

# NEWSLETTER

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

## A message from Revd Andrew

I have been receiving a lot of nuisance calls recently and what I mean by that is I have been receiving a lot of SALES calls usually from overseas.

I know at the end of the day people are simply trying to do their job but sadly it is sometimes a job that irritates people, myself included. They often ring between 12noon and 2pm, (lunchtime) or between 4pm – 6pm (teatime), why? Because they know that it is usually a good time to catch people at home. Lately they have been calling a various times, a good tactic to use of course, as it fools one into thinking that it is someone we know, therefore, more likely to answer the phone.

Sales people can be tough enough to deal with but sometimes God can be the same.

It is certainly my experience (and I know I can't be alone) that when God calls, it is not always a good time of the day or night.

The call is not always welcomed and it can be difficult to understand what God is requiring or asking. It is however important that I listen to what God is asking of me and not to simply say, "Sorry, I'm not interested please go away." Or words to that effect!

Well I can say that to God - but God has a habit of calling me back, again and again and again, until HE gets an answer.

But unlike Sales people, God is not trying to sell me things I don't want or need; He calls me out of love and calls me for a purpose. "*Listen, I am standing and knocking at your door. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in and we will eat together.*" (Rev 3: 20)

I remember hearing God's voice at the beginning of my journey and I can remember ignoring His voice for almost three years. But God was persistent and kept calling, until one day I opened the door and allowed God into my heart, and have never looked back.

There are still occasions however when I can hear God calling me, and I do my utmost to ignore Him, just like I do with the Sales people. However, I can choose to ignore Sales people whereas when God is calling, I know it is only a matter of time before I have to give in and answer His call. **Andrew**

## Coffee morning at Ann Fowlers

Please join us for coffee between 10am-12noon on Saturday 15th November at Ann Fowlers house, Home Farm, High Street, Ravensthorpe.

The coffee morning will raise funds for Ravensthorpe Church and research into pancreatic cancer. There will be raffle prizes on the day. Please leave anything for the coffee morning in Ann's porch the day before.

## Village Design Statement Update

The Village Design statement is the means by which we can ensure the local community's views are taken into account in decisions on planning permission, both at Daventry and during planning appeals. A meeting took place on 22<sup>nd</sup> October to review our current VDS but it is not too late to have your say! Why not come to the next meeting at 8.15pm on 26<sup>th</sup> Nov. Contact Richard Marsh on 01604 770868.

We will be posting regular notices on the notice boards and via [www.ravensthorpe.me.uk](http://www.ravensthorpe.me.uk) to keep you up to date with our progress.

## Advent Activities

If you would like to host the travelling knitted crib this year, as it journeys around Ravensthorpe on its way to Bethlehem, please get in touch with Alice on 771 245 [kierenandalice@btinternet.com](mailto:kierenandalice@btinternet.com) by the middle of November, so we can work out a rota ready for the start of December.

This is a great chance to have some fun and also reflection time thinking about the real meaning of Christmas over this busy time of year, and is a great way to introduce children to the Christmas message. We also hope to run the sheep trail again this year – look out for more details nearer the time.

## It's still amazing value!

The Village Hall Committee would like to notify you of price updates for the village hall and equipment hire, effective from 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2015.

The basic hall hire rate will increase to £10/hr but we are introducing a community discount so that private residents of Ravensthorpe and Coton, hiring for their own use, will qualify for a 10% discount.

We shall continue with the special concessionary rates for children's parties (£30 for four hours) and full day hire all subject to the resident discount where applicable.

Equipment hire rates will also change with table hire at £2.50 / day & chairs at 50p / day. See full price list for more info. *Roger Spring*

## What's On?

### Ravensthorpe Bonfire Night Friday 7th November

7.00pm Guy Competition  
7.15pm Bonfire lighting  
7.30pm Fireworks  
Ravensthorpe Playing Field

### Safari Supper

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November

### Coffee Morning - Ann Fowlers

10am -12 Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> Nov  
Home Farm, Ravensthorpe

### WI Open Meeting, 20<sup>th</sup> Nov

7.30 pm Members, RVH  
8.00pm Non Members, RVH  
Medieval Instruments

### SSPPG Meeting

6.00 - 7.30pm Tues 25<sup>th</sup> Nov  
Guilsborough Surgery

### Village Hall Lunch Club

Turkey and all the trimmings!

