

# NEWSLETTER

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

## Ravensthorpe Village Show, Village Hall, Monday 27th August



Tricia Freeman receiving her WI Cup

Despite the very poor weather this year the village gardeners produce a beautiful show of flowers and some impressive vegetables.

It was particular good to see the entries from local children and we certainly have some good male cooks in the village!

The village show committee would like to thank all the people who helped and to all the generous sponsors who gave the prizes.



Meg Benn presenting Ken Pawson



### Congratulations to the following first prize winners!

Ken Pawson	Fruit and vegetables
Sandra Patrick	Flowers
Tricia Freeman	Cooking
Tarrin Marshall Cross	Children's
Tricia Freeman	Winner of W.I. Cup
Laurie Pearson	Winner Men's Cake
Ian McDonald	Winner Wooden Spoon
Ken Pawson	Overall Show Winner

With such a positive response for the show we are considering holding the show more frequently and will probably have a show early August 2013!

## McMillan Coffee Morning



Ravensthorpe have been holding this coffee morning since it started 21 years ago many thanks to everyone who supported the coffee morning which was held on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept The total raised so far is £650. John Patrick

## Bonfire Night, Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Nov

Why not join us for this year's Bonfire Night celebrations on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Nov at the Ravensthorpe Playing Fields.

As usual there will be a BBQ, bar and something for the kids.

If you have any material for the bonfire arrangements can be made for it to be collected, call Ken Hickman on 01604-770682 for details.

Please come along & support this popular annual event. Donations most welcome.



## Race Night, The Chequers 8pm Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Oct

Don't forget that the Playing Fields Charity Race Night is back on Friday 5 October, 8pm at The Chequers.

We look forward to seeing you there.

## Harvest Supper Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October

There are still a few tickets available for the Harvest Supper on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October, 7pm at the Village Hall.

Contact Meg Benn on 01604 770 629.

## Harvest Festival Service Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> Oct

Please join us at St Deny's for the Harvest Festival family service followed by auction of produce on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> at 11am. There will be a prize for the child donating the best contribution to the auction (craft, produce, or whatever you have made).

We look forward to seeing many of you there!

## Village Hall Lunch, Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> Oct

12:30pm for 1.00pm

To book your place, call Lin Hudson 770 562 or Pat Foss 770 466

## All Saints Day 1<sup>st</sup> November

On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November there will be an Uplands Group service at Guilsborough at 6pm.

This will be an opportunity to celebrate All Saints Day by remembering loved ones who are no longer with us. If you would like us to pray for your loved one, whether you can make the service or not, please let Alice know (01604 771 245) or sign the list at the back of church.

## Children's "Glitter & Glow" Party 1<sup>st</sup> Nov

The Uplands Group is putting on five "Glitter and Glow" parties across local villages over October half term for all children from the local villages.

Ravensthorpe's "Glitter & Glow" will be on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November from 4-6pm at the Village Hall.

Entry just £1, no need to book, just turn up on the day. Parents welcome too. Please wear fancy dress (any theme you like) if you can.

There will be games, activities, music and a light supper for the children.

If you can't make this day, or want to come to more than one party that's great, other parties will be taking place:

Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Creaton
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Guilsborough
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Spratton
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Ravensthorpe * 4 – 6 pm
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Hollowell

Contact Alice on 01604 771 245 for times and venues

### Are you a carer?

A Carers Coffee Morning has been arranged on Thursday 4th October at Saxon House, Brampton Way, Brixworth 10am -12noon. Louise Shaw from the Carers Association will be present to give information and advice.

### Operation Christmas Child!

Fill a shoe box this Christmas for a child. Details on forms at the post office or visit [www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk](http://www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk)



Drop your boxes to Tricia Freeman 770855 or Lorna Jones 770308 by Nov 15<sup>th</sup>.

### Pocket Park Raking

Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped with the Pocket Park raking. I apologise that I could not be there this year (the first time ever!) and many thanks to Roger Spring for taking over responsibility on the day. Also special thanks to Glyn Lewis for mowing the grass earlier in the week and to Jill Douglas for providing the refreshments.

Soon our pocket park trees will be turning colour and then from the end of next January the new season of flowers will appear, starting with the snowdrops and aconites. Different species will appear right through until raking next Autumn - why not take a look? Many thanks Cliff Giles.

### Musical instruments gathering dust?

Do you have any old musical instruments that are looking for a good home? We are trying to start a musical activity with children & young people from the local communities and would welcome any donations of instruments.

