

NEWSLETTER

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RAVENSTHORPE VILLAGE OPEN DAY – SUNDAY, JUNE 21ST TO RAISE FUNDS FOR VILLAGE HALL IMPROVEMENTS

A great day has been planned by the organisers. **Twelve Gardens** ranging from the quite small to the very large will be open. **Light Lunches and Teas** will be served in the Village Hall. Entertainment will be provided by **The Moulton Morris Dancers** and **The Guilsborough County School Swing Band** (at 1.00pm at Hawtoft Farm). **The Guilsborough Primary School Dance Troop** will perform in The Old Vicarage Garden. **A Children's Pets Corner and Games** will also be at Hawtoft Farm. There will be **Plant, Books, China, Bric-a-Brac** and numerous **Craft Stalls** in various locations with **Displays of Art Work** and **Glass Painting** in the Church. **Cakes, Jams and Marmalade** will be on sale in the Village Hall which will also house **Tombola** and **Win-a-Bottle**. **Horace Batten's Boot Making Workshop** will welcome visitors all day.

PLEASE sign up soon for the **SCRAP SCULPTURE CHALLENGE**. There is no barrier to people living outside the village or by age. Use your imagination to create a model, sculpture or work of art made from recycled items of junk for display in a garden. Contact: **Ros Smith 770471**.

COME AND ENJOY A WONDERFUL TIME !!!

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THE PARISH MEETING -22nd APRIL. As reported last month **John Matts** is retiring as Chairman of the Parish Council after 18 years service (not 12 as stated last month). He hopes to remain on the Council so his experience and wisdom will not be lost. With **Rosemary Partridge** retiring as co-ordinator of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme a new co-ordinator is being sought. A brief summary of other matters follows. **VILLAGE HALL - Trevor Foss** thanked his committee for another successful year. Funds stand currently at £18,000 but this is being "ring fenced" for the Hall improvements. The hall has been used regularly making it a busy hub of village life. **THE POLICE REPORT** was given by **Glyn Lewis** showing a reduction in reported crimes from 16 in 2007 to 10 in 2008. Glyn asked villagers to report "Bag-Knockers" (people hawking dusters etc. door to door) to the police on 08453 700700. Crimes have been reported where these teams are operating. Residents are requested to ensure that houses, garages and sheds are securely locked as burglary is moving out of town due to a recent police crack downs there. **POCKET PARK** - It was agreed to set aside an area with a tree and bench in memory of **Pat Patrick** who was instrumental in providing this beautiful and quiet corner of the village. **DOG MESS** - This problem continues especially in Top Ardles Wood, the set-aside land above the reservoir and on the playing field where dog faeces can spread dangerous diseases to children. Unfortunately, it appears that local residents are mostly to blame. **The Daventry Dog Warden** has been called in to make patrols and she has the power to make on the spot fines. It is a requirement that dogs be on a lead when walked across the playing field. **STREET LIGHTING** - The possibility of incorporating timers to switch off the lights at midnight is being investigated. **POT HOLES** – The County Council have undertaken a survey of the state of local roads and deep holes have been marked for repair. **PLAYING FIELD - Martin Wilkes** reported on the success of four fund raising events, Odds 200 lottery, Quiz Night, Race Night and Firework Display and also the contribution from Hollowell Steam Rally for the volunteers who manned stands. He thanked, amongst many others, the support of **Gordon and Gill Walker at The Chequers**. Maintenance and repair works have been carried out and improvements planned.

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CHURCH FETE – SUNDAY, 9th AUGUST. Plans for the Fete are well underway. The event will start at 12 noon with the BBC's Green Welly Show including a Ploughman's Lunch and Flower Arranging demonstration. The Bric-a-Brac stall will be open. The Fete proper will be opened at 2.00pm by local BBC Radio's **Kevin Saddington**. Features of the show will include Daventry Model Boat Club, Flying Model Airplanes, Corby Scouts' Band, Jazz Pianist, Teas & Cakes, at least 8 stalls and much, much more.

