NEWSLETTER

With the compliments of the Parochial Church Council of St. Denys Church, Ravensthorpe

Thank you for your contribution!

At the end of April 2012, three key members of the community have retired from their roles within the church; we would like to extend our thanks and best wishes to John Mott, David Johnstone and Peter Smith.

John Mott, Editor of Newsletter 2000 – 2012

Thank you to John Mott who took over as editor of the newsletter on a 'temporary' basis. After 12 years and 116 editions of the Ravensthorpe Newsletter, John Mott has closed the lid on his laptop and has handed over the Ravensthorpe Newsletter to Viv Rees. Many thanks for a great job done John.

David Johnstone, Church Warden 1987 – 2012

After 25 years of loyal service, David Johnstone is retiring from his role as Church Warden. The PCC would like to sincerely thank David for his commitment and dedication to the church over the last quarter of a century.

Alice Cooper will be taking over from David from mid April.

Peter Smith, Treasurer of St Denys 2003 – 2012

Thank you to Peter Smith who has held the role of honorary treasurer of St Denys since 2003 when he returned from the USA. Peter is resigning pending his move from the area. St Denys are very grateful for all the work he has done in managing the churches financial affairs and would like to wish Ann and Peter every happiness when they move.

Kieren Cooper will be taking over from Peter from mid April.



From left to right: John Mott, David Johnstone & Peter Smith

Name suggestions for the newsletter?

To mark the next phase of this newsletter, suggestions would be welcome for a '**name**' for this newsletter; ideas will be posted in the July / August edition for all to vote on. Your imaginative ideas would be gratefully received by the editor. Remember this newsletter serves the communities of Ravensthorpe, Coton & Teeton.

Christian Aid Week 13th - 19th May

An envelope will be delivered to home over the next few days and be collected later in the week. We ask that people give generously for this worthy cause. If anyone feels able to assist with distributing and collecting envelopes, please contact Meg Benn on 770629.

W.I. Meeting Thursday May 21st

'Resolutions' at 8pm in Ravensthorpe Village Hall. Hostesses - Linda Sore & Michele Pearson. New members & visitors are most welcome.

Jubilee Barn Dance Saturday 2nd June

The Playing Field Committee is staging a Barn Dance on the evening of the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations at 7.30pm in the Ravensthorpe Village Hall. Music will be provided by Jigs & Reels who will play between 8pm and 11pm

Tickets cost £5 each and are available from Dave at Ravensthorpe Post Office or from Playing Field Committee Members. For further info contact Barry Langsford on 771195.

Village Hall Lunches

12:30pm for 1.30pm	Wednesday 16th May
12:30pm for 1.30pm	Wednesday 20th June

Bookings should be made via Lin Hudson on 770562 or Pat Foss on 770466

Church Fete Sunday 5th August

Plans for this event are going well. Two bands will entertain us. There will be over 20 stalls as well as all the usual games and competitions.

Offers of help will be gratefully received and it's not too early for good bric-a-brac to be collected. Helpers contact Colin on 770667.

Produce Show Monday August 27th

The schedules for the Produce Show are now available in the Post Office or from Liz Ellison <u>ellisonthomas10@yahoo.com</u> or 770 463.

Ravensthorpe Postwoman – Sue Beswick

Sue is currently being covered by Tony whilst she is having an operation. We send our love and wish her a speedy recovery.

Diamond Jubilee Celebrations & Street Party

This year marks the **60th Anniversary** of her Majesty the Queen's Accession to the throne and to celebrate we are holding a street party in Ravensthorpe on Saturday 2nd June 2012.

The celebrations will commence at 1:30pm, where we will meet at the 'Tennis Court Field' (Fowlers Field) at the top of The High Street. The Diamond Jubilee Parade will proceed down the High Street at 2pm to the village hall. During the afternoon there will be a range of fun things to see and do for children and adults, including a street party, Morris Dancers, Zoe's Dance Troop, bouncy castle, face painting, giant Jenga, church bell ringers, a barbecue outside the Chequers (not included in the ticket price) a raffle and a barn dance to finish the day (see separate information).

The cost of this event is £2 adults & £1 for children.

There will be also competitions to take part in including a fancy dress competition, a Diamond Jubilee Pictures Competition and the Best Decorated House Competition.

Everyone is welcome to enjoy the fun and get involved, but you must let us know, it is not too late!

To join in, please contact Lin Hudson on 770 562 or Pat Foss on 770 466 <u>no later than 6pm Sunday 20th</u> <u>May</u> to let them know you are coming, so the necessary arrangements can be made to make this another successful and fun event for the villages.

Congratulations to Charlie Reeve!

Due to losing friends and colleagues to brain tumours Charlie Reeve decided he wanted to raise money for Brain Tumour UK. He felt that just to run or bike would not be enough so he chose to bike from John O'Groats to Land's End, stopping in the middle to run the London Marathon.

Charlie embarked on this without any back up (just a puncture repair kit) and was sleeping in a tent. Charlie has covered all the costs himself so every penny raised will go to the charity.

Prior to publishing, we learnt that Charlie finished the marathon in 8 hrs 40 mins but an hour and a half of that was spent with the St John Ambulance. He got his medal though and is really happy but totally exhausted! If you would like to support this worthy cause, please contact Charlie Reeve.

News from the Ravensthorpe Village Hall

The village hall refurbishment will be completed during August with the re-equipping of the kitchen area, making food preparation on site for functions possible for the first time. To facilitate this and other essential maintenance the hall will be closed from Sunday 12th until Friday 24th August 2012.

Ravensthorpe & Coton Village Hall is a great place to hold your family functions, children's parties, or just have a good old 'knees-up' on a very modest budget; the hire rate is still only £8 per hour with some concessions available for full and half day bookings and parties for young children.

To make an enquiry or a booking please contact Roger Spring on 770 403 or email to <u>rvh-bookings@rogerspring.plus.com</u>

Thanks to the Newsletter Team

We hope you enjoy receiving this newsletter and would love to hear your comments, suggestions and receive any contributions.

Without an extensive team of volunteers, it's production wouldn't be possible.

Many thanks should go to Martin Wilkes who prints in excess of 300 copies every month and the team of distributors who drop it through your letter box come rain or shine, thanks to David & Mavis Johnstone, Anne Fowler, Sandra Addleton, Cliff & Ruth Giles (pictured right), Mary Worthington, Roger and Patricia Spring, Les Bates, Karen Hastie, Alison Brandon-Jones, Lynne & Trevor Miller. If you see them out and about do thank them!



Church Services	Time	Service	Location	Flower & brass rota
Sunday 6th May	8.30am	Holy Communion	St Denys, Ravensthorpe	Lin Hudson
Sunday 13th May	10.00am	Group Service	Guilsborough Church	Lin Hudson
Thursday 17th May	7.30pm	Ascension Day Communion	Guilsborough Church	
Sunday 20th May	9.45am	Holy Communion	St Denys, Ravensthorpe	Sally Barringer
Sunday 27th May	11.00am	Family Service	St Denys, Ravensthorpe	Sally Barringer
Sunday 3rd June	8.30am	Holy Communion	St Denys, Ravensthorpe	Wendy Bates
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Contributions to the June Newsletter should be emailed to <u>ravensthorpenewsletter@gmail.com</u> for the attention of the editor, Viv Rees (01604 771 076) by **Wednesday 23rd May 2012**

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