

NEWSLETTER

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

Great News for Ravensthorpe Village Hall!



The Village Hall Committee is delighted to announce that Ravensthorpe Village Hall has been awarded a £6,400 grant from the Big Lottery Fund for further improvements to the Village Hall.

Well done to everyone involved in the application and to the amazing team who are continually improving this great facility for Ravensthorpe residents & visitors.

More improvements!

This summer the Village Hall will be closed between the 29th July and 9th August to undertake improvement works and use the Big Lottery Grant recently awarded. The improvements include up-grading the ladies and gents toilets with white sanitary ware, inset wash basins, taps, tops, tiling and a hot water system.

In addition the Crock Store and Servedry will be fitted with cream full height aluminum roller shutters and the main hall will have acoustically treated panels fixed to the ceiling. Not only will this improve the acoustics, but it will add to the thermal insulation of the building.

The Committee would welcome any further suggestions for future improvements from village hall users and local residents.

Unfortunately the Safari Supper has been cancelled due to lack of interest and despite the recent grant, fund raising is still an important part of the Committees responsibilities to maintain and continue to provide a modern facility that people want to use.

If you haven't seen the village hall recently do pop in or look through the windows, it has improved considerably thanks to the hard work of the committee, remember it is available for private hire, basic hall hire is only £8.00 per hour and discounted rates apply for children's parties (£25.00 for a four hour hire) and for full morning, afternoon evening or day hire.

To hire the hall or hall equipment contact Roger Spring on 01604 770403 or rvhbookings001@gmail.com

This year please help your Committee by supporting the events laid on during the year.

Ravensthorpe 1945 - 2013



Taken in 1945



Present day

Thanks to David Rees for sharing these photographs of Ravensthorpe from **Google Earth**. If you want to see more or zoom in on your home, download Google Earth and have a look back in time!

What's On?

Village Hall Lunch, 14th June

The next village hall lunch will be held on **Friday 14th June**.
This is a change from the normal Wednesday.

WI Meeting: Thursday 20th June

If the weather is fine the next WI meeting we will have a rare opportunity of a guided tour of Ravensthorpe nursery. Those wanting to attend should meet at Nursery at 7.30pm.

In the event of bad weather, the alternative plan is to meet at the village hall at 7.30 and hear a talk on Liz and Gills China experience.

23rd June, Meet the Vicar

Every member of the community of Ravensthorpe is invited to meet Mark Battison immediately after the next All Age service on Sunday 23rd June 2013. All welcome.

6th & 7th JULY
40 STEAM ENGINES & 20 HEAVY HORSES
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between J1 of the A14 & Northampton
Gates open 9.00am
Adults £8 Children £4
Sat. only: O.A.P.'s £4
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Village Hall Lunch 10th July

Normal village hall lunch service resumes on **Wednesday 10th July**.

Food Bank News

Many thanks to all those who have continued to support the collections. Demand has grown due to recent changes in benefit payments. There are shortage of tinned fruit and vegetables, can you help?

Your contributions make a big difference to people in distress. Next collections from the Village Hall:

Sunday 2nd June 10am - 12 noon
Sunday 7th July 10am - 12 noon

or from St Denys between 8am - 12 noon.

Chance to Meet & Quiz the Vicar!



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I would like to invite every member of the community of Ravensthorpe to meet with me immediately after our next All Age service on Sunday 23rd June 2013. The service starts at 11a.m. and I would like to meet in the Church itself where we will also be able to share drinks and nibbles together.

This is an opportunity for you to get to know me and for me to listen to what you think are the good things about our Church, its life and worship and to hear about the things that you feel we could do better. Ask me anything you like!

It is also a chance for me to share the vision that your leaders and I are following for both our Uplands Benefice and in particular the community of Ravensthorpe and to strengthen the bonds of friendship and community.

Please invite any of your family and friends who you feel would like to be a part of this opportunity and I look forward to meeting you on the 23rd - if not before.

With all God's blessings – Rev Mark Battison.

