

## CRIB FIGURES RESTORED

ST DENYS CHURCH has a wonderful set of crib Figures which are unique in quality and size. They have been in our church for over 45 years and inevitably suffered some knocks and deterioration over time.

**Dennis Patrick** organised their restoration which has been carried out by **Barbara Wykes**, a sculptress and chief designer at Haddonstone in East Haddon. This work, which has restored the figures to their former glory, has been generously carried out without any charge. The Parochial Church Council and, we trust, all the Parish are very grateful.

The figure of the Christ Child was presented by the **Ravensthorpe Mother's Union** led by **Mrs Beatrice Rice**, sister of the then vicar Reverend Chew. The choir, which then numbered 30 villagers, raised the money for the figures of Mary and Joseph. The figure of the Angel was given by **Mr and Mrs Ivan Smith**, parents of Nigel Smith.

The late **Commander and Mrs Pasley-Tyler** gave the figures of the Ox and the Ass.

All these figures were made in Italy. At one time there were also two sheep made with white fur by Mrs Ivan Smith but sadly these have not survived.

## EASTER LILIES

Anyone wishing to donate a Lily in memory of a loved one, to decorate the Church at Easter, please contact:

**Doreen Buck** on 770220

## WOMEN'S INSTITUTE MONTHLY MEETING

VILLAGE HALL  
THURSDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH  
at 8pm

Hostesses: G Brown and M Edgar

**Talk by Connie Bailey**  
**"Artwork with Mirrors"**  
New Members and visitors  
welcome

## CHARLES REEVE - LORD OF THE MANOR OF RAVENSTHORPE

by KAREN REEVE

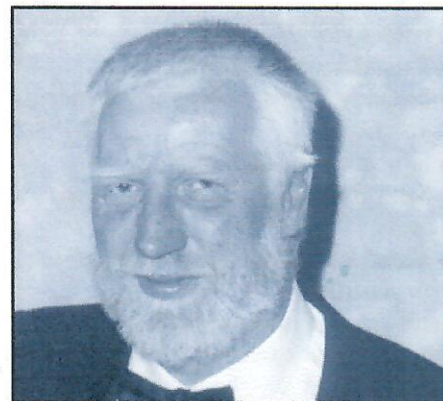
As some of you may know, **Jack Davies**, former Lord of the Manor of Ravensthorpe has sadly passed away and his title has been vacant until now. **Charles** is the new Lord of the Manor of Ravensthorpe.

There cannot be many villagers who haven't bumped into Charles, although most of them will know him as "Charlie."

Charles' parents, Tom and Pauline owned a building firm in Coventry and began building work in Ravensthorpe with their own home in the High Street, moving here in 1961 with Charles and his younger brother Simon.

When they left school both Charles and Simon joined the family firm and over the years they built more homes in the village including many along the Guilsborough Road and Little Lane, as well as the whole of Scott Close.

In 1972 Charles married Yvonne and they moved into Scott Close and in 1982



*Charles Reeve,  
Lord of the Manor of Ravensthorpe*

Simon married Shona and they moved next door.

In 1983 Tom died. A few years after Tom's death Simon and Shona moved to Australia with their family. Charles then decided not to continue their building firm on his own. The last two houses he built are at the bottom of Little Lane, next to the Post Office, in what had once been their builder's yard!

## LENT LUNCHES

LENT LUNCHES WILL BE HELD  
ON WEDNESDAYS IN LENT.

Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy these friendly events. A minimum donation of £2 each is expected, half of which will go to the Bangladesh Toc-H and half to St Denys Church.

The Hostesses are:-

3<sup>RD</sup> March - Beryl Mott  
16 Church Gardens

10<sup>TH</sup> March - Ann Fowler  
Home Farm

17<sup>TH</sup> March - Thalia Pike  
The Old Vicarage

24<sup>TH</sup> March - Rosemary Gee  
"Ravenswood" Coton

31<sup>ST</sup> March - Mavis Johnstone  
No 1, Coton Road

Anyone needing transport should  
contact Beryl Mott, tel: 770618

## RAVENSTHORPE PLAYING FIELD

# QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL  
VILLAGE HALL 7.30pm

*Enter a team!*

Entry: £10 per team

£2.50 per member

**INCLUDES SUPPER  
BAR EXTRA**

SUPPORT YOUR PLAYING FIELD!

**STOP PRESS!**

**NEW PLAYING FIELD LOTTERY -**  
Further details on this soon

**BROADBAND 4  
EAST HADDON EXCHANGE**  
by STEVE PEARSON

THIS is a local campaign aimed at getting East Haddon telephone Broadband enabled. The exchange supplies East Haddon, Great Brington, Little Brington, Holdenby and Ravensthorpe.

