

# NEWSLETTER

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

## Time for reflection in Lent

Our Uplands Group Lent Course this year is on the theme of prayer. There will be meeting on five Sundays starting on 14th February at 6pm in the coffee area at the back of Spratton church. All welcome.

### Lent Lunches

Everyone is welcome to come and join us for a lovely Lent Lunch. Contact Tricia for more information on 770 855

17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Tricia Freeman
24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Thalia Pike
2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	Anne Fowler
9 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Lorna Jones
16 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Charlotte Matts

We ask for a minimum donation of £5. Funds raised will be split between St Denys Church & the hosts' chosen charity.

## Mothering Sunday

Join us at 9.45 am on Sunday 6th March at St Denys for a Mothering Sunday service.

Everyone welcome, particularly families and mothers (and other carers) old and young - please join us and help us distribute our flower posies to thank all those who care for us.

## Message from the Editor

In May 2012 I took over the newsletter from John Mott on a temporary basis and after 37 issues, due to work commitments I am sad to say that I am standing down. However I am delighted to introduce Zoe Dando as the new editor with effect from March 2016.



Thanks as always to all the contributors, Cliff and his team of distributors and Martin Wilkes for printing the newsletter.

Nothing changes for readers and contributors as the deadline for submissions is still 5pm on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of the month and the email address remains the same:

[ravensthorpenewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:ravensthorpenewsletter@gmail.com)

All the best, Viv Rees

## 2016 Ravensthorpe Safari Supper



On Saturday March 12th the RVH will stage the 2016 Safari Supper and the evening will run as follows:

- \* 7pm Drinks & Canapés, Ann Fowlers
- \* 7.45pm Move to main course venue
- \* 9.30pm dessert & coffee at the village hall

The evening will conclude with entertainment from the award winning acoustic duo "Mango" concluding by 11.15pm.

The evening will be great fun and at only £18 per person (which includes welcome drinks and canapés at Home Farm and your meal), it is also great value!

You are welcome to bring your own wine with you for dinner and later at the Village Hall, but if you would prefer, you can purchase your wine at £5 per person if you let us know beforehand.

We really hope you will join us on this special occasion. Please email or call Bob Pike as soon as you can to make your reservation: 771 277 / [bobpike@church-hill.com](mailto:bobpike@church-hill.com)

## The New Ravensthorpe Book Group

We would like to introduce our new book group and invite you to come and join us! The group meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month to discuss a book we will all have read. We meet in each other's homes and the host chooses the book and leads the discussion. It's an 'open' group in the sense that you are welcome to come if you happen to have read the book and would like to talk about it.

The next dates planned are:

**7.30 pm Tues 9<sup>th</sup> Feb Sally Marsh's**  
"Nora Webster" by Colm Toibin

**Tues 8<sup>th</sup> Mar Lorna Jones**  
"All the light we cannot see"  
by Anthony Doerr

For more information contact Lorna Jones  
770 308 [ljoness1811@gmail.com](mailto:ljoness1811@gmail.com)

## What's On?

### Village Hall Lunch Club

**12.15pm for 12.45pm**  
**Weds 10<sup>th</sup> February**  
**Weds 13<sup>th</sup> April**

Only £6 for a drink, two course meal, coffee & mints.

To book call Pat Foss 770 466 or Lin Hudson 770 562.

### W.I. meeting

*Policing Riots*  
**7.45pm Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> Feb**  
Ravensthorpe Village Hall

### Brunch @11

**11am - 12pm**  
**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb**  
**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March**  
Guilsborough Village Hall

### Mothering Sunday Service

**Sunday 6th March at 9.45am**

### Ravensthorpe Book Club

**7.30 pm Tuesday Feb 9<sup>th</sup>**  
Sally Marsh's New Barns  
Nora Webster by Colm Toibin

### Weds Morning Coffee

**Wednesday**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> February**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> March**  
**6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> April**

10.30am – 12 noon  
Ravensthorpe Village Hall  
Call Bob Pike 771 277

### Worship for All

All are welcome to join us for a new style of service on the  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of every month**  
**11am St Denys**

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## Ravensthorpe Memorial Playing Field Update

The Committee would like to thank everyone for supporting the annual village Bonfire Party. After a worrying start the weather cleared and a fine night was enjoyed by all.

The excellent turnout witnessed a wonderful firework display that generated £450 profit to help towards the upkeep of the Playing Field. It is worth reminding everyone that RMPF is financed solely by the fund raising efforts of the Committee and the on-going support of ALL in the village is required for the facility to be kept in the best possible condition.

