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NEWSLETTER

Church Notices: December 2019

From Monday 25th November - The Nativity – 7:30pm Spratton Church -
A four week Advent course considering the seemingly familiar tale of The Nativity using short films and scripture. Dig a little deeper and be surprised by the story. Contact Rev'd Allison T: 01604 846099
E: revallisonwigg@gmail.com

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 at 11:00am.
Sheep Trail competition – donation of 50p per entry in aid of Northampton Hope Centre.

...followed by

Sunday 15th December – 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.

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Join us for a carol singing walk around the village with our brass players! Meet at the Church to start and finish up at the village hall for mulled wine and mince pies.

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Sunday 22nd December – Donkey Service – 11:00am Active and interactive service for children, with their parents, grandparents, friends and relations – with a real donkey in attendance! You could come dressed as your favourite character from the the Christmas Story.

Tuesday 24th December – Carols for Ravensthorpe – 5:00pm A traditional service of lessons and carols. Everyone is welcome to this service, followed by mince pies and mulled wine.

Wednesday 25th December – Christmas Day Service – 10:00am A joy-filled all-age celebration of the good news of Christmas. Children bring your favorite present!

Bus Stop Tots – every Tuesday morning during school term time – from 8:30am at Ravensthorpe Village Hall



COTON MANOR: A NATIONAL WINNER

Congratulations to Susie & Ian Pasley-Tyler. Coton Manor Garden, was awarded the “Nation’s Favourite Garden” accolade in a national competition run by the English Garden magazine and the National Garden Scheme. The award was presented by Martin McMillan, Chairman of the NGS at a ceremony at the

Christmas is 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 a part.

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.



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

The North Path disabled access is now almost complete, this means we now have step free access to the Church on a purpose built path, whereas before there was a significant step up from the footpath into the church yard along a grass path (which with the recent weather would have been a significant challenge to negotiate) and then a significant step down into the church.

The internal works have been delayed, this is due to a longer than anticipated delivery of the new stone slabs for the toilet and servery area and the new south-aisle floor. However, a significant part of the carpentry work is being completed off site, so once the new stone floor is in place, the internal works should proceed quite quickly.

We are liaising with the contractor to minimise any potential disruption to services in general and Christmas specifically. After an ongoing discussion about the best way to provide hot water for tea and coffee making in the new

servery, there was a majority vote in favour of using a wall-mounted water heater at an extraordinary meeting of the PCC.

Subsequently a Church member has offered to fully fund the wall mounted water heater for this project.

To augment the funding needed to complete the project to provide a toilet and servery and improved disabled access via the north path, the PCC has sought grant aid from various trusts. So far we have received £1,500 from the Maude Elkington Trust, £2,000 from the Beatrice Laing Trust and a pledge of £2,000 from the Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust. We are awaiting responses from the National Churches Trust, the All Churches Trust and the Garfield Weston Trust but will not know the full results until the end of April 2020. In all we have been in contact with eight funding organisations.

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

Al-Andalus to Guernica:

a History of Spanish Art

The course examines key phases of Spanish Art including: Moorish Art and the Islamic legacy; Spain's Golden Age painters – El Greco, Velasquez; Goya and the Spanish Enlightenment; Sculpture in Spain - pre-Roman to modern abstract; Spanish Modernists – Picasso, Dali, Miro.



WEA Adult Learning
Within Reach

RAVENSTHORPE POCKET PARK : AUTUMN'S BOUNTY

The pocket park is full of fruitfulness. Various berries abound the bushes, feeding the birds including winter visitors like redwings. The names and pictures of the types of berries are listed in the park noticeboard.

A good variety of fungi can be found this year after a wet October in the wood and the meadow. The mushrooms and brackets are the fruiting bodies releasing spores to germinate the next generation, that live in a microscopic invisible kingdom.

The bounty is for wildlife and should remain out of bounds to us. Much of it

PLAYING FIELD UPDATE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Playing Field will have held its AGM by the time this Newsletter goes to press. It relies entirely on its fundraising activities to continue to be able to offer the field, the pavilion and the Children's Play Area as important recreational and play resources to the village and the Committee

manages this on behalf of the villagers, who own it. Nevertheless, for some years now, we have continued to be "understaffed" in relation to key roles and people to help with the events that raise money to ensure its continued existence. We need both Committee members as well as

people who will help in relation to specific tasks and events. (For further information: Alan Worthington: 770957)

LOTTERY WINNERS: Playing Field ODDS-200 lottery winners for November are Roger Spring (£50) and Neil & Paula Mason (£20).

