

Women's Institute to Celebrate 100th Anniversary with Wall-Hanging

The Women's Institute was founded in Ontario, Canada in 1897. Its first meeting in the UK was held in Anglesey in 1915, and was established with two main aims: "to revitalise rural communities"; and, "to encourage women to become more involved in producing food during the First World War". The WI in Ravensthorpe was founded in 1919

Ravensthorpe's Women's Institute will celebrate its' 100th birthday in May 2019. To mark this occasion we have been working on a wall-hanging to show the W.I and Ravensthorpe history represented in fabric squares. We have been helped by several village residents to create this and it will be sewn together and on display in the Hall on **Monday May 6th 2019** . Please come and join us!

This is a date for your diary not to be missed. On display, along with the wall-hanging, will be photos and historical records of the W.I. We will also be running a craft and baking show for members of the W.I. There will be an overall prize winner and a challenge cup prize for a tea tray of flowers, cake and a card to celebrate a 100th birthday. The schedule is available, but only open to W.I. members. Why don't you join us and have a go? New members are always very welcome (We meet on 3rd Thursday each Month). There will also be a craft competition for all children/grandchildren of any resident. This will be to make an item to hang on our tree – a painted egg, a leaf, a bird, bug or butterfly...let your child's imagination run free! Prizes for 3 groups - aged up to 5 years, 6-10 years and 11-15 years. More details nearer the time.

We also invite any resident who may like to share their own memories/historical items about life in Ravensthorpe over the last 100 years to join us. A table and or display board can be made available, just let me know if you are interested so that we can plan our space. We can all then see and enjoy those things you have in the attic, don't be shy!

Message from Reverend Chris Peck, Rector of the Uplands Group of Parishes

You are invited to the Remembrance Vigil marking the end of World War 1 on Saturday 10th November 7pm-8 at Guilsborough church - a contemplative service with reflections through the eyes of a soldier, readings from Scripture, music and prayers.

WW1 display in the Church for the 100 year armistice - If anyone has copies of photographs they would like to display in the Church for Remembrance Sunday please could they please contact Gill Douglas E: gill.douglas27@gmail.com

18th November – Sunday - Brunch@11 for Everyone!

Guilsborough Village Hall – Relax with bacon & sausage rolls, fresh coffee, tea and juice; Newspapers, games, activities for children; Thought for the Day; Free of charge, and in a relaxed family atmosphere.

15th December 2018 - Saturday – 2.00pm – Living Nativity – St Denys Church – A fun interactive service for families. A chance for all children (and any adults that wish to!) to dress up and take part in our living nativity story (along with our visiting live miniature donkey Betty!), and for everyone to sing some well known carols to celebrate the coming of Christmas.

17th December 2018 – Monday - Village Carol Singing – Save the date. More details to follow.

Travelling Crib – If you would like to be a host family for travelling crib this year during December, please contact Alice by email on: kierenandalice@btinternet.com

Bus Stop Tots—Tuesday mornings 8.45am – 10.00am at Ravensthorpe Village Hall Refreshments, play, activities, bible stories, songs for babies and pre-school children. Come as you are! Contact Alice Cooper for more information: 01604 771245

St Denys Church Choir – is always looking for new members, so if you feel you would like to get involved please contact Meg Benn for more information: 01604 770629.

Cleaning the church - we are looking volunteers to join the Church cleaning rota. Working in teams of two or three, the rota is once every six weeks and it takes just over an hour. If you are able to help, please contact Thalia Pike: 01604 771277 or thaliapike@church-hill.com

Village Carol Singing Monday 17th December

Save the date!!



Join us for a walk around the village singing Christmas carols, followed by festive refreshments at the Village Hall

More details to follow in December newsletter

From the Ravensthorpe Church & Village Hall teams

Come and be part of Ravensthorpe's

Living Nativity

Saturday 15th December

2pm at Church

An fun, interactive Christmas service aimed at families.

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

Costumes provided, or bring your own

All ages welcome

Festive refreshments for all to follow

Why not bring your friends and family along?



**With Betty
the miniature
donkey!**

Avery Bazin-Ball:

a very special journey.....



In November 2017 Avery

Bazin-Ball, now aged 2 years, was diagnosed with Spinal Muscular Atrophy Type 2. Avery's grandparents, Mike and Brenda Ball, live in Ravens-

thorpe. On the 17th of November there is an event to raise money for his equipment and treatment fund (see below). We asked Avery's parents, Alex and Lisa, to explain a little bit more about this condition.

"Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA) is a rare, genetically inherited neuromuscular condition. It causes progressive muscular weakness and loss of movement due to muscle wasting. This affects crawling and walking ability, arm, hand, head and neck movement, breathing and swallowing. Avery has never been able to crawl or walk and has a cough-assist and suction machine to sometimes assist with his breathing.

"This is a serious neuromuscular condition which, traditionally, has significantly shortened life expectancy. However, improvements in care and treatment standards mean that today, with the appropriate equipment and physiotherapy, most people with the condition can live long, fulfilling lives. It is crucial that Avery has the right equipment, and regular physio and hydrotherapy, which will help maintain his strength to give the best quality of life possible.

"It's difficult to articulate how this situation has affected us as parents; to call it a rollercoaster of emotions seems a dramatic understatement. I'm sure you can imagine, you have good days, bad days and some very dark days. The diagnosis changes everything and you find yourself having to confront issues and circumstances that you never imagined would be part of your lives. But you realise you

Coffee Morning at Home Farm

Ann Fowler will be holding her Annual Coffee Morning at Home Farm on Saturday 17 November, 10.30 -12. Proceeds from this year's

Coffee Morning will go to supporting

Rev Canon William Gibbs (1931-2018)

Rev Canon William Gibbs passed away on 20th September. William was the vicar of Guilsborough Parish for 32 years from 1968 to his retirement in 2000 and for 2 years (2001-2003) he was vicar of Ravensthorpe. He will be warmly remembered by those who knew him. A Service of Celebration for his life was held at St Etheldreda's

World War I Commemorative Bench

The Parish Council's application to Daventry District Council for a WWI Commemorative Bench has been successful. This will be placed



PRESENTS

HOW THE VICTORIANS CHANGED IT! Mental Health in 19thc Northampton

A Talk by Northampton Historian Cathy Smith
Wednesday 28th November at 7 for 7.30pm
Ravensthorpe Village Hall NN6 8EH

Local historians, this is one talk not to be missed!

Attitudes towards the mentally ill began to change in the Victorian era. Dr Cathy Smith will take us back to 1838 and the old Northampton General Lunatic Asylum. The focus will be on why patients were admitted, how they were diagnosed and the role of the institution in the community.

Tickets £5 includes tea and coffee. From Ravensthorpe P.O. to reserve 01604770482. email: bobpike@church-hill.com
Wine and Beer on sale

Speakers Corner is presented by Ravensthorpe Village Hall Charity No:278283

Ravensthorpe United Charities

CHRISTMAS DISTRIBUTION

The aims of the Charity are to support education / training and the elderly. It owns several fields around the parish of Ravensthorpe and the rent from these fields is collected twice per year and is then available for distribution. Applications for support are now due and should be submitted by the 30th November

All Senior Citizens living in the village in receipt of State Pension are eligible, as are students who are in their first year at College or University and living away from home during term time. Applications to:

Contributions to next month's Newsletter to

Alan Worthington, ravensthorpenewsletter@gmail.com (770957) by Friday 23 November please.

FOOD BANK

Saturday Oct 20th was Women's Day at the Food Bank. It is easy to forget that when food is the priority, the small 'treats' we might take for granted can be out of the reach of some families and it is often the mothers who bear the brunt of deprivation.

So please go through your drawers and cupboards to turn out the 'smellies' we accumulate, and donate them to the food bank. They will be shared out and

appreciated. If you have been given a nail polish or lipstick (recently) that is not your colour, may we have that too please?

We still need the toothpaste, hygiene products etc. With Christmas coming there is a list of desirable items to make up food hampers to bring a little luxury to those in need. Lists are on the Village notice board, and in the Church and Village Hall. I can supply the list by e-mail if you prefer. Please don't think the whole list has to be provided by one person/family. Get

A message from Kevin & Caryl Ross

It is with heavy hearts that we leave Ravensthorpe after thirty two years.

Arriving in 1986 and knowing no one, this soon changed, especially for me when we acquired our adorable dog Samson and realised what a dog-friendly village

this is. This was a great help in my settling in. Not so much for Kevin....until retirement and the decision to update the Village Hall. He was then in his element and has enjoyed the challenges he took on, with dedication and enthusiasm.

We shall truly miss you all as this is a



The Ravensthorpe WI celebrating its 90th anniversary in 2009, "reliving a trip to Teeton Hall".
The WI will be celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2019.

