



CHURCH NOTICES: NOVEMBER

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

The cesspool has been installed for the toilet and the new North Path, which will provide easier disabled access is nearing completion, this in spite of the recent inclement weather. The organ has also been dis-assembled and removed. It is now in storage and still available should anyone wish to re-purpose it. The internal works should be starting during the last week of October/first week of November. Please bear with us while our building work continues, we will try and minimise the disruption caused to services. This includes our post service refreshments, where we will try if possible to serve tea and coffee, but depending on the status of the building work, it may not always be possible.

A message from Rev'd Chris Peck regarding the funding of the Toilet and Servery facilities

Concerns have been expressed that there is a perception that St Denys PCC is extravagantly squandering the sacrificial, regular giving of church members. I can assure you that this is not the case. The regular giving of church members is **all** used to support the ministry (clergy, services) and mission of the parish, together with the ongoing maintenance costs of the building.

The installation of the servery and toilet is being paid for out of separate funds set aside for this purpose. All expenditure by the PCC is carefully scrutinised, and no project is undertaken unless there are the funds to pay for it. I know that some feel that what they do for the church is taken for granted. I can assure you that on the contrary, all you do is deeply appreciated.

Thursday 19th December - "Blue Christmas" service - St. Denys Ravensthorpe - 6:30pm

As we approach Christmas, the constant refrain on the radio and the television; in the shops and in our community is about the happiness of the season, about getting together with family and friends and of celebration. Yet for some of us this doesn't reflect our inner feelings. Christmas can be a challenging and sometimes even painful time. The reasons for this can be many and varied. It may, for example, be the first Christmas without a loved family member who has recently died or it maybe that Christmas is a complex negotiation of sharing your time and presence, as well as your presents, between different parts of your family. Increasingly there is a huge social pressure to produce a perfect family Christmas that can make us feel very alone in the midst of the celebrating and rejoicing.

It can help to make the space and time to acknowledge our feelings and our concerns; and to know that we are not alone in feeling this way. The Uplands Group of Churches invite you to join us in sharing and hearing prayers, readings, and music that acknowledge that God's presence is for all of us, including those who struggle and for those who mourn - and that Jesus comes to us to shine light into our darkness and to bring us hope and healing. This is not a service to make you feel sad, but one where you can come, lay down your burdens and share in the peace of Christmas.

Harvest Supper

Another superb evening and a truly gastronomic experience! A big thank you to Sally Marsh and her team of helpers. The evening raised £912.10

Harvest Festival Service

Another big thank to the team that decorated the Church with beautiful flower arrangements and to those who provided produce for the auction.

Sunday 17th November - Guilsborough Village Hall - 11:00am to 12:30 - Brunch@11 There are activities for all ages, and of course the usual excellent bacon and sausage rolls, croissants and jam, along with freshly brewed coffee, orange juice and the Sunday Newspapers.

Sunday 15th December - The Uplands Group of Churches Guilsborough Advent Sheep Trail - Guilsborough Village Hall - 10:00am

Follow the trail around the village ending back at the Village Hall ending with free Brunch, craft, songs and Christmas message from 11:00am
Sheep Trail competition - donation of 50p per entry in aid of Northampton Hope Centre.

www.easyfundraising.org.uk

Black Friday and **Christmas** are coming with a real uptick in on-line purchases. A great opportunity to help the fund raising efforts for the Uplands Group of Churches, of which St Denys Ravensthorpe is part of.

This really is "FREE" money and all you have to do is register at <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk> and nominate the **Uplands Group of Churches - Northampton** as your chosen cause, then any online purchases you make attract a donation to the Uplands Group of Churches. Currently we have 46 supporters and have raised £585.90

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

THE UPLANDS GROUP OF CHURCHES

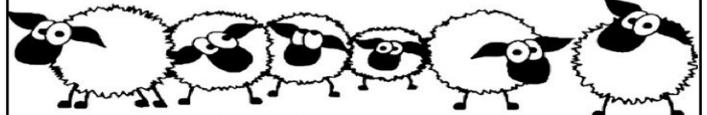
Guilsborough Advent Sheep Trail

Have some family fun finding the lost sheep!

The sheep hunt begins at Guilsborough Village Hall on **Sunday 15th December at 10.00 a.m.**

Follow the trail around the village ending back at The Village Hall ending with free brunch, craft, songs and Christmas message from 11.00 .

Sheep Trail Competition - donation of 50p per entry in aid of Northampton Hope Centre. Winners will be drawn from the correctly returned entries



We Wish 'Ewe' A Merry Christmas!

