

W.I. CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS 'A GREAT SUCCESS'

The WI centenary event was a great success! Thank you to all who came to support our 100 year celebrations, - we had a lovely day and the wall hanging was very well received. Members and friends in the Village have worked 60 squares in various mediums to make a rich bright tapestry that represents Ravensthorpe today and yesterday. It has been a great community effort and we hope it will be enjoyed in the Village Hall for a long time to come. What will there be to add in another 100 years? Thank you to all the many people who have contributed to the success of this venture.

We have compiled a photo album with a brief history of each subject and who worked each piece. It is hoped to keep this in the Hall so do please have a look. We are happy to share the digital record of photos and text - please contact Chris

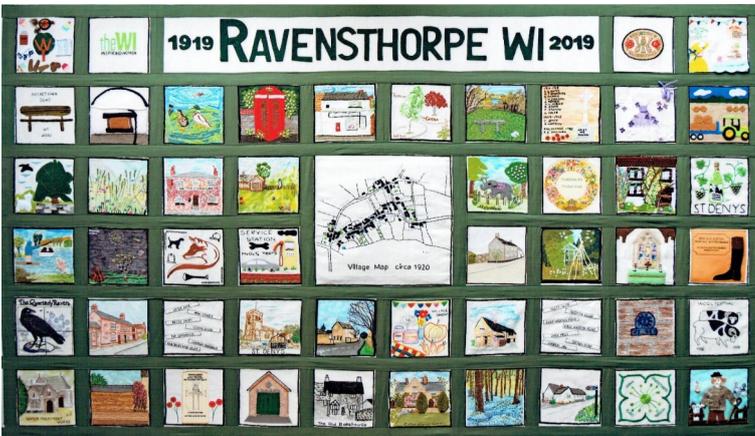
Freeman if you are interested. It was good to share this day with so many residents and visitors, a chance to catch up with old friends and chat - with tea and cake of course.

There was also a WI show with a high standard. Look on the Village Hall Facebook page and you can see some of the many entries in cooking, preserves and craft. The overall 'Best in Show' cup was won by Pauline Smyth. Well done Pauline!

Gill Douglas provided a very interesting selection of history and memorabilia in scrap books. They cover village and WI life over the last 40 years.

New members and guests are very welcome so do join us on the third Thursday of every month at 7.45pm. for the start of our next century!

Margaret Lewis,
President and all members Ravensthorpe WI.



Ravensthorpe W.I 2019—pictured (left) in front of the Centenary Wall Hanging, now in-situ in Village Hall. Please come and see it!



*This is the year to celebrate – two thousand and nineteen
A hundred years we've been here - in Ravensthorpe, I mean!
We've made a quilt for all to see to hang upon the wall
To live for all posterity inside the Village Hall.
We're also going to have a "show" with prizes, cakes and tea
-What shall I knit or sew or bake – what could apply to me?
I can't make "curd" or "marmalade"-
they don't taste nice, you see
I've tried too many times before and what will be will be!
I could make a Victoria Sponge if you'll have it flat and thin
I could even make some "brownies"
but you'd put them in the bin!
I made cheese straws some years ago –
they weren't bad in the past
But I just may have lost my touch – I'd better practice fast!
I could p'raps knit or even sew but it won't be very neat
My eyes are poor –my hands are worse –
it would be quite a feat!
I'd like to try the photograph but I can't take a pic
Not to get it straight or square or round or thin or thick.
I'd like to try the "tray" as well – but there's a lot to make-
A card to celebrate- some flowers and even a special cake!
I guess that leaves the "poem" then –
I'll have to have a try!
I know that I won't be much good –
But hey!- I'm W!!!!*

Sandra Patrick won the written piece competition 'memories of WI' with her poem (above).

From the Archives

Northampton Mercury 12 March 1842

WANTED, a Medical Officer for No 2 District in the BRIXWORTH UNION, consisting of the several parishes or places of Great Creaton, Little Creaton, Spratton, Cottesbrooke, Coton, Guilsborough, Hollowell, Ravensthorpe and Teeton.

The Salary is £65 per annum and 10s for each Midwifery case; 8s for a Single Truss; 15s for a double one; and 1s 6d for each successful case of Vaccination.

