



NEWSLETTER

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

St Denys

So, here we are in September with everything starting up again. I have just returned from a week's retreat – the challenge for me is to hold on to the inner peace and connection with God as I re-engage with all the challenges that eight parishes bring my way! August can provide a breathing space for many of us, with quieter roads and less bustle in the shops; the challenge is to hold on to that more relaxed feel as our lives become busy again. Psalm 46 verse 10 says 'Be still, and know that I am God'. Just finding 5 minutes of stillness each day, and using that time to feel a connection with God, can transform our experience of life. Let's make that our new term resolution!

Revd. Chris Peck

Update On Plans For New Facilities In St Denys Church

As many of you will recall from the APCM, following questions raised earlier in the year by a number of parishioners, and also the observations of the historic societies consulted about siting a servery in the North Aisle, the PCC have been investigating the option of siting both the disabled access toilet and servery in the area currently occupied by the organ - and re-sighting an organ in an alternative position in the church. This has involved a meeting with the Diocesan Organ Advisor (who advises the Diocesan Advisory Committee on any alteration which involves moving or replacing an organ), and consultation with four organ companies about options for replacing the organ. The consensus is that the best option for St Denys would be a pipeless digital organ due to size, flexibility and suitability for the long-term and cost. Several members of the PCC went to hear a selection of such instruments played and were impressed by the sound, quality, versatility and projected longevity of these modern instruments. The PCC has received four quotes from different companies, and have canvassed the opinions of churches where they have been installed, all of which have been favourable. Before any replacement organ is purchased, the aim is to have the preferred option temporarily installed in the church for everyone to listen to. The PCC is now looking at outline plans for the re-sited servery and considering projected costs.

Harvest



Harvest festival at church is at **10am on Sunday 2nd October**, with refreshments and an auction of harvest produce to follow the service. There will also be a prize for the best children's homemade or homegrown contribution (any food, craft, picture or decoration) to the decoration of the church or to the auction – please bring something to bring and share with us!

Harvest Supper is on **Friday 30th September** at the village hall, 7.30pm for 8 o'clock meal. Please contact **Gill Douglas on 01604 770541** or **Meg on 01604 770629** for tickets or to contribute food for the evening.

**WE ARE
MACMILLAN.
CANCER SUPPORT**

29th annual Macmillan Coffee Morning will be held in The Village Hall from **10am until 12 noon on the 17th of September**

and your generous support is again sought with the following items.

Cakes/ Bring and Buy to **Janice** in the Hall early on the morning.

Bric a Brac (New or nearly new) to **Dave & Julie Faulker- 39 Guilsborough Rd. 770547.**

Books-to **Liz Reader 34 High St. 770275**
Raffle prizes or collection of items. **John Patrick 32 High St. 770596.**

Your continued support is so very helpful.
John.

Christmas Shoe Box Collection

You can fill a shoe box for an adult or child, or you can donate items for the boxes, pencils, paper, hats, mitts, scarfs, soap, flannel, soft toy, deodorant, shampoo. I have a list of items and forms. The boxes need to be ready by the end of October.

Tricia 770855

Email newsletter contributions to ravensthorpenewsletter@gmail.com for the attention of the editor, Zöe Dando by **5pm on the 23rd of the month**

What's On?

Village Hall Lunches

12.15pm for 12.45pm
Weds 14th September

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

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

Wednesday Coffee Mornings

Wednesday
7th, 21st September

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

Brunch @ 11

The Sunday event at Guilsborough Village Hall aimed at families in the Uplands Group of villages
18th September, 16th October, 20th November & 18th December

Village Cinema

The 'Ravensthorpe & Coton Village Cinema' gets under way at the Village Hall in **September on Tuesday 27th at 7pm.**

with the 2015 film, *Bridge of Spies*, starring Tom Hanks & Mark Rylance, directed by Steven Spielberg.

A highly acclaimed Drama/Thriller, the film starts at 7.30am Drinks will be served from 7pm.

Seats are £5 and numbers are limited, so to reserve yours, please email; mike@mikecobbe.com or call **328822**

Ravensthorpe Memorial Playing Field.

The Playing Field lottery winners for July are

John Norris-Small (£50)

Gill Douglas (£20).

August:

Russell Barringer £50,

Eileen Spencer (£20).

Fundraising events for the Playing Field.

Friday October 7: Village Hall, Quiz Night.

Friday 21 October, at the Chequers - Race Night.

Friday November 4: Bonfire Night at the Playing Field.

Sunday 4th September: There will be a cake stall at the Watford village fete in aid of the playing field. Could any donations please be given to Claire at **9 Church Gardens** by **Saturday 3rd** or call **771364** and I would be happy to pick them up.



