

NEWSLETTER

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

Helping the wider world

Following on from our Fairtrade service last week, we are looking forward to the following events to support others outside our village:

- **Northampton and Daventry Food Bank collection.** Yvonne Childs has kindly set-up a collection scheme for the village to support the food bank, and the first drop-off session is Sunday 3rd March 10-12 at the Village Hall or St Denys Church – please support this if you can.
- **“Wake up and smell the coffee”.** Christian Aid evening. Wednesday 13th March 7.30pm Hollowell Village Hall
- **Christian Aid week (12-18 May).** To reduce the load on some of our very long serving helpers, we would love to increase our team of envelope collectors this year. Please contact Alice Cooper or Meg Benn if you would be happy to help with even a small area of the village.

Mothering Sunday Weekend Festival

Come along to Guilsborough Church on Saturday 9th March 12.30 -3.30pm for a family lunch and a chance to make gifts for those who you love and hear what Jesus wants to say about our families. The following day join us at our Group service at 10am on Sunday 10th March at Hollowell Church and enjoy giving your gifts to Mothers of all ages. Live band and refreshments!

Let the Bible tell YOU about Jesus

The Uplands Group of Churches is holding a Lent group where we will learn about who Jesus is and what he wants for our lives and what he has already given and will keep giving for you. The sessions are stand alone, so you can come to as many as you want. Sessions at Hollowell Village Hall at 7pm on Monday 11th, 18th and 25th of March.

A big thank you for giving to St Denys

A very big thank you to all in the village who responded generously to our recent stewardship campaign and gave to the church or committed to regular giving, your support is invaluable.

Please accept this as our thanks instead of individual letters, especially as some of you gave anonymously. Spare forms are available if you still want to respond and we'll update you more very soon on what we are doing with both the building and the activities for all to ensure St Denys is useful to all the community.

Vacancies!

Organist and Choir Director Vacancy

Guilsborough Church Choir is seeking a new Organist and Choir Director. Pay is negotiable. Please contact Valerie on 01604 743444 or uplandsgroup@btinternet.com for more info.

Donkey Vacancy!

We have an all-age service on Palm Sunday (March 24th) this year, and if we could we would love to involve a real donkey to celebrate the arrival of Jesus in Jerusalem.

Does anyone in the village have one? If so please get in touch with Alice on 01604 771 245.

Crabtree Pit Pocket Park Update

We have coppiced some of the trees in the wooded area again this year, many thanks to the volunteers. As a result there are some branches that would be useful for bean or pea sticks lying in heaps, please help yourself if you could use them.

We hope to be obtaining some plants for the cleared areas and will arrange a planting morning in late April, early May (look out for details).

The snowdrops in the lane leading up to the park are now coming into full bloom and are a very attractive feature. Why not take a short walk and enjoy them?

Cliff Giles (Crabtree Pit Pocket Park Co-ordinator).

What's On?

Lent Lunches

A hearty home-made lunch of soup, bread, fresh fruit, and tea or coffee, combined with a chance to meet friends old and new.

12–2 pm Wednesday 6th March
Ann Fowlers, Home Farm, High St

12–2pm Wednesday 13th March
Lorna Jones, 26 Teeton Rd

12-2pm Wednesday 20th March
Tricia Freeman, 2, The Orchards

All welcome. Minimum donation £5. Proceeds to be split between the church and a charity chosen by the hostess.

WI Talk 8pm Thursday 21st March

The next WI meeting will be held on the 21st March at 8pm in the village hall. The subject of this month's talk is Ballooning in Africa. Please join us.

Saturday 23rd March Village Litter Pick

Meet outside the Village Hall at 10.30 am and have fun whilst spending just an hour or so helping to keep our village tidy. A good turn-out will make all the difference; your help would be most appreciated.

Please wear sensible shoes and bring along some sturdy gloves if you have them. All ages are welcome.

Easter Lilies

Donation for Easter Lilies in memory of a loved one can be given to Yvonne Reeve, 33 Scott Close by the 27th March. Last year over £60 was raised which enabled us to fully decorate the Church.

17th April Village Hall Lunch

The next village hall lunch date is Wednesday April 17th. To save you place, let Lin Hudson 770562 or Pat Foss 770466 have your name.

Saturday 11th May Safari Supper

The will be a Ravensthorpe Safari Supper on Saturday 11th May.

The last supper was a great success and we hope the event will be match funded as before. More details to follow, but if you would like to join in, tickets are available from Pat Foss on 770466.

Ravensthorpe Playing Field Update

The Valentines Quiz proved an enjoyable event with villagers raising over £400 for the Playing Field Maintenance fund, thank you for taking part!

