

NEWSLETTER

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



HORACE BATTEN
BESPOKE BOOT MAKER



www.horacebatten.com

Horace Batten celebrates his 100th Birthday

On the 17th June 2012, Horace Batten will be 100!

Horace runs his family bespoke boot making service on Coton Road, Ravensthorpe and can be seen in the photograph with his latest creation, one of the 'Godiva Boots' which he is making for 'Godiva Awakes'.

Godiva Awakes is one of 12 public art commissions being created across the UK as part of Artists taking the lead - the UK Arts Councils' flagship project for London 2012 Cultural Olympiad.

Happy Birthday Horace!

Message From Reverend Mark Battison

Jesus came amongst his disciples and said 'Peace be with you'.

Is it me or do you also think our world is going mad! We seem to lurch from one disaster to another – or is that just what the media would have us believe because it sells newspapers and raises the profile of television news and internet news sites?

Well, those of us who believe that there is a God and that He reveals Himself in the person of Jesus Christ, believe that as the world seems to get ever more difficult so we need to know the Peace that Christ offered to his early disciples.

They, like many today, were living in fear of being persecuted and were feeling nervous and scared and Jesus knew this and offered them the thing they needed most – the Peace that comes from knowing that God is real and is with you in good times and bad.

So, if you are feeling nervous or scared about something in your life, why not try the 'cure' that is Jesus Christ – what have you got to lose?

Our churches are open to you, our worshippers would be delighted to hear you and offer some hope and comfort – but most importantly Jesus awaits your cry for help – so why not stop whatever you are doing and quietly ask Jesus for help?

And Jesus came and stood amongst us all and said 'Peace be with you' and immediately we all knew what it was to be loved for who we are and at Peace in our lives.

Church contacts

If you would like to talk to someone at **St Denys Church** about anything, including how to get more involved, or how we can help you with weddings, baptisms, funerals, contact :

Mark Battison 01604 740 050
Meg Benn 01604 770 629
Alice Cooper 01604 771 245

Vicar
Church Warden
Church Warden

Diamond Jubilee

Saturday 2nd June

The celebrations will commence at 1:30pm at the 'Tennis Court Field' (Fowlers Field) at the top of the High Street and the Diamond Jubilee Parade will proceed down the High Street at 2pm to the village hall.

If it is raining, meet at the village hall at 1.30pm.

Approximately 100 children and 200 adults are planning on joining the street party. To join in, please contact Lin Hudson on 770 562 or Pat Foss on 770 466

Festival of Country Life Sun 3rd & Mon 4th June

A fantastic day out for all the family at Lamporth Hall. Exhibits, traditional crafts and main arena attractions. For more info: www.lamporthall.co.uk

Family Treasure Trail

Saturday 16th June

Join us at 11am for a fun morning and take part in an outdoor treasure and nature trail round St Denys' churchyard. Aimed at families with children from toddler to primary age, but all are welcome. The event is free, and light refreshments will be provided but please bring a picnic to join us for lunch afterwards if you wish (and if the sun holds!). We hope to see you there!

Village Hall Lunch

Wednesday 20th June

12:30pm for 1.00pm

To book: Lin Hudson 770562 or Pat Foss 770466

WI Members Evening

Thursday 21st June

Cottesbrooke Gardeners' Fair 22nd – 24th June

10am - 5:30pm www.cottesbrookehall.co.uk

Teddy Bear Hunt

Saturday 23rd June

The Teddy Bears are back hiding in **Ravensthorpe Pocket Park** and you will have a chance to come and hunt the bears between 2-4 pm on Saturday 23rd June.

There will also be badge making so why not bring along a picnic and make an afternoon of it? This event is free of charge but subject to having good weather.

Hollowell Steam Rally

Sat 7th - Sun 8th July

£8 / adult £4 / child www.hollowellsteam.com

Church Fete

Sunday 5th August

Offers of help will be gratefully received & it's not too early for good bric-a-brac. Call Colin on 770667.

Produce Show Monday 27th August

The schedules are available in the Post Office or from Liz Ellison ellisonthomas10@yahoo.com or 770 463.



Vera Hickman

Rose 'Vera' Hickman

Many of you may know that Vera Hickman passed away peacefully at Danetre Hospital on 5th April aged 95.

Vera's sons, Keith & Ken Hickman have kindly written about her life, which will be serialised in the following issues.

