

NEWSLETTER

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

Spring has sprung!



As Spring bursts into life all around us, we are reminded that change and growth is part of life.

No sooner have we said 'Goodbye' to Revd Andrew Taylor-Cook and seen him licensed to his new post in the Denby group of parishes, than we are saying 'Hello' to Revd Dr Linnet Smith who has moved into Spratton to take up the post of Associate Priest.

Linnet comes to us with a teaching background, and extensive leadership experience in the church as a lay person, followed by being curate at Oundle and parish priest of three parishes on the edge of Norwich. Together with Revd Dr Judy Craig Peck she will be part of a gifted leadership team of lay and ordained people for our Uplands group of parishes.

As I write this we are preparing for Ascension Day next week, and Pentecost (or Whit Sunday) shortly afterwards. Ascension Day was a 'Good bye' for the followers of Jesus. They had just got used to Jesus being alive, raised from the dead, actually among them and not a ghost, when he says a final 'Good bye' and disappears from their sight. However, his 'Good bye' was a preparation for a different sort of 'Hello'. The coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost made it possible for anyone, anywhere across the world, to welcome Jesus into their lives.

If I had a pound for everyone who has said to me over the past few weeks: 'Well, you won't see me in church, but I do as much as I can for the community', I would be a rich man. This period in the church's year reminds us that what lies at the heart of Christian faith is not how much good we do or don't do, not whether we go to church or not, but whether we have a relationship with Jesus Christ, with Jesus at the centre of our life.

I am passionate about the church; I am passionate about people working for the good of our community; but I am even more passionate about each person experiencing the joy that a relationship with the living, risen Lord Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit, can bring. This is not just something for 'spiritual' people, or 'good' people or people who enjoy church services.

This is God's invitation to you, inviting you to respond in your unique, individual way to God's claim on your life. **Chris Peck**

Village Hall Events a Success!



Over 60 guests attended the Village Hall Drinks Party on Sunday May 17th.



John Patrick presented the Village Hall with a copy of a 1795 map of the area and gave insight to some local History.

Visitors also had the opportunity to review the Village Design Statement material that had been presented at the open meeting the previous day.

The Village Hall has been open for Morning Coffee on 4 dates recently, on an experimental basis. The response has been very encouraging and a decision will be made soon about continuing these events on a regular basis in the future. Please watch out for further announcements! **Bob Pike**

VDS UPDATE

The open meeting for the Village Design Statement Review was held in the Village Hall on Saturday 16th May.

There were displays of draft sections of the proposed VDS and a presentation giving the background to the project and progress so far with the aim of gathering opinions from the village followed by a walk around.

The afternoon session was well attended and many people contributed to the discussions. The feedback we received will be incorporated into the final document.

I would like to thank all those who helped organise the meeting. **Richard Marsh**

www.ravensthorpe.me.uk/village-design-statement

What's On?

Carers Coffee Morning

Join us for the annual SSPG Carer's Coffee Morning

10am - 12 noon Wed 10th June
Guilsborough Surgery

Sue Dobson, Nurse Advisor from the Practice & an Advisor from Northants Carers Association will be present to help. Everyone is welcome to come along and find out what information, help and support is available. **Sandra Attwood** Chairman SSPG

Village Hall Lunch Club

All welcome to come along to the next lunches (no lunch in August)

Weds 10th June
Weds 8th July
12.15 for 12.45

The cost of £6 includes a welcome drink, a 2-course meal, coffee and mints. All proceeds are for RVH & NGH haematology unit & Ravensthorpe Village Hall

Please call Pat Foss 770 466 or Lin Hudson 770 562 to book.

WI meeting

7.30pm 18th June



On Friday 19th June, Stage 3 of the Women's Tour will come into Ravensthorpe from Guilsborough and leave via Church Hill & Teeton Road.

Probably around 12 -12:30pm

<http://www.womenstour.co.uk>

Horace Batten Open Day

10am - 4pm Sat 20th June
Open Day & Stock Boot Sale

Messy Church

There is **no** Messy Church in June due to the summer break

Village Show 31st August

Monday 31st August 2015
Bank Holiday Monday

Village show schedules can be obtained from Liz Ellison
ellisonthomas10@yahoo.com

Two great events at Coton Manor this Summer!



Monday 22nd June 2.30pm – 5.00pm Garden Party and Afternoon Tea at Coton Manor

We are delighted to announce that 'A History of Coton Manor and its Garden' by Dr Ann Benson is now available.

We are holding a special event on Monday 22nd June 2.30 – 5.00pm which will be during the height of our roses season and will offer visitors a chance to see the roses at their best and enjoy afternoon tea with the author who will be on hand to sign copies and talk to visitors about her research and writing of the book which will, of course, be available for sale. This will be a 'ticket only' event and numbers will be limited.

The cost of a ticket will be £10.00 per person and can be purchased in advance from the gate during our regular opening hours, via our website or by ringing the office 01604 740219 between 9.00am and 12noon.

Friday 10th July 6pm – 9pm A Garden Evening at Coton Manor

On Friday 10th July Susie & Ian Pasley-Tyler will host a special event at Coton Manor in support of Ravensthorpe Village Hall.

The Garden will be open at 6pm, with Gardeners Question Time beginning at 7pm, followed by supper at 8.15pm.

The 'Gardeners Question Time' Panel includes Susie Pasley-Tyler, Caroline Tait, Richard Wiseman and Nicholas Warliker. Tickets are only £15 & can be obtained from Bob Pike 771277 or Lin Hudson 770 562.

Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator

After a number of years Iain Baverstock is stepping down from this role and we are looking for a volunteer to replace him.

The job involves:

- Forwarding emails from the Police and area NW
- Ensuring that all householders requiring them have appropriate NW notices.
- Ensuring older residents have Police approved stickers to display.
- Occasional attendance at local area meetings.
- Point of reference for Villagers with a concern.

To find out more contact Iain on ianbirthe@gmail.com

Hollowell Steam Rally

If you're heading up to the Steam Rally at Hollowell on 4th or 5th July, why not come and visit the Uplands Group of Churches Prayer Tent where we'll be offering a friendly face, fun and interactive prayer activities for all ages, or just a sit down for a few minutes amongst the non-stop fun of the Rally.

Or come to the short Songs of Praise Service we're running in the main arena on Sunday 5th at 10.45 am. If you'd like to help set-up or man the tent on the weekend, please let Alice know on 01604 771 245.

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4th & 5th JULY
40 STEAM ENGINES & 20 HEAVY HORSES
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between J1 of the A14 & Northampton
Gates open 9.00am

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HORACE BATTEN
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10am – 4pm
Saturday 20th June

Open Day & Stock Boot Sale

Join us for cream teas, open workshop,
stalls, BBQ & more!

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01604 770 287

Date	Time	Service Type	Led by	Location	Flowers/Brass
Sunday 7 th June	8.30am	Traditional Communion	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	Meg Benn
Sunday 14 th June	10.00am	Group Communion	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	Lyn Hudson
Sunday 21 st June	9.45am	Modern Communion	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	Lyn Hudson
Sunday 28 th June	11.00am	All-age followed by refreshments	Lay team	Ravensthorpe	Wendy Bates
Sunday 5 th July	8.30am	Traditional Group Communion	Clergy	Guilsborough	Wendy Bates
	10.45am	Songs of Praise at the Steam Rally	Clergy & Lay	Hollowell Rally	

Email newsletter contributions to ravensthorpenewsletter@gmail.com for the attention of the editor, Viv Rees by 5pm on the 23rd of the month. Note: articles will be included on a 1st come 1st served basis.

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