

NEWSLETTER

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

Harvest Celebrations 2012



Harvest Supper Friday 5th October

This years Harvest Supper will take place on Friday October 5th in the Ravensthorpe Village Hall - 7.00 for 7.30pm. £6.50 adults / £4 children.

Any contributions of salads, baked potatoes and apple pies / crumbles would much appreciated.

Please contact Meg Benn (770629) for reserving a place and for offers of help. Thank you.

Harvest Festival Service Sunday 7th October 11.00am, St Denys Church

We welcome everyone to attend especially young families who may like to bring some produce which will be auctioned off after the service with proceeds going to our favourite overseas charity in Bangladesh.

We look forward to seeing many of you there!



Lynn & Chris Nelson

Children, Young People & Families

We have recently welcomed Lynne and Chris (and daughter Bobbi!) to work in the Uplands Group as full time Christian Children, Young People and Families Workers for at least the next 12 months.

Lynne and Chris are now living in Thornby but are trying to get to know families across all the villages, including Ravensthorpe.

Please make them welcome if you see them, invite them along to any community events, and most importantly let them know what activities you would like to see them doing with children and young people in our village.

Lynne can be contacted on lynnebuswell28@hotmail.com, or encourage your youngsters to talk to them on one of their school visits on join their Facebook group: www.facebook.com/chrisandlynnne.nelson

Support the young people of our community

Lynne and Chris our new Children, Family and Young people Workers are looking for some help for the young people of our communities.

Do you know of any business, whatever that business may be, who could offer a young person a week's job experience to help our young people start out on this vital part of their lives?

The young people will work for nothing but the experience itself and will be fully supported by Lynne and Chris and will be very flexible in what they can do. We also need help with jewellery and beads that can be used to make new and exciting jewellery items as part of our activities – if you have any beading or spare jewellery that we could use please contact either Lynne or Chris or let Valerie in the church office have it.

Lynne and Chris can be contacted on 01604 740870 or 07899 993633.

Complementary Therapy Taster 10am, 7th Sept

Rowan Holistic Health will be offering patients the chance to try a range of different therapies between 10am – 4.30pm at Guilsborough Surgery. Details will be placed on the SSPPG surgery notice boards.

The next meeting of the SSPPG will be held at Brixworth Surgery on Tuesday 18th September, 6pm. You are welcome to come along.

To find out more about our group, contact SSPPG Secretary Barbara Hogg on 01604 880552 or email barbara.hogg@tiscali.co.uk



HTC Annual Bike Ride 10am, Sat 8th September

Over 300 churches across Northamptonshire, including St Denys, will be open for the annual **Ride and Stride** fundraiser on Saturday September 8th from 10am.

All ages and abilities are welcome to take part as you just pick your route and go at your own pace.

Lynne and Chris would like to know if you are young and want to take part too. For sponsorship forms or to find out more look at <http://nhct.org.uk/> or contact Alice on 01604 771245.

Pocket Park Raking 10am, Sat 15th Sept

Every year the grass area in the pocket park is mown and it then needs raking to encourage the wild flowers to grow in the following year.

This year the wild flowers have been the most successful ever because of previous raking. If you could spare an hour or so we would be very grateful.

We provide rakes, but you will need gloves (thicker the better) and suitable footwear. If you can bring a wheelbarrow that would also help.

For further information contact Cliff Giles on 770451.

Macmillan Coffee Morning 10am, Sat 22nd Sept

We hope you can join us between 10am to 12noon in Ravensthorpe Village Hall for a Coffee Morning for Macmillan Cancer Support

Your help with the following would be much appreciated:

Bring and Buy and cakes to the Hall on the morning.

Bric a Brac, new or nearly new- Roger & Pat Spring, 23 Guilsborough Rd (770403)
Books- Liz Reader, 34 High St.(770275)
Raffle Prizes - John Patrick. 32 High St. (770596)
Please ring Pat Foss (770466) if collection is required.

See you there. Don't be late and miss your cake.

Marie Curie Cancer Care

For a number of years I have made a house to house collection along part of the Guilsborough Road during July.
This year I am delighted to say that the collection made £57 for their funds.
Thank you to all who contributed generously. Iain Baverstock

Race Night, The Chequers 8pm Friday 5th October

After two years its back – the Playing Fields Race Night will make its return after two years so save the date in your diaries!

