

NEWSLETTER

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

Church News

Keeping our Churchyard Timeless

We want the churchyard to remain beautiful and timeless and a pleasant place for all villagers and visitors to enjoy and we have had a number of questions from people wanting to know what type of memorials are suitable and appropriate in the Churchyard.

Rev Chris Peck has the final say on the style, material, and wording of any memorials, and is required to apply the Peterborough Diocese Churchyard Rules, which can be found on the Diocese website at:

www.peterboroughdiocesanregistry.co.uk/memorials.pdf

Please contact Chris if you want to discuss these rules and please submit an approval form **BEFORE** commissioning any work to be done to install a new headstone or alter an existing one.

We'll be having a gentle tidy in the churchyard soon, so please remove anything you want to keep from a grave that falls outside the rules: *wreaths and other cut flowers may be laid on a grave, but must be removed as soon as they appear to be withered. No artificial flowers are allowed to be laid or placed in containers except for Remembrance Day poppies and traditional Christmas wreaths.*

Travelling Crib

Believe it or not we don't have that long until Advent and Christmas, and we'd like to get even more families from Ravensthorpe involved in hosting our knitted nativity set and family activities this Christmas.

It's a really great way of taking time out as a family to think about the true meaning of Christmas, so if you've not done it before and would like to join in with your children, please contact Alice on kierenandalice@btinternet.com

Maintaining the Churchyard

You may have noticed we are installing a new path, new wide steps and a handrail at the main front path into the church from Church Hill which will be unsuitable for heavy machinery such as mowers or wheelbarrows and possibly susceptible to oil stains.

Therefore, if you are accessing the churchyard with mowers or heavy machinery, please use the Church Gardens entrance by the allotments.

Dog fouling in our Churchyard

Sadly we have had a rise in incidents of dog fouling in the churchyard recently, probably from a small number of walkers, or even just one individual. If you do walk your dog in the churchyard, please clean up after your pet.

Brunch @11

Based on family feedback the Uplands Group of Churches has decided to start a new event aimed specifically at families in all our villages. Brunch @11 replaces Messy Church and starts on Sunday 18th October.

On a Sunday morning, come join us and....
Relax about the food
Relax about the coffee
Relax about the kids



More than just good food

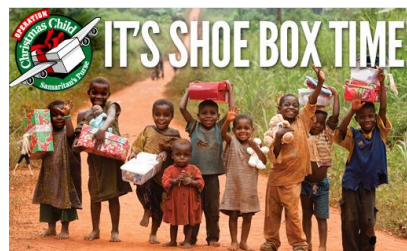
Bacon & sausage sandwiches, coffee, tea, juice
Newspapers
Games and activities for children
Thought for the day

All free of charge, and in a relaxed family atmosphere
3rd Sunday of every month, 11am - 12 noon
Guilsborough Village Hall
First dates: 18th Oct, 15th Nov & 20th Dec

Brunch @11 is run by the Uplands Group of Churches

Operation Christmas Child

This year we are going to try to beat the number of shoeboxes we collected last year, and help even more children & adults in poor communities to have a magical Christmas.



Start collecting your shoeboxes now and thinking about how you might fill them! We'll be collecting & blessing them at a special service in Church on 25th October. For more details collect a leaflet from the post office or from Tricia Freeman 01604 770 855

MacMillan Coffee Morning

We were delighted to have raised £830 for Macmillan on Saturday 19th September. Thanks to everyone who donated, helped and supported. **John Patrick**

What's On?

Village Hall Lunch Club

12.15 for 12.45
Weds 21st October

The cost of £6 includes a welcome drink, a 2-course meal, coffee and mints. To book call Pat Foss 770 466 or Lin Hudson 770 562.

Wednesday Morning Coffee

10.30am – 12 noon
Ravensthorpe Village Hall



7th & 28th October
4th & 18th November

Brunch @11

Guilsborough Village Hall
11am - 12pm
Sun 18th October
Sun 15th Nov
Sun 20th Dec

Village Hall Drinks Party

12pm Sun 6th Dec
Call 771 277 or 770 562

NEW EVENT DATES

Ann's Coffee Morning

10am – 12pm Sat 14th Nov

Everyone is welcome to come for coffee at Anne Fowler's, Home Farm, High St, Ravensthorpe.