(How did they assess a "successful case of Vaccination"? Any suggestions appreciated. Ed.)

Northampton Mercury, December 1883 December 1913 et al.

WITCHES EXECUTED

On 22 July 1612, four women and one man were executed at Abington, Northampton, convicted for witchcraft. Three of the women, Agnes Browne, Katherine Gardiner and Joan Lucas, lived in Guilsborough. Also executed were Agnes Browne's daughter, Joane Vaughan, and Arthur Bill, of Raunds. In one account, the three women were said to "have rode on a sowe's back from Guilsborough, where they lived, to a place called Ravensthorpe, to see Mother Rhodes, another of their sisterhood".

The events leading up to the conviction by a Jury in Northampton, started "when Joane Vaughan, as a domestic, was struck by her mistress, Mistress Belcher, 'not to hurt her of course, but just to put her in her right place'. Joane Vaughan (in turn) 'committed something either in speech or gesture, so unseeming the nature of womanhood that it displeased Mistress Belcher, a vertuos (sic.) and goodly gentlewoman of Guilsborough'. Miss Vaughan had said that she 'would remember it and revenge it' and some days later Mistress Belcher fell seriously ill'. Local opinion had it that 'Agnes Browne and her daughter had bewitched several people in the village', and that they were, "born to no good, spiteful and malicious, and of wicked disposition"; they were "as far from goodness as hell is from heaven".

They came to a sad end on the gallows at Abington Park.

FOOTBALL COACHING

Ravensthorpe Playing Field
Will resume on Sunday June 9,
then every Sunday 10-10.45am.

for ages 6+

£5 per person

SKILLS COACHING/ TRAINING
FUN, GAMES & MATCH

To book: contact George: 07903216536
or Katie: 07711115885
Teas & Coffees for parents

PLAYING FIELD

BEER FESTIVAL & FAMILY DAY

Ravensthorpe Memorial Playing Field,
Saturday July 20 Music, Food, Craft Beers;
Cider, Gins & Wine. Free Bouncy Castles; Face
Painting; Games. 2pm-11pm. Tickets: £5
on the gate; children free.

ODDS-200 LOTTERY

We are selling the Odds-200 lottery tickets through the village now for the first draw on Thursday 6 June, 9pm in the Chequers. An annual ticket costs £12, entering the holder into 12 monthly draws over the coming year. Each month there are 3 prizes: £50, £20 and a "Chequers Accumulator" open to ticket holders who are in the Pub for the draw. 50% of ticket sales goes to prizes, and 50% to the Playing Field fundraising. This pays for the grass cutting of the Field and Children's Play Area. Please support it!

CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

We have had some delays on the work for the Children's Play Area mainly to do with technical complications regarding the repair of the Roundabout. Sadly, this has been deemed "non-reparable" which has forced us to do some re-thinking. In the meantime, the new basket swing and climbing frame will be installed at the beginning of the month. We apologise both for the delays and the inconvenience.

MUD RUN

A big "thank you" to everyone who sponsored the children doing the mud-run for the Children's Play Area, and especially the children themselves. They raised £1,095 toward the Play Area. Amazing! Thank you.

QUIZ NIGHT

We apologise for the late cancellation of the Quiz Night in May. Unfortunately, our Quiz Master Martin had to pull out due to a conflicting and unavoidable commitment. We hope to run it later in the year.

DOG FOULING

It is sad and frustrating to have to report that the problem of dog poo on the Playing Field has become worse more recently. Do we still need to remind people that not 'picking up' is now a legal offence, as well as a personal one? It is a real & serious health problem, especially for children playing on the Field. Please be responsible!

WHY NOT SHOP AT THE CHEQUERS VILLAGE STORE?

- Basic daily supplies, such as milk, eggs, bacon, bread and other groceries;
- Basic household products
- Stamps and stationery
- Dry-cleaning.
- Off-Licence

Opening times in line with basic pub hours:
Weekdays 11-3 and 6-11pm. Plus Saturdays
and Sundays: 11-11. Tel: 01604 770379.

Contributions to next month's Newsletter to
Alan Worthington,
ravensthorpenewsletter@gmail.com
Phone (770957) by 23 May.

