

NEWSLETTER

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

Message from Reverend Chris Peck:

September already – where is the year going? A time for new beginnings as a new education year begins and many groups start up again. How about making a few minutes each day as time for God one of your new beginnings – my life is enriched when I do, and the poorer when I don't.

A big thank you to everyone who responded generously to the letter setting out the financial needs of the church; if you intended to respond but never got round to it, could that be among your new beginnings?

May each of us know God's blessing this September as we offer our lives in response to God's love poured out in Jesus Christ.

Merchant Navy Day

Sunday 3rd September 2017, this day is to recognise the contribution of merchant seafarers to the victory in the First and Second World Wars together with the Falklands Campaign.

Ride & Stride for Churches

The next Sponsored Bike/Walk takes place on Saturday 9th September 2017. This annual event is an excellent way of raising funds for your own church as well as Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust, as 50% of the money that you raise is returned to the church of your choice. In addition, there is an opportunity to visit and admire some of the wonderful Christian buildings in the County.

People of any age can take part as you choose your own route, according to how many churches you wish to visit on the day. Most churches in the County will be open from 10.00am to 18.00pm, although there are some that have to close earlier. More information is available from Gill Douglas (01604 770541), or from <http://www.hhct.org.uk/>

We still need volunteers to sit in the Church for an hour to welcome people, sign them in and offer a drink. Please contact Gill Douglas if you are able to help.

Shoe boxes filled with pencils, paper, toys, toothpaste, soaps etc. for children & adults for Christmas. Forms will be in P.O. & Church. A box is in the church for donations of items for boxes. You can bring filled boxes to Church on Sunday October 22nd 11am. or to:
Tricia Freeman, 2 Orchard Close. Tel 770855



Harvest Supper 2017

AT THE VILLAGE HALL
FRIDAY 29 SEPTEMBER
DOORS and BAR OPEN
AT 7PM

ALWAYS A GOOD
NIGHT OUT!
BOOK EARLY WITH
DAVE AT THE VILLAGE
SHOP
Adults £7 / 12yrs
and under £4

Uplands Churches

New website: We now have a new website with details of upcoming services and events, and also PCC minutes and any other information we need to share with the villages–

www.uplandsgroupchurches.org.uk
and
[www.facebook.com/
uplandsgroupchurches](https://www.facebook.com/uplandsgroupchurches)

Quiz Night:

Saturday 16 September 2017, 7.00pm start at Guilsborough Village Hall. Come with your team (2-6 in a team), or make one up when you arrive, or just come and enjoy the fun. Tickets £10, including a Lasagne supper, Licensed Bar, Raffle. Tickets from:

Melanie Stanley
email: mkj3410@hotmail.com
Mobile: 07891 050851

Brunch @ 11

Sunday 17th September 2017 at Guilsborough Village Hall. On a Sunday morning, come and join us. Bacon and sausage rolls, coffee, tea, juice and newspapers. Games and activities for children, music and Thought for the Day. All free of charge in a relaxed family atmosphere!

Ravensthorpe Village Hall What's on in September?

Food Bank Collection: Sun 3rd: 10am –noon.
Call Yvonne Childs 770988.

Bus Stop Tots:

Tuesdays 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th: 8.45am–10.30.
Alice Cooper 07803 595106

Morning Coffee. Wednesdays 6th & 20th. All welcome. Fresh coffee & home-made eats for just £2. 10.30-noon.

Speakers Corner: "A Pint of History in Your Hand". Thursday 7th: 7pm for 7.30: Not to be missed! Tickets £5 from Ravensthorpe PO.

Raven Arts & Crafts (RAC):

Monday 11th & 25th: Open to all. Bring along your own crafts, painting and art activities. For all levels of experience. £2 including refreshments. Ros Smith 770471.

Bridge Class. Autumn 10-week term begins **Tuesdays 12th 2pm-4.30 & then 19th & 26th.** Improvers & beginners welcome. £6 per session. Bernadette & Tony Watson 770424. Email: abwatson72@gmail.com

RVH Lunch. Wednesday 13th: 12.15 Call 770466 or 770562 to book.

Play Keyboard. Lessons begin again on Monday 18th at 2.00pm. Beginners & intermediate skills welcome. Call Andrew & Gillian 770424 or email aandgpitts@gmail.com.

WI Thursday 21st: 7.45pm.

MacMillan Coffee Morning.

Saturday 23rd. 10-12. (see over for details)

Tuesday 26th 7 for 7.30: Village Cinema: Their Finest. 2016 comedy/ drama / romance. Please book right away: Mike Cobbe mike@mikecobbe.com

Friday 29th: 7pm Harvest Supper (see separate insert)

Pilates at the RVH: Monday, Thursday & Saturday mornings.

Yoga on Friday mornings. For information on these sessions or any other items relating to the Village Hall, call 771277.

Want to have this programme emailed to you each month? Email bobpike@church-hill.com



Bus Stop Tots

Join us for:

A chance to chat while the children play
Tea, coffee, croissants, & baby or toddler drinks & snacks
A simple craft, and 10 minutes of bible stories & songs for babies and pre-school children (we usually do this about 9.20 am)

Tuesdays - 8.45-10.00 am Drop in at any time
Ravensthorpe Village Hall Just £1 per child
Open to all families in the area

All villagers welcome to drop in for coffee and a chat, even if you don't have pre-school children with you!



