

# NEWSLETTER

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## THE LICENSING OF THE REVEREND MARK BATTISON

The licensing service for Mark as Priest-in Charge of the Uplands Group of Parishes will take place at 7.30pm on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September at St. Etheldrega Church in Guilsborough. The service will be taken by Bishop John Holbrooke and everyone from across our Group is invited to attend. There will be refreshments afterwards and this is an opportunity to welcome Mark as our full time Vicar and share in this joyous occasion as well as continuing to grow our fellowship together.

### NORTHANTS HISTORIC CHURCHES “STRIDE & RIDE” Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September.

This annual event raises money 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 can be obtained from Gill Douglas, Hill House, High St., Ravensthorpe. Tel: 770541.**

*You will enjoy a great day visiting and helping to maintain our heritage*

### GRAND OPENING OF THE REFURBISHED VILLAGE HALL– Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 3.30pm.

Mrs Joan Tice of the Bernard Sunley Foundation has kindly agreed to cut the ribbon. All are welcome to come along and **see what has been achieved**. Teas and cakes will be served. Any offers of cakes? - Please call Pat on 770466.

In an effort to raise funds to furnish the kitchen a **Safari Supper** will be held on 29<sup>th</sup> October. More details in the next Newsletter but if you can help with starters or puddings please contact Pat Foss 770466.

### MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT COFFEE MORNING – 17<sup>th</sup> September in the Village Hall, 10am – noon.

Your support by joining us will be much appreciated – also appreciated will be donations of good quality bric-a-brac to Roger Spring, 23 Guilsborough Rd, books to Liz Reader, 34 High St., and raffle prizes to John Patrick, 32 High St. Pat Foss (770466) will collect items if required. Any cakes should be brought in the morning- thanks in advance.

### CRABTREE POCKET PARK – PLEASE HELP !!!

Every year we need to cut and rake off the grass and flower stems from the wild flower area so that the flowers will flourish in the following year. For the past few years the Post Office Managers' volunteer group has done this, but they are not able to help this year and so **we are appealing for help**.

**The rack will take place on 1<sup>st</sup> October from 9.30am.** Racks are provided but gloves are necessary. If you could help for an hour it would be greatly appreciated. If you have a wheelbarrow it would be helpful if you bring it along.

We had a wonderful display earlier this year of cowslips, as well as daffodils, daisies, yellow rattle, snowdrops and other flowers. Please help us to ensure that next year they are as good. For information contact Cliff Giles on 770451.

### HARVEST SUPPER – Saturday evening 1<sup>st</sup> October at 7.30 for 8pm in The Village Hall

**Good food, Bar and everybody welcome!** To reserve a place or offer to help, please phone Meg Ben on 770629.

Tickets: Adults £6.50 and £4.00 for children under 14. Any assistance with making the salads, baked potatoes and apple pies will be gratefully received.

### HARVEST FESTIVAL – Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 11.00am at St. Denys Church

All gifts of flowers and produce to decorate the church will be most welcome and they will be auctioned at the end of the service in aid of the Toc H charity in Bangladesh. **These should be delivered to the church on Saturday the 1<sup>st</sup>.**

In place of a sermon, **Trevor Foss will give a talk on the current situation and future of farming in Ravensthorpe and the country.**

Refreshments will be served after the service and this year a **small prize will be given for the best harvest contribution from a child – how about bringing along a piece of home grown fruit/veg you have helped to grow, a harvest craft or piece of baking you have done, or a harvest picture you have drawn?**

**TERRY WRIGHT 11<sup>th</sup> September 1944 – 24<sup>th</sup> July 2011 a tribute by his wife Maureen**

Terry was born in Holcot 66 years ago and became a TV engineer. Later he worked for himself and we ran an ariel business. We were both 20 years old when we married and have 2 daughters, Mandy and Karen and 4 grandchildren. Terry was a quiet and a private man, but very caring and always supported me and the children in whatever we did.