All proceeds will go to the Village Hall and Pancreatic Cancer Research.

There will be the usual raffle & sale. Please leave any items to be sold in the porch.

Parking on Pavements

The Parish Council has received a number of complaints about vehicles parking on pavements within the village, and the resulting potentially very serious problems caused to pedestrians.

Pedestrians being forced to walk on the road around parked vehicles is an unnecessary risk, and those with children's buggies or mobility scooters may be particularly badly affected.

Our local police tell us that parking a vehicle on the pavement could lead to an offence of obstruction being committed, which could lead to a fixed penalty notice being issued.

The police have also advised us that, in order to avoid nuisance and danger to those on the pavement, parking vehicles should leave sufficient room on the pavement for a double buggy or wheelchair/mobility scooter to pass by without having to go on the road.

Whilst the parish council has no jurisdiction over highways within the village, we are asking for the help and support of all residents in reducing the risk of accidents.

PLEASE park your own vehicle to allow plenty of room on the pavement, and **PLEASE** ask your visitors to do the same, including delivery and repair vehicles.

We would much prefer that traffic slows down to pass parked vehicles than pedestrians having to walk in the road!

Thanks to all for your help.

Pocket Park Raking Day

The meadow area within the park needs to be annually mowed and raked to encourage new wild flowers for the next season. Once the mowing is done, we require volunteers to rake and clear the grass away; are you free on **Sat Oct 10th from 10.00am**?

If you are interested in helping please bring gloves and suitable footwear. If you have a wheelbarrow please bring that along too!

Everyone welcome. Come & join in the fun.

Liz Peachey Pocket Park Coordinator Tel: 770 894

Harvest Festival Supper & Service

You are welcome to join us for our **Harvest Supper**

7pm Friday 2nd October

Adults: £6.50 Children under 13: £4.00.

To reserve a place, or offer help, contact Meg Benn on 770 629.

You may also like to join us for our **Harvest Festival Service, 11am Sunday 4th October** where we are also pleased to be welcoming Ava Clabby for baptism at the service.

Gifts of fresh produce will be auctioned off at the end of the service and money raised will go to our charity in Bangladesh. There will be a small prize for the best contribution of produce or a harvest themed craft from a child. Good luck.

Toddler Church

Toddler Church starts again **2-3pm Friday 4th September** at the church. Visitors with babies and pre-schoolers are welcome to join us for stories, songs and friendship.

Playing Field Committee

7.30pm Friday 9th October

Race Night at the Chequers Pub, Ravensthorpe

7.00pm Friday 6th November

Annual Bonfire Party on the Playing Field on Fireworks, novelties, burgers and hot dogs, tea, coffee and hot chocolate. Licensed Bar.

Proceeds from both events will go towards the ongoing cost of maintaining the Pavilion and Playing Field.

What do you think?

The editorial team of the Village Link, have invited us to join their newsletter rather than publishing alone – what do you think? Let me know your thoughts: ravensthorpenewsletter@gmail.com

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Newsletter Editor Wanted

Would you like to edit the Ravensthorpe Newsletter?

We are looking for someone to take over from the Feb 2016 edition?

Interested? If so, contact Viv Rees: ravensthorpenewsletter@gmail.com



Date	Time	Service Type	Led by	Location	Flowers/Brass
Sunday 4 th Oct	11.00am	Harvest Festival with baptism & harvest auction	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	Yvonne Reeve
Sunday 11 th Oct	10.00am	Group Modern Communion	Clergy / Lay team	Creaton	-
	9.45am	Modern Communion with Choir	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	Liz Reader
Sunday 18 th Oct	11.00am	Brunch @11	Clergy / Lay team	Guilsborough VH	-
	11.00am	All-Age with baptisms & blessing of Christmas Shoeboxes	Clergy / Lay team	Ravensthorpe	Liz Reader
Sunday 1 st Nov	8.30am	Traditional Communion	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	Pauline Reeve
	5.00pm	Group All Saints Service (A chance to remember the departed)	Clergy	Spratton	-
Sunday 8 th Nov	10.55am	Remembrance Service	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	Susie PT

Email newsletter contributions to ravensthorpenewsletter@gmail.com for the attention of the editor, Viv Rees by **5pm on the 23rd of the month**. Note: articles will be included on a 1st come 1st served basis.

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