SPEAKERS
CORNER

PRESENTS

ARE WE PROTECTED FROM GUN CRIME IN THE UK?

A reminder to get your tickets for

Tuesday 4th June at 7 for 7.30pm
Ravensthorpe Village Hall NN6 8EH

A factual illuminating talk that sheds light on
how firearms enter the illicit market in the UK

GIVEN BY Dr HELEN POOLE



Lead for the Centre for the
Reduction of Firearms Crime,
Trafficking and Terrorism
University of Northampton

YOUR OPPORTUNITY
TO HEAR AN EXPERT VIEW

Advance tickets £5-includes tea and coffee
(or £6 on the door)

Reserve **01604 770482**

email: speakerscorner@gmail.com

WINE AND BEER ON SALE

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

A THANK YOU FROM DAVE & SUE

TO THE VILLAGERS OF RAVENSTHORPE,
EAST HADDON, HOLDENBY, COTON & TEETON

On behalf of David and myself, I would like to say how overwhelmed we were by the turnout, support, thanks and best wishes we received at his retirement party on 31st March (despite it being Mothering Sunday).

The years have flown by, quicker than most of us would have liked, but from the very beginning we were made to feel part of a very friendly and caring community. It has been a pleasure to live amongst you and serve you for the past 24 years. A lifestyle choice we made when our sons were very young and one we have never regretted. A safe, rural haven far from the maddening crowds!

It saddened us both that we were unable to find a buyer for the Post Office, unfortunately bringing to an end another feature of traditional, village life. However, typical of those who live here, people from the community have stepped in to fill the void.

Your generous gift was staggering and took us totally by surprise. David will decide how to spend it in time as, of course, he has plenty of this on his hands now that he has retired! There may even be a publication in the offing: 'Recollections of a Village Sub-postmaster'..!

I would also like to thank you for the beautiful camellia which is now planted in a prime position in the garden and looks glorious (Ravensthorpe Hardy Plant Nursery highly recommended!)

We again would like to thank everyone for their support and best wishes, and take this opportunity to express our gratitude for the cards and gifts. A great big 'thank you' to Anne Fowler, Sally Marsh and their team for organising such a wonderful event. Your time and effort was very much appreciated. Thanks too for the folder which contains mementoes from the party and the children – something to cherish and look back on in our old age.

With thanks & Happy Memories,
Sue & David

Ravensthorpe Village Hall - What's on in June?

<https://www.ravensthorpe.me.uk/the-village-hall/> <https://www.facebook.com/RVHall1>

Tuesday 4th:

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

2.00pm to 4.30pm **Afternoon Bridge Club:** call Bernadette 770424
7pm for 7.30pm **Speaker's Corner:** *Are we Protected from Gun Crime in the UK?* Dr Helen Poole. (see box)

Wednesday 5th:

10.30am – Noon. **Morning Coffee.** All Welcome. Fresh Coffee and home-made treats for just £2.

Tuesday 11th:

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

2.00pm to 4.30pm **Afternoon Bridge Club:** call Bernadette 770424
7pm for 7.30pm **Village Cinema: Wind River** (see box).

Tuesday 18th: 8.45am to 10.30am. **Bus Stop Tots** call Alice 07803 595106.

2.00pm to 4.30pm **Afternoon Bridge Club** Call Bernadette 770424

Wednesday 19th:

10.30am – Noon. **Morning Coffee.** All Welcome. Fresh Coffee and home-made treats for just £2.

8pm: **Parish Council Meeting.**

Thursday 20th:

7.45pm WI Meeting: Fun on Your Feet—a demonstration by Renee Watt.

Tuesday 25th:

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

2.00pm to 4.30pm **Afternoon Bridge Club** Call Bernadette 770424.
7pm for 7.30: **London Road** (see box).

Wednesday 26th:

12.15 **RVH Lunch.** Just £7:

Advanced Booking essential—call 770466 or 770562.

For further information on any item, call 771277.

Keep Fit at the Village Hall in Ravensthorpe:

Zumba with Lina, call 07725 984674

Sundays at 10am & Wednesdays at 6.30pm.

Over 50? Zumba "Gold" for more senior participants in Zumba, got under way in Ravensthorpe Village Hall during May. Sessions are held on Friday at 11.15am. Anyone wishing to join in can call Lina on 07725 984674 or email linavens@yahoo.com, or simply come to the session. After a short break sessions begin again on Friday 7th June.

