

# NEWSLETTER

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



## Christian Aid

Christian Aid week this year takes place between **May 15th – 22nd**. Envelopes will be dropped through everyone's letterboxes and we ask that you donate generously for this worthy cause. Someone will endeavour to collect the envelopes but you may leave them at the **Post Office** or with **Gill Douglas, Hill House, High St**, if you are likely to be away.

Our last year's total was **£642.29** and the total collection for the Deanery was **£9966.46** (excluding tax reclaimed), about **£1000** down from the previous year. Maybe we can get it back over £10,000 this year?

The total collected nationwide in 2015 during Christian Aid Week was about **£11.3** million and well over half of this was collected door to door, so however each parish decides to fund raise, our efforts are well worth while.

## Food Bank

There will be no Food Bank collection for the months of **May, June, July, August** and **September**. It will resume in **October**.

## Church Plans Open Sessions

Following the two open meetings at which concerns were expressed about the placing of a servery in the North Aisle, and similar comments from Churchcare and Historic England, the PCC unanimously decided to propose replacing the current organ with a smaller one, enabling a more discreet servery to be installed alongside a disabled toilet in the area currently occupied by the organ. Comments on this proposal were made by the 29 people attending the Annual Meeting on Sunday 17th April which will be considered by the church architect and organ specialists, and then put to the DAC as an alternative plan.. Further comments are welcome, and the **PCC** will keep you informed of further developments.

## Future Fundraising Events for the Playing Field

There is to be a Sports Day and BBQ on **Saturday 15th July**  
A village treasure hunt on **Sunday 18th September**.

Further information will be available in later editions of the Newsletter.

## Odds-200 Lottery winners for April:

Karen Hastie (**£50**), Tom Worthington (**£20**).

## New lottery year:

The new Playing Field Odds-200 lottery "year" commences in **June** and members of the committee will be doing their 'door-knocks' during May. The price of an annual ticket remains at **£12**. Annual ticket holders are entered into the draw on the first Thursday of each month (the draw takes place in the Chequers at 9.30 pm).

The winner each month gets **£50** and there is a consolation prize of **£20**. Gordon and Gill also kindly donate each month an "accumulator" prize, which starts at **£20** and is open to ticket holders who are in the Chequers on the night of the draw. Where the accumulator is not claimed, **£5** is added on to the following month's draw. Additional monthly tickets can be purchased for **£1**.

The Odds-200 lottery is a very important part of the fund-raising for the upkeep of the Playing Field. Last year we raised **£1,440** from the lottery, which represents approximately one-third of our running expenses for the year.

## Table Tennis.

Now that the weather is warming up, we would like to remind everybody of the outdoor table tennis which is located in the children's play area. Bat and balls are available on a sessional loan basis from the shop.

## Pavilion and Field Hire.

The Pavilion and Field is available for hire, particularly for children's or family parties. The basic rate of hire for the Pavilion is **£8** an hour. This includes the use of the area of field near to the pavilion. The fee for other uses, e.g. formal football or rugby training sessions, varies according to the other variables involved ie. the number and ages of participants, and the use of additional facilities, such as the outside flood-lights, changing rooms and showers.

For all enquiries please contact **Alan Worthington** (01604 770957)

## What's On?

### Village Hall Lunch Club

**12.15pm for 12.45pm**  
**Weds 25<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Weds 29<sup>th</sup> June**

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

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

### Ravensthorpe Book Club

**Tuesday 10th May**  
at Lorna Jones' house,  
Teeton Road at **7.45pm**.  
The book for discussion is **Dissolution** by **CJ Sansom**.  
Everyone welcome!  
For more information contact  
Lorna Jones 770 308  
[ljones1811@gmail.com](mailto:ljones1811@gmail.com)

### Weds Morning Coffee

**Wednesday**  
**4<sup>th</sup> and 18th May**  
**1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 15th June**

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**

### Kelmarsh Hall

Paint Restoration Project Completed at Kelmarsh Hall  
Four months of painstaking paint restoration is now complete at Kelmarsh Hall in Northamptonshire, with visitors now able to see the work for themselves since the Hall's re-opening last month.