FUNDRAISING EVENTS:

November has been quite a whirlwind on the fundraising-event front. Thank you to everyone who has supported these so generously.

The Bonfire Night on 8th November raised £620 (this is really amazing: we think this is a record tally for a Bonfire Night). **The Quiz Night** on 15th November (with a full 'Son et Lumiere' from quizmaster Martin Wilkes)

HOME FARM COFFEE MORNING

Many thanks to everyone who supported the the November coffee morning. We made just over £1000. A special thanks to Beryl, Audrey, Lin and Janice. Half of the money raised will go to research into dementia and the

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 or Mrs Karen Eagles, Secretary, 5 Dairy

NEXT NEWSLETTER: *There is no January newsletter. The next one is the February edition. Deadline for contributions: Thursday 23rd January. Please email the editor, Alan Worthington.*

ravensthorpenewsletter@gmail.com, or if any queries, phone 770957.



*Speakers' Corner team
wish everyone a happy, healthy
and brilliant 2020*



*Many thanks to all who have supported us.
We look forward to your company at our new events*

TWO TALKS FOR SPRING 2020

RAVENSTHORPE VILLAGE HALL NN6 8EH 7 for 7.30pm

Thursday February 13th Mary Borden, Famous & Infamous

Heroine, Celebrity and Author, AND Local Resident

**This talk about Chica-
and unsung heroine
welcome return of
Shaeffer. Mary Bor-**

**was a battlefield nurse and activist. A
prolific writer recently celebrated for her war sonnets. During
the 1920's she resided in Great Brington.**



**go-born heiress
of WW1, sees the
speaker, Gary
den, 1886-1968,**

Ravensthorpe Village Hall - What's on in December?

Go to www.rvhall.online

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

Sunday 1st: 10am: **Zumba** with Lina (07725 984674).

Tuesday 5th: 8.45am to 10.30am. **Bus Stop Tots:** call Alice

07803 595106. 2.00pm to 4.30pm **Afternoon Bridge Club:** call Bernadette 770424. 7.00 for 7.30pm: **Village Cinema:** presents *Stan & Ollie* (see box)

Wednesday 4th: 10.30am – Noon. **Morning Coffee.** All Welcome. Fresh Coffee and home-made treats for just £2. 6.30pm: **Zumba** Call Lina. 07725 984674. .

Friday 6th: 9.30am **Yoga** with Caron Lindley 07786 911593.

11.15am: **Zumba Gold.** Call Lina 07725 984674.

Saturday 7th: 9.00am: **Back Care Pilates** with Tina Sheridan (07810 380636) .

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Thursday 12th: **ELECTION DAY**

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Monday 16th: **Community Carol Singing** 6.15 at St Denys, collecting around the village for the Hope Centre. 7.30 at the Village Hall for mulled wine

NEW PILATES CLASS AT VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall would like to give advance notice of new weekday Pilates classes in 2020, beginning on Monday January 6th and Thursday January 9th.

Sophie O'Brien will provide sessions suitable for all abilities begin-

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



**RAVENSTHORPE
VILLAGE CINEMA**

Ravensthorpe Village Hall

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

Seat reservation recommended

Tuesday 3rd December: 7pm for 7.30

Stan & Ollie



The true story of Hollywood's greatest comedy double act, Laurel and Hardy, is brought to the big screen for the first time. Starring Steve Coogan and John C. Reilly as the legendary movie icons, Stan & Ollie is the heart-warming story of what would become the pair's triumphant farewell tour. With their golden era long behind them, the pair embark on a variety hall tour of Britain and Ireland. Despite the pressures of a hectic schedule, and with the support of their wives Lucille (Shirley Henderson) and Ida (Nina Arianda) – a formidable double act in their own right - the pair's love of performing, as well as for each other, endures as they secure their place in the hearts of their adoring public.

Philomena co-writer Jeff Pope's inventive script was inspired by AJ Marriot's factual account of Stan and Ollie's post-war British theatre tours.