Broadband gives you a high-speed connection to the internet that is "always on." Whether used for business or leisure, it enables you to:

- Talk and surf at the same time
- Instantly access the internet whenever you like
- Stay in touch at all times
- Send and receive attachments more easily
- View web contents up to 10 times faster than before

It will cost BT in the region of £250,000 to upgrade our exchange, BT has set a trigger level of 200 households to show their interest in Broadband and so far 156 have registered. It is important to remember that by giving your details, you are not committing yourselves to anything, only showing your interest.

Go to [www.ravensthorpe.net](http://www.ravensthorpe.net) and click-on and register your interest. You may also be able to register with your own ISP.

If you prefer to speak to someone, please call me, Steve Pearson, on 770982 and I will be happy to register you.

Email-

[stevepearson@ravensthorpe.net](mailto:stevepearson@ravensthorpe.net)

**TRAVEL CONCESSIONS  
FOR 2004**

BY NOW those who qualify for Travel Concessions should have received a yellow form from Daventry District Council. If you have not received a form, please phone Pat Foss (770466) and arrange to collect one.

Tokens are free and worth up to £30 for the year and accepted by most buses, Silverlink trains and some local taxis.

**Tokens can be collected from, Pat Foss at the Senior Citizens Meeting to be held at Lin Hudson's home, "Hunters Gap," High Street on Friday 2<sup>ND</sup> April between 2.00 and 4.00pm. You will be welcomed with a cup of tea - but DON'T FORGET YOUR YELLOW FORM.**

**POST OFFICE AND VILLAGE SHOP**

THREE YEARS AGO the Newsletter featured an article on the Post Office and Shop. However many newcomers to the village may not be aware of the many services provided. The recent closure of the shop and post office in Guilsborough has highlighted the importance of supporting this valuable asset in the village.

The shop is open from 6.00am to 6.00pm Monday to Friday and 6.00am to 1.00pm on Saturday and Sunday. Newspapers are delivered daily. Freshly baked bread is available from 6.00am and fresh free-range eggs. Dry cleaning and shoe repairs are also arranged.

Post Office services include a banking service with Barclays, Lloyds TSB, Alliance & Leicester, and the Co-Op (with Cahoot Internet) providing cheque

cashing and deposits. We encourage the use of the Post Office Card Account for receiving pensions. Please use this service in conjunction with one of the participating banks. Most bills can be paid through Post Office Ltd., without charge.

Barbara Glossop has retired from working part-time in the shop after five years and David McDermott wishes to express his gratitude to her. She will be missed.

Janet Reader will be taking Barbara's place and David's father Alec is also helping out.

The Post Office and Shop deserve all the support we can give. No hardship considering the convenience of the wide range of services available on our doorstep.

**PAVILION FOR HIRE  
HAVING A PARTY OR  
CELEBRATION?**

The Playing Field Pavilion is available for hire (£6 per hour).

Ideal for children's parties, with catering equipment, children's play area and 5-a-side football available.

Information also available for marquee hire and other party accessories (clowns, discos, bouncy castles).

For further information contact:

Barry Langsford (771195),

Wendy Bolland (771153)

or Alan Worthington (770957).

**LONG BUCKBY LIBRARY**

Opening hours will change on

15<sup>TH</sup> March to:

- Monday.....9am - 1pm 2pm - 5.30pm
- Tuesday.....9am - 1pm 2pm - 7.30pm
- Wednesday .....2pm - 5.30pm
- Thursday.....2pm - 5.30pm
- Friday.....9am - 1pm 2pm - 7.30pm
- Saturday.....9am - 1pm

**YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS PLEASE  
DEADLINE FOR APRIL ISSUE  
IS 23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH**

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**CHURCH SERVICES**

ALTAR FLOWERS  
AND BRASS ROTA

Sunday	7 <sup>TH</sup> March	8.00am	Holy Communion (correction)	Lent
Sunday	14 <sup>TH</sup> March	11.00am	Holy Communion	Lent
Sunday	21 <sup>ST</sup> March	11.00am	Mothering Sunday and Family Service	Lent
Sunday	28 <sup>TH</sup> March	11.00am	Holy Communion	Lent
Sunday	4 <sup>TH</sup> April	11.00am	Palm Sunday and Family Service	Lent
Thursday	8 <sup>TH</sup> April	7.30pm	Maundy Thursday Holy Communion at Thorby	Lent
Friday	9 <sup>TH</sup> April	12-1.00pm	Good Friday Address and Prayers	Lent
Sunday	11 <sup>TH</sup> April	11.30am	Easter Sunday Holy Communion	Easter Lilies