12.30 Weds 26<sup>th</sup> Nov  
Ravensthorpe Village Hall

Please phone Lin or Pat ASAP to book your place: Christmas Lunch is very popular. Pat Foss 770 466 or Lin Hudson 770 562 to book.

### Village Design Statement Meeting

8.15 pm Weds 26<sup>th</sup> November  
Venue TBC

### Christmas Bingo

7pm Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November  
Ravensthorpe Village Hall

### SSPPG Coffee Morning

10am – 12 noon Weds 3rd Dec  
Guilsborough Surgery



Colin Mold is running a Christmas Bingo night on Friday the 28th November at Ravensthorpe Village Hall in aid of Pancreatic Cancer Research (in memory of Richard Fowler) and the Village Hall.

Doors will open at 7pm and eyes down at 7.30pm. Prizes for all the family, raffle and tombola. WI teas will be served. £1 entry per person. That will include entry into the raffle for a fish and chip supper for 2.

Contact Colin Mold for details  
01604 770 667

**Saxon Spires Patient Participation Group**

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 25th 6.00 -7.30pm at Guilsborough Surgery - all patients of the practice are welcome.

Join our coffee morning to launch the Christmas raffle at Guilsborough Surgery 10 – 12 on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec.  
Sandra Attwood Chair SPPG



Why not join us for the next WI 'Open' Meeting at 8pm Thursday 20th Nov, Ravensthorpe VH.

This meeting is open to all in the village both men and woman not just WI members.

For just £3.50, you can enjoy an interesting talk, a cuppa and a piece of cake, why not come along at 8pm and hear this month's speaker talk about Medieval Instruments and watch a practical demonstration of a number instrument like the hurdy gurdy.

WI members please note that the business part of the November meeting will start early at 7.30pm & finish at 8pm. Liz Ellison.

**Harvest thanks**

A big thank you to everyone who helped make the harvest celebrations this year such a success, including all those who donated produce, food and time for the harvest supper and to decorate the church so beautifully.

**Round and about at the Playing Field**



Well done to Martin Wilkes, Russ Barringer, Kieren & Alice Cooper who have refurbished the round-about on the playing fields. The old flooring has been replaced so our children can now spin around to their hearts content (without fear of falling through!).

Well done team.

**Desperately seeking new members!**

It is only through the fundraising efforts of the Committee that we all get to enjoy this wonderfully maintained village asset. Anyone with some spare time, or whose family use the facility a lot, that would like to get involved, please let Barry Langsford ([barrylangsford@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:barrylangsford@hotmail.co.uk)) know or join us at the AGM at 7pm on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November at the Playing Field Pavilion.

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**Messy Church**

Uplands Group Messy Church continues to meet every 3rd Saturday of the month, at Spratton Primary School - 3.30–5.30pm.

**15<sup>th</sup> Nov Jesus' Friends**  
**20<sup>th</sup> Dec Jesus' Birthday Party**

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

Contact Valerie 01604 743444 or Lesley 01604 505966 for more information.

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	
Thursday	9.40 -10.40	Pilates	£7	Natalie Carter 07967 811945
	10.45 -11-45	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	

**Stop Press**

The McMillian Coffee morning contributions kept rolling in, John Patrick finally banked £1020! What a great result!

**No January Edition**

The next newsletter will be out at the start of December, but in January as normal, your editor and distributors get a month off. February will be the 1<sup>st</sup> newsletter of 2015!

Date	Time	Service Type	Led by	Location	Flowers/Brass
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	8.30am	Traditional Communion	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	Pauline Reeve
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Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10.55am	Remembrance Service	Lay Reader	Ravensthorpe	Susie Pasley-Tyler
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	3.30pm	Messy Church	Lay team	Spratton primary	-
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9.45am	Modern Communion with choir	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	Susie Pasley-Tyler
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	11.00am	All-age with refreshments	Lay team	Ravensthorpe	Yvonne Reeve
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10.00am	Group Communion	Clergy	Hollowell	-
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	8.30am	Traditional Communion	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	-

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

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