

NEWSLETTER

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ST. DENYS CHURCH FETE – Sunday 7th August

FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT OF OUR CHURCH

At Torch Hill Farm, Ravensthorpe from 12 noon to 4.30pm. Hosted by Colin & Emma Mold

The Fete will be opened by the Revd. Mark Battison

Entrance - £1 per person - Ploughman's Lunches at £3 will be served from 12 noon until they run out! Refreshments such as teas, cakes & soft drinks together with an ice cream van will be available

FEATURES OF THE FETE THIS YEAR will include a Red Roadmaster Bus which will run mystery tours every half hour or so from 2 to 4pm. There will be a display of Classic Cars and entertainment provided by *The Brackley 25 piece Brass Band* and *The Sunshine Steel Band*.

Competitions will include Golf, Skittles, Coconut Shy and Clothes Peg challenge. Other games include Tombola, Spinning Jenny, Lucky Dip and Whack the Rat.

There will be a Bouncy Castle, Raffle, Bric-a-Brac, Book Stall, Plant sales, Face Painting, Home made Fudge, Jams and Jewellery..... and much more to see and do.

Finally but not least! **THE BALLOON RACE**. Last year the winning balloon flew to Bavaria earning its lucky owner a meal out for two and a bottle of wine. Can we beat this ??? Why not !!

Don't miss this great day!

WANTED:- Books for the Book Stall to David and Mavis Johnstone, 1 Coton Road – Raffle and other prizes- quality bric-a-brac – offers of help manning stalls and games, setting-up and taking down, please contact: Colin Mold on 770667.

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YELLOW BOOK GARDENS OPEN DAY – SUNDAY 10TH JULY from 2pm

Five gardens will be opening for the National Gardens' Scheme. This year Ros and Gordon Smith (**Treetops, Teeton Rd.**) will be joining **Quiet Ways, Teeton Rd.** (Sally and Russ Barringer), **The Old Forge, High St.** (Anna and Brian Guest), **Mill House, Long Lane** (Gill and Ken Pawson) and **The Display Garden, Ravensthorpe Nursery, East Haddon Rd.** (Jean and Richard Wiseman).

Teas will be served at the Playing Field Pavilion in aid of VH Refurbishment Funds. **Admission charges** will go to charities including MacMillan and Marie Curie Cancer Care, Crossroads Care, Help the Hospices, Queen's Nursing Institute, Arthritis Research, The Soldiers' Charity, NGS Elizabeth Thompson Bursary Fund and others. **Please come and enjoy five beautiful gardens and help boost the funds of these worthwhile causes.**

INVITATION TO COTON MANOR IN AID OF THE RED CROSS

The gardens will be open on Tuesday, 2nd August from 6.30 – 8.30pm in aid of the Northants Branch of the British Red Cross. **EVERYBODY IS WELCOME – Entrance £10 includes a glass of wine and light refreshments and hopefully an opportunity to enjoy the garden in the early evening light without rain!**

The new President, Lady Elwood, is keen to raise awareness of the work carried out by the charity in the county which ranges from helping Fire and Rescue at incidents, providing shelter, hot drinks, food, clothing, blankets, etc. The Northants Red Cross provides training in first aid and trains volunteers as advanced ambulance technicians. They also provide a Dial-a wheelchair service and therapeutic care for people in crisis – **this is life saving work!**

THE MARRIAGE of Stephanie Monk and Craig Mahoney took place at St. Denys Church on Saturday, 4th June conducted by the Revd. Mark Battison. The couple continue to live in Dairy Fields and we wish them every happiness.

EDGAR (Eddie) JAMES died on 18th June aged 84. His early working life was spent in South Africa as manager of a car plant. He then returned to England and managed a radio factory in Ramsgate. Following retirement, he and his wife came to 29 Scott Close where they have lived for the past 15 years. He was keen to join in village affairs as a member of the Senior Citizens Club and a regular supporter of the Village Hall and the Playing Fields.

