

NEWSLETTER

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

'Thank you' and 'Good bye' to Linnet

Message from Reverend Chris Peck, Rector of the Upland Groups of Parishes.



Rev Dr Linnet Smith retires from her work in the Uplands at the end of October. Linnet's final service will be the Group Service at St. Andrews, Spratton on October 29th at 10.00am at which she will preach. Refreshments and a presentation will follow; do join us to say 'Thank you' and 'Good bye' to Linnet.

Linnet has given of herself unstintingly in her time with us; inspiring, encouraging and challenging us into action. We will greatly miss her. It seems only right to invite her to write the rest of this piece, so Linnet - over to you:

"The countryside is beautiful! The people are friendly! Spratton is a lovely village to live in! And there's lots of work to be done in the Uplands parishes!

I have enjoyed my time serving in the Uplands Group of Churches and have especially enjoyed working with a group of very committed, very hard-working, very visionary group of people. They have worked hard to develop our work among families and children - Open the Book (a way of introducing children to the wonderful world of Bible Stories) now runs in all four schools in the Uplands area; Brunch @ 11 happens once a month at Guilsborough in the Village Hall; Prayer Spaces (an opportunity for children to learn different approaches to prayer) happen regularly in our schools. Workshop for All (informal worship for the whole family) takes place once a month in three of our churches and bimonthly in another. And several of our churches have a children's area with activities available for young children during services. Do make the most of these opportunities to bring the good news of God's love to young families and children in the Uplands area, and do pray for the team as they continue to develop this work.

So thank you for your welcome. May God bless you - and don't forget, there is welcome awaiting you in the churches of the Uplands Group, and above all in the heart of our loving God and Saviour".

Service for Remembering the Departed - Sunday 29th October 2017 - St Etheldreda's Church Guilsborough - There will be an opportunity at this service, to light a candle in memory of your loved ones.

Remembrance Day Service - 10.55am Sunday 12th November 2017

Brunch @ 11 - Sunday 19th November 2017 - at Guilsborough Village Hall, open to all. Relax with bacon & sausage rolls, fresh coffee, tea and juice. Newspapers, games and activities for children. Thought for the day. Free of charge and in a relaxed family atmosphere.



Christmas Services & Events

It may be a while away yet, but we wanted to let you know that as well as the ever popular **Carol Service on Christmas Eve at 5.00pm**, we will also be having the family friendly and fun (with a few surprises we hope!)

Nativity Service with festive refreshments and the decorating and blessing of the Christmas tree on the afternoon of **Saturday 16th December at 3.00pm**. We'd love as many children from the village as possible to take part, so please put the date in your diary now, more details to follow next month.

The Advent Traveling Crib will also make it's way around the village during December. If there are any families that would like to host the Crib, please contact Alice on kierenandalice@btinternet.com by mid-November.

The **Christmas Day Service with Communion** will be at 10.00am.



Village Carol Singing Wednesday 20th December from 6pm

Join us for a walk around the village singing Christmas carols, followed by Festive refreshments in the Village.

Details in next Newsletter.

Harvest Supper - Thank you to all of the local business', contributors and the organising team who helped make this a successful and enjoyable evening.

Shoe Box Appeal. A big thank you to all who provided filled shoe boxes & many items to go in more boxes for disadvantaged children & adults.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Held on Sept 23rd: message from John Patrick: "A cheque sent off for £930-00 (our second highest in 30 years) Yet another great effort". (Thank you John!)

Ravensthorpe Village Hall What's on in November?

Morning Coffee. Wednesday 1st & 15th. All welcome. Fresh coffee & home-made eats for just £2. 10.30-noon.

Food Bank Collection: Sunday 5th: 10am-noon. Phone 770988.

Play Keyboard: Monday 6th & 20th. 2.00-3.30pm. Call Andrew & Gillian Pitts 771451 or email aandgpitts@gmail.com.

Bus Stop Tots: Tuesday 7th & 21st: 8.45am-10.30. Call Alice Cooper 07803 595106

Yoga Relaxation, Mindfulness & Meditation Workshop: Sunday 12th, 4-5.30. Phone Caron Lindley 07786 911593.

Bridge Class. Tuesday 14th, 21st & 28th 2.00-4.30pm. Improvers & beginners welcome. £6 per session. Bernadette & Tony Watson 770424. Email: abwatson72@gmail.com

Raven Arts & Crafts (RAC): Monday 13th & 27th 2.00-4.30pm. Call Ros Smith 770471.

Playing Field AGM: Monday 20th. 7.30pm. All welcome.

Village Cinema: Tuesday 28th, 7 for 7.30: The Big Short. Tickets £6 from Mike Cobbe mike@mikecobbe.com. (Phone 01604 328822) See details of autumn programme on the village website: <https://www.ravensthorpe.me.uk/files/view/village-cinema>

Speakers Corner: Thursday 16th: 2pm for 2.30: "Before and After the Verdict—the Judicial Verdict". Bar. Tickets £5 from Ravensthorpe PO or call Di Hayes 770482.

RVH Christmas Lunch. Wednesday 29th: 12.15 Call 770466 or 770562 to book.

Keep Fit in Ravensthorpe Back Care Pilates, 2 sessions at 9.00 & 10.00 with Tina Sheridan (www.tinapilates.co.uk)

Yoga, Fridays at 9.30 with Caron Lindley (caron@redhatyoga.co.uk)

Pilates: Monday & Thursdays at 9.10, 10.15 & 11.20. Natalie Carter www.easthaddondance.co.uk)

For information on these sessions or any other items relating to the Village Hall, call 771277.

