



Congratulations Marjorie: 100!

Our best wishes and congratulations to village stalwart, Marjorie Atkinson, who turned 100 on 4th August. Ann Fowler (with assistance from Marg) has very kindly added the following:

"Marjorie was brought up in Shropshire, one of seven children . Her father was a farmer and so "I was always busy and not allowed to be idle"! She was a keen horse woman.

In 1972, Marg moved to Ravensthorpe with her husband Frank and daughter Jane. She told Ann that she has "been very happy here and lucky to have moved to such a friendly village", enjoying many walks with her dogs . "I am not so active now, but enjoy people popping in". Marg wants to thank everyone for their cards and good wishes".

Harvest Festival & Harvest Supper

The Harvest Festival weekend is planned for mid October, with The Harvest Supper on Friday 15th October, and the Harvest Festival Service and Auction of Produce on Sunday 17th October. We would love to welcome all villagers to either or both! As in previous years, we would love to encourage any children and young people to come along to the service and bring any produce or harvest crafts/pictures they have made or grown so we can use them in the service. For donations of produce for the auction (proceeds of which go, along with the collection from the service, to our harvest charity), please either drop off at the church on the Saturday, or contact Alice on 07803 595 106.

The Harvest Supper has traditionally been a church-run event, but we have decided to split all proceeds of the Harvest Supper event 3 ways this year, to support the Church, the Village Hall and the Playing Field, as the three main charitable organisations in the Village that have buildings to maintain, and have suffered in terms of donations and events income over the last 18 months. We hope this will also encourage a new generation of volunteers to begin to come forward to help with the event, and also for people to come along to the event who may not have been before.

If you can offer to help with either food prep/donations, setting up/serving or helping in the kitchen/bar on the night, or anything else at all, please get in touch as soon as possible, and we would be very grateful to add you to the list. Please contact Charlotte Matts (ccareymatts@aol.com) or 01604 770 251) for any offers of food donations, and Alice Cooper (kierenandalice@btinternet.com or 07803 595 106) to volunteer to help in any way on the day.

In addition to our normal good food, bar, and raffle, this year we have also decided to have the bar open for longer after the dinner, hoping guests will want to stay around and socialise together for longer, and also offer some Harvest face painting for any younger guests at the start of the evening. Tickets are required in advance for this event, and if possible need to be bought online from the village hall site. If anyone is not able to use this method, they may call Mike Cobbe (01604 328 822) to reserve and pay for tickets.

Services and Activities

We are pleased to be planning a return to a more normal service plan from September (with no need to book), albeit that at the moment we are still asking attendees to be ready to wear masks for some parts of worship and moving around the building for now. Therefore from September we will typically be holding 3 services a month at Ravensthorpe: 2 communion services and one Worship for All (all-age, non-communion) service. On the other Sundays we will hold a group service somewhere in the group. We will aim to reintroduce refreshments after services, and the much valued chance for fellowship they give, as soon as we can make arrangements for this. We will also be reintroducing Brunch@11 at Guilsborough Village Hall (a short, informal all age service with activities and food) in place of Outdoors@11 in September (2nd Sunday for September only, thereafter on 3rd Sunday).

Brunch@11 restarts on Sunday 12th September, 11am at Guilsborough Village Hall - open to families from all local villages who want a taste of faith, good food and fun on a Sunday morning!

ROGER PINNOCK

Roger Pinnock, East Haddon, beloved husband of Jane, father of Melanie and Gavin, and much loved Granpa, passed away peacefully on 11th July 2021, after a very long illness.

ANNUAL RIDE AND STRIDE FOR THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST: 11th SEPTEMBER

We need both cyclists and walkers, whose efforts will raise money, and volunteers (one hour shifts) to be at St Denys Church, Ravensthorpe, to welcome them.

Churches will be open from 10am. Sponsored cyclists and walkers go from church to church to check in and have refreshments. Half the money raised goes to the cyclist's local Church and half to the Trust. The Historic Churches Trust then give grants to Churches in need of repair or for specific projects.

Ravensthorpe received a grant of £2000 towards its disabled toilet and improvements. We are on a hill and a bit out of the way, but we do get a few valiant cyclists. Sponsorship forms and details can be obtained from the Church porch or from Gill Douglas 01604 770541



The Percival Guildhouse: Adult Education & Arts

The Percival Guildhouse is an independent Centre for Adult Education & the Arts, and a Registered Charity (No. 528782), based in Rugby. It is serving students in Warwickshire, Northamptonshire and Leicestershire.

It is currently registering students for the autumn term, offering courses across a wide range of areas of study, learning and activity, including Languages, Art, Crafts, History, Art History, Creative Writing, Yoga and Mindfulness.

Courses are available both online and at the centre. You can view the full brochure, with course details, at www.percival-guildhouse.co.uk

RAVENSTHORPE PLAYING FIELD

The Playing Field belongs to the villagers and is managed by a small group of volunteers who do this on behalf of the village. We would welcome hearing from people in the village who we can call upon to help us with various tasks, including the fundraising events. Even if help is offered as a one-off, or is quite specific, it would be very helpful.