Back Care Pilates – Saturdays 9.00am: 2 sessions with Tina, 07810 380636

Pilates – Mondays & Thursdays: 3 sessions each morning from 9.10am. With Natalie 07894 593397

Yoga - Fridays 9.30am with Caron, call 07786 911593

PRE-ORDERED PAPERS are available from the Ravensthorpe

Village Hall on a daily basis from 6.45-9.00am. For information or to order call 770634 or email ravnews19@gmail.com.



Guest artist: Leo Starkey, Bridgewater, South Australia. Leo kindly helped with the production of the last Newsletter by drawing this fantastic elephant rather than using the time to ask me all sorts of questions about what I was doing. Other young artist contributions gratefully received. Ed



RAVENSTHORPE

VILLAGE CINEMA

Ravensthorpe Village Hall: Admission: £6—Students £4

Seat reservation recommended:

Please contact Mike & Mo Cobbe 01604 328822

Email: mike@mikecobbe.com

Tuesday 11th June: 7pm for 7.30

Wind River

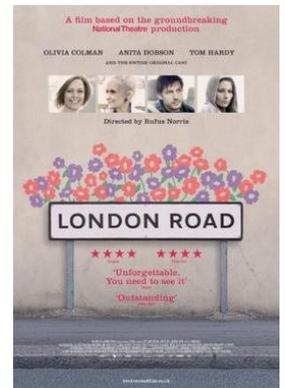
Mainstream screening: In the vast whiteness of a Wyoming winter, the body of a young Native American woman from the nearby Wind River reservation is found by a local hunter-tracker (Jeremy Renner). When murder is established, a young FBI agent (Elizabeth Olsen) is brought in but soon finds that socially and physically she is far out of her comfort zone and recruits Renner to assist. As they get nearer to solving the crime, they are in danger as they start to expose the secrets of the isolated town and surrounding community. Written and directed by Taylor Sheridan (Sicario, Hell and High Water), the film depicts life on society's margins in a beautiful but harsh environment—people who live with 'silence and snow' and not much else. 105mins Cert 15 2017 ★★☆☆



Tuesday 25th June: 7pm for 7.30

London Road

Cinephile screening: This film is based on the remarkable, ground-breaking National Theatre production following the community who found themselves at the epicentre of events when there were five murders on London Road, Ipswich. The film is based on interviews with residents and actual newscasts, the words of all being set to an innovative musical score. The film effectively tells a moving story of ordinary people coming together during the darkest of experiences. Starring Olivia Colman, Tom Hardy and Anita Dobson, it is an addictive forensic thriller set to music, and Olivia Colman's presence makes it look like Broadchurch crossed with Les Misérables but there's more subtlety and intricacy than you could expect from either. 93 minutes. 2015.



laurence tremayne

**For a free Property Appraisal,
please call Chris Langsford,
on 01327 844111**

Advertising in the Newsletter depends on available space after we have covered items of village news and interest. Advertisements for profit-making organisations will be charged and proceeds going to the cost of producing the Newsletter.

Update on the introduction of Toilet and Servery facilities at St Denys Church Ravensthorpe

'The PCC of St Denys Church is continuing to work towards carrying out the installation of the toilet, servery and other improvements to the church this year, for which the faculty was granted. We have now received quotes and made a choice of a preferred contractor for the work. We hope that the work will begin in the next few months. Before the work starts we are looking at what grant and other fundings available to supplement our own resources for this project. If you would be interested in making a donation, or being involved in raising extra funds towards this project, then please get in touch with the Treasurer Kieren Cooper (kierenandalice@btinternet.com or 01604 771 245) or any other member of the PCC as soon as possible.'

Ravensthorpe Christian Aid Week 12-18 May

Thank you to everyone who was involved in any way with raising money for Christian Aid this year. The total amount collected was not available at the time of the printing deadline for the June issue but it will appear in the July issue.

Sunday 16th June – Brunch@11 Guilsborough Village Hall, 11.00am to 12.30. There are activities for all ages, and of course the usual excellent bacon and sausage rolls, croissants and jam, along with freshly brewed coffee and orange juice.