Director: Jon S. Baird and featuring Steve Coogan, John C. Reilly, Shirley Henderson, Danny Huston, Nina Arianda.

"Jon S Baird's affectionate drama balances humour and pathos, laughter and tears. Superb headline performances from Steve Coogan and John C Reilly are matched by equally sparkling supporting turns from Nina Arianda and Shirley Henderson as their combative wives..... While the pair's vocal mannerisms are spot on it's the physical patter that really flies, from the latter's silent-movie eyebrows and elbows to the former's oddly balletic clumsiness". (*The Guardian*)

95 mins. Cert PG. 2019

Tuesday 17th December: 7pm for 7.30

Yuli

Based on the true story of acclaimed dancer Carlos Acosta, Directed by Icíar Bollain, from the BAFTA-winning writer of *I, Daniel Blake*, Paul Laverty. YULI had its World Premiere at the San Sebastian Film

Festival, where it won the Best Screenplay Award. It has gone on to receive five

nominations for the Spanish 'Goya' awards including Best New Actor for Carlos Acosta, Best Cinematography and Best Adapted Screenplay.

Based on Carlos Acosta's autobiography NO WAY HOME – A CUBAN DANCER'S STORY, it is his own story about growing up in Cuba, becoming a dancer, moving to London and his relationship with his father, his family



CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES



Thank you to everyone who filled a shoe box or donated items for them. We had 125 boxes in



Happy Christmas from
Ravensthorpe WI

We are planning to send a hamper of Christmas food to the **HOPE CENTRE** in Northampton and invite you to join us.

The box will be in the Village Hall entrance area on Thursday December 12th all day (Election day!). Any Christmas food items or goods can be left there. If you prefer to give money that will also be very welcome. Thank you for making a difference to someone who is having a difficult time.

Our exciting 2020 PROGRAMME is now complete and starts on Jan 16th at 7.45pm in the village hall with a talk on the history of folk music. The speakers will also entertain us with a few folk tunes. This meeting will be an open

We warmly invite you to join us to celebrate Christmas at St Denys', Ravensthorpe

Sunday 15th December 10.00 am
Sheep Trail
followed by **Brunch@11**
In Guilsborough
Have some family fun finding the lost sheep through the village starting and finishing in the Guilsborough Village Hall with a free brunch and Christmas crafts and songs and message. Sheep trail entry 50p. There will be prizes!

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Carols for Ravensthorpe
A Traditional Service of Lessons and Carols. Everyone is welcome to this service, followed by mince pies and mulled wine.

Christmas Day
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Holy Communion
A joy filled all-age celebration of the good news of Christmas. Children bring your favourite present!

CHURCH SERVICES					
December	Time	Service Type	Led by	Location	Flowers
Sunday 1st December	8.30am	Book of Common Prayer Communion	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	Advent Sunday
Sunday 8th December	10.00am	Uplands Group Service—	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	2nd Sunday of Advent
Sunday 15th December	9.45am	Common Worship with Communion	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	3rd Sunday of Advent
	10.00am	Advent Sheep Trail followed by Brunch@11	Lay Team & Clergy	Guilsborough Village Hall	
Thursday 19th December	6.30pm	“Blue Christmas” Service	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	
Sunday 22rd December	11.00am	Worship for All with Donkey Service	Lay Team & Clergy	Ravensthorpe	4th Sunday of Advent
Tuesday 24th December	5.00pm	Carol Service	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	
Wednesday	10.00am	Christmas Day Service—	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	Christmas Day
Sunday 29th December	10.00am	Uplands Group Service—	Clergy	Cottesbrooke	1st Sunday of Christmas
January					
Sunday 5th January	8.30am	BCP Communion	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	The Epiphany
Sunday 12th January	10.00am	Uplands Group Service—	Clergy	Thornby	2nd Sunday of Epiphany
Sunday 19th January	9.45am	Common Worship with Communion	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	3rd Sunday of Epiphany
	11.00am	Brunch@11	Lay Team & Clergy	Guilsborough Village Hall	
Sunday 26th January	11.00am	Worship for All	Lay Team & Clergy	Ravensthorpe	4th Sunday of Epiphany