Ravensthorpe Village Hall -

What's on in November?

<https://www.ravensthorpe.me.uk/the-village-hall/>

<https://www.facebook.com/RVHall1>

Tuesday 6th:

8.45am to 10.30am. **Bus Stop Tots** call Alice 07803 595106

2.0pm to 4.30pm **Afternoon Bridge Club** Call Bernadette 770424

7pm for 7.30pm **Village Cinema: Journey's End** (see box).

Wednesday 7th:

10.30am – Noon. **Morning Coffee.** All Welcome.

Fresh Coffee and home-made treats for just £2

Tuesday 13th:

8.45am to 10.30am. **Bus Stop Tots** call Alice 07803 595106

2.0pm to 4.30pm **Afternoon Bridge Club** Call Bernadette 770424

Thursday 15th:

WI—Beetle Drive.

Tuesday 20th

8.45am to 10.30am. **Bus Stop Tots** call Alice 07803 595106

2.0pm to 4.30pm **Afternoon Bridge Club** Call Bernadette 770424

7pm for 7.30: **Village Cinema: The Ice King** (see box)

Wednesday 21st

10.30am – Noon. **Morning Coffee.** All Welcome.

Fresh Coffee and home-made treats for just £2

8pm: Parish Council

Saturday 24th

7pm 'til late **Saturday Night Fever:** dancing to Alister's *Las Vegas*

Discotheque. Proceeds to the Ravensthorpe Children's Play Area development. Tickets £10 from Ravensthorpe PO or call 770247.

The Village Hall Lunch on Wednesday 28 November is our traditional Xmas Lunch. Just £7! Please be sure to book by Friday 23rd if you would like to come. Call Lin 770562 or Pat 770466 to

Ravensthorpe Village Hall are delighted to present the renowned

Fiori Musicali Chamber Ensemble

who will perform a concert of

“Christmas Concertos”



RAVENSTHORPE

VILLAGE CINEMA

Ravensthorpe Village Hall

Doors Open 7.00pm: Admission: £6—Students £4

Seat reservation recommended



Tuesday November 6th: Journey's End.

Showing on the 100th anniversary of the end of WWI, *Journey's End* is a gripping war drama based on R.C. Sheriff's famous play, set in 1918, in which a company of British soldiers await their fate as the German army prepares an offensive. Directed by Saul Dibb (2017). 105 mins. Cert 12A. Starring Sam Claflin, Asa Butterfield, Paul Bettany.

Tuesday November 20th: The Ice King

A documentary that commemorates the life of John Curry, who is credited with transforming ice skating from a dated sport into an exalted art form. His 1976 successes of the Olympics, European and World Championships were just the jumping-off point for a brilliant and creative career. This is an unflinching documentary about art, sport, sexuality and rebellion. The film includes incredible



From the Archives

Northampton Mercury, Friday 21 January 1913:

Publican Fined

“At the Northampton Divisional Session on Saturday morning, Frederick Hall, beer-house keeper, was summoned for permitting drunkenness on his licensed premises, The Dun Cow, at Ravensthorpe on 26th December.

PC Barker, stationed at East Haddon, and PC Redders, Ravensthorpe, were called to a disturbance at the defendant's house. PC Barker said “he saw Thos. Hadley in the passage.... he was very drunk and the defendant and his wife were trying to persuade him to leave.” “Witness said: ‘he is drunk’ and Mrs Hall said ‘he has been drunk hours’. Mr Hall said: ‘I asked him to leave an hour and a half ago, but he would not go’ ”.

Mr Hall was fined £3 plus costs of £1 18s . (*Who'd be a publican? Ed.*)

April 25 1838; reprinted in the Northampton Mercury, 19 May 1938.

Powell and Son, Sickle & Shear Manufacturers, Ravensthorpe

“Powell and Son take this opportunity of guarding the public against purchasing articles stamped with their names. To prevent imposition, in future none will be genuine but such to have a label printed on them with these words: *The Real Ravensthorpe Sickle, and signed Powell and Son*”

Northampton Mercury 17 November, 1888

Baptist Chapel Re-opening

Bonfire & Fireworks

Friday 2nd
November

Ravensthorpe
War Memorial
Playing Field
Teeton Road



"Best Guy" Competition

Prizes for the best entries!