Vera came to Ravensthorpe in the thirties and was married to Eric Hickman in 1939 at St Deny's Church. They lived in Coton Road and then in different houses on The High Street.

Vera took an active interest in all village activities especially the Church, the village hall, the playing field and the WI. Vera served on various committees over a period of fifty years.

She enjoyed a strong family life, especially her grand & great grand children who affectionately called her 'old-nan'.

Message from Glyn

Glyn Lewis will be retiring from Northants Police on June 30th 2012.

Glyn would like to thank all those many people who have helped him over the years in so many ways and indeed Ravensthorpe would like to thank Glyn for looking out for us!



To mark the occasion Glyn is having a tea party with his sergeant, Mike Grady who is also retiring.

Please feel free to join them at the **Ravensthorpe Village Hall on July 7th 2.30 - 5.00pm.**

Special Services at Guilsborough Church

The Uplands Group of Parishes are delighted to invite you to 2 special services at Guilsborough Church, on behalf of all of our eight churches to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee and our participation in the Guilsborough Festival weekend.

Monday June 4th 6pm

We will be holding a service to commemorate the wonderful 60 years of Queen Elizabeth on the throne and this will include music and songs from her original Coronation and some classic worship that celebrated Her Majesty's wonderful achievement.

Sunday June 17th 6pm

We are looking forward to playing our full part in the Summer Festival, with the church open on both days for the Flower Festival and "Songs of Praise" to end the festivities at 6pm on the Sunday. All are very welcome to join in.

PG Flex Scheme

DDC is currently working on a scheme with the aim of offering free external wall insulation to households to help local residents stay warmer in their homes; reduce energy bills and lower carbon emissions. For further information, contact the Council's Care & Repair department on 01327 302322.



Ravensthorpe is on FaceBook and has a Website!

Have you visited the Ravensthorpe website? There is some useful information there, check it out:

www.ravensthorpe.me.uk

For those of you who fancy sharing your news and pictures with your village friends and neighbours, make friends with **'Ravensthorpe Northampton'** & 'tag' the village in your photos!

The best Diamond Jubilee photos will be published in the next issue!



Neighbourhood Watch

We are very lucky in Ravensthorpe in that the level of reported crime is low; however there are things that we can all do to keep the level low.

With each edition of the Village Newsletter I hope to add a suggestion or idea that might help us all. Your ideas are also welcome.

I have an email list and I distribute relevant up to date information from the Police as I receive it. Anyone wanting to be added to the list should email me at iainbirthe@gmail.com Regards **Iain Baverstock**

Get Fit in Ravensthorpe Village Hall

Day	Time	Village Hall	Price	Contact
Mondays	09.45 – 10.45	Pilates	£6.50	Natalie Carter 07967 811945
	10.45 – 11.45	Pilates		
Tuesdays	09.45 – 10.45	Triple Workout	£5	Vicky Sewell 07970 116576
	11.00 - 12.00	Triple Workout Seniors	£5	* new class starting 12 th June
Tuesdays	20.00 – 21.00	Zumba	£4	Tina Sheridan 07810 380636
Saturdays	09.00 – 10.00	Special Back Care Pilates	£7	Tina Sheridan 07810 380636
	10.00 – 11.00		£7	

Newsletter News!

As is customary, the next issue of this newsletter will be a double month edition for July / August and will have a Golden Jubilee photo montage (all pictures welcome), which will be circulated by the 1st July. The following issue will be circulated by 1st September.

Church Services	Time	Service	Location	Flower/brass rota
Sunday 3 rd June	08.30am	Holy Communion	St Denys, Ravensthorpe	Wendy Bates
Monday 4 th June	6.00pm	Queens Jubilee Communion	St.Etheldreda, Guilsborough	Wendy Bates
Sunday 10 th June	10.00am	Group Service Holy Communion	St Denys, Ravensthorpe	Wendy Bates
Sunday 17 th June	09.45am	Holy Communion	St Denys, Ravensthorpe	Ann Smith
Sunday 24 th June	11.00am	Family Service	St Denys, Ravensthorpe	Ann Smith
Sunday 1 st July	08.30am	Holy Communion	St Denys, Ravensthorpe	Yvonne Childs

Contributions to the **July / August** Newsletter should be emailed to ravensthorpenewsletter@gmail.com for the attention of the editor, Viv Rees (01604 771 076) by **Saturday 23rd June 2012**

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