We're pleased to announce we're running an **Alpha course** (a chance to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed atmosphere) in Ravensthorpe this Autumn/Winter - hosted by Steve and Lynne King at 4 Paddock Close - Dates are Wednesday evenings: **October 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th and Nov 2nd, 16th Nov, 23rd & 30th** and we will start with a meal together each evening. To find out more or to let us know you'd like to join us please call **Valerie** in the church office on **01604 743 444** or look at www.alpha.org

Bus Stop Tots

We're trialing a new event for families in the village in September - so if you're getting kids off to school, or have babies or tots to entertain, please join us for a coffee, a play or both - and invite anyone you think might like to come along.

Join us in Ravensthorpe after the school bus-stop drop-off this September for:
Tea, Coffee & Croissants and a chance to chat for all
Play, activities, bible stories & songs for babies and pre-school children

Ravensthorpe Village Hall Tuesday mornings
8.45-10.00 am 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th September
Come as you are!

Bus Stop Tots is run by the Uplands Group of Churches - families from all villages are welcome

Pocket Park Raking Day

The meadow area within the park needs to be annually mowed and raked to encourage new wild flowers for the next season. The mowing will be carried out earlier but we require volunteers to rake and clear the grass on **Saturday October 8th from 10.00am**. Anyone interested in helping should bring gloves and suitable footwear. If you have a wheelbarrow please bring that along too. Everyone of all ages welcome, come and join in the fun. Refreshments will be served

NGS Open Gardens.

"Thanks to all those who helped in any way towards *the National Gardens Scheme Open Day* in Ravensthorpe on July 10th. Proceeds combined with other funds collected throughout the year have amounted to nearly £900 for the scheme from Ravensthorpe so far this year. I have been asked to get this year's entry for the *Yellow Book* in by **September 12th**, so if anyone is interested in joining us in opening their garden next year, please get in touch a.s.a.p. It is the **90th** anniversary of the scheme and it would be lovely to have more gardens in the village open.. I'm sure there must be more beautiful and interesting gardens within the village than just the Patricks' and ours.

From comments received from visitors, I understand that a television programme about the scheme unfortunately put people off doing so - please don't let this affect your decision! We really could do with another couple at least to help attract more visitors and raise more funds for the many deserving causes the scheme supports. Please pop in and see us at the Nursery, or email ravensthorpenursery@hotmail.com tel:**770548**. Jean and Richard Wiseman."



Ride and stride takes place on **Saturday 10th September** this year, so if you've been inspired by the events in Rio and would like to take part in walking or cycling around our beautiful countryside, or alternatively help man the refreshments post at the church for an hour, please talk to **Gill Douglas on 01604 770 541**, or sign up in church.

Parish Council

The Parish Council has received £15000 for the granting of an easement to allow access for services under the footpath through the Allotments. We would welcome ideas from parishioners for how this money might be used to enhance the village. Please let us have your views.

Traditional Gaming Club

I am looking to set up a local gaming group for collectible card games, board games, roleplaying and war gaming. If you would be interested contact Stephen Ravensandpigs@gmail.com

Kelmarsh Hall

Couples looking for a country house wedding venue are invited to see what their special day could look like at Kelmarsh Hall which has recently undergone a significant programme of restoration.

The Kelmarsh Hall Wedding Fayre takes place on **Sunday 25th September 2016, from 11am to 3pm**, giving couples the chance to see the recently restored paintwork in the Great Hall and the Hall dressed for a wedding. In addition, a luxury marquee will be set up to showcase how a wedding could look for parties up to 500 people.

A number of carefully selected suppliers will be in attendance including a range of Asian suppliers.



Saxon Spires Patient Participation Group

We will be continuing our series of Health Education Talks, when Dr Neil Menon will be talking about on *Stroke Prevention*. The talks will be at Guilsborough Surgery on **Tuesday 20th September 7.30pm -8.30pm** and Brixworth Surgery on **Tuesday 18th October 7.30pm -8.30pm**.

Come along and learn more about this important topic. Contact Barbara Hogg on 01604 880552 or email barbara.hogg@tiscali.co.uk

Date	Time	Service Type	Led by	Location	Flowers/Brass
Sunday 4th September	8.30am	Traditional Communion	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	Gill Douglas
	5.00pm	Evening Service	Clergy and Lay team	Ravensthorpe	Gill Douglas
Sunday 11th September	10.00am	Group Modern Communion	Clergy	Thornby	-
Sunday 18th September	9.45am	Modern Communion with refreshments	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	Sandra Patrick
	11.00am	Brunch@11	Lay team	Guilsborough VH	-
Sunday 25th September	11.00am	Worship for All with refreshments	Clergy and Lay team	Ravensthorpe	Sandra Patrick
Sunday 2nd October	10.00am	Harvest Festival with refreshments and auction of produce	Clergy and lay team	Ravensthorpe	The Team!
	5.00pm	Evening Service	Clergy and Lay team	Ravensthorpe	-