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dogs;



### Afternoon Tea with the Queen

You are all invited to join us for a Royal tea party on the Queen's special birthday - **Saturday June 11<sup>th</sup> from 3-5pm**. The Queen herself will be watching Trooping of the Colour in the morning and we hope she can join us for tea. We have the china teapots, cups and saucers and bunting ready. The **W.I** ladies will serve tea, sandwiches and a cake selection for **£3**. Come and join us in the Village Hall to celebrate **the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday** (even if she can't be there herself.) Summer frocks and hats for the ladies if they wish.

### The Pocket Park



The Pocket Park is starting to come to life again. Why not pay it a visit? Children love to play in the wooded area and explore the pond. And we can all enjoy watching the changes each season brings.

### Centenary Wall-Hanging

Would you like to take part in a community project to show life in Ravensthorpe? The **W.I** plan to make a fabric/craft pictorial record of Ravensthorpe today. The idea came as a means of marking 100 years of the **W.I** in the village, 1919-2019. So we are forward planning and looking for

any person, male or female who would be interested in working a small fabric 5" square to represent some part of the village. It can be in any medium compatible with the patchwork type quilt. This project is led by the **W.I** but we very much want the skills and talent from all around the community. We plan to make an approximate look of the wall-hanging using photographs and this will be launched at the **ROYAL TEA PARTY** on **SATURDAY JUNE 11<sup>th</sup>**.

Come along and give us your thoughts and ideas, see a few squares made up as examples and hopefully put your name down to take part. **W.I** members will be available to chat to and answer any questions you may have. We hope to display the finished article in the Village Hall.

### The Dog Problem.

The Playing Field remains a popular space for dog-owners to exercise their dogs. The vast majority of dog owners who use the Playing Field for this purpose do so responsibly, by which we mean (a.) they do not let their dogs be a nuisance to other field users, and

(b.) they pick up their dogs' "mess". Although the problem is much less than it once was, dog-fouling continues to present a significant health issue because there remains a small number of dog-users who, for whatever reason, do not / will not pick-up after their dogs. This is now an offence and applies equally to adults and to children who take their dogs onto the field. Parents therefore need to ensure that their children are equipped to 'pick-up', or to not take dogs onto the Field.

The Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) was formally approved by Daventry District Council on 1 December 2015, and formal enforcement began on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016. It replaces the former Dog Control Order. The PSPO applies to all public places - land to which the public can have access, including agricultural land. The PSPO is therefore not just restricted to the Playing Field, but also to all public areas within the village, including streets, footpaths and the Millenium Wood. Under the PSPO it is now an offence:

- To fail to pick up after your dog.

- To fail to put a dog on a lead when directed to do so by an authorised officer, which will be applied where dogs cause a nuisance and/or danger to other persons and their dogs;
- To fail to exclude dogs from designated children's play areas. This applies to the children's play area at the bottom of the Playing Field.

To fail to provide, at the request of an authorised officer, the means to pick up after a dog. The problem of dog-fouling is obviously difficult to eradicate without the co-operation of the village. In the first instance, co-operation means everybody recognising the problem and dog-owners picking up after their dogs. Secondly, it may also mean that villagers may find themselves in a position of challenging or reporting dog-owners who do not 'pick up'. The Daventry DC website makes clear the procedures for reporting, as well as follow-up procedures. However, it is important that the whole village has an investment and a commitment to ensuring that the village becomes free of dog-poo.

### Bridge Lessons

A proposal has been made to provide Bridge lessons at the Village Hall.

This can be done if there is demand locally.

Would you like to learn Bridge or to brush up your skills?

Please call or email me to confirm your interest. Further information will then be provided.

Bob Pike 01604 771277

**For full details of special services for Palm Sunday, Holy Week & Easter also see Church notice Board**

Date	Time	Service Type	Location	Lead by	Flowers
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	8.30am 5.00pm	Traditional Communion Evening service (Taize style)	Ravensthorpe	Clergy	Jane Pinnock
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	9.00am	Group service for Ascension Day	Creton	Clergy	-
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00am	Group Modern Communion	Thornby	Clergy	-
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	9.45am 11.00am	Modern Communion Brunch@11	Ravensthorpe Guilsborough VH	Clergy Clergy & lay team	Ann Fowler
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	11.00am	Worship for All with refreshments	Ravensthorpe	Clergy & lay team	Ann Fowler
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00am	Group Worship for All with Communion	Spratton	Clergy & lay team	-
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	8.30am 5.00pm	Traditional Communion Evening Service	Ravensthorpe	Clergy Clergy & lay team	Meg Benn

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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