Judging at 7.00pm
Bonfire lit at 7.15pm
Fireworks at 7.30pm

Entrance by donation
Hot food and mulled wine plus licensed bar

Sorry! No Sparklers

All proceeds towards Ravensthorpe War Memorial Playing Field
Registered Charity No. 304238

2018 Harvest Supper

"The Harvest supper was a sell-out evening!
Thank you to everyone for producing the most delicious salads and apple puddings. £898.60 was raised through ticket sales, raffle and bar. The auction of autumn fruit and veg in the church after Harvest Thanksgiving raised £158.50 for the Friends of Khasdobar in Bangladesh. This is a charity which does amazing work with children, introduced to Ravensthorpe more than thirty years ago by

Book Club

The next Book Club is on **Wednesday 14 November at 7.45** at The Old Mill House, High Street. The book for discussion is **On Chesil Beach** by

Playing Field

Lottery winners for October:

Alice Worthington (£50); Sandra Kirkland (£20).

Be aware of new dog control powers

Additional dog control powers will come into effect from 1 December. Dogs will have to be kept on leads around schools, in cemeteries and memorial gardens. The new Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) will also limit to six the number of dogs that can be walked by one person at one time, and prohibit smoking in fenced-off play areas.

The new PSPO also includes all the rules set out under the existing PSPO, which states owners must:

- Carry the means to pick up after their dog
- Prevent their dog from entering a fenced-off children's play area
- Put their dog on a lead when requested by an authorised officer
- Keep their dog on a lead around the café area at Daventry Country Park.

Anyone who breaks one of the orders risks a £100 on-the-spot fine or, in serious cases, prosecution.

Cllr Richard Auger, Environmental Health and Housing Portfolio holder on Daventry District Council, said: "The additional regulations were introduced following public consultation on (what was) needed to deal with the small minority of irresponsible dog owners who persistently fail to properly control or pick up after their pet".

Find out more at www.daventrydc.gov.uk/pspo

Dog Fouling in Ravensthorpe & Coton

A resident in Coton writes: "Dog fouling continues to be a real problem on the Coton Village Road. Can we remind dog-walkers to please bring bags! There is a new bin at the end of the road, so no excuse for not picking it up!!"

In Ravensthorpe, over recent months, a number of (filled) dog poo bags have been spotted around the village – particularly at the top of High Street, bottom of Scott Close, in the Millennium Wood and by the reservoir. Would dog owners and their children please use the bins provided (you must!). There are now three dog poo bins on the Playing Field and one on the Guilsborough Road plus the general waste bins around the village which can be used for disposing of dog poo bags (but please don't use the general bins on the Playing Field for this). The



Saturday 24 November—7pm till late

RAVENSTHORPE VILLAGE HALL

Dance the night away with the
LAS VEGAS DISCOTHEQUE

Bring your own booze & glasses

Light nibbles available

FANCY DRESS (optional) - Prize for best dressed

EVERYBODY'S GOT THE FEVER!!!!

RAVENSTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF CASUAL VACANCY – COTON WARD

Notice is hereby given that following the resignation of Laura Davis a vacancy has arisen for a Parish Councillor.

Anyone interested in being co-opted to the Council to fill this vacancy is invited to apply in writing by providing their full contact details and a brief resume as to why they are interested in becoming a Councillor to the Parish Clerk - preferably by email ravensthorpepc@yahoo.co.uk.

Please note that prospective Councillors must have lived or worked within a 3 mile radius of Ravensthorpe/Coton for the preceding 12 months. (Whilst the vacancy is in the Coton ward applications are invited from anyone living or working in the Ravensthorpe/Coton parish).

Playing Field AGM will be held on Wednesday 28 November at 7.30pm. All welcome.

Macmillan Coffee Morning: Final tally £810.

CHURCH SERVICES					
November	Time	Service Type	Led by	Location	Flowers
Sunday 4th November	8.30am	Book of Common Prayer Communion	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	Susie PT/ Jean Jolley
	5.00pm	Remembering the Departed	Clergy	Hollowell	
Saturday 10th Nov	7.00pm	Remembrance Vigil marking the end of WWI.	Clergy	Guilsborough	
Sunday 11th Nov	10.55am	Remembrance Day Service	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	Susie PT/ Jean Jolley
Sunday 18th Nov.	9.45am	Common Worship with Communion	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	Susie PT/ Jean Jolley
	11.00am	Brunch@11	Lay Team & Clergy	Guilsborough Village Hall	
Sunday 25th Nov.	11.00am	Worship for All	Lay Team &	Ravensthorpe	Susie PT/ Jean Jolley