravensthorpe.me.uk or find us on FaceBook 'Ravensthorpe Northampton'