

NEWSLETTER

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ANOTHER WONDERFUL CHURCH FETE

Despite some threatening grey clouds early in the afternoon (which I'm told dropped heavy rain for 15 minutes on East Haddon – a mile away) we enjoyed a dry sunny day for the Fete.

For the fourth year the Fete would never have happened without the VERY hard work, enthusiasm and hospitality of Colin and Emma Mold. Our thanks go out to them and all those who helped in the setting up, the manning of stalls and games and to all those who donated items for sale, fresh produce and prizes for the raffle and games.

The WI served over 300 teas and 70 ploughman's lunches and we were entertained throughout the afternoon by the Corby Scout's Marching Band and the wonderful Lincoln Noel playing jazz and swing on his keyboard. Meanwhile, over the valley, model aeroplanes of the Daventry and Norton Flying Club performed their stunts and aerobatics.

We are grateful to all the sponsors and when the final total for the event is known (it should be over £4000) we will list and thank them all in the next Newsletter. The funds raised will help to pay the recent bill of £30,000 for repairs to the fabric and stonework of St Denys' Church.

COFFEE MORNING IN AID OF MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

26TH SEPTEMBER AT 10am to 12 noon in THE VILLAGE HALL

Cakes, Bring-an'- Buy, Books, Bric-a-Brac, Raffle and Refreshments. Any donations to the stalls will be greatly appreciated. Contact Lin Hudson, Pat Foss, Michelle Pearson or Pat Spring. Lets make an extra special effort to raise as much as possible for this worthwhile cause

VILLAGE HALL. The funds raised on the Open Day have increased by £350 thanks to donations and the sale of pictures organised by **Alistair Wheeler** and printed by **Lee Eagles**. Thank you for all your generous gifts. **ALSO** – The Cake Stall at the Church Fete, with matching funds donated by Barclaycard, raised a further £500 or so. The VH Committee would like to thank the Fete Committee for allowing us this opportunity, and thanks also to our wonderful cake makers.

BEN NEVIS CHALLENGE in aid of THE ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY 18th-21st September
John and Wendy Bolland are participating in this event and plan to climb Ben Nevis hoping to raise £2000 supporting the patients and cares of those suffering from all types of dementia.

You can support this cause by completing a sponsorship form at Sunnyside, High Street, Ravensthorpe. Tel: 771153 or online at www.justliving.com/johnandwendybolland.

John and Wendy will pay their own registration fees and travel costs.

HARVEST SUPPER FRIDAY 2ND OCTOBER at 7.30pm in The Village Hall

Please contact **Meg Benn on 770629** to reserve your place on the night. This is an evening for all the family and tickets will be £6.50 for adults and £4.00 for children under 13 years old. All contributions of salads, baked potatoes, and apple pies will be greatly appreciated. Also Raffle prizes

If you are able to assist in any way, please contact Meg Benn – Tel: 770629

CYNTHIA SPENCER CHARITY BIKE RIDE - Sunday, 27th September - Steve Pearson of 6 West Haddon Road is taking part in this event and would like to let everyone know that there will be a sponsorship form in **The Post Office** and **The Chequers** should anyone wish to make a donation.

WILLIAM FLYNN 27th October 1920 – 8th July 2009

The funeral was held at St Denys' Church on July 17th for Bill Flynn, the father of Gill Douglas.

Bill was born in Aston, Birmingham and lived in Birmingham all his life until he became unwell just over two years ago and he moved with his wife of 63 years, Celia, to Ravensthorpe.

During his working life he was an expert metal spinner involved in projects for the Military, the Corona shields for the nuclear industry and he also designed the huge globe that was the centrepiece of the World Scout Jubilee in August 1957. After working for English Electric and IMI he set up his own factory where he produced the "flexivents" used in tumble driers.

In WWII he joined the RAF spending most of his time in Egypt, Libya, Jordan and Palestine. He was part of a special armoured scouting force whose role was to guard forward landing stripes and the pipelines that crossed the desert. They also formed a communications link over these vast areas.

Bill met Celia just after the war when they both were working at Austins in Longbridge. Together they had three children, five grandchildren and two great grandchildren. All of them remember him for his generosity and great sense of fun. Our sympathy goes out to them all – especially to Celia.

A SERIES OF AUTUMN LUNCHESES will be given again this year. A minimum donation of £3.50 is expected with the money raised going to a charity of the hostess's choosing - **all from 12 to 2pm.**

The first will be given by **Lorna Jones**, 28 Teeton Road on **Wednesday, 23rd September.**

The next will be given by **Tricia Freeman**, 2 The Orchards on **Wednesday, 7th October**

The last one will be given by **Ann Fowler** at Home Farm on **Wednesday, 21st October**

Please come along and enjoy your neighbours' company and some great food in a good cause.

NORTHANTS HISTORIC CHURCHES CYCLE RIDE/ WALK Saturday 12th September

This is an annual event to raise funds for the repair of churches and chapels of any denomination.

Cyclists and walkers can be sponsored to visit some or all of the 50 churches/chapels in the Brixworth area. **Sponsorship forms** are available from **Meg Benn** at 15 Church Gardens or **David Johnstone** at 1 Coton Road. You will enjoy a great day visiting and helping maintain our heritage.

BUTTERFLY TEA PARTY 12TH September 2-4pm at Ravensthorpe Memorial Playing Field

Bring your friends,, and have fun whilst helping to raise £25,000 for Children's Hospices UK. As well as tea, coffee and cakes a range of stationary products and charity cards will be for sale.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH CO-ORDINATOR NEEDED following the retirement of Rosemary Partridge. If you can spare the time and would be interested please contact the Parish Clerk, Liz Peachey on 770894 or email ravensthorpepc@yahoo.co.uk

VANDALS have been taking the papers delivered outside the Village Shop and throwing some onto the High Street. This costs David McDermott time and money. **Call the Police if you see them!**

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE MONTHLY MEETING Thursday, 17th September at 8pm in The Village Hall.
The last Straw (An Introduction to Corn Dollies) Margaret Rees. New members and visitors welcome

BAPTISMS. The following were recently Baptised:- **Isaac Williams** of 7 Church Hill on July 12th, **Max Harfield** of Rugby on 26th July, **Cory Hughes** of 9 Scott Close on August 2nd and **Edward (Ned) Tevendale** of Bettycroft Close on August 23rd.

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 6th September 8.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 13th September 11.00am Holy Communion (???)

Sunday 20th September 11.00am Family Service

Sunday 27th September 11.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 4th October 11.00am **Harvest Festival**

ALTAR FLOWERS & BRASS ROTA

Mary Hancox (Wedding)

Liz Reader

Beryl Mott for Doreen Buck

Beryl Mott

Yvonne Reeve

Contributions for the October Newsletter should be sent to the editor, John Mott at 16 Church Gardens. Telephone: 770618 – email: jmd.mott@yahoo.co.uk by September 23rd.