Quality Bric-a-Brac is still being sought and should be taken to **Colin Mold** at Torch Hill Farm, also **David Johnstone** is collecting books at 1, Coton Road for the bookstall. Offers of sweets for Ye Olde Village Sweet Shop as well as Raffle Prizes will be welcomed. Contact:- **Colin** on 770667 with any offers of help or ideas.

EILEEN REED 1925 - 2009 by her daughter, Ros Davies

Our mother was born in Ravensthorpe, the youngest child of Randal and Millicent Hickman, an old Ravensthorpe family. Apart from living briefly with her sister in Northampton during the war, she lived her entire life in the village. She met her husband, John, when he was a soldier stationed at Guilsborough during the war, and they married in 1946.

At first they lived at 41 High Street. Later they moved to 10 Bettycroft Close before finally ending up at 43 High Street.

Mum was always very active in village life joining, among others, the WI, skittles, darts, bingo and Senior Citizens. She was a caring person, always ready to help out, and looked after several family members in their old age. She was a keen gardener, growing most of her own fruit and vegetables. She was also an excellent sewer and cook. She worked for many years at Horace Batten's, making riding boots.

She enjoyed travelling and loved her family and friends. We will all miss her.

A MESSAGE FROM JOHN PATRICK

To my kind friends, The Australian Health Service, The Three Shires, The National Health Service, The Doctors, District Nurses, Marie Curie and Macmillan

So many people have been so very kind to Pat and all our family. Your cards, flowers, phone calls and emails have given us so much support.

One of Pat's oft repeated phrases, "if at first you don't succeed try, try, try again" and didn't she try for 15 months! A total of over £1000 was sent off to Marie Curie and Macmillan as a result of your donations.

Thank you all so very much.

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GUILSBOROUGH CEVA PRIMARY SCHOOL /			GUILSBOROUGH SURGERY PATIENT
SUMMER FAIR /			PARTICIPATION GROUP
FRIDAY, 19th JUNE from 6 to 8 pm /			Carers Coffee Morning Friday 12th June
STALLS, TRADITIONAL GAMES, BBQ, /			10am to noon at the Surgery
SWIMMING FOR CHILDREN /			Annual General Meeting Wed. 17th June
In aid of Guilsborough CEVA Primary School PTA /			7-7.30pm at the Surgery
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MOONWALK – 16th May. Sian Griffiths and two friends took 9 hours to complete the 26.2 mile course but well worth it as they raised almost £1000 for Breast Cancer Research. Well done and thanks to all their supporters.

A MESSAGE FROM SUE BESWICK (POSTIE)

Dear Friends, I am finding it hard to put into words my overwhelming gratitude for your generosity and I have also received many cards and flowers with your best wishes.

I find it amazing to be so well thought of and will do my best to be back putting your bills and junk mail through your letterboxes as soon as possible. With many thanks and best wishes, Sue (Postie)

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK. Many thanks to **Ken and Barbara Ward** for organising the collection for this Charity and thanks also to those who distributed and retrieved the envelopes throughout the village. The generosity of donations was wonderful. £563 was raised.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE - MONTHLY MEETING Thursday, 18th June at 8pm in the Village Hall
Survival of the Fittest Jan Warner

CHURCH FLOWERS. Is there anyone who would volunteer to do the altar flowers once or maybe twice a year? You do not have to be an arranger; flowers can just be put in the two brass vases. Please call Yvonne Reeve on 770408 if you feel you can help. A big thank you to everyone who already help decorate the church.

CHURCH SERVICES	ALTAR FLOWERS & BRASS ROTA
Sunday 7 th June 8.30 am Holy Communion at Guilsborough	Rosemary Gee
Sunday 14 th June 11.00 am Family Service	Rosemary Gee
Sunday 21 st June NO SERVICE	Ros Jones
Sunday 28 th June 11.00 am Holy Communion	Ros Jones
Sunday 5 th July 8.30 am Holy Communion	Yvonne Childs
Vicar: The Revd. Michael Petitt Tel: 743508	

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