

NEWSLETTER

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VICAR RESIGNS

The Revd. Michael Pettit is resigning, from 30th September 2010, as Priest-in-Charge of the Uplands Group of eight Parishes to which St Denys belongs.

The Revd. Mark Battison will act as the part-time interim Minister during the interregnum which is likely to be for up to two years. He will be the first point of contact for any queries e.g. Baptisms, Weddings or Funerals Tel. 01604 846690. **The Revd. Catti Moss** will help as much as she can while continuing to work as GP in Guilsborough.

However, it is likely that Service times will vary/change during the period when there is no fulltime Priest.

RECENT EXPENDITURE at ST. DENYS' CHURCH.

- (1) Removal of dangerous and damaging trees in Churchyard - £1720.
- (2) Repair and making safe a section of Churchyard wall - £313i.

A SUPPLY OF WEEKLY ENVELOPES –which can be gift aided – for anyone wanting to commit to a weekly confidential donation to St, Denys are available from 1st Nov. Contact David Johnstone @ 770826.

HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST CYCLE RIDE. Thanks to the 24 cyclists who took part and contributed to the Trust and St. Denys. Thanks also to the recorders who manned the church and welcomed the cyclists with soft drinks and biscuits:- Peter Smith, Lin Hudson, Marjorie Atkinson, Gill Douglas, Audrey Backhouse, Yvonne Reeve, Liz Reader and your editor.

REMINDERS – HARVEST SUPPER – Friday, 1st October at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. For tickets phone Meg Benn @770629. HARVEST FESTIVAL – Sunday, 3rd October at 11am in St. Denys' Church.

MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELD ANNUAL RACE NIGHT – Chequers Pub, Friday, 8th October, 7.30 pm Start.

Eight races supported by a tote on which you can back your favourite Gee-Gee. Horses can be bought for £2.50 before the night. Our thanks to Gordon and Gill who will be hosting the event again this year. Monthly Lottery draw to be held on the night – **join us for some fun in a good cause!**

FOR YOUR DIARY. Forthcoming events.

October 27th - VILLAGE HALL LUNCH 12.30 for 1pm –Names to Lin Hudson@770562 or Pat Foss @770466

November 5th – BONFIRE NIGHT – With Surprises! - On the Playing Field – 7 pm start.

Guy Fawkes Competition, please bring your “Guy” to the pavilion at 6.30pm for judging at 7pm. Hot food and refreshments served in the pavilion. **Fantastic fireworks** – a great family night out. Burnable garden waste can be collected for a nominal charge (all proceeds to the Playing Field's Funds – contact Ken Hickman, tel. 770682 for collection.

November 20th - DOREEN BUCK'S COFFEE MORNING for the AIR AMBULANCE SERVICE at Ann

Fowler's Home – 10am to noon. **Any help and contributions of produce and quality bric-a-brac welcomed.**

November 26th – CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EVENING in the Village Hall organised by Viv Joczsa.

December 11th – CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY for 4 to 11 year olds in the Village Hall.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – SHOEBOX APPEAL. Green leaflets giving details of how to respond to this appeal will be distributed around the village shortly. These gifts go to needy children in deprived areas around the world and are usually the first gift these children have ever received. The boxes have to be ready by **mid- November.** **For a small amount of generosity you will give a lot of pleasure.** Contact Lorna Jones on: 770308.

POLICE NOTICES – Doorstep crime is likely to peak this September and October. If you're not sure don't open your door, ask their name and company and call an official number in the phone book. Unless sure do not let them in.

If you are concerned about a caller or suspect that distraction burglars or rogue doorstep traders are operating in the community call Doorstep crime Action Network at 0345 230 7702. More info @ www.northants.police.uk/outlook.

JAYNE TATHAM – HARRIS 4th February 1946 – 1st August 2010

Jayne was born in Farnborough, the eldest of six children. In her teens she worked at a Dr. Barnardo's orphanage and then became a nanny. This was the beginning of her lifelong love of children and her concern for those children born in deprived circumstances. She worked for a while in the restaurant business in Northampton and it was during this time she met and fell in love with her second husband, Colin. She finally settled on a caring role working first for Homestart and then Family Care where, as an outreach support worker, she taught families less fortunate than us how to love, how to care and how to make a proper home.

