

# NEWSLETTER

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

Everyone at St Denys Church wishes you & your family a very Happy Christmas, and we hope you can join us for some of our special services or events - All are welcome!

**Saturday 17th December - 3.00pm - Family Living Nativity Service - Ravensthorpe Church**  
A new interactive Christmas service aimed specifically at young families, followed by refreshments

**Sunday 18th December - 11.00am - Christmas Brunch @ 11 - Guilsborough Village Hall**  
A festive version of our monthly informal gathering for families

**Christmas Eve Carol Service - 5.00 pm - Ravensthorpe Church**  
Our always popular Traditional Carol Service. Rounded off with mulled wine and mince pies together.

Come and be part of Ravensthorpe's

## Living Nativity

Saturday 17th December, at 3pm at Church

A new interactive Christmas Service aimed at families.

A chance for all children and adults who wish to dress up and take part in our living nativity along with our visiting live donkey (Betty), and for everyone to sing some well known carols to celebrate the coming of Christmas.

Costumes provided, and bring your own!

All ages welcome!

Festive refreshments for all to follow!

Why not bring your friends and family along?

**With Betty the Donkey!**

### What's On?

**Wednesday Coffee Mornings**

Wednesday  
7th and 21st December

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 December, January 15th, February 19th, & March 19th.



**Join Us for:**

A chance that while the children play  
Tea, coffee, croissants, baby or toddler drinks & snacks  
A simple craft, and 10 minutes of bible stories & songs for babies and pre-school children (we usually do this about 9.20am)

**Tuesdays 9.45-10.00am** Drop in at any time  
Ravensthorpe Village Hall Just £1 per child  
Open to all families in the area

All Villagers welcome to drop in for coffee and that, even if you don't have pre-school children with you!



Bus Stop Tots run by the Uplands Group of Churches

If you'd like to get involved in any way please get in touch with Alice on kierenandalice@btinternet.com Please email me if you want to be added to the rota for the travelling nativity crib this December.



### Charlie Buck

Charlie died early this month just before his 94th birthday having lived most of his adult life in Ravensthorpe. He was born in Norfolk, one of six children. When he was a small boy his Mother died and he was sent to a tough and difficult orphanage until his early teens when he was sent to work. His long farming career began as he fell out of the back of the horse and cart fetching him from Charwelton station! In his early twenties, he came to our farm in West Haddon for a "trial period" which, he used to delight in pointing out, lasted nearly 50 years! I must have been 9 or 10 at the time and he soon became like an uncle, teaching me how to use a four-tine fork, how to milk a cow, progressing to how to drive a tractor. In yard cricket, I learned why he was a formidable part of Ravensthorpe cricket team. Looking back, I realize that it was line and length as well as speed. In later life, we planted and harvested, tended animals, climbed roofs and much more together. He was a doughty worker, ready for almost anything, provided that it was approached sensibly. He could still run after animals in his seventies. Always a loyal and dependable friend, he will be greatly missed, not least by his daughter Linda.

**Ravensthorpe Memorial Playing Field. November Lottery Winners**

Mrs L Cooper (£50) & Steve Anstey (£20)

### Village Cinema

20th December  
7 for 7.30pm  
Argo

A 2012 multi award winning film starring Ben Affleck  
email; [mike@mikecobbe.com](mailto:mike@mikecobbe.com) or call 328822 to reserve.

### The RVH Christmas Drinks Party

Sunday December 4th from 12 to 2pm.  
Included in the £10 ticket price (under 16's free)  
**All your drinks.**  
**Delicious Home-made Canapes.**  
**Raffle for a Luxury Hamper & Magnums of Champagne.**  
Pianist David Mitchener will perform during the party.

There will be a presentation of recent developments and future plans for the RVH. **Chris Heaton-Harris MP** will draw the raffle at **1.15pm**. It promises to be a great event  
Contact [bobpike@church-hill.com](mailto:bobpike@church-hill.com) or call 771277 as soon as you can for your tickets.



