

## A Wider Focus for the Newsletter?

This newsletter is kindly sponsored by the Parochial Church Council of St Denys' Church, Ravensthorpe (the PCC). I took over the editorship of the Newsletter just over a year ago. It seems in that time, especially with so much happening in the village and with the advent of software that allows contributors to add more graphics and colour, that there is now little scope for much more than announcements about upcoming events, which of course are very important—perhaps the main purpose of the Newsletter. However, more recently I have had several comments from people saying (things like) “what we seem to have lost with the Newsletter are the items about people and about village life”. I agree: I think it would be more interesting to have more of that sort of thing.

The PCC has kindly agreed to support the expansion of the newsletter to an A3 print (double the current space) and our aim is to try to produce a newsletter with a wider scope, at least occasionally. So, with this in mind, we would very much welcome contributions of various kinds, such as:

- news about people: acknowledgements of personal achievements, remembrances – including obituaries and also remembrances on anniversaries (for example);
- comment and opinion on issues of village interest or concern;
- reflections on village life, past or present, articles on items of historical interest;
- re-production of articles of interest from past Newsletters;
- Photos (current and past);
- comments and suggestions in relation to the Newsletter itself.

So, if anybody has an urge to write or contribute, I would very much like to hear from you. At this moment in time it is very much a case of “let’s see how it goes”. We are not yet committed to producing a larger edition of the Newsletter every month –

### **Re-ordering of St Denys: Faculty Issued**

Message from Revd Chris Peck—Rector Uplands Group & Chair of Ravens-thorpe PCC

The legal process of determining whether the re-ordering of St Denys should go ahead has come to an end. The work can now go ahead, as permission has been granted and a ‘faculty’ issued, which is the legal permission needed to carry out the work.

This comes after the lengthy process which included: extensive discussions over many years leading to revised proposals being drawn up; the careful scrutiny by the Diocesan Advisory Committee; consultation with various heritage bodies; the consideration of a number of letters of objection from parishioners alongside the slightly higher number of letters of support; the legal process known as a ‘Consistory Court’ occasioned by two people registering formal objections to the re-ordering. At the point of making the decision to continue with the process, the PCC were aware there could be a cost associated with it, however the amount was not known at that time. Now the process has been completed, a bill for £3,644.36 has been received from the Chancellor and paid by the PCC.

Having considered all the evidence and examined the objections, the Chancellor concluded: ‘I am satisfied that the proposals are part of a well-thought out scheme to provide the church with facilities suitable for a modern church community and should be approved.’

This means that we can now move on from the discussion of whether the re-

### **Correction**

In the July Newsletter it was stated that for a UK tax payer any donation made would attract an extra 10% of whatever you give to the church.

**This figure should have read 25%.**

### **Bus Stop Tots**

Tuesday mornings 8.45 -10.00am at Ravensthorpe Village Hall

Refreshments, play, activities, bible stories, songs for babies and pre-school children.

Come as you are!

### **8th September - Historic Church's Ride & Stride**

Volunteers are needed to man our Church for an hour on the day and also to ride around the Churches.

More details can be found here: <http://www.rideandstrideuk.org/>

### **9th September - Walk following the Ravensthorpe Group Service**

You are invited to bring a picnic (possibly with an item to share round for afters) and join us for our annual Group walk - a 3 mile walk mainly in gentle countryside, two stiles, some road; an opt out point with transport available; option to add a section round the reservoir; dogs on leads welcome; come for all three events (Service, Picnic and Walk) or any one or two.

### **16th September - Brunch@11 for Everyone!**

Guilsborough Village Hall 11.00pm on the 3rd Sunday each month.



## PAT SPRING

1938-2017

*Pat Spring - with her husband Roger & family—was a very well-known and respected member of the Ravensthorpe village community over many years. She sadly passed away in November 2017 and a delayed memorial service was held in St Denys Church Ravensthorpe on 8 June. The following extract is taken mainly from an obituary kindly provided by Roger:*

Pat was born in Whitehills, Northampton on March 17<sup>th</sup>, 1938, the first child of Marion and Sydney Clark. During her early years, her abiding love was her ponies, something that continued into adulthood, despite several accidents with them, including a broken nose and a badly broken leg. They were a key part of her life.

Pat was educated at Northampton High School for Girls and, subsequently, at Moulton Institute of Agriculture, as it was then known, where she became involved with the Young Farmers Association. It was during this time her interest in competitive fencing began, successfully representing the county several times.

Following her training at Moulton, Pat worked at several local farms as a general farm labourer and where she developed an interest in dairy farming. From this she moved on to agricultural laboratory work, initially at Seabies Dairies in Northampton and subsequently at the Milk Marketing Board's cattle breeding centre on Weedon Road estate.