The Playing Field are investigating the provision of a permanent outdoor table tennis table. These have proved very popular in other areas but would cost in the region of £2,500 plus installation. Whilst grants can be obtained for the project, realistically these would only cover 50% of the total so the balance would need to be found locally.

If this is a project you would like to be involved with or would like to contribute financially, please call Barry Langsford on 771 195.

Sandy Tringham Retires after 23 year of service

A thank you drinks party was held at Mr and Mrs Richard Fowlers home for our Lay Preacher Sandy Tringham, on Sunday 17 February. Sandy has retired from Ravensthorpe Church after 23 years of service to our congregation. He very often took Harvest Festival, Mothering Sunday and Family services. He always encouraged the children to take part and his talks were often accompanied with props, his wife Sue was also very much involved.

Sandy and Sue will be very much missed by us all.



Knitted squares for nursing home blankets

Thank you for the knitted squares that have been arriving, but please keep knitting, more are needed, any colour will be fine!

Number 8 needles, 40 stitches, 80 rows or enough to make a square.

I will accept wool donations, if you don't have time to knit your own a square.

Shoe Box Thanks!

A belated thank you to all who donated shoe boxes at Christmas. We collected 20 boxes in all!

Tricia Freeman

The finished blankets will be on display at the village show in August.

Tricia Freeman

Schedules for the Village Show are now available from the post office or on line from Liz Ellison at ellisonthomas10@yahoo.com

Update from Saxon Spires Surgery, Guilsborough

Barbara Hogg has sadly announced that she will be stepping down from her role as Secretary which she held for over 6 years. Many thanks for the great work, dedication and support you have provided for the SSPPG Barbara.

Talks from our local GPs

Come and hear Dr Simon Twigg talk about the biggest changes facing the NHS since it's formation!

7.30pm March 12th, Guilsborough Surgery
7.30pm March 20th at Brixworth Surgery

* Prof Catti Moss will be giving a talk on Skin Awareness in May. More information to follow.

SSPPG Annual General Meeting

Why not come along on Tuesday, April 30th at Guilsborough Surgery 6.00 - 7.30pm. All patients of the practice are welcome.

Beginner's Pilates Classes



Due to popular demand, Natalie Carter is adding extra Pilates classes on Mondays at 11.30am - 12.30pm and Thursdays at 11.05am - 12.05pm.

These classes are great for good posture, strength, toning and stretching. Suitable for all ages and abilities.

For more information, please contact Natalie on 07967 811945 or email easthaddondance@btinternet.com

Day	Time	Ravensthorpe Village Hall	Price	Contact	Get fit on your doorstep! For a small village we are incredibly fortunate to have 9 exercise classes running in our village hall every week. Please support these classes if you can, exercising doesn't get any more convenient than this! Use it or loose it in every sense of the phrase! * New class times highlighted in red.
Monday	09.20 – 10.20	Pilates	£6.50	Natalie Carter 07967 811945	
	10.25 – 11.25	Pilates	£6.50		
	11.30 - 12.30	Beginners Pilates	£6.50		
Tuesday	09.45 – 10.45	Triple Workout (aerobics/toning & flexibility)	£5	Vicky Sewell 07970 116576	
Tuesday	20.00 – 21.00	Zumba	£4	Tina Sheridan 07810 380636	
Thursday	10.00 – 11.00	Pilates	£6.50	Natalie Carter 07967 811945	
	11.05 - 12.05	Pilates	£6.50		
Saturday	09.00 – 10.00	Special Back Care Pilates	£7	Tina Sheridan 07810 380636	
	10.00 – 11.00		£7		

Church Services	Time	Service	Location	Flower/brass rota
Sunday 3 rd March	8.30 am	Traditional Communion	Ravensthorpe	
Sunday 10 th March	8.00am	Group Communion	Thornby	
	10.00am	Group Mothering Sunday All-Age service * with live band and refreshments	Hollowell	
Sunday 17 th March	9.45am	Modern Communion	Ravensthorpe	
Palm Sunday 24th March	11.00am	All-Age Palm Sunday Service	Ravensthorpe	
Maundy Thursday 28th March	12.00 noon	Group Communion	Guilsborough	
Good Friday 29th March	6.00pm	Stations of the Cross – Reflection	Creaton	
Easter Sunday 31st March	11.00am	Easter Communion	Ravensthorpe	Yvonne Reeve Easter Lilies
Sunday 7 th April	8.30am	Traditional Communion	Ravensthorpe	Yvonne Reeve Easter Lilies

Email March contributions to ravensthorpenewsletter@gmail.com
for the attention of the editor, Viv Rees (01604 771 076) by: **5pm Saturday 23rd March 2013**

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