**Adult Education in Long Buckby**

**“Behind the Iron Curtain: Life in Eastern Europe under Communism”**

- Cultural conflict in Poland & East Germany
- Propaganda & the arts
- ‘Secret police’ organisations
- Work, leisure, entertainment and shopping

Tutor: **David Price**

Begins **Wed 18th January 2017 2:30 - 4:15pm** for 9 weeks

Cost: **£52 (free if qualify)**

Venue: **Long Buckby Community Centre**

For more information contact:

**Joan Holah 01604 770030**

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

**Santa Word Search**

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- North Pole
- Reindeer
- Rudolph
- Sled
- Sleigh Bells
- St. Nick
- Toys



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Can you help with Kelmarsh Hall's project to open up the Laundry and 'below stairs' areas of the Hall?

They are currently searching for photographs and images to help them illustrate what life was like at Kelmarsh.

Tunnelling through the Past is a project to preserve and open up to the public the laundry and the service rooms in the basement of Kelmarsh Hall. As part of the new exhibitions they are hoping to include pictures of people who worked at Kelmarsh Hall and what life was like 'below stairs'.

They are particularly interested in images dating from c.1864-c1950 and specifically;

- People who worked in the house in the past (such as Butlers, House Stewards, Laundry Maids, Chauffeurs, Gardeners, Cooks.)
- The laundry
- The Butler's quarters and images of 'below stairs'
- Parties and house guests

They require scanned images to be of a specific resolution so need the original to copy from and they would love to hear the stories behind the images. If you have no images but have memories you would like to share of Kelmarsh Hall, please look out for their Memory Days happening soon.

If you can help please email Carla Cooper at [enquiries@kelmarsh.com](mailto:enquiries@kelmarsh.com) or telephone 01604 686 543

**Bridge Lessons**

Tony & Bernadette Watson are running a Course of Bridge Lessons for beginners at the Village Hall **2pm to 4.30pm** every Tuesday.

If you would like to join please be sure to contact **Bernadette on 770424**

**The Christmas Book Club**

Will be held at *New Barns, 18 High Street* on **Tuesday 13th December at 7.45pm**. Everyone is invited to bring a piece with a Christmas theme, from any genre of literature, to read out to the group. The more light hearted the better! Silly, sour, saucy, serious - bring it along.

Everyone who has attended the club during the year is most welcome.

The New Year book club **Tuesday 10 January 2017** will discuss *'The Island'* by Victoria Hislop.

**Charity Ground Coffee**

Fresh ground *'Get Up & Go'* coffee is now available at the Post Office with profits going towards supporting our local First Responders who are dispatched by the ambulance service to attend emergency 999 calls. [www.southnorthantsresponders.co.uk](http://www.southnorthantsresponders.co.uk)

Date	Time	Service Type	Led by	Location	Flowers/Brass	
Sunday 4th December	8.30am	Traditional Communion	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	No normal flowers in Advent - Team to decorate for Christmas	
	5.00pm	Evening Service (Taize style)	Clergy and Lay team	Ravensthorpe		
Sunday 11th December	10.00am	Group Modern Communion with refreshments	Clergy	Creaton		
Saturday 17th December	3.00pm	Family Living Nativity Service with refreshments	Clergy & Lay team	Ravensthorpe		
Sunday 18th December	9.45am	Modern Communion with refreshments	Clergy	Ravensthorpe		
	11.00am	Brunch@11	Clergy & Lay team	Guilsborough VH		
Saturday 24th December	5.00pm	Traditional Carol Service with refreshments	Clergy	Ravensthorpe		
Sunday 25th December	10.00am	Christmas Communion	Clergy	Ravensthorpe		
Sunday 1st January	10.00am	Group Modern Communion with refreshments	Clergy	Cottesbrooke		Sally Marsh
Sunday 8th January	8.30am	Traditional Communion	Clergy	Ravensthorpe		Sally Marsh
	5.00pm	Evening Service (Taize style)	Clergy & Lay team	Ravensthorpe		
Sunday 15th January	9.45am	Modern Communion with refreshments	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	Sally Marsh	
	11.00am	Brunch@11	Clergy & Lay team	Guilsborough VH		
Sunday 22nd January	11.00am	Worship for All with refreshments	Clergy & Lay team	Ravensthorpe	Sally Marsh	
Sunday 29th January	10.00am	Group Worship for All with Communion and refreshments	Clergy & Lay team	Ravensthorpe	Sally Marsh	
Sunday 5th February	8.30am	Traditional Communion	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	TBC	
	5.00pm	Evening Service (Taize style)	Clergy & Lay team	Ravensthorpe	TBC	