**Ravensthorpe United Charities
CHRISTMAS DISTRIBUTION**

Applications for the above are now due and should be given to the below by the 30th November. All Senior Citizens living in the village in receipt of State Pension are eligible, also students who are in their first year at College or University and living away from home during term time. Applications to:

Mrs Lynn Holt, 10 Little Lane.

Remembrance Day:

Sunday 3rd November - St Denys Church - 5:00pm - A Service for remembering the departed. There will be an opportunity at this service to light a candle in the memory of your loved one. **Sunday 10th November - St Denys Church - 10:55am - Remembrance Day Service**

CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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Catherine Channer (1874-1949).



Our thanks to Gill Douglas

Last month, we included in the Newsletter a photo of the Rev Edgar Channer, vicar of Ravensthorpe 1894-1911. Gill Douglas has been in touch to provide some interesting information about his daughter, Catherine, and the part that lacemaking has played in the history of

Northamptonshire villages, including Ravensthorpe.

From the 16th to mid-19th centuries, lacemaking had been an important cottage industry in many Midlands villages. Fine lace was often much in demand and, as it could be done at home, lacemaking was often undertaken by the wives and children of agricultural workers who had difficulty surviving without this added income. Children might be "introduced to their (lacemaking) pillow" aged 3, and then often apprenticed to an experienced lacemaker in the village.

By the early 19th century, lace schools had replaced apprenticeships and a child could be sent off to the lace school aged 5 where she (sometimes he) might stay until she either "went into service or was married". The lace schools taught children in the homes of their teachers and they could be there for up to twelve hours a day, in

crowded, unsanitary rooms, with strict targets to meet. The health consequences were often dire. One such school was in Spratton.

After the 1870 Education Act made schooling compulsory for all 5 to 13-year olds, the lace schools closed down. By now also hand lacemaking was being replaced by

machines and it became increasingly difficult for lacemakers to make a living at all. By 1900, most hand-made lace had disappeared.

How many lace-makers were there in Ravensthorpe? It seems difficult to know. In the census of 1841, 8 female residents, aged between 6 & 25, gave their occupation as *lacemaker*. By the 1861 census there were just 3. However, in Spratton, even in 1861, there were 25.

When the Rev Channer and his family came to Ravensthorpe in 1894, Catherine Channer was 20, and an accomplished lacemaker. This was at a time when hand-made lace was very much in decline with the availability of much cheaper, machine-made lace. Here she befriended Margaret Roberts, daughter of the vicar of Spratton, and her mother, Georgina Roberts, who helped local lacemakers who lived and worked in appalling conditions of poverty. From 1891, Georgina Roberts had helped establish the Midlands Lace Association in Northampton, with the aim of promoting traditional lacemaking and helping local lacemakers find a market for selling their lace at a reasonable price.

In 1899, Catherine Channer and Margaret Roberts, co-wrote *Lace-Making in the Midlands, Past and Present*. Within this, alongside their extensive knowledge of lace making history and practice, the authors express some interesting opinions. On the shoe industry, for example: "Many Northamptonshire villages now given over to the unsightly shoe trade once lived by the weaving of plush and silk". And while they did not lament the end of the lace schools, they did lament the loss of the craft of lacemaking "..... if girls in the upper school could have an hour or two a week for lace-making instead of working thousands of sums which do not lead to any comprehension of mathematics, and are never likely to be of the smallest use to them, they would, when they leave school, be fairly efficient lace-makers." And on the women of Northamptonshire: "The very small and dainty hands of many women in Northamptonshire villages are often remarked upon by strangers; they are certainly an artistic race".



INGRID LIED KING

Ingrid lived at 3 Scott Close,

Ravensthorpe, for 40 years. She passed away peacefully on August 3rd at 97yrs. Many of you would have seen her walking round the village as this was her routine most days, come rain or shine.

Ingrid was born Ingrid Lied Larsen, 27th May 1922, in Bergen Norway. She met Dennis in 1945 when the British marched into Bergen to liberate the Norwegians. Dennis was a Major in the Territorial Army and the people of Norway would entertain the troops regularly. They met when he passed her riding her bicycle along a country lane. He stopped his army vehicle and put up the bonnet pretending it had broken down.

They married 9th March 1946 in Bergen before moving to Dublin where they lived for 2 years. They then moved to Moulton Northants and lived there until Dennis retired. Ravensthorpe was the village they chose to spend their later life in, and where they were very happy.

Ingrid loved village life, joining in various activities and making many very good friends. She was a friendly and sociable lady with a smile and

Bonfire & Fireworks Display At Ravensthorpe Memorial Playing Field

On

6.30 Bar open

7.00 Lighting the bonfire

7.30 Fireworks display.

Timings approximate & weather dependent.

