

NEWSLETTER

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

A Message from St Denys PCC

We'd like to take the opportunity of Rev Andrew having a well-earned summer break to use his regular message spot to pass on a couple of important messages to the village.

The Ravensthorpe Church Fete

On behalf of the PCC we would like to thank everyone involved with this year's Ravensthorpe Church Fete.

We raised £3,138 which is quite incredible given the weather conditions and a real testament to all the hard work put in, and the positive attitude of all who made the effort to come out and support us and have a good time!

There are so many people to thank, but special thanks must go to Colin and Emma Mold for organizing and hosting us so kindly, those manning stalls, to Cliff and his team for all the set-up and dismantling in very high winds, our generous sponsors and donors, and importantly those who turned out to support us on a rainy afternoon!

We plan to spend some of the funds raised on improving the access to the church, including improving the path, and installing a handrail, to help the church remain safely accessible to all.

PCC Open Meeting

The PCC are keen to explore the ways we can utilise the church more regularly for community events such as concerts and coffee morning and we also feel we could improve the facilities at the church possibly by installing a toilet and servery.

We would like to invite you to join us for an open meeting on Sunday 14th September at 12 noon at the church where we will present the options available and gather any feedback and questions before we finalise our plans. All members of the church congregation and local residents are very welcome to attend, after all the Church belongs to us all.

If you cannot make our meeting but want us to hear your ideas please pass any suggestions to David Johnstone, 770 826 or any other member of the PCC.

The PCC (Rev Andrew Taylor Cook, Meg Benn, Alice Cooper, David Johnstone, Steve King & John Mott).

What is Messy Church?

Messy Church began in 2004 when an ordinary church decided to try to offer something for **all** ages that was informal, friendly and fun.



Messy Churches have proved so popular that they have spread throughout the UK and across the world.

It typically includes a welcome, a creative time to explore the biblical theme through getting messy; a short celebration time involving story, prayer, song, games and similar and a sit-down meal together.

Following your feedback, Uplands Group Messy Church is re-launching in September at a new time and new venue.

We will now be meeting every 3rd Saturday of the month, at Spratton Primary School, 3.30-5.30pm

Please join us for:

20th Sep **The man who wanted bigger barns**
18th Oct **Keep Healthy with Jesus**
15th Nov **Jesus' Friends**
20th Dec **Jesus' Birthday Party**

Messy Church is free, welcomes all ages, single people and families.

No need to book, but if you have special dietary requirements or special needs or require more details, please contact Valerie 01604 743 444 or Lesley 01604 505 966

Ravensthorpe Village Design Statement

We would like to thank all those who took the time to complete our questionnaire. 119 forms were returned, which is more than half the village, and the overwhelming majority (96%) support plans to revise the Village Design Statement.

A summary of the responses has been published on the village website under the **Village News** section and the results are being analysed further. www.ravensthorpe.me.uk

We also thank those who volunteered to help with the project. There will be opportunities to have a say in more detailed consultation over the next few months. Further updates to follow.

For more info contact Richard Marsh 770 868

What's On?

PCC Open Meeting

12 noon, Sunday 14th Sept
St Denys's Church, Ravensthorpe

Come along and share your ideas about how we can improve the church facilities. All welcome.

Village Hall Lunch Club

12.30 Weds 10th Sept
12.30 Weds 15th Oct
12.30 Weds 26th Nov
Ravensthorpe Village Hall

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

Keeping your Joints Healthy

Speaker: Dr Simon Twigg

7 – 8pm Mon 22nd Sept
Guilsborough Surgery

7 – 8 pm Tues 21st Oct
Brixworth Surgery

All patients of the practice are welcome. Come and learn how we can help ourselves.

Harvest Supper

7pm Friday 3rd October
Ravensthorpe Village Hall

Harvest Festival Service

11am Sunday 5th October
St Denys Church, Ravensthorpe

Thanks to Colin Mold for hosting the Church Fete



Harvest Supper in the Village Hall



Our Harvest festivities this year take place over the weekend of 3rd - 5th October, starting with our **Harvest Supper on Friday 3rd October at 7pm.**

All are welcome to join us for a fantastic meal at the Ravensthorpe Village Hall.

All contributions of food including salads, baked potatoes and pies and puddings would be welcome.

Please contact Meg Benn on 770 629 regarding food contributions and for great value tickets, only £6.50 for adults and £3 for children.

Harvest Festival Service in St Deny's



St Deny's Church will be decorated with harvest displays and produce on **Saturday 4th October** and you are invited to bring your donations along to the church on Saturday 4th or to the service on Sunday 5th October

As usual we'll also be pleased to see any harvest crafts or produce displays from any age group, there'll be a small prize for anything really special.

The **Harvest Festival Service will be at 11am on Sunday 5th October**, followed by the auction of produce for charity, so please contribute what you can and join in the bidding at the end of the service.

World's Biggest Coffee Morning!



Please join us on **Saturday 20th September** between 10 am to 12 noon in Ravensthorpe Village Hall to celebrate our 24th coffee morning!

Drop 'Bring & Buy' items, cakes, jams or chutney to the village hall on the day

Please liaise with the following people regarding other items before the 20th Sept.

Bric-a-Brac	Roger Spring	770 403
Books	Liz Reader	770 275
Raffle Prizes	John Patrick	770 596

For collections, contact Pat Foss 770 466.

