

THE END OF AN ERA

On Sunday 31st March, a large gathering at the Ravensthorpe Village Hall said "thank-you" to David McDermot and wished him a "very happy retirement" after 24 years running the Shop and Post Office in Ravensthorpe.

A presentation was made to Dave which expressed the sincere gratitude felt by the villagers from Ravensthorpe, Holdenby, East Haddon, Coton and Teeton, for his many years of stalwart

Service to Ravensthorpe and surrounding villages, ably supported by Sue, James, Ed and Charlie. Particular thanks came from the Playing Field, Village Hall and other groups for whom Dave has been an ever-reliable and affable seller of tickets for village fundraising events. As well as the presentation and thank you to Dave, a gift of appreciation was also made to Julie Ellis for her years of service in the shop (see Julie's thank you, right), and to Mary Hancox, sadly unable to attend on the day and who, with her late husband Bill, ran the shop for many years earlier. (Mary "has sent heartfelt thanks for the lovely rose").

The event also marked the closure of the shop, as concerted efforts over recent years to find a purchaser have been unsuccessful. It is understood that the shop has served the village for at least 180 years, although in earlier days the village was also



During the past 18 months £ 535.67 has been raised for the Uplands Group of Churches, which includes St Denys, Ravensthorpe by using **easyfundraising**: www.easyfundraising.org.uk.

Message from Reverend Chris Peck

Uplands Group of Churches

Summer! Long days and opportunities to celebrate the luxuriant growth in our beautiful villages and wondrous gardens through our various Open Gardens and Fetes; a chance to uncurl from the bitter winter winds and enjoy the warmth of summer sun; a moment to drink in once again the wonder of new life in all its resurrection glory springing out of the death of the old.

As we enjoy the blossoming nature all around us, we are reminded that the goal of humanity and each of us is to grow into the fullness of all that God has created us to be. As Christians we believe that comes about as we surrender ourselves to the love of God in Jesus, and allow ourselves to become channels of that love in the world. I long to see the church as a place of growth, both in numbers coming to worship together, but also in the lives of each precious individual, created in God's image as they grow into their unique potential for good.

A major festival in this period is Pentecost on June 9th which is all about growth. It is the birthday of the Church, when the Holy Spirit comes in power to transform a tiny group of frightened disciples into a confident band of Christians, with the result that Christian faith spreads rapidly throughout the known world as more and more people respond to God's love for them in Jesus.

A new venture for us is the sending out of a weekly news sheet by email with news of all that has been happening during the week as well as looking forward to the coming week. Every time I read it I am astonished at how much is going on across the Uplands churches, how much life and growth is happening already, how much there is to celebrate in the life of the churches as well as in the nature all around us. As I receive the encouragement that gives me, I long for many more to become part of this living entity which is the Uplands Group of Churches.

If you would like to receive the weekly newsletter please contact our administrator, Katrina Jones, uplandsgroupoffice@gmail.com

Revd Chris



PLAYING FIELD

QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 17th May, Village Hall,
7.30pm. Tickets £8 (£3 for under
18's) includes nibbles.

Licensed Bar. Teams max 6.
Tickets from Alan (770957) or
ravensthorpempf@gmail.com .

ODDS-200 LOTTERY

During May, we will be selling
our annual Odds-200 lottery
tickets. An annual ticket costs
£12, entering the holder into 12
monthly draws over the coming
year. The first draw for 2019-20
will be on Thursday 6th June at
the Chequers. Each month there
are 3 prizes: £50, £20 and a
"Chequers Accumulator" open to
ticket holders who are in the Pub
for the draw. 50% of ticket sales
goes to prizes, and 50% to the
Playing Field fundraising. This



PRESENTS

ARE WE PROTECTED FROM GUN CRIME IN THE UK?