Terry and I moved to Ravensthorpe 19 years ago and found it to be a lovely friendly village. He had a triple by-pass 5 years ago due to heart problems but always remained positive throughout his illness and carried on doing what he could, tending his tomatoes and his love of carpentry, which he was very good at.

We've been left with a huge gap in our lives but will try and remain strong and positive like him.

God bless you Terry. Love, Maureen, Mandy, Karen and all the family

**THE CHURCH FETE – an edited report from Colin and Emma Mold**

Despite a couple of rain showers around 2pm the fete was a great success and, most importantly, hugely enjoyable. We think we had over 650 people through the gate and raised some £3,500 with hopefully some more to come in. The music provided by the brass band and the steel band complimented one another perfectly. All of the 20 or so stands did well and want to return next year. The games and competitions were again fiercely contested. There were 12 classic cars and 2 classic tractors which were an extra attraction this year. The WI teas and Ploughman's lunches were as usual a huge success. Well done to all the ladies!

The Bric-a-Brac exceeded all expectations on the takings this year- so well done "Rocking Roger" and "Dicey Dianne". The old Roadmaster bus was a popular attraction making 3 nostalgic mystery trips. The Raffle was also a great success thanks to Paulene Reeve and Marie Wornum. The Tombola as always was sold out.

A big thank you to Mike O'Donnell on the gate who was busy all afternoon. Also thanks to Cliff Giles and Alex Nottingham who orchestrated the traffic, car park, classic cars and stalls and to all those who helped setting up and taking down. We're grateful also to Gordon and Gill at the Chequers for the prizes they donated and Liz and Janet Reader on the Cake Stall and all who baked for us. **If I've missed anybody – Thank You !**

At the end of the fete 120 balloons were released in the Balloon Race. How far will one go this year?

*It was the best fete since we started 6 years ago – so watch out NEXT YEAR !!!*

**NATIONAL GARDENS SCHEME (YELLOW BOOK) Open Day on 10<sup>th</sup> July - by Jean Wiseman 770548**

Thanks to all who supported the scheme – we had over 250 visitors and sent over £1000 to the scheme, which supports the many charities listed in the June Newsletter. The County raised in excess of £60,000, an increase of about 7%, amazing in these hard times. The Village Hall Refurbishment Fund also benefitted by £400 from the sale of teas.

**We need more prospective garden openers. If interested please contact me, Jean Wiseman, on 770548 or at the Nursery. Time is running out for our entry to be ready for inclusion in next years' Yellow Book.**

**BUS SERVICE CHANGES** - Your editor is grateful to Roger Spring for this information (I hope I've got it right.)

The current bus service will end on 5<sup>th</sup> September and be replaced by **COUNTY CONNECT**. This service has been piloted elsewhere and will be monitored closely to ensure it keeps up with demand.

The key fundamentals of the service are that intending passengers need to pre-register and make subsequent bookings by phoning 0845 456 4474 or website [www.county-connect.co.uk](http://www.county-connect.co.uk). Further information is available by phoning or on the website. **Leaflets explaining the service should be available at the Post Office and Libraries.**

**THE EVENING on 2<sup>nd</sup> August at COTON MANOR in aid of the Northants Branch of the Red Cross** was greatly enjoyed by all who came. It raised some £1400 for this cause. Many thanks to the hosts, Ian & Susie P-T.

**MARJORIE ATKINSON would like to thank everyone who sent cards and best wishes for her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday which were very much appreciated.**

**CHURCH SERVICES**

Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	8.30am Holy Communion – <b>6.00pm</b>
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	10.00am Group Service <b>Cottesbrooke</b>
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	9.45am Holy Communion
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	8.30am Holy Communion
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	11.00am <b>Harvest Service</b>

**ALTAR FLOWERS & BRASS ROTA**

<b>Special Evensong</b>	Thalia Pike
	Ann Fowler
	Ann Fowler
	Yvonne Reeve
	Yvonne Reeve

*Contributions to the October Newsletter should be sent by 18<sup>th</sup> September*

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