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Day	Time	Ravensthorpe Village Hall	£	Contact
Monday	09.15- 10.15 10.20 – 11.20 11.25 -12.25	Pilates	£7	Natalie Carter 07967 811945
		Pilates	£7	
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Thursday	9.40 -10.40 10.45 -11-45	Pilates	£7	Natalie Carter 07967 811945
		Pilates	£7	
Friday	09.30 – 10.30	Yoga	£7	Caron Lindley 01788 822975
Saturday	09.00 – 10.00 10.00 – 11.00	Special Back Care Pilates	£7	Tina Sheridan 07810 380636
		Special Back Care Pilates	£7	

Neighbourhood Watch

If you would like to receive regular Neighbourhood Watch updates from Ian Baverstock, please contact him 01604770603 iajbirthe@gmail.com to be added to the mailing list.

Northamptonshire Police and the county's Fire and Rescue Service will be holding a joint open day on between 11am – 4pm on Saturday 6th September at the Police Headquarters, Wootton Hall in Northampton NN4 0JQ to give the public an insight into the work carried out by the forces. Entry is free.

Date	Time	Service Type	Led by	Location	Flowers/Brass
Sunday 7 th Sept	8.30am	Traditional Communion	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	Gill Douglas
Sunday 14 th Sept	10.00am	Group Communion	Clergy	Thornby	Gill Douglas
	12.00 noon	Open Meeting	PCC team	Ravensthorpe	
Saturday 20 th Sept	3.30-5.30pm	Messy Church	Lay team	Spratton Primary	-
Sunday 21 st Sept	9.45am	Modern Communion	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	Sally Marsh
Sunday 28 th Sept	11.00am	All-age service with refreshments	Lay team	Ravensthorpe	Sally Marsh
Sunday 5 th Oct	11.00am	Harvest Festival and auction	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	Yvonne Reeve

Please email newsletter contributions to ravensthorpenewsletter@gmail.com for the attention of the editor, Viv Rees (01604 771 076) by **5pm on the 23rd of the month.** Note: space will be allocated on a 1st come 1st served basis.

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

Ravensthorpe Village Hall



It is now 3 years since Ravensthorpe Village Hall (RVH) re-opened after the extensive refurbishment, driven by Trevor Foss and the RVH Committee.

Bob Pike has now taken on the Chair and there will be more development to come.

The team includes:

Bob Pike	Chair	771 277
Roger Spring	Bookings	770 403
Lin Hudson	Secretary	770 562
Terry Smyth	Treasurer	

Committee Members:

Vana Hickman, Janice Tevendale, Pauline Smyth, Howard Fletcher, John Hawkins & Kevin Ross.

The popular village hall monthly lunch programme continues led by Lin Hudson & Pat Foss. For dates, see 'What's On'.

Safari Supper!

Ravensthorpe Village Hall next evening event will be a **Safari Supper on Saturday 8th November**, please make a note in your diaries.

John & Charlotte Matts will host drinks and canapés at Manor Farm, to get the evening under way, before all disperse to their hosts for main courses, then to RVH for dessert and entertainment. Tickets £15.

For more information about joining in contact Bob or Thalia Pike 771 277 thaliapike@church-hill.com

RIPE + STRIDE

The annual sponsored bike ride or walk in aid of historic churches will take place on Saturday 13th September.

Anyone taking part can help raise money towards both their own local church and also the fund to help others.

If you'd like a sponsor form, to find out more, or would be happy to help at the church on the day to meet and greet participants (6 volunteers needed), please let Alice know on 771 245.

Find out more at www.rideandstrideuk.org

Make a child very happy this Christmas



Start collecting your shoeboxes now!

St Denys Church will be running a shoebox appeal on behalf of 'Operation Christmas Child' this year, which means we are collecting filled shoe boxes with Christmas gifts for children overseas who have very little.

So if you want to share the love and joy of Christmas with a child this year, pick up a leaflet from Ravensthorpe Post Office to find out on what you need to put into your empty shoebox. Alternatively visit www.samaritans-purse.org.uk

To find out more, please get in touch with either Tricia Freeman 770 855 or Alice Cooper 770 245 or come along to the All Age Service at the Church on 28th Sept when we'll be telling you more about what happens to the boxes you collect.

We'll be collecting the shoeboxes during September and October and blessing them at the All Age service on 26th October, before sending them on their way.

Please get in involved (it's a great way to introduce children to giving to others) and support this very good cause.

Ravensthorpe NGS

Thanks to everyone who made this year's National Gardens Scheme Open Day on July 13th such a success, raising over £1,000.



This, together with money raised from extra group visits to the Nursery and Mill House over the summer, has made a valuable contribution to the funds going to the various charities supported by the Scheme, as well money from teas boosting the Village Hall funds.

If you would like to join us in opening your garden next year, please get in touch as soon as possible with Jean or Richard at the Nursery, 770 548 or e-mail ravensthorpenursery@hotmail.com

Entries have to be in to meet the publication date for the Yellow Book quite soon, so please don't hesitate. Thanks.

Jean & Richard Wiseman

Pocket Park Meadow Raking Next Pocket Party Activity

- 4 October 2014 – 10am start
- Refreshments and cake for helpers.
- Badge making for children helpers.
- Please wear gloves and stout footwear. Rakes are provided (if you have a wheelbarrow please bring it).
- Contact Cliff Giles on 770 451 for further details.

If you are interested in the wildlife on the pocket park and would like to receive occasional emails with news, activities and events, please email ravensthorpepocketpark@gmail.com.

The volunteers would love to hear about the wildlife you have seen and what you have enjoyed in the pocket park.

Latest sightings include: muntjac deer, small copper butterfly, buzzard and chicory.

Free summer entertainment for the kids and grandchildren in Ravensthorpe!

This is my 'Wild' Home is an activity trail at Crabtree Pit Pocket Park.

There are lots of wild animals and plants living in the pocket park.

This trail has 8 picture cards located around the pocket park. Each card has funny facts about wild homes or/and an activity.

Can you find all 8 cards?



More information is in the noticeboard next to the Post Office and in the Pocket Park, or email

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