Proceeds to the upkeep of the



PRESENTS

Wallis Simpson and the Year of Three Kings

An Illustrated talk by Roy Smart

RAVENSTHORPE VILLAGE HALL

Thursday 28th November 7 for 7.30pm

A ROYAL TOPIC THAT HAS INTRIGUED GENERATIONS

Roy Smart was a Naval Officer, Fleet Air Arm pilot and Air Director of many great national events. He is an entertaining speaker with an interest in history and much to tell about the subject and characters:

Wallis Simpson and the abdication crisis.

ADVANCE BOOKINGS PLEASE £5

Ravensthorpe Village Hall - What's on in November?

Go to www.rvhall.online

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

Friday 1st: 11.15am: **Zumba Gold**. Call Lina 07725 984674. Every Friday

Saturday 2nd: 9.00am: **Back Care Pilates** with Tina Sheridan (07810 380636). 2 sessions every Saturday.

Sunday 3rd: 10am: **Zumba** with Lina (07725 984674). Every Sunday

Monday 4th: From 9.10am **Pilates** with Natalie. Call 07894 593397 (3 sessions Every Monday).

Tuesday 5th: 8.45am to 10.30am. **Bus Stop Tots**: call Alice 07803 595106. Every Tuesday. 2.00pm to 4.30pm **Afternoon Bridge Club**: call Bernadette 770424. 7.00 for 7.30pm: **Village Cinema: The English Patient** (see box)

Wednesday 6th: 10.30am – Noon. **Morning Coffee**. All Welcome. Fresh Coffee and home-made treats for just £2. 6.30pm: **Zumba** Call Lina. 07725 984674. (Every Wednesday).

Thursday 7th: From 9.10am **Pilates** with Natalie. Call 07894 593397 (3 sessions every Thursday)

Friday 8th: 9.30am **Mindful Yoga** with Caron Lindley 07786 911593. Every Friday. 11.15am: **Zumba Gold**. .

Saturday 9th: 9.00am: **Back Care Pilates** with Tina Sheridan. .

Sunday 10th: 10am: **Zumba** with Lina.

Monday 11th: From 9.10am **Pilates** with Natalie.

Tuesday 12th: 8.45am to 10.30am. **Bus Stop Tots**. 2.00pm to 4.30pm **Afternoon Bridge Club**.

Wednesday 13th: 6.30pm **Zumba** with Lena. .

Thursday 14th: From 9.10am **Pilates** with Natalie.
7.30pm **Charles Rennie McIntosh & the Chelsea Peers** (see box)

Friday 15th: 9.30am **Mindful Yoga** with Caron. 11.15am: **Zumba Gold**.
7.30pm: **Playing Field Quiz Night** (see box)

Saturday 16th: 9.00am: **Back Care Pilates** with Tina. .

Sunday 17th: 10am: **Zumba** with Lina.

Monday 18th: From 9.10am **Pilates** with Natalie.



RAVENSTHORPE

VILLAGE CINEMA

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

Seat reservation recommended:

Enquire/book/pay cash 01604 328822 or email:

Tuesday 5 November 7pm for 7.30

The English Patient

Anthony Minghella wrote and directed this nine Oscar award-winning adaptation of Michael Ondaatje's celebrated novel about a doomed and tragic romance set against the backdrop of World War II.

A badly-burned pilot, known only as 'the English patient' (Ralph Fiennes), is cared for in Italy at a Canadian military medical unit by nurse Hana (Juliette Binoche). As the dying patient's memory returns, he tells Hana his story – of how he embarked on a passionate affair with Katherine (Kristin Scott Thomas), the wife of one of his colleagues.

Hana and the Patient are joined by Kip (Naveen Andrews), a Sikh with a gift for defusing mines, and Caravaggio (Willem Dafoe), an intelligence agent who knows some of Laszlo's most shameful secrets.

1996; Cert 15; 2 hrs 42 mins.

Tuesday 19 November 7.00 for 7.30

Sorry to Bother You

This very funny and imaginative satire on race and capitalism was a successful mainstream film but we are showing it as a cinephile screening be-



RAVENSTHORPE VILLAGE HALL

SATURDAY 23rd NOVEMBER

7 'til late £10 per ticket adults only

Fancy Dress (optional, but why not!?)

BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS & GLASSES

Tickets from: Alister 07989 048379

QUIZ NIGHT

The multi-media Martin Quiz-night is back!