Please note a new  date;
Tuesday 4th June at 7 for 7.30pm

Ravensthorpe Village Hall NN6 8EH

A factual illuminating talk that sheds light on
how firearms enter the illicit market in the UK

GIVEN BY Dr HELEN POOLE

Lead for the Centre for the Reduction
of Firearms Crime, Trafficking and Terrorism

**RAVENSTHORPE
PLAYING FIELD**

20TH
July

£5
KIDS
FREE

Beer Festival & Family Day

**MUSIC, FOOD & BEER
CIDER, GINS & WINE**

FREE BOUNCY CASTLES - FACE PAINTING

WWW.RAVENSTHORPE.UK.ME • TEETON ROAD, NN6 8EJ

2PM - 11PM

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REGISTERED CHARITY 304228

Editor's Note

My apologies for any errors that may have
inadvertently passed me by in this month's News-
letter & a few "editor's decisions". I am writing &
sending it from the autumn sunshine of South

Sunday Volunteers needed at Kelmarsh Hall

Kelmarsh Hall and Gardens are recruiting for volunteers to join their Sunday opening team as a Hall Steward, to help open the Hall and gardens to the public. It is open for visitors throughout the year, which couldn't

happen without the support from wonderful volunteers. Hall Stewards play an important part in opening the Hall, Servant's Quarters and Laundry area to visitors. They are key in providing a warm and friendly welcome, distributing information about the history of Kelmarsh to visitors, and ensure they are having a fantastic day! If you enjoy history, meeting new people and want to learn new skills – a Hall Steward role at Kelmarsh would be perfect for you! To find out more information visit <https://www.kelmarsh.com/volunteer-at-kelmarsh-hall>.

BRIXWORTH MUSIC FESTIVAL

FRIDAY 10 MAY-
SUNDAY 19 MAY

Music to suit all tastes: classical and popular; or-
chestral and chamber music. Performers include
Brixworth Festival Orchestra, Fiori Musicali & the
Northampton Musical Theatre Company.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL IN RAVENSTHORPE

George Dukes & Katie Mold, currently running
football coaching sessions on a Sunday morning
on the Playing Field are planning to run a

Ravensthorpe under 8 team for next season. It is
also possible they may run an under-10 team as
well, but need to know the interest there might be
for this in order to register before end of May for
next season. If any parents / children interested

FOOTBALL COACHING

Ravensthorpe Playing Field
Every Sunday 10-10.45am

for ages 6+

£5 per person

SKILLS COACHING/ TRAINING

FUN, GAMES & MATCH with

THE CHEQUERS—

VILLAGE SHOP SUPPLIES

- Basic daily supplies, such as milk, eggs,
bacon, bread and other groceries;
- Basic household products
- Stamps and stationery
- Dry-cleaning.
- Off-Licence

Book Club

The next Book Club is on **Wednesday**

8 May at 7.45 at Maura's,

Little Lane. The book for discussion is

DAVENTRY BRASS PRESENTS

A NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

Playing their selection of 'Movie Greats' - make a
team to guess what they are. Snacks, bar.

Ravensthorpe Village Hall

Friday 31st May 7.00pm for 7.30

£8 for advanced booking; £9 on the door.

Ravensthorpe Village Hall - What's on in May?

<https://www.ravensthorpe.me.uk/the-village-hall/> <https://www.facebook.com/RVHall1>

Wednesday 1st: 10.30am – Noon. **Morning Coffee.**
All Welcome. Fresh Coffee and home-made treats for just £2

Friday 3rd: 1.30pm for 2.00: Film Matinee: an RVH Friendly Screening: *The Artist* (see box– right).

Monday 6th: 2.30pm: WI 100 Celebration. All welcome. £2.00—call Maggie 770458. Show, Centenary Wall Hanging, Children's Competition. Afternoon Tea.

Tuesday 7th: 8.45am to 10.30am. **Bus Stop Tots:** call Alice 07803 595106. 2.00pm to 4.30pm **Afternoon Bridge Club:** call Bernadette 770424
7pm for 7.30pm **Village Cinema: The Gathering Storm** (see box).

