

NEWSLETTER

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VILLAGE “BUSINESS” CLOSED !

On Thursday, 2nd February the Police raided a **cannabis factory** in Church Gardens - thus ending this criminal enterprise. Our PCSO **Glyn Lewis** writes:-

“Since early November, a house in Church Gardens came to my attention. A small team of residents kept watch for me on all the activities resulting in simultaneous drug warrant raids on this house and one in Northampton. The house in Church Gardens was unoccupied but had been converted for growing a large number of cannabis plants. I must emphasise that the landlord had no Knowledge of this whatsoever. It took two large skips to clear the remains from the property and I also had to take 18 sacks of herbal residue for incineration. The Northampton address was even more productive with the arrest of eight foreign nationals and the recovery of approximately 18 kilos of ready for sale cannabis with a street value of over £140,000. For obvious reasons I cannot name the persons who fed me regular valuable information but they played as big a part as we, the police, did in this most successful operation. My thanks to those concerned”.

LENT LUNCHESES - The next lent lunch will be at Thalia Pike’s home, Roseland, Guilsborough Road on **7th March**. Then **14th March** (not 17th as misprinted last Newsletter) at Susie Pasley-Tyler’s home Coton Manor (**lifts available** – call a neighbour or friend or Tricia Freeman on 770855).

Then, **21st March** at Gill Douglas’ home, Hill House and on **28th March** at Tricia Freeman’s home, 2 The Orchards.

LENT COURSE 2012 – SAINT JOHN. The four remaining courses are on **Monday evenings at 7pm in the Hollowell Village Hall on 5th March, the 12th March, the 19th March and the 26th March**.

The course is looking at the words and emotions that St. John uses to tell us who Jesus was, and is, and will be for all time. This is an interactive series and includes time for fellowship- and refreshments. Each course stands on its own, so come to at least one which may inspire you to come to others.

MOTHERING SUNDAY – St. Denys hopes you will join us for our special family service on the 18th March at 11am (followed by refreshments and a chance to chat). It’s an ideal chance to say thank you for everything our mothers do for us, whether young or old, and also say a special thank you to them with some flowers at the service.

All are very welcome!

The Second “SERENDIPITY THIS SPRING” – Wednesday 28th March from 2 -7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Do come if you can. There will be interesting and stylish stalls including;- Fabulous silk flowers in unusual pots (with a royal warrant!), A textile artist, a potter, a jeweller and an exciting range of clothes and linen. Also coming are Seaton Gifts, Peter Hughes Interiors, Coton Manor Garden Plant Stall and hopefully, a Wine Tasting opportunity. Proceeds will go to further improvements in the Village Hall and the MacMillan Northampton Haematology Suite.

THE CHURCH FETE will be held on Sunday 5th August at Torch Hill Farm. Any offers of help or ideas call Colin Mold on 770 667. **We want to make this year’s fete as good, or even better than the previous great years.**

VILLAGE SHOW – The schedules for the **Produce Show on Monday August 27th** are now available in the Village Post Office or can be obtained by E-mailing Liz Ellison at ellisonthomas10@yahoo.com. The seeds and potato’s for the children’s best **SUNFLOWER** and the **POTATO IN A POT** competitions can also be obtained by emailing Liz or by calling her on 770463.

ANNUAL VILLAGE LITTER PICK – Saturday 31st March meet at 10.30am outside the Village Hall. Please come along and have fun whilst helping to keep our village clean and tidy. Tabards and sacks provided but please wear sensible shoes and bring along some sturdy gloves if you have them. All ages welcome.

ALICE FAULKNER – January 1919 to February 2012.

An edited tribute by her daughter, Shirley Blakelock.

Mum was born in Castleford in Yorkshire, one of six children. When she left school, which she always said she didn't like, she went to work in London where her elder sister Jenny worked, looking after children.

She joined the Land Army in 1940 and was sent to Botany Farm, just off the West Haddon Road to work for Mr and Mrs Amos. I once asked her why the Land Army? The reply was it was either that or a factory and she didn't want to work in a factory. Dad was working at the farm and the rest as they say is history. They had six children who were brought up to look after one another. She worked hard to give us the best she could but was very strict at times. Mum never interfered in our lives but would always help, as more than one family member will remember, when they found themselves temporarily without a home.

I think one of the highlights of Mum's life was when her and her Dad went on holiday to Scotland with Uncle Tom and auntie Doff in the early 70's. Sadly my Dad died in 1978 and Mum lived on her own for many years. She used to spend time with the family some weekends and would always shout the answers when we played quizzes to cries of "Oh Nan!". Her favourite pastimes were reading, shopping, playing patience and jigsaw puzzles.

In 2003 she had a heart attack and developed dementia. She went to live at Boniface Care Home where she was looked after with great care and understanding. I think our lasting memory of her will be her 93rd birthday when we had a cup of tea with her at Boniface and she was full of life and really happy.

MOLDIES OLDIES BINGO NIGHT – The editor apologises for not reporting on this event which took place on December 9th last month. It was a fantastic night with over 120 people (a full house) attending this prize bingo night organised and orchestrated by Colin Mold, family and friends. Alister Mold provided the advertising and Steff from Home Clean Services sponsored the evening. Big thanks to the WI for the refreshments, teas and cakes. After expenses another £580 was raised for the VH development fund. **Most importantly the evening was so enjoyable.**

Also thanks to Colin for the donation of a foldaway mobile stage. Easy to set up and requiring little storage space.

TRIPLE WORKOUT EXERCISE CLASS – Tuesday mornings from 9.45 to 10.45am in The Village Hall.

Classes consist of 30 minutes aerobic activity, 20 minutes of muscle toning and 10 minutes flexibility. All ages and abilities are welcomed as you can work to a level that suits you. All mats and equipment are provided. Please call Vicky on 07970 116 576 for more information or to reserve your place. £5 per session, discounts for block booking.

BENEFICE DAY – Saturday 31st March. Church Meetings are fun – yes honestly they are!

If you don't believe this then why not come to a day of fun, prayer, discussions of topical issues, worship and friendship and see for yourself. Everybody is invited, whether you come to church or not, at **Spratton Hall from 9.45am to 4.30pm** on the Saturday. Bring your own lunch but drinks provided.

There may be some exciting surprises!!

RAVENSTHORPE TRAVEL CLUB IN ASSOCIATION WITH DACT

The Parish Council has paid an annual affiliation fee to DACT enabling any non-profit making groups within the village the opportunity of hiring the DACT Mini Bus with a volunteer driver. The cost would be dependent on how long a group would use it and the mileage incurred. To use this facility any group must be a member of the Travel Club so please contact Liz Peachey (Parish Council Secretary) on 770849.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE MONTHLY MEETING – Thursday 15th March – 8pm in the Village Hall

"Oil Painting" by Lee Borrowes". Hostesses:- Tanya Avery & Audrey Backhouse New members & visitors welcome.

Anyone wishing to make a donation towards EASTER LILIES in the name of a loved one please pop the money in an envelope into the door of Yvonne Reeve, 33 Scott Close, Ravensthorpe.

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 4th March 8.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 11th March 10.00am GROUP Service at Cottesbrooke

Sunday 18th March 11.00am **Mothering Day Service**

Sunday 25th March 11.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 1st April 8.30am Holy Communion

ALTAR FLOWERS & BRASS ROTA

NO FLOWERS IN LENT

Contributions to the April Newsletter should be sent by March 23rd to the editor, John Mott at 16 Church Gardens or phone 770618 – email jmd.mott@yahoo.co.uk