

NEWSLETTER

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

Who do you think you are?

A few years ago in a Service at Derby Cathedral, Canon Geraldine Pond asked the question, "Who do you think you are?"

She was referring to the television programme at first and then asked us to think about the question for ourselves. Who do 'I' think I am?

A couple of days later a very good friend of mine asked me the following question, "How are you?" She then followed through with the word, "Really!?" Sensing that that wasn't quite true she then asked, "How are you 'really' feeling?"

Following our conversation she then said, "No matter how busy you get - don't lose sight of Andrew!" I jokingly said to her, "Andrew? Who is he?"

My friend's remark set me thinking about 'Andrew' as to where he'd gone in the midst of all his work and training, which in turn, set me thinking about Canon Pond's question: Who do 'I' think I am?

When I was accepted for ordination training, everyone was really excited and delighted with the news, everyone except, Kathleen. Kathleen was a colleague in a previous diocese, and the reason for her sadness over the news was because she feared that I'd become lost in the ordination training and come out the other end, like so many other priests she'd met.

Meaning, we begin our training with our own personalities and uniqueness, and come out the other end - all the same! I assured her that that wouldn't happen - and to my knowledge it hasn't. Or has it? Maybe the jury is still out on that one!

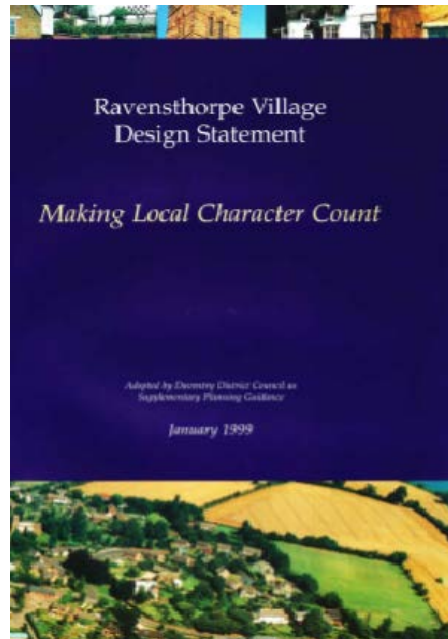
Those of us who profess to be Christian firmly believe that through God, we can encounter endless discoveries and challenges which help shape and re-shape who we are.

My journey of discovering who Andrew really is still continues because it hasn't come to an end yet. God keeps helping me to discover new horizons; new challenges and new possibilities, which in turn, helps to shape and re-shape who I am. So to ask myself the question, "Who do I think I am?" isn't that simple or straight forward.

How about you? Who do you think you are?
Happy exploring!
Revd. Taylor-Cook

Ravensthorpe Village Design Statement

In 1999 Ravensthorpe was one of the 1st villages in Northants to produce a Village Design Statement (VDS) & it has proved useful as a way of influencing planning decisions in the village.



Much has changed since then and the time has now come to update it.

With support from the Parish Council and encouragement from the planning department in Daventry, a small team from the village has been set up to take this forward (we would welcome any additional volunteers who wish to join us).

For the new document to be officially accepted we need the support of the village. To this end we are circulating a questionnaire asking a few questions about your views on planning matters.

We hope that everyone in the village completes the questionnaire and shares their opinions with us on how they would like Ravensthorpe to develop in years to come.

I have spare copies of the 1999 VDS if anyone would like to have a look at it and there is a link to it on the village website (see below).

http://www.ravensthorpe.me.uk/files/view/parish-council-downloads/Village_Design_Statement.pdf

If you would like to get involved or like a copy of the VDS, please contact **Richard Marsh**.

New Barns, 18 High St, Ravensthorpe
01604 770868 / richard@newbarns.org.uk

What's On?

Village Hall Lunches

Why not join us for the next village hall lunches?
Great value at only £6.

12.30 Wednesday 4th June
12.30 Wednesday 2nd July

Call Lin 770562 / Pat 770466

Uplands Group Messy Church

Join us on the 3rd Sunday of every month at Spratton church (2-4pm) for an all age afternoon of fun, food & friendship. All welcome.

Hollowell Steam Rally 5th – 6th July

For more details check out the website:

www.hollowellsteam.com

Ravensthorpe NGS Sunday 13th July

On Sunday, July 13th from 1.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. there will be four gardens open and the combined admission cost will be £5 with free admission for children. Contact Jean and Richard Wiseman.

Ravensthorpe Church Fete Sunday 10th August 2014

Sunday 10th Aug 12 pm - 4pm. The Bric-a-brac stall will be running again and good quality contributions will be welcome (see over).



Hollowell Steam Rally

As in recent years the Uplands Group of Churches will be holding a short service in the main ring of the steam rally on Sunday 6th July at 10.45am, please meet at the gate beforehand (for free entry for the service only) or in the main ring near the sound box if you would like to join in the singing – all are very welcome.

We'll also have our usual roving chaplaincy team, and a tent with quiet space and shade, and free family activities running onsite over the weekend, so please call in and say hello if you are there, or let Alice (kierenandalice@btinternet.com) know if you'd like to help out with any of the activities over the weekend.

Ravensthorpe Church Fete, Sunday 10th August 2014

The Church Fete plans are going well and we are now in need of volunteers to run the games and man the stalls & car park etc. We also need people to make cakes for the cake stall, donate raffle prizes, and provide us with quality bric-a-brac.

If you want to help us in any way, just contact **Colin Mold 01604 770667**

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Monday	09.15- 10.15	Pilates	£7	Natalie Carter 07967 811945
	10.20 – 11.20	Pilates	£7	
	11.25 -12.25	Pilates	£7	
Tuesday	09.45 – 10.45	Triple Workout	£5	Vicky Sewell 07970 116576
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	

Healthy Heart Talk

Saxon Spires Patient Participation Group are delighted to announce that Dr Neal Menon will repeat his

Healthy Heart Talk
at Brixworth Surgery
7-8pm Tuesday, June 3rd.

The talk at Guilsborough in April was very interesting and well attended.

Carers Coffee Morning

SSPPG will be holding a Carer's Coffee Morning at Guilsborough Surgery on Friday, 13th June - 10am -12midday. Sue Dobson, Nurse Advisor from the Practice and an Advisor from Northamptonshire Carer's Association will be there to help you.

Start Collecting Shoeboxes

St Denys church will be running a shoebox appeal in the autumn this year, collecting Christmas parcels for children overseas that have very little, so please start collecting empty shoeboxes now. More details of how to get involved will follow in a few months.

Date	Time	Service Type	Location	Flowers/Brass
Sunday 1 st June	8.30am	Traditional Communion	Ravensthorpe	Meg Benn
Sunday 8 th June	10.00am	Group Modern Communion	Spratton	Meg Benn
Sunday 15 th June	9.45 am	Modern Communion with choir	Ravensthorpe	Lin Hudson
	2-4pm	<i>Group Messy Church (Lay Team)</i>	Spratton	n/a
Sunday 22 nd June	11.00 am	<i>All-age with refreshments (Lay Team)</i>	Ravensthorpe	Lin Hudson
Sunday 29 th June	10.00am	Group Modern Communion	Cottesbrooke	Wendy Bates
Sunday 6 th July	8.30 am	Traditional Communion	Ravensthorpe	Wendy Bates
	10.45 am	Group Worship at the Hollowell Steam Rally	Main Ring	n/a

Please email April contributions to ravensthorpenewsletter@gmail.com for the attention of the editor, Viv Rees (01604 771 076) by: **5pm Monday 23rd June 2014**. Note: space will be allocated on a 1st come 1st served basis, waiting until the deadline may result in your article not being included.

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