Tuesday 14th: 8.45am to 10.30am. **Bus Stop Tots** call Alice 07803 595106. 2.00pm to 4.30pm **Afternoon Bridge Club** Call Bernadette 770424

Wednesday 15th: 10.30am – Noon. **Morning Coffee.**
All Welcome. Fresh Coffee and home-made treats for just £2

Thursday 16th: 7.45pm WI Meeting: Resolutions & Social & Last 100 Years.

Friday 17th: 7.00 for 7.30pm: Playing Field Quiz Night.
Tickets £8 (£3 under 18s) from Alan (770957) or ravensthorpempf@gmail.com.

Tuesday 21st: 8.45am to 10.30am. **Bus Stop Tots** call Alice: 07803 595106. 2.00pm to 4.30pm **Afternoon Bridge Club** Call Bernadette 770424.

Keep Fit at the Village Hall in Ravensthorpe:

Zumba with Lina, call 07725 984674

Sundays at 10am & Wednesdays at 6.30pm.

NEW Zumba Gold. Friday 10th May—FREE INTRODUCTION. Over 50? Friendly & fun. Then every Friday.

Back Care Pilates – Saturdays 9.00am: 2 sessions with Tina, 07810 380636



RAVENSTHORPE

VILLAGE CINEMA

Ravensthorpe Village Hall: Admission: £6—Students £4

Seat reservation recommended:

Friday 3rd May: 2.00pm (doors open 1.30pm)

The Artist

Multi Award Winning, hugely enjoyable homage to the silent movie era.

Following requests, we have added a light hearted Friday afternoon matinee to our published programme. There will be complimentary tea and coffee beforehand, and Lin Hudson and Jan Tevendale will be providing tea and cakes afterwards.

It is 1927 and actor George Valentin (Jean Dujardin) has Hollywood at his feet - a silent-era matinee idol with many adoring fans. His trademark is always to appear on screen in the company of his little dog, Uggie. While working on his latest film, George finds himself falling in love with Peppy Miller (Bérénice Bejo) and, it seems, Peppy feels the same way. There is great chemistry between the two and their dance routines are sublime. But as silent movies give way to the 'talkies', the industry brushes George aside and he finds himself alone in a shabby apartment with only Uggie for company. The international cast of this French film includes John Goodman and Malcolm McDowell. The film won Best Actor at Cannes, Seven BAFTAs, three Golden Globes, six César Awards and five Oscars including Best Film, Best Actor and Best Musical Score. 100 mins; PG; 2011.



Tuesday 7th May: 7.30pm (doors open 7.00pm)

The Gathering Storm

While Gary Oldman won the Oscar for Best Actor in the 2017 film 'The Darkest Hour', our mainstream screening starring Albert Finney (who died in February) charts a more interesting period in Churchill's life. A much acclaimed 2002 BBC film, it also won him a Golden Globe and an Emmy for Best Actor as well as awards for best film and one for best screenplay.



Capturing Churchill's life from 1934-1939 before he became Prime Minister, the film explores Churchill's return from the brink of political obscurity and the price he paid in his private life before re-emerging as the nation's leader during World War II. The story is of a private and complex man at a time when British society itself was conflicted over its response to Hitler and the prospect of war with Germany. Directed by Ridley Scott, Albert Finney delivers a gem of a performance as Winston Churchill and is excellently supported by Vanessa Redgrave. The supporting cast includes Jim Broadbent, Tom Wilkinson, Derek Jacobi, Tom Hiddleston and Ronnie Barker.

94 mins; Cert 12; 2002.



Tuesday 28th May: 7.30pm (doors open 7.00pm)

Cold War

Our Cinephile Screening is the latest film (2018) from the British-Polish director Pawel Pawlikowski.