Ye Old Ravensthorpe Church Fete, 2012

Many thanks to all those people who contributed towards making the Church Fete such a success, whether by manning a stall or providing cakes and produce or just generally helping.

We would like to thank the main sponsors Torquemeters, Sound Furlong Services, and Inline Logistics, your support is most appreciated.

Special thanks go to Colin and Emma without whom the fete would never take place. We made a very respectable profit of £3,695 for which we are profoundly grateful. Meg Benn, Church Warden.

Ravensthorpe Summer Weddings 2012

Congratulations to the following couples who were married in St Deny's Church this summer:

Hayley Maxwell & Edward Marsh
Saturday 7th July

Clare Cornes & Steve Miller
Saturday 4th Aug



Rose 'Vera' Hickman



Many of you may know that Vera Hickman passed away peacefully at Danetre Hospital on 5th April aged 95. Over £600 was donated and has been split between the Village Hall, the Playing Field and the Church

Vera's sons, Keith & Ken Hickman have kindly written about her life, serialised below:

Vera Hickman's Story (part 1)

Mother was born in Oxford in 1916 to Arthur & Emma Lapper, the third daughter of a large family. Her father worked as a drayman for the local brewery. They moved to The Plough Inn at Marsh Gibbon in about 1920. Mother liked The Plough, since it boasted a large paddock, an orchard and a large garden, but best of all, a pony and trap. She never really understood why they left to come to The Chequers in Ravensthorpe.

By now it was 1931 and Vera had left school wanting to be a hairdresser although her parents were not so keen, so she went into service as a housemaid: Vera would emphasise the 'house' part as this was one step higher than a kitchen scullery maid.

She worked at Kingsthorpe Hall, Althorpe Park and lastly at Thornby Hall owned by the Wills family of tobacco fame. Whilst at Thornby, the household would travel to Scotland for summer holidays by sleeper train and stay in a remote house south of Oban. Mother enjoyed Scotland.

Vera was married to Eric on the 10th April 1939 at St Deny's by the Rev. Long and moved into rooms in the large white house at the top of Coton Road with a Mrs Blinco.

The moved to 43, High St the following year and then onto number 45 in 1953.

The Hickman Family (part 2 and 3 to follow).

Day	Time	Ravensthorpe Village Hall	Price	Contact	The end of our civilization..... Pythagoras' theorem: 24 words Lord's Prayer: 66 words Archimedes' Principle: 67 words 10 Commandments: 179 words Gettysburg address: 286 words Declaration of Independence: 1,300 words. Constitution with all 27 Amendments: 7,818 EU regulations on the sale of cabbage: 26,911 words!
Monday	09.45 – 10.45 10.45 – 11.45	Pilates Pilates	£6.50 £6.50	Natalie Carter 07967 811945	
Tuesday	09.45 – 10.45	Triple Workout (aerobics/toning & flexibility)	£5	Vicky Sewell 07970 116576	
Tuesday	18.15-19.15	Fat loss and body trimming Starting 25 th Sept		Helen Ryan 07895 146392	
Tuesday	20.00 – 21.00	Zumba	£4	Tina Sheridan 07810 380636	
Thursday	09.30-10.30	Fat loss and body trimming Starting on 6 th Sept		Helen Ryan 07895 146392	
Saturday	09.00 – 10.00 10.00 – 11.00	Special Back Care Pilates	£7 £7	Tina Sheridan 07810 380636	

Church Services	Time	Service	Location	Flower/brass rota
Sunday 2 nd September	08.30am	Communion	Ravensthorpe	Ann Fowler
Sunday 9th September	10.00am	Group Communion	Creaton	Barbara Ward
Sunday 16th September	9.45am	Communion	Ravensthorpe	Barbara Ward
Sunday 23rd September	11.00am	All Age Service	Ravensthorpe	Lin Hudson
Sunday 30th September	10.00am	Group Communion (Harvest)	Cottesbrooke	Lin Hudson
Sunday 7th October	See notice board	Harvest Festival	Ravensthorpe	Yvonne Reeve

Contributions to the **September** Newsletter should be emailed to ravensthorpenewsletter@gmail.com for the attention of the editor, Viv Rees (01604 771 076) by **Sunday 23rd September 2012**

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