Village Hall Friday November 15th, 7.30pm

Tickets £8 adults (Students & under-18s £3)

From the Chequers (or phone 770957)



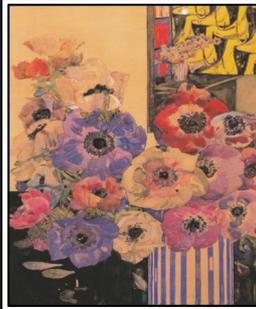
GIVING A LITTLE HELP

Could you give something for those who face a tough Christmas? The WI recently had a talk on the work of the HOPE centre in Northampton. This is a charity run to provide shelter, help and support to the homeless. At our Christmas Party we will have a collection box for any suitable items you would like to give - festive food, gifts or anything you feel would make someone's Christmas a little better.

This box will be in the Village Hall entrance area on Thursday December 12th. Lorna Jones has offered to take the gifts to the Hope Centre, so please join us and contribute if you can.

The WI also support ACWW (associated Country Women of the World).They raise money by recycling used stamps,foreign currency and coins,broken and unwanted jewellery,old cameras and phones. All can be turned into cash and help the environment at the same time. Tricia Freeman at 2 Orchard Close, will be taking any contributions you may have after Christmas and delivering them to WI House in mid January.

Items for next Newsletter by 23rd November please. To:



Charles Rennie Mackintosh and the Chelsea Peers

Talk by Rob Kendall, Chair of Friends of 78 Deragate

Mackintosh's years in Chelsea 1915 to 1923, after Glasgow and the early success of his work there:

- the importance of the 78 Deragate commission during the lean WW1 years;

Ravensthorpe Village Hall, Thursday 14 November 2019 at 7:30pm

Tickets £6.50 (including glass of wine) Book online at www.rvhall.online

COFFEE MORNING: HOME FARM SATURDAY 9 NOVEMBER

A reminder that Ann Fowler is holding her Annual Coffee Morning at Home Farm on Saturday 9 November,

10.30-12.

Proceeds from this year's Coffee Morning will go to Dementia Research and the village charities. .

Strictly Kids Northampton 2019

Please support Hattie (10yrs) and Izzy (8yrs) who both live in Ravensthorpe as they fundraise for **The Bruce Green Foundation**,

an inspirational & educational charity for young people in Northamptonshire.

They have been selected to compete in

Strictly Dancing Northampton Kids 2019 on the 10th November at the Deco Theatre in

Northampton. If you would like to support them

Macmillan supporters you raised a

magnificent £870-00 at our Coffee Morning.



BUCKBY LIBRARY AND HUB

Buckby Library & Hub is a new community-run charity set up to take over the funding and management of Long Buckby Library following the withdrawal of County Council finance. The transition is expected to take place early in 2020.

Of course, the library is not just about books and newspapers. Did you know that there is "Knit and Natter" on a Saturday morning and a variety of crafting groups and book clubs? There's also a games afternoon every Wednesday. In addition to activities for adults, there are fun opportunities for children. The hugely popular Rhymetime, for under-5s and their carers takes place at 10.30 on Thursdays and Fridays. There's even a Well Baby drop-in clinic a couple of times a month. For primary-school children, there is a French language class on Saturdays. And a new film season will be starting on the evening of 19th November with "Yesterday". For more information about these and other events and activities please visit the Buckby Library & Hub website www.buckbylibraryhub.org .

And if you would like to get involved with helping Long Buckby library to survive and thrive, there are opportunities to volunteer in the library or behind the scenes, for example helping with fundraising and events. Please contact us at info@buckbylibraryhub.org

Food Bank: St Denys' Church is open on the first Sunday of each month and donations can be left there. Next collections: Sunday November 3rd & then Sunday December 1st. For information please contact Yvonne Childs on 770988 or Yvonne.yvc3@outlook.com.

RAVENSTHORPE MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELD

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Will be held in the Village Hall, Monday 25

November at 7.30pm. Anybody (18 & over) living within the Parish boundary is entitled to attend.

Anybody who feels that they could make a contribution to the Playing Field would be most

welcome. We need new committee members, but also people in the village who can help in other ways. The Playing Field is not a public park - it

November	Time	Service Type	Led by	Location	Flowers
Sunday 3 November	8.30am	BCP Communion	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	Susie Pasley-Tyler/ Jean Jolley
	5.00pm	Taize	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	Susie Pasley-Tyler/ Jean Jolley
Sunday 10 November	10.55am	Remembrance Day Service	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	Susie Pasley-Tyler/ Jean Jolley
Sunday 17 November	9.45am	Common Worship with Communion	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	Susie Pasley-Tyler/ Jean Jolley
	11.00am	Brunch@11	Lay Team & Clergy	Guilsborough Village Hall	
Sunday 24 November	11.00am	Worship for All	Lay Team & Clergy	Ravensthorpe	Susie Pasley-Tyler/ Jean Jolley