December Highlights:

Friday 1st: 7pm Colin Mold's Prize Bingo Night.

Sunday 3rd: Noon-2pm Christmas Drinks Party. Tickets £10 from Ravensthorpe PO or 771277

Friday 15th: Lunch & Film Annie Get Your Gun. Cinema Friendly Screening. Tickets from Mike Cobbe: mike@mikecobbe.com

Coffee Morning

at Ann Fowler's – Home Farm
Saturday 25th November, 10.30-12.

Pancreatic Cancer Research & Village Hall

All welcome!
Any raffle prizes or sellable goods can be left in Ann's porch.

Speakers' Corner

Thursday November 16th 2.00 for 2.30pm

Our final talk of 2017 will feature Brenda Ball talking about her real-life experience within the criminal justice system.

Over her long working life, Brenda witnessed at first-hand all sides of the justice system, from the humorous and uplifting, to the tragic and dangerous.

Join us in the Village Hall to hear one of the few women with experience of managing high risk offenders in the community and in custody.

Tickets £5 each (including tea, coffee & biscuits) are available, courtesy of Dave, from the Ravensthorpe PO or ring Di Hayes, 01604 770482.

Bonfire & Fireworks Display At Ravensthorpe Memorial Playing Field On Friday 3rd November

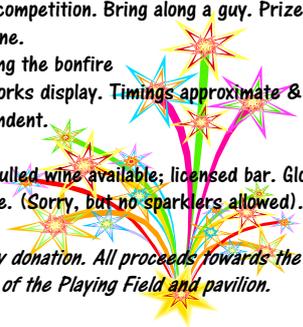
6.45 Guy competition. Bring along a guy. Prizes for the best one.

7.00 Lighting the bonfire

7.30 Fireworks display. Timings approximate & weather dependent.

Hot food & mulled wine available; licensed bar. Glow toys for sale. (Sorry, but no sparklers allowed).

Entrance by donation. All proceeds towards the upkeep of the Playing Field and pavilion.



Playing Field AGM: Monday 20th November

You are warmly invited to our AGM, to be held in the Village Hall on Monday 20 November at 7.30pm where we will welcome your queries and suggestions. Tea & coffee will be served.

New Committee Members needed

The land for the Playing Field was purchased via fundraising by the village in 1945 with the purpose of providing a recreational area for the community and its future generations, and "to provide a fitting memorial to villagers who had died or served in the Second World War". It was formally opened in June 1949.

Ravensthorpe Memorial Playing Field is a registered charity, owned by the village and managed by its committee of volunteers. It is not a "public park" (as is sometimes misunderstood) and receives no public funding. We rely solely on voluntary help and the support of the village.

Experience tells us that the Committee works at its best with a minimum of 8-10 members. Historically, members have joined for a few years—maybe longer—, in turn handing over to newer community members. However, in the last few years it has become much harder- for whatever reason - to draw in new members. We currently have just 5 committee members, which means that currently the "shared task" is spread very thinly.

The Playing Field Committee would very much welcome new members to help maintain this vitally important community asset— individuals who will bring fresh ideas, enthusiasm and energy. It is not an arduous task, provided it is shared and supported. If you might be interested in finding out more about the committee, please contact the current Chairman, Alan Worthington: telephone 01604 770957 or email alanjworthington@aol.com.

Contributions for the next month's Newsletter to ravensthorpenewsletter@gmail.com by 5pm on the 23rd of the month.

Any queries to Alan Worthington 01604 770957

Christmas family BINGO NIGHT

Friday 1st December 2017
at Ravensthorpe Village Hall

£1 entry includes free bingo ticket to win Fish & Chips supper for 2

plus many more fantastic prizes to be WON!

doors open 7pm for eyes down 7.30pm

WI teas - Raffle - Tombola

(bring your own alcoholic drinks)

All proceeds to the Village Hall Fund



Book Club

The book this month is

Birdcage Walk by Helen Dunmore, for the Tuesday 14 November 2017 meeting at Ann Smith's house, 10 Church Gardens at 7.45pm. Information from 01604 770868



Bus Stop Tots

Join us for:

A chance to chat 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 9.20 am)

Tuesdays - 8.45-10.00 am 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 a chat, even if you don't have pre-school children with you!



Bus Stop Tots is run by the Uplands Group of Churches

Date	Time	Service Type	Led by	Location	Flowers
Sunday 29 th October	10.00am	Group Common Worship with Communion	Clergy	Spratton	N/A
Sunday 5 th November	8.30am	Traditional Communion (BCP)	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	Susie Pasley-Tyler/(Sally Marsh)
	5.00pm	Evening Service (Taize style)	Clergy & Lay team	Ravensthorpe	
Sunday 12 th November	10.55am	Remembrance Day Service	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	
Sunday 19 th November	9.45am	Modern Communion (CW)	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	
	11.00am	Brunch@11	Lay team	Guilsborough VH	
Sunday 26 th November	11.00am	Worship for All	Clergy & Lay team	Ravensthorpe	
Sunday 3 rd December	8.30am	Traditional Communion (BCP)	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	No flowers - Advent
	5.00pm	Evening Service (Taize style)	Clergy & Lay Team	Ravensthorpe	