

NEWSLETTER

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

Morning Coffee Ravensthorpe Village Hall



Come and join us for Morning Coffee in Ravensthorpe Village Hall on the following Wednesdays for fresh coffee, tea and soft drinks

Weds May 6th from 10.30 am – 12 noon

Weds May 20th from 10.30 am – 12 noon

“Morning Coffee” is a new event everyone is welcome. No need to book, just drop in. Only £2

UK parliamentary general election 2015

The next UK Parliamentary general election takes place on **Thursday 7 May 2015**. The village hall will be open from 7am – 10pm for you to place your vote.

VDS UPDATE

Come along to Ravensthorpe village hall from **2pm - 4pm on Saturday 16th May** to see what we have done to update the Village Design Statement so far and to give us your views about what sort of development should be encouraged in the village.

There will be various displays and a walk around the village to discuss how best to improve our environment and preserve its character.

The Village Design Statement (VDS) Review Group needs your opinions and we hope that all ages will make an effort to attend the workshop and have your say!

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

6 Things to do in Ravensthorpe Village Hall in May!

1. Come for morning coffee
10.30am 6th & 20th May

2. Vote in the Election
7am – 10pm Thur 7th May

**3. Have your say about the
VDS Update**
2pm – 4pm Sat 16th May

4. Come for lunchtime drinks
12pm – 2pm Sun 17th May

5. WI Meeting
7.30 pm Thurs 21st May

6. Playing Field Quiz
7.30 pm Fri 22nd May

Lunchtime Drinks Ravensthorpe Village Hall



Join us for our drinks party, when John Patrick will reveal ‘The Village Plan’ dating from 1795.

Sunday May 17th at Noon

Tickets are only £7.50 and can be obtained from Bob Pike 01604 771 277.

What's On?

Playing Field Quiz Night

Join us for the Playing Field Quiz

7.30 pm Friday 22nd May

in Ravensthorpe Village Hall. 7.30 pm start. Light supper & bar.

Tickets £6.50 from Dave in the post office or Alan Worthington 770 957.

Teams maximum 6. Do come along and bring your friends, it should be a fun night. Proceeds in aid of the Playing Field.

WI meeting

7.30pm 21st May

The meeting will focus on the next WI resolution:

Failing to care - assessment of need in long term care.

Carers Coffee Morning

Saxon Spires Patient Participation Group will be holding a Carer's Coffee Morning

**10am - 12 noon
Wednesday 10th June
Guilsborough Surgery**

Representative from Northants Carers' Association will be present.

Village Show 31st August

**Monday 31st August 2015
Bank Holiday Monday**

If you have not already taken a copy of the schedule for the show they are still available in the village shop or an electronic version can be obtained by contacting
Liz Ellison:
ellisonthomas10@yahoo.com

Liz also has some Runner beans that have been bred especially for the longest bean completion. Let her know if you would like some of the beans.

Trish Freeman has copies of the knitting patterns that you will need for the knitted baby item challenge, so if you would like to have a go contacted her on 01604 770855

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Saturday 19th of September.

Introducing Revd Chris Peck, our new Vicar



I am very excited to have been appointed as Rector of the Uplands group and am looking forward to getting to know people.

I grew up on a farm in the Cotswolds so the country is in my blood. When I left school I taught in a village in Kenya before going to University in Norwich and then studying theology in London. After spending a few years training young people I started training lay people and clergy for the Church of England, which brought me to my role heading up training at the Peterborough Diocese.

I have two children from my first marriage, Antony who has a complex of learning difficulties and is in supported housing in Formby, and Nina who is currently doing a Masters at Liverpool University after teaching in Taiwan.

In 2004 I remarried and moved with Judy (a GP and ordained priest) to Grendon. To my great surprise I then received a call to ordination out of the blue in a way that I couldn't resist and spent time as a curate at Abington, Northampton (the church in the park). In any spare time I like to photograph birds, engage in five rhythms dance & walk our dog.

I am excited at seeing people grow into all God has created them to be; I have a strong conviction that we are all in this together, whether we are committed church attenders or not, and that it is together that we will enable our village communities to flourish with the churches at their heart. I long for the church to be a place where each person, whatever your circumstances, will feel welcomed; places where what happens in church will speak into your everyday life; places you can touch God and find a renewed purpose in life and hope in a troubled world.

This will take time and the building of trust as we get to know each other. I look forward to working with you as we build together on all that already happens, to develop the community life of our villages. **Chris Peck**

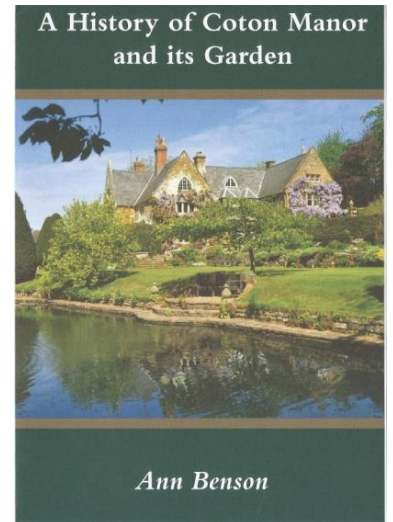
Messy Family Fun Picnics

As the weather is looking up, the Uplands Group Messy Church is going to take break from our inside meetings for the summer months, but we'd like to invite you and your family to join us for a series of summer afternoon picnics which we will hold on the 3rd Saturday of the month. Look out for more details on posters nearer the time.

Lent Lunches Thank You!

Thank you to all who supported our Lent Lunches this year and helped raised money the church and a range of other worthy charities. A special big thank you to all the ladies who hosted and cooked for us all – standards were as high as ever! Well done ladies.

History of Coton Manor & its Garden



We are delighted to announce the launch of 'A History of Coton Manor and its Garden' by Dr Ann Benson which will be marked by a special book launch at Coton on:

Wednesday 6th May from 6.00pm – 8.00pm

The event will be during the height of our bluebell season and will offer visitors a chance to see the bluebell wood at its best and enjoy a drink and canapés 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 on the evening.

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.

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Date	Time	Service Type	Led by	Location	Flowers/Brass
Sunday 3 rd May	8.30am	Traditional Communion	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	Pat Foss
Sunday 10 th May	10.00am	Group Communion	Clergy	Thornby	Pat Foss
Sunday 17 th May	9.45am	Modern Communion	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	Anne Fowler
Sunday 24 th May	11.00am	All-age & refreshments	Lay team	Ravensthorpe	Anne Fowler
Sunday 31 st May	10.00am	Group Communion	Clergy	Hollowell	Meg Benn
Sunday 7 th June	8.30am	Traditional Communion	Clergy	Spratton Primary	Meg Benn

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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