To find out more, or if you would like to get involved in any way, please contact Lynne Buswell on 01604 740 870.

### Anyone for football?

We'd like to find out if there is any interest in a football club for children or young people based in Ravensthorpe, as we have trained young coaches from Guilsborough Secondary School keen to practice and pass on their skills. Interested? Contact Lynne (01604 740870) or Alice (01604 771245).

### Vera Hickman's Story (part 2)



The late Vera Hickman

Keith and Ken Hickman were born at 43 High Street, Ravensthorpe with Nurse Muncaster from West Haddon, officiating.

Vera took an active interest in all village activities, especially the Church, Village Hall, Playing Field and the WI, serving on various committees over a period of fifty years.

Vera was not a fan of the local Co-op (now demolished), her main groceries were ordered a week in advanced and delivered by Newitts of Long Buckby, supplemented by her weekly Wednesday trip to Northampton. Milk was delivered by Alec Fraser and bread by Ken 'Bunny' Craddock, both from East Haddon. Meat came from Reg Cross of West Haddon and fish from Moore of Long Buckby. Also from Long Buckby came Bill Brown, later Baileys, who had a travelling hardware shop which sold paraffin; a must for winter heating.

I [Keith] can't remember her complaining about anything except for the time it took father [Eric] to install and complete the bathroom and hot water system, must have been 8 years!

Vera always dreamt of a new modern house, the opportunity did arise to purchase 'Lansdown' once, but Father said he wasn't paying £750 as it had only cost £350 to build!

Vera enjoyed a close family life, her grand children and great grand children called her 'Old Nan'.

For her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday treat, Vera went on the London Eye, possibly the highest she had ever been above ground. Vera started to feel her age from then on, but remained relatively independent with a little help from her friends.

Vera sadly passed away peacefully at Danetre Hospital on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2012, her last words ' Keith's alright, Ken's alright, Janet's alright and Vana's alright'.

Hope you have enjoyed hearing more about Vera – 95 years is a long time!

*The Hickman Family*

Day	Time	Ravensthorpe Village Hall	Price	Contact	What do you think?
Monday	09.45 – 10.45	Pilates	£6.50	Natalie Carter	What do you think of the last five editions of the Ravensthorpe Newsletter?  * Do you like the new style? * What else would you like to read about? * Would you like to contribute?  Let Viv, the editor know <a href="mailto:ravensthorpenewsletter@gmail.com">ravensthorpenewsletter@gmail.com</a>
	10.45 – 11.45	Pilates	£6.50	07967 811945	
Tuesday	09.45 – 10.45	Triple Workout (aerobics/toning & flexibility)	£5	Vicky Sewell 07970 116576	
Tuesday	18.15-19.15	Fat loss and body trimming Starting 25 <sup>th</sup> Sept		Helen Ryan 07895 146392	
Tuesday	20.00 – 21.00	Zumba	£4	Tina Sheridan 07810 380636	
Saturday	09.00 – 10.00 10.00 – 11.00	Special Back Care Pilates	£7 £7	Tina Sheridan 07810 380636	

Church Services	Time	Service	Location	Flower/brass rota
30 <sup>th</sup> September	10.00am	Group Communion (Harvest)	Cottesbrooke	Lin Hudson
7 <sup>th</sup> October	11.00am	Harvest Festival Family Service & Auction	Ravensthorpe	Yvonne Reeve
14 <sup>th</sup> October	10.00am	Group Communion	Cold Ashby	Liz Reader
21 <sup>st</sup> October	9.45am	Modern Communion	Ravensthorpe	Liz Reader
28 <sup>th</sup> October	11.00am	All Age	Ravensthorpe	Sally Barringer
1 <sup>st</sup> November	6.00pm	All Saints/Memorial	Guilsborough	
4 <sup>th</sup> November	8.30am	Traditional Communion	Ravensthorpe	Sally Barringer
11 <sup>th</sup> November	10.55am	Remembrance Sunday	Ravensthorpe	TBA

Contributions for the **November** Newsletter should be emailed to [ravensthorpenewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:ravensthorpenewsletter@gmail.com) for the attention of the editor, Viv Rees (01604 771 076) by **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2012**

Visit the village website: [www.ravensthorpe.me.uk](http://www.ravensthorpe.me.uk) or find us on FaceBook 'Ravensthorpe Northampton'