

NEWSLETTER

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

Messy Church

We had a lovely time last week thinking about our families at Messy Church – the next Uplands Group Messy Church is on Sunday March 16th 2-4pm at Spratton Church; we'll be making preparations for Mothering Sunday. Please note this is instead of the previously advertised event on 29th March at Hollowell.

Messy Church is an informal afternoon including fun activities/crafts, music and a good meal for all. All ages are welcome, it's not just for families!

Next date will be Sunday 13th April (Hollowell VH as following our Group Palm Sunday service).

Youth Clubs

The Uplands Group youth club based at Guilsborough has changed day and venue, and is now meeting on a Wednesday night, 6.30-8.30 at the Village Hall.

Contact Lynne on 07867 389 677 for more details.

Lent Lunches

All who like to eat and chat are very welcome to join us for one or all of our Lent Lunches this year!

We simply meet at a different house every week, and enjoy a lovely homemade soup lunch together.

Wed Mar 12th Thalia Pike
Wed Mar 19th Anne Fowler
Wed Mar 26th Gill Douglas
Wed Apr 2nd Tricia Freeman
Wed Apr 9th Sally Marsh

These lunches are a great way to meet old friends, or make some new ones in the village, so if you've not been before please feel free to give it a try.

A £5 minimum donation per person is requested, which is shared between the church and the chosen charity of the hostess.

Uplands Villages Pancake Evening

Come along and join us anytime between 6.30pm and 8.30pm on Tuesday 4th March at Hollowell Village. All welcome.



A new book club/reading group is starting on Tuesday April 1st in Long Buckby. The club is open to anyone (no children as we have no creche at the moment), we currently have two ladies and one gentleman and are actively seeking new members. Why not join us?

We will meet between 1.30pm and 2.30pm in Long Buckby Library for a discussion about a book, the author, a chat and a cup of tea.

Before the April meeting we have decided to read 'Red Joan' by Jennie Rooney but if you cannot get the book don't worry, come along anyway.

Ann Bond, the librarian at Long Buckby, will be happy to give more information or alternatively contact Yvonne on 770 988.

Northampton Food Bank



It is now 12 months since we started to support the Food Bank, which continues to need our support. There has been a splendid response to the needs of those less fortunate than ourselves and the contribution this Village makes is much appreciated.

The items most needed are tinned meat/fish, long life milk, tinned fruit, cereals etc. The 'treat box' contains items such as tooth brushes and tooth paste, soap, toilet rolls (when did toilet roll become a 'treat'?) nappies and sauces such as mint or tartare sauce.

The next collection is Sunday March 2nd and will be administered by Roger Spring. Please drop any suitable items in at either Ravensthorpe Village Hall or St Denys Church between 10am – 12 noon.

So Thank You and 'keep donating' please. *The collection in April will take place on Sunday 6th April and Easter gifts would be appreciated along with normal food collection.*

What's On?

Coton Manor Open for Snowdrops & Hellebores

22nd February – 9th March 2014.



Open between 11.00am-4.00pm.

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2014 WI Programme

March 20th
The islands of Fiji

Village Hall Lunch 16th April

The next village hall lunch will be at 12.30 for 1pm on Wednesday 16th April. Cost is only £6. Call Lin on 770 562 or Pat on 770 466 to book.

Ravensthorpe Parish Council

Wed 16th April for our AGM, more details to follow.

Ravensthorpe NGS, 13th July

On Sunday, July 13th from 1.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. there will be four gardens open and the combined admission cost will be £5 with free admission for children. Contact Jean and Richard Wiseman.

Ravensthorpe Church Fete 10th August 2014

Sunday 10th Aug 12 pm - 4pm. The Bric-a-brac stall will be running again and contributions will be welcome in the new year.

Anyone for TableTennis?



A new table tennis table has been installed in the play area of the Playing Fields. Take a couple of bats and a ball around and have some free fun and exercise!



Big Energy Session

As energy prices continue to rise, are you getting the best deal on your fuel bills?

The Big Energy Saving Network from the Citizens Advice will be on hand to give impartial advice to people on how to compare energy companies and tariffs to find the best deal on domestic fuel prices.

Also advice will be available on other fuel related benefits you may be entitled to.

So bring your latest energy bills, or more ideally your annual energy statement (as usually provided by your energy company along with your bill), and we'll help you compare prices to see if you can save yourself some money.

The Big Energy clinic will be held on **Tuesday 18th March from 10am-2pm** at Long Buckby library. There is no need to book just turn up with your energy bills and get the free advice that may save you £s!!

SSPPG

Heart attacks and strokes are a major cause of death in this country and Dr Neil Menon has kindly agreed to give a talk entitled 'Healthy Hearts' from 7-8pm on Tuesday, April 1st at Guilsborough Surgery.



We hope many patients of the Saxon Spires Practice will come along and learn how to prevent heart attacks and strokes happening.

SSPPG AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the SSPPG will be held at Brixworth Surgery on Wednesday 30th April from 6.30-8pm. Do come along and share your ideas.

Sandra Attwood, Chairman SSPPG



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Donations for Easter Lilies

Anyone wishing to make a donation towards the Easter Lilies in memory of a loved one can pop the money in an envelope and drop it through my door.



Nearly £60 was raised last year so please help make our Church look lovely for Easter. Thank you.

Yvonne Reeve, 33 Scott Cl, Ravensthorpe.

Collection for Revd Mark Battison

We are starting a collection for anyone in the village who would like to give towards a farewell gift for Mark – please contact one of the churchwardens if you would like to contribute

Day	Time	Ravensthorpe Village Hall	£	Contact
Monday	09.15- 10.15	Pilates	£7	Natalie Carter 07967 811945
	10.20 – 11.20	Pilates	£7	
	11.25 -12.25	Pilates	£7	
Tuesday	09.45 – 10.45	Triple Workout	£5	Vicky Sewell 07970 116576
Thursday	10.20 – 11.20	Pilates	£7	Natalie Carter 07967 811945
	11.25 – 12.25	Beginners Pilates	£7	
Friday	09.30 – 10.30	Yoga	£7	Caron Lindley 01788 822975
Saturday	09.00 – 10.00	Special Back Care Pilates	£7	Tina Sheridan 07810 380636
	10.00 – 11.00	Special Back Care Pilates	£7	

Date	Time	Service Type	Service led by	Location	Flowers/Brass
Sunday 2nd March	8.30am	Traditional Communion	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	Yvonne Reeve
Sunday 9th March	10.00	Group Communion	Clergy	Thornby	-
Sunday 16th March	9.45am	Communion	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	-
Sunday 23rd March	11.00am	All-age service with baptism & refreshments	Lay team	Ravensthorpe	-
Sunday 30th March	11.00am	Mothering Sunday All-age service & refreshments	Clergy & Lay team	Ravensthorpe	-
Sunday 7th April	8.30am	Traditional Communion	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	-

Please email April contributions to ravensthorpenewsletter@gmail.com for the attention of the editor, Viv Rees (01604 771 076) by: **5pm Sunday 23rd March 2014**. Note: space will be allocated on a 1st come 1st served basis, waiting until the deadline may result in your article not being included.

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