Pastoral Visits and Care

If you would like to talk to someone, or know anyone who would welcome a home visit, please telephone Anne Strudwicke on 01604 743389

A Sad Day in Ravensthorpe

On Tuesday 21 May, Ravensthorpe was shocked and saddened to hear of the sudden death of Gordon Walker, who, with Gill, has run the Chequers Inn since coming to the village over 30 years ago.

Many of us knew Gordon and appreciated his very generous and supportive side. John Patrick, a good friend said: "I met him on his first day in Ravensthorpe, and he has always been a very kind and generous friend to me".

Gordon, with Gill, have always been stalwart supporters of local causes, such as the

Playing Field, as well as wider charitable

causes, including supporting many calls for Emergency Aid.

For many in the village, as well as beyond, the

Chequers is an important social hub and

having it is here is central to the life of the village. At this difficult time, we would all want to extend our most heartfelt condolences to Gill, and to his family and friends.

GLEN—WINDOW CLEANER

Many people will have had their windows cleaned by Glen, who has worked in the village for many years, like his father before him. After treatment for his back pain, sadly it seems that Glen will not be able to continue his window cleaning in the village. Having spoken to a number of residents, we feel that it would be appropriate in the circumstances to mark Glen's contribution to the village over the years.

If you would like to add something to a collection, please put cash in an envelope clearly marked GLEN and leave at the Chequers, or put into Dave's letterbox before the end of June.

Many thanks, Lorna Jones, 770308 or email ljones1811@gmail.com

CONTRIBUTORS TO THE W.I. CENTENARY WALL-HANGING

Our special thanks go to the following people who contributed their skills and fair by making squares for the Centenary Wall-Hanging:

Jane Allen, Marie Baker, Meg Benn, Jean Ben-nion, Jackie Broadaway, Natalie arter, Stephanie Craddock (nee Hickman), Gill Douglas, Liz El-lison, Christine Foster, Chris Freeman, Tricia Freeman, Emma Humphreys (nee Batten), Kay Lee, Margaret Lewis, Helen Nottigham, Rose-mary Partridge, Sandra Patrick, Gill Pawson, Trisha Pennington, Viv Rees, Yvonne Reeve, Ros Smith, Sandra Towers (nee Bott), Pauline Smyth, Rachel Wallace, Angela Williams, Jan Wise, Jean Wiseman.

FOOD BANK

Collection on first weekend of the month— June 1st & 2nd. St Denys Church is open on Sunday and donations can be left there, or to Yvonne: 01604 770988 / email Yvonne.yvc3@outlook.com.



The W.I. Centenary "Best In Show" winner was Pauline Smyth

NATIONAL GARDEN SCHEME

Garden Open-Sunday 9th June
Jean & Mike Percival
Ravenswood, Coton
Open 2.00pm– 5.00pm
£5 per person
Teas will be served in Guilsborough Church Church by The Ladies Friendly Society
For further information:01604 743437.

For families wanting a taste of faith and good food

One Sunday a month, 11am, Guilsborough Village Hall

Next dates for 2019:

- Sunday 16th June
- Sunday 21st July
- Sunday 18th August
- Sunday 15th September
- Sunday 20th October
- Sunday 17th November
- Sunday 15th December

Brunch @11

More than just good food

Book Club

The next Book Club is on **Wednesday 12 June at 7.45** at Mo Cobb's, Teeton Road. The book for discussion is After the Party, by Cressida Connolly. Information about the Book Club from Mo 01604 328822

June	Time	Service Type	Led by	Location	Flowers
Sunday 2nd June	8.30am	Book of Common Prayer Communion	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	Pat Foss / Gill Douglas
Sunday 9th June	10.00am	Uplands Group Service— Common Worship with Communion	Clergy	Cold Ashby	
Sunday 16th June	9,45am	Common Worship with Communion	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	Pat Foss / Gill Douglas
	11.00am	Brunch@11	Lay Team &	Guilsborough	
Sunday 23rd June	11.00am	Worship for All	Lay Team & Clergy	Ravensthorpe	Pat Foss / Gill Douglas
Sunday 30th June	10.00am	Uplands Group Service— Common Worship with Communion	Clergy	Thornby	