She threw herself into charity work by raising thousands of pounds for cancer research and volunteering to work with Save the Children and The Big Issue Foundation, helping those whom life has cast aside. In 2002 she took part in the Marie Curie Cancer Care Ladies Driving Challenge where she drove a transporter, fire engine, tank, lorry, rally car, JCB, and double-decker bus. In 2006 she walked 60km for Breakthrough Breast Cancer. In 2009 she ran in the "Race for Life" in aid of cancer research. In November 2009 she walked 18 miles through London on the "Big Night Out Walk" raising money for The Big Issue Foundation. She helped out at practically all the fund raising activities in Ravensthorpe, **This was a lady who will be sorely missed by us all.**

Jayne had four children and one step-son, twelve grandchildren and one great granddaughter. Our deepest sympathy goes out to them and to her husband, Colin. During the last five months of her life she lived with bravery and dignity as she did her best to help her family come to terms with her illness and to prepare them for her death. The fact is that nothing can prepare us for the pain that is felt when the moment comes.

THE 10th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION FOR THE OPENING OF THE PLAYING FIELD'S PAVILLION AND TOP ARDLES WOOD was fabulously well attended and enjoyed by all who came. The Nature Walk organised by The Woodland Trust was extremely popular featuring the Nature Detective and the Story Teller reciting a French story about an Acorn.

In the evening 110 people gathered in the marquee and danced until midnight.

Many thanks to the organisers and all those who helped make the event possible. About £1200 was raised which, considering the costs of two bands and marquees was great. In any case the object was to entertain and have fun. The proceeds will be used to improve the Children's Play area.

The problem is WHO? – Is it YOU?

It is sad to follow the report on the celebrations for the Playing Field and the Woodland Trust with an edited plea written by Yvonne Childs.

"Living, as we do, adjacent to the playing field, we have a rather nasty problem. Very nasty, since it is one or more of our village neighbours causing the problem which is a deliberate act. Why? It's not just the playing field but Top Ardles Wood where recently we had to tread with care due to up to nine fresh heaps of dog fouling in as many steps.

Over the course of this year Geoffrey has removed in excess of a dozen plastic bags of dog poo deposited in the lime tree brushwood alongside our garden. Every time we go for a walk there are two, if not more scruffy bags by the gate. The bags are bad enough, an eyesore and environmentally unfriendly, the contents are foul.

Why is it that some are so loath to take their litter home? Some go to great lengths to pick it up (thank you) and then deposit the bag in a litter bin. The bins next to the seats are not for dog poo but are cleaned out regularly, not a pleasant task, by another dog owner (who works hard for the playing field as a committee member). **The Council will not pay for a dog poo bin, emptied by their employees, but dog waste in your own bin is collected free – so take it home and dump it in your Sulo.**

Don't get me wrong – I'm not a dog hater – we both grew up with dogs. I know there are many who clean up and take home their dog deposits and it's good to see. I just wish all dog owners did,"

The Editor adds:- I have lost count of the number of times I've written about DOG FOULING in the Newsletter.

Those irresponsible dog owners who do not take their dog waste home are not only behaving anti-socially but are breaking the law. You could be fined up to £1000. THIS IS SERIOUS STUFF !!!

CHURCH SERVICES

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| Sunday | 3 rd October | 11.00am | Harvest Festival |
| Sunday | 10 th October | 11.00am | Holy Communion |
| Sunday | 17 th October | 11.00am | Holy Communion |
| Sunday | 24 th October | 8.30am | Holy Communion |
| Sunday | 31 st October | 10.00am | Group Service, Cottesbrooke |
| Sunday | 7 th Nov, | 8.30am | Holy Communion |

ALTAR FLOWERS & BRASS ROTA

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| Yvonne Reeve |
| Sally Barringer |
| Sally Barringer |
| Wendy Bates |
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| Yvonne Reeve |

Contributions for the November Newsletter should be sent to the editor by 23rd October to John Mott at 16 Church Gardens or telephone: 770618 – email jmd.mott@yahoo.co.uk