At the AGM on 27th November the latest plans to upgrade equipment in the Children's Play Area were discussed. Two new enthusiastic associate members; Charlotte Dodd and Claire Kempself are taking on the project and their progress will be reported in future newsletters.

It is great to see so many children in the village and we need parents who have an interest in this project and are motivated to give of their time and join in. Creative ideas and fresh impetus will always be welcomed so please do get in touch and join in!

The Odds 200 Lottery continues to make two and sometimes three winners very happy each month and the draws take place on the first Thursday of the month in the Chequers. Why not come along and enjoy the evening and take the chance to discuss matters relating to the Playing Field with the committee members who will be there on the night? You'll always get a warm welcome.

We plan to announce the winners in the newsletter moving forward. Congrats to the following December winners!  
Mr & Mrs Pearson £100: Mr & Mrs Cobbe £50: Mr I Bennion £20

Alan Worthington : Barry Langsford : Martin Wilkes  
Kieren Cooper : Ken Hickman

### Thank you to Yvonne Reeve



We would like to extend a huge thank you to Yvonne Reeve who has co-ordinated the church flower rota for the last nine years.

Yvonne would like to thank all of the ladies on the flower rota, *"without your continued help and support, it wouldn't have been possible to decorate the church so nicely"*.

We are accepting donations to buy lilies for the altar at Easter. This can be a creative way to remember someone & appreciated by everyone attending Easter services. Please contact Sally Marsh (770868) [sally@newbarns.org.uk](mailto:sally@newbarns.org.uk) or Beryl Mott (770618).

## Mighty oaks from little acorns grow

On a chilly Sunday November 22nd 2015 a group of W.I. ladies planted a new oak tree on the left of the entrance path to the Pocket Park.



This tree marks 100 years since the formation of the first W.I. (Ravensthorpe W.I. began meeting in 1919).

We have chosen an English Oak, the most common species in the UK, as it supports much wildlife and will add to the diversity of the Pocket Park. It won't produce any acorns for about 40 years and has a life expectancy of 200 to 300 years although some are known to be over 1000 years old.

What will Ravensthorpe be like then? Hopefully it will still be recognisable, and still with a W.I. involved in the life of the community and the wider world.

The Chairman Yvonne Reeve & Vice Chairman Maggie Lewis planted the tree with the help of Tricia Freeman, Linda Sore & Lesley Ives under the expert guidance of Richard & Jean Wiseman who grew the tree at Ravensthorpe Nursery.

### W.I. Wall hanging project

2019 will be the 100th anniversary of the formation of the WI in Ravensthorpe. To celebrate we are making a patchwork wall hanging consisting of 100 squares.

Each square will show a different aspect of life in Ravensthorpe over the 100 years from 1919 to 2019. The wall hanging when finished will be displayed in the Village Hall.

We are just starting the planning phase at the moment and we hope that many people in the village will want to get involved. Let's make this a real village effort!

If you would like to help with the design or just sew a block or two, contact Liz Ellison 03301136831 [ellisonthomas10@yahoo.com](mailto:ellisonthomas10@yahoo.com)

Date	Time	Service Type	Location	Lead by	Flowers
Sun 31st Jan	10am	Group Worship for All with Communion and refreshments	Guilsborough	Clergy & lay team	Lynn Holt
Sun 7th Feb	8.30am	Traditional (BCP) Communion	Ravensthorpe	Clergy	Lynn Holt
Wed 10th Feb	9am	<b>Ash Wednesday</b> Communion with ashes	Guilsborough	Clergy	-
Sun 14th Feb	10am	Group Communion with refreshments	Cold Ashby	Clergy	-
Sun 21st Feb	9.45am	Communion with Choir and refreshments	Ravensthorpe	Clergy	-
	11am	Brunch @11	Guilsborough VH	Clergy & lay team	-
Sun 28th Feb	10am	Worship for All with baptism and refreshments	Ravensthorpe	Clergy & lay team	-
Sun 6th March	9.45am	<b>Mothering Sunday Service</b>	Ravensthorpe	Clergy & lay team	-

For full details of special services for Palm Sunday, Holy Week & Easter see Church notice Board or March newsletter

Email newsletter contributions to [ravensthorpenewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:ravensthorpenewsletter@gmail.com) for the attention of the editor, Zöe Dando by 5pm on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of the month. Note: articles will be included on a 1<sup>st</sup> come 1<sup>st</sup> served basis.

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