The Great Ravensthorpe Knitting Challenge

Great news we now have six knitted Blankets completed so keen going with making your knitted squares. Please deliver the completed squares to Trish Freeman at 2 The Orchard, Guilsborough Rd by mid July.

Inter-Village Challenge Postponed!

In the last Newsletter it was suggested we would be staging an Inter-Village challenge on Saturday 29th June.

Sadly this has had to be postponed through a lack of organisational time rather than interest; indeed neighbouring villages are up for the Challenge and keen to go ahead in 2014 allowing time to plan a more successful event. Details will follow.

Toddler Church Update

We're taking a break for half term and for a few holidays, so please look out on the notice boards for details of us restarting, probably in the last week in June.

Join us at the Hollowell Steam Rally

Singing at the Steam Rally – All are welcome to join us for our Group Songs of Praise Service in the main ring at Hollowell Steam Rally on Sunday 7th July – meet at gate 1 at 10.15am.

Harvest Supper – Save the Date!

Save the date for Saturday 5th October this year, look out for more details to follow.

St George's Flag

St George's Day – Would anyone be interested in donating a St George's Flag for us to fly next year? Let the editor know if so.

Ravensthorpe Playing Field News



Odds 200 Lottery

Odds 200 lottery tickets are on general sale priced at £12 and can be purchased from the Post Office. Please take the opportunity to purchase a ticket and the chance to win monthly prizes of £50 and £20. The next draw will be held on Thursday 6 June in the Chequers, why not come along?

Coast to Coast Bike Ride

The playing field is delighted to have been selected as one of the beneficiaries of donations from the Coast to Coast bike ride, details of which are featured below. The 150 mile bike ride in a single day will be a tremendous achievement with all five riders deserving our outmost admiration.

Let's hope the weather is kind and their efforts receive the support they deserve. For more info, read on...

A team of 5 riders (4 from the village) are riding 'Coast to Coast' in one day (150 miles) on June 29th. The Ravensthorpe Rawhides are: Paul Dickinson, Pete McKinlay, Pat Phillips, Brett Casswell, and Terry Spriggs.

The ride starts in Seascale (Cumbria), goes over two of the toughest climbs in the UK (Hardknott Pass and Wrynose Pass), over Lake Windermere (ferry), and then across the North York Moors, all the way to end in Whitby.

If you wish to sponsor us, just go to the address below, look to the bottom right of the page to find the charity (alongside the named rider), then click on the 'Donate Now' button to give card details.

<https://mydonate.bt.com/teams/ravensthorperawhides>

Day	Time	Ravensthorpe Village Hall	Price	Contact
Monday	09.20 – 10.20	Pilates	£6.50	Natalie Carter 07967 811945
	10.25 – 11.25	Pilates	£6.50	
	11.30 -12.30	Beginners Pilates	£6.50	
Tuesday	09.45 – 10.45	Triple Workout (aerobics/toning & flexibility)	£5	Vicky Sewell 07970 116576
Thursday	10.00 – 11.00	Pilates	£6.50	Natalie Carter 07967 811945
	11.05 - 12.05	Pilates	£6.50	
Saturday	09.00 – 10.00	Special Back Care Pilates	£7	Tina Sheridan 07810 380636
	10.00 – 11.00		£7	

Christian Aid Week

A big thank you to all those who have given this year, and to our great team of collectors.



Church Services	Time	Service	Location	Flower/brass rota
Sunday 2 nd June	8.30am	Traditional Communion	Ravensthorpe	Sally Marsh
Sunday 9 th June	10.00am	Group Communion Service followed by refreshments	Cold Ashby	Wendy Bates
Sunday 16 th June	9.45am	Modern Communion with choir	Ravensthorpe	Wendy Bates
Sunday 23 rd June	11.00am	All-age Service followed by drinks, nibbles and a chance to quiz Mark (see separate notice)	Ravensthorpe	Ann Smith
Sunday 30 th June	10.00am	Group Communion Service followed by refreshments	Guilsborough	Ann Smith

Email July contributions to ravensthorpenewsletter@gmail.com for the attention of the editor, Viv Rees (01604 771 076) by: **5pm 23rd June 2013**

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