Pat and Roger met in 1964 and were married in 1965. They had two children, Christian and Andrew. In December 1981 the family moved to Ravensthorpe where they settled very happily for the next 36 years. Pat became a familiar figure, involved with the MacMillan coffee morning bric-a-brac stalls (with Roger), and although quite private and family-focused, she was very well known and liked across the village

Pat was diagnosed with terminal lung cancer in February 2016. Initially she opted to receive radiotherapy treatment which temporarily stabilised the cancer growth but as it became more active again she declined chemotherapy and died on November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Her ashes are now interred in St Denys churchyard.

## FOOD BANK

Firstly, a very big thank you to people who have supported the village donation to the Food Bank in the local area. The Village Hall have been generous in allowing me to collect from their premises and I am grateful.

I'm often asked if it's necessary, in this day and society, to give food to people. Statistics show that a large percentage of families receiving the food you donate are in work that has a very low pay cheque.

However, for some time I have been wanting to change the way I collect the food. I am increasingly busy with family commitments and a hobby which is beginning to need me to be out of the village on Sundays. I'd like to keep to the first Sunday of the month but not be physically present at a collection point. My phone number is readily available and my e-mail is [yvonne.yvc3@outlook.com](mailto:yvonne.yvc3@outlook.com).

A message on my landline phone 770988 or by e-mail will mean I can collect

### Did you know?

According to the Trussell Trust, the UK national food bank provider, in the year to March 2018, 1.33million 3-day emergency food supplies were delivered to people in crisis in the previous 12 months in the UK. This was a 13% increase on the previous 12-month period. "Food bank use has soared at a higher rate than ever in the past year (mainly because) welfare benefits fail to cover basic



**RAVENSTHORPE**

**VILLAGE CINEMA**



**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September**

Cinema 7.30pm "Paddington 2"

Double Bafta winner. Hilarious and arguably better than the original with an award winning star turn from Hugh Grant. Cert PG but suitable for all

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2.30pm**



*One of the great classics!*

*Friendly screening: the elderly & those with memory issues are particularly welcome.*

*Refreshments 1.30pm. Complimentary tea & coffee. Admission £6—*

*Carers admitted free of charge.*

*Seats by reservation only:*

**Our 31st Macmillan Cancer Support**

**Coffee Morning**

**Village Hall, Ravensthorpe**

**Saturday September 22nd, 10-noon**

Your help with any of the following would be much appreciated. Cakes

## Ravensthorpe Village Hall -

### What's on in September?

<https://www.ravensthorpe.me.uk/the-village-hall/>

<https://www.facebook.com/RVHall1>

#### Saturday 1<sup>st</sup>

10.30am to 3pm. **Art Workshop.** With Tutor, **Louise Brown.**

£15 for the full session. Call Ros 770471

#### Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>

8.45am to 10.30am. **Bus Stop Tots** call Alice 07803 595106

2.0pm to 4.30pm **Afternoon Bridge Club** Call Bernadette 770424

7pm for 7.30pm **Village Cinema** presents **Paddington 2**

Book; [mike@mikecobbe.com](mailto:mike@mikecobbe.com) call 328822

#### Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>

10.30am – Noon. **Morning Coffee.** All Welcome.

Fresh Coffee and home-made treats for just £2

#### Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>

9.15 New Season Thursday **Pilates** with Natalie begins.

**Natalie pilates: new website & contact details:** Tel: 07894 593397

[www.pilatesbynatalie.co.uk](http://www.pilatesbynatalie.co.uk); Email: [natalie@pilatesbynatalie.co.uk](mailto:natalie@pilatesbynatalie.co.uk)

#### Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>

9am New Season Saturday **Back Care Pilates** with Tina Sheridan begins

Website: [www.tinapilates.co.uk](http://www.tinapilates.co.uk)

#### Monday 10<sup>th</sup>

9.15am New Season Monday **Pilates** with Natalie begins.

[www.pilatesbynatalie.co.uk](http://www.pilatesbynatalie.co.uk);

2pm – 4pm **Art with Louise.** Call Ros 770471 (see box)

#### Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>

8.45am to 10.30am. **Bus Stop Tots** call Alice 07803 595106

2.0pm to 4.30pm **Afternoon Bridge Club** Call Bernadette 770424

#### Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>

12.15 **RVH Lunch.** Sensational! Just £7. Call 770466 or 770562 to book

#### Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>

7pm for 7.30pm **Speakers Corner** presenter **Steve Pateman. See Box**

#### Friday 14<sup>th</sup>

9.30am New Season **Yoga** with Caron Lindley begins. Te. 07786 911593.