His wife, **Doreen** would like to thank the residents of Ravensthorpe for all the support they have given over the years and their kind messages following Eddie's death.

FAMILY FUN DAY -18th June – by Nicola Williams. A huge thank you from Emma, Nicki and Rob to everyone who helped out and came along to the Playing Fields. It was a lovely afternoon with lots of family entertainment. The event was very successful and a total of over £2200 (*amazing!*) was raised for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust. Thank you!

COMMUNITY QUILT for PROSTATE CANCER RESEARCH – by Gill Douglas

There are 7 men in the village with prostate cancer. Our aim this winter is to sew a hexagon patchwork quilt made out of men's silk ties to raise money for Prostate Cancer Research. Needed are hand sewers to work two ties of complimentary colours into diamond shapes, only 16 hexagons per tie – full instructions are given. Silk ties are also needed (every man has a dud!). The diamonds should be ready by **early October** so that we can put the quilt together over the winter, exhibit in Spring and then fund raise. **Contact Gill on 770541 to offer help and for more details.**

VILLAGE HALL UPDATE – by Trevor Foss. Refurbishment work is going ahead and we can now start to see real progress being made. Funds will not allow us to finish the kitchen extension but kitchen units and worktops will be added when funds allow. **Can I make two appeals!**

1) **In an effort to save funds we have decided to take on the task of decorating ourselves and will desperately need a team of volunteers. We hope to start mid August, so watch out for further details or contact a committee member now.** 2) **It is not too late to make a pledge every penny will help us complete all the work!**

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT – by John Patrick. Our **COFFEE MORNING** this year will be held on **Saturday 17th September 10am to noon in the Village Hall.** Your help will be much appreciated by joining us and/or baking a cake to bring to the Hall on the morning. Please sort out some Bric-a-Brac (new or nearly new) for Roger and Pat Spring, 23 Guilsborough Rd. Liz Reader, 34 High St. (770275) would like your books. John Patrick, 32 High St.(770596) would like raffle prizes. Pat Foss (770466) will collect items if required.

PLAYING FIELD NEWS – FRIDAY FREEBIES: Please note that due to a clash with another event, **the Rounders planned for 1 July at the Playing Field has been rescheduled for FRIDAY 15th July at 6.30pm.** Apologies for the change! An event is still planned for **FRIDAY 12th August at 6.30pm.**

ODDS 200 LOTTERY – The PF Committee would like to express their thanks to everyone who renewed their annual ODDS 200 tickets and showed their support in meeting the on-going costs associated with maintaining our wonderful facility. Tickets can still be bought from the Village PO & Shop and are available throughout the year.

June winners: - £50 Mrs J. Faulkner, £20 Mrs B. Taylor. Next Draw – Thursday 7th July.

W.I. MONTHLY MEETING – Thursday 21st July – 8pm at Ann Fowler's house, Home Farm – “Crazy Hats”

Thank you to all those who contributed money for the Easter Lilies – a total of £70 was given.

CHURCH SERVICES		ALTAR FLOWERS & BRASS ROTA
Sunday 3 rd July	8.30am Holy Communion	Yvonne Childs
Sunday 10 th July	10.00am Group Service at Spratton	Yvonne Childs
Sunday 17 th July	9.45am Holy Communion	Ann Smith
Sunday 24 th July	11.00am All Ages Service	Ann Smith
Sunday 31 st July	10.00am Group Service at Hollowell	Beryl Mott
Sunday 7 th August	8.30am Holy Communion (FETE SUNDAY)	Beryl Mott
Sunday 14 th August	10.00am Group Service at Ravensthorpe	Barbara Ward
Sunday 21 st August	9.45am Holy Communion	Barbara Ward
Sunday 28 th August	11.00am All Ages Service	Thalia Pike
Sunday 4 th September	8.30am Holy Communion	Thalia Pike

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