Macmillan Coffee Morning: advance notice

Our thirty-second Macmillan Coffee Morning will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday the 21 September.

BIG BREKKIE FOR CHRISTIAN AID

Sunday 19th May – Guilsborough Village Hall, 11.00am to 12.30, Brunch@11 will be a special **Big Brekkie for Christian Aid**. There will be activities for all ages, and of course the usual excellent bacon and sausage rolls, croissants and jam, along with freshly brewed coffee and orange juice.

PASTORAL VISITS AND CARE

If you would like to talk to someone, or know anyone who would welcome a home visit, please telephone Anne Strudwicke on 01604 743389

LENT LUNCHES

Thank you to all hosts of the Lent Lunches. The church received £485. and the rest was sent to the hosts' chosen charities. The lunches were a great success enjoyed by many

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 12-18 MAY

The collection this year is to help build health clinics in Sierra Leone.

As in previous years one of our team of volunteers will be calling with an envelope at each house in the village should you wish to donate to this cause.

If you are not in when the envelope is collected and you wish to donate then your envelope

NATIONAL GARDEN SCHEME

Garden Open-Sunday 9th June

Jean & Mike Percival

Ravenswood, Coton

Open 2.00pm– 5.00pm

£5 per person

Ravensthorpe WI Birthday Celebration

MONDAY MAY 6th

Come celebrate with the WI.

See our Centenary Wall hanging and Show at 2.30pm.

Bring your family and friends and enjoy some tea and cake.

CHILDREN we need you too...!

CHILDRENS COMPETITION - your chance to make an item to hang on a tree – decorated egg, flower or leaf, bird or bug, just use your



FOOD BANK

Collection on first weekend of the month— May 4th & 5th . St Denys Church is open on Sunday and donations can be left there, or to Yvonne: 01604 770988 / email

PRE-ORDERED PAPERS

..... are available from the Ravensthorpe Village Hall on a daily basis from 6.45-9.00am. For information or to order call 770634 or email ravnnews19@gmail.com .

From the Archives

Northampton Mercury 30 June 1883.

GROCER FINED

"Thomas Billing, Grocer of Ravensthorpe, was summoned for having in his possession one half-pint measure, not stamped, on 7 June in that village..... The magistrates said that the police were bound to take notice of measures used in business if they were not standard measures. They would inflict a small fine of 2s 6d and costs 9s 6d."

Northampton Mercury 3 May 1845

FREEHOLD PROPERTY RAVENSTHORPE

"To be sold by Auction at the Chequers Inn, the sixth day of May next. All that MESSUAGE or tenement, with the BUTCHER'S SHOP, yard, garden orchard, HOME CLOSE, and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in the centre of RAVENSTHORPE aforesaid, and now in the occupation of Mrs Claridge.

And also, all that BARN and FARM YARD thereto adjoining, now in the occupation of Mr Thomas Warner.

And also, all that BLACKSMITH'S SHOP, with the Shoe-ing house and appurtenances thereto belonging, situate at RAVENSTHORPE aforesaid, now and for many years past, the occupation of Mr Richard Russell.

The above premises are in an excellent situation for Trade, are in good repair and now produce a rental of

Contributions to next month's Newsletter to

Alan Worthington,

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May	Time	Service Type	Led by	Location	Flowers
Sunday 5th May	8.30am	Book of Common Prayer Communion	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	Jane Pinnock/ Ann Fowler
	5.00pm	Evening Service—Taize	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	
Sunday 12th May	10.00am	Uplands Group Service— Common Worship with Communion	Clergy	Hollowell	
Sunday 19th May	9.45am	Common Worship with Communion	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	Jane Pinnock/ Ann Fowler
	11.00am	Brunch@11 Big Brekkie for Christian Aid	Lay Team & Clergy	Guilsborough Village Hall	
Sunday 26th May	11.00am	Worship for All	Lay Team &	Ravensthorpe	Jane Pinnock/ Ann Fowler