# 2018 Ravensthorpe Beer Festival & Family Day

Playing Field & Pavilion - Ravensthorpe



**2-7PM: FAMILY FUN-GAMES**

**BOUNCY CASTLE- BBQ- FOOD-SNACKS**

**7-10PM: DJ - MUSIC**

**TICKETS £5 ADULTS**

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## Playing Field

A big "thank you" to everybody who attended the "School's Out For Summer" party on July 20<sup>th</sup>. We raised £80 for the Play Area. And also "thank you" to everybody who supported the Quiz Night in the Village Hall on July 13<sup>th</sup>. We raised £340 towards the general upkeep of the Playing Field.

### Helpers for the Beer Festival

If anybody would be able to offer help for a session (2 hours) or more at the Beer Festival on September 8<sup>th</sup>, it would be very much appreciated. Please contact anybody on the Playing Field Committee, or email Alan Worthington ([alanjworthington@aol.com](mailto:alanjworthington@aol.com)). Tickets for the Beer Festival can be obtained from the Shop: £5 adults & children free!

### Children's Play Area Development Update

The upgrade to the Children's Play Area is planned to commence in the autumn. The delay to now has been to do with raising funds to begin and we shall proceed in stages. To date we have secured approx. £22,000 towards the development. The Parish Council has very kindly offered us a grant of £7,500; we have had a grant of £9,500 from Daventry District Council, and the Play Area sub-committee has raised nearly £5,000 through its own hard work and the generosity of the village.

We will start with the removal of the existing small climbing frames – the larger one will stay, at least for the time being. This will be followed by the repair and refurbishment of the roundabout, including new safety surfacing. The first part of the work will also include the addition of an inclusive "basket swing" - this was a popular choice from the children who offered opinions.



### PRESENTS

#### THERE'S NO BUSINESS LIKE SHOE BUSINESS

A Talk by Steve Pateman

Thursday September 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 for 7.30pm  
Ravensthorpe Village Hall NN6 8EH

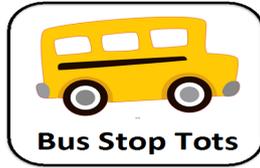
#### Northampton's Famous 'Kinky Boots' Story

The local footwear company that became star of stage and screen. Steve tells how a 'seemingly crazy idea' resurrected his business from the factory floor to the glamorous catwalks of Milan.

Tickets from August 16<sup>th</sup> at Ravensthorpe Post  
or 01604770482

£5 includes tea and coffee. Wine and Beer on sale

Speakers Corner is presented by Ravensthorpe Village Hall Charity No:278283



### Bus Stop Tots

Join us for:

A chance to chat while the children play

Tea, coffee, croissants, & baby or toddler drinks & snacks

A simple craft, and 10 minutes of bible stories & songs  
for babies and pre-school children  
(we usually do this about 9.20 am)

Tuesdays - 8.45-10.00 am Drop in at any time

Ravensthorpe Village Hall Just £1 per child

Open to all families in the area

All villagers welcome to drop in for coffee and a chat, even if you don't have  
pre-school children with you!



Bus Stop Tots is run by the Uplands Group of Churches



### HARVEST SUPPER

Friday 5 October 2018

at Ravensthorpe Village Hall

Raffle, delicious supper and  
good company



### CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES

It's Christmas Shoe box time again.  
Wrapped & packed boxes for children or  
adults to be ready by Nov 6th. Instruction  
leaflets in post office & church. We also  
need empty shoe boxes, items to go  
inside if you don't want to do a whole box.  
e.g. Stationary items, toothpaste, brush,  
flannel, soap, hats, mittens, small toys.  
Boxes to church or Tricia Freeman, 2 The

### Table Tennis Club

It has been suggested that we form a Table Tennis Club in Ravensthorpe.

### Art with Louise – 8 week Course

A painting course begins on Monday September 10<sup>th</sup> - 2pm to 4pm at the Village Hall.  
Tutor, the highly regarded local artist Louise Brown, will show the way with demonstrations

CHURCH SERVICES					
September	Time	Service Type	Led by	Location	Flowers
Sunday 2nd Sept.	8.30am	Book of Common Prayer Communion	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	Sandra Patrick/ Lin Hudson
	5.00pm	Evening Service	Lay Team	Ravensthorpe	
Sunday 9th Sept.	10.00am	Uplands Group Service	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	
Sunday 16th Sept.	9.45am	Common Worship with Communion	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	
	11.00am	Brunch@11	Lay Team & Clergy	Guilsborough	
Sunday 23rd Sept.	11.00am	Worship for All	Lay Team	Ravensthorpe	
Sunday 30th Sept	10.00am	Uplands Group Service—Hollowell Common Worship with Communion	Clergy	Hollowell	