Bus Stop Tots is run by the Uplands Group of Churches

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Our 30th annual Coffee Morning for MacMillan Cancer Care will be from 10 until 12 noon on **23 September in the Village Hall.**

Your help is again sought as follows: cakes, produce, to the Village Hall on the morning; bric-a-brac (new or nearly new) to Dave & Julie Faulkner 39 Guilsborough Rd. (770547); books, to Liz Reader 34 High St. (770275) and raffle prizes to John Patrick 32 High St. (770596) Please call 770596 if collection is required. Please join us for Coffee and a chat on the morning.



Contributions for the next month's Newsletter to ravensthorpenewsletter@gmail.com by 5pm on the 23rd of the month.
Any queries? Tel. Alan Worthington 770957

Book Club

Tuesday 12 September at Lorna Jones' house, Teeton Road at 7.45 pm to discuss: *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close* by Jonathon Safran Foer.

Speakers' Corner

Join us for the talk in the village hall on Thursday 7th September "A Pint of History in Your Hand", 7 for 7.30pm

Many people will remember Phipps ales and Phipps brewing in Northampton.

The brewery went the way of many - swallowed up by "bigger boys", but there is a good news story here - The MD of The Albion Brewery, Alaric Neville, will recount the revival of some of the old ales and talk about the history of brewing beer in Northampton. He will bring beer and gin for sampling and for sale. Tickets £5 available from the Ravensthorpe Post Office or by contacting Di Hayes 01604 770482 or dianeaudrey.hayes@gmail.com

National Gardens Scheme: urgent call to gardeners

Ravensthorpe's five garden openers raised over £1000 for the National Garden Scheme in July. Thank you to those who opened and those who visited and to the Village Hall supporters who provided the teas. I have to send our entry for the Yellow Book to arrive by 18th September, so if you think you would like to join us and open your garden next year, please do contact me. It would be good to have one or two new gardens and we'd love to hear from you.

Deborah Hogben: "I opened my garden for the first time this year ... I was very nervous ..but when the day came around it was a thoroughly enjoyable and rewarding experience with a steady stream of lovely people coming through the garden".

Please contact :
Jean Wiseman
ravensthorpenursery@hotmail.com, tel.: 770548

Adult Education in Long Buckby

From Les Miserables to the Belle Epoque: France in the 19th Century

Including: Haussmann's Paris, Art Nouveau, the Paris Commune, the Dreyfus affair, and the Cancan.

Tutor: David Price

Begins Wed 4th October 2017, 2.30 to 4pm for 9 weeks
Cost: £52 (free if qualify)

Venue: Long Buckby Community Centre

For more information: Joan Holah 01604 770030
jholah@aol.com

The Workers' Education Association (WEA) is a registered charity



CRABTREE POCKET PARK WORKING PARTIES

Saturday 9th September from 10.00am
Pond clearance & erection of bird feeding area

Saturday 14th October from 10.00am.
Annual Raking Day

Everyone of all ages are most welcome to come along and help on either day. Please bring gloves and wear suitable footwear. Volunteers, rakes and wheelbarrows are needed.

For further info: Liz Peachey 01604 770894;
email lizpeachey@yahoo.com

Playing Field

Lottery winners for August:
Mrs M Benn (£50), Mr C Langsford (£20).

Dates for your diaries: Fri 13 October at the Chequers **Race Night** in aid of the Playing Field.
Fri 3rd November: Bonfire Night at the Playing Field.

Dogs in the Childrens' Play Area: under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, it is an offence to allow dogs into the enclosed Children's Play Area (at the Playing Field). It should also be noted that removing the sign (also an offence) does not "un-designate" it and parents need to make their children aware of this also. Similarly, it is also an offence under the same Act not to "pick up" after your dog in any public area within the village, including the Playing Field. Sadly, this continues to be a problem.

We welcome the Dahlia Festival back to **Kelmarsh Hall** this September. Taking place over the 3rd and 17th of **September 2017**, this spectacular floral event is not to be missed by garden lovers across the midlands!

Date	Time	Service Type	Led by	Location	Flowers
Sunday 3 rd September	8.30am	Traditional Communion	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	Sandra Patrick/Lin Hudson
	5.00pm	Evening Service (Taize style)	Clergy & Lay team	Ravensthorpe	
Sunday 10 th September	10.00am	Group Common Worship with Communion	Clergy	Cold Ashby	
Sunday 17 th September	9.45am	Modern Communion - with refreshments	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	
	11.00am	Brunch@11	Lay team	Guilsborough VH	
Sunday 24 th September	11.00am	Worship for All – with Baptism and refreshments	Clergy & Lay team	Ravensthorpe	
Sunday 1 st October	11.00am	Harvest Festival	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	Liz Reader/Lynn Holt/Team

Please note the change to the time of the 9.45am Modern Communion service has now been cancelled, it will remain at 9.45am.