Lottery winners:

July: Pat & Trevor Foss (£50); Richard & Tanya Avery (£20);
August: Colin & Emma Mold (£50); Gerry McCarron (£20).



*On a Sunday morning,
Come and join us and
Relax about the food
Relax about the coffee
Relax about the kids*

*Bacon & sausage rolls, coffee, tea, juice
Worship, songs & stories
Newspapers
Games and activities for children
A relaxed family atmosphere.*

Brunch@11 is run by the Uplands Group of Churches
www.facebook.com/Brunchat11/
www.uplandsgroupchurches.org.uk

Contact us via website or Brunch Facebook page.

We don't charge for entry or food, but donations towards the costs of running Brunch are always appreciated.



Ravensthorpe Village Cinema is back! Running since 2016, the Village Cinema offers either 2 or 3 films each month, from September to June: one mainstream film, one "cinophile" screening, and sometimes the occasional classic. For the time being, the cinema will run with a reduced seating capacity of 45, so early booking is essential.

There will be two films in September: Tuesday 7th: *The Commitments* (sadly, with our reduced seating capacity, already sold out).

And on Tuesday 21 September, the award winning South Korean film, directed by Bong Joon-ho, from 2019: *Parasite*. This was the winner in 2020 of four Oscars and the first foreign language film to win the Best Film Oscar - "A miracle of a film that's gloriously entertaining".

Advanced booking & payments is required. Tickets £6 by emailing cinema@rvhall.online or go to ticketsource.co.uk/ravensthorpe-village-hall.

For more information about this film, and for other upcoming films, go to www.rvhall.online/cinema.

RAVENSTHORPE'S

Harvest Supper

FRIDAY 15TH OCTOBER 2021

DELICIOUS MEAL

BAR UNTIL 11PM

GOOD COMPANY



ALL AGES ARE WELCOME

RAFFLE

CHILDREN'S FACEPAINTING

RAVENSTHORPE VILLAGE HALL

DOORS/ BAR OPEN 7pm

BAR STAYS OPEN TILL 11pm

Adults £10; children under 12 £5

Tickets (advanced booking essential) from

[https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/ravensthorpe-village-hall)

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where possible, or by calling

Mike Cobbe on 01604 328 822

Proceeds to be shared between the Church, the Playing Field and the Village Hall.

If you are able to help in any way with the food, please contact Charlotte Matts: ccareymatts@aol.com or 01604 770 251) and Alice Cooper kierenandalice@btinternet.com or 07803

Update from Buckby Library & Hub



Buckby Library & Hub
for books & buzz

During August, Buckby Library & Hub was busy with a range of activities and projects.

We participated in the Summer Reading Challenge for young people, had Teddy Bears Picnic sessions for small children and a visiting magician, and organised a crafts afternoon for 4-12 year olds.

We also held another book sale to coincide with the village's Scarecrow Trail and Garage Sale (part of the Buckby Feast week). Meanwhile we continue to make progress on our Recovery Gardens Project, with paving and raised beds installed in the Market Place garden and raised beds in the Car Park area. The Parish Council has also kindly renovated the nearby bench, while further planting is to come. We are immensely grateful to the organisations that have provided grants for this project. For further information, please see: <https://buckbylibraryhub.org/follow-our-recovery-gardens-project/>.

XMAS SHOE BOXES

It's Blythwood Charity Shoe Box time again! We are doing shoe boxes again this year with Guilsbrough church. We need empty shoe boxes as well as filled ones for children & adults. If you don't want to do a complete box you can donate items to go in the boxes. Stationary items, toiletries, small toys, hats, scarfs, gloves. Boxes need to be ready for early November. More information from Tricia Freeman 01604 770855

Ravensthorpe Village Hall: What's On in September

Wednesday 1st	10.30am	Morning Coffee— on the terrace All Welcome!	
Thursday 2nd	9.30am	Pilates with Sophie	Call 07764 586990
Friday 3rd	9.30am	"Raven Tots"	Email alina@cooper.bio
	12.15pm	Yoga with Lizzy	Call 07950 573719
Sunday 5th	9.30am	Zumba	Call Lina 07725 984 674
	10.45am	Shokotan Karate	Call Andy 07891 132 675
Tuesday 7th	10.30am	Zumba Gold	Call Lina 07725 984 674
	2.00pm	Afternoon Bridge Club	Call Bemadette 770424
	6.45pm	Village Cinema: The Commitments	UNFORTUNATELY, NOW SOLD OUT!
Thursday 9th	9.30am	Pilates with Sophie	Call 07764 586990
Friday 10th	9.30am	"Raven Tots"	Email alina@cooper.bio
	12.15	Yoga with Lizzy	Call 07950 573719
Sunday 12th	9.30am	Zumba	Call Lina 07725 984 674
	10.45am	Shokotan Karate	Call Andy 07891 132675
Tuesday 14th	10.30am	Zumba Gold	Call Lina 07725 984 674
	2.00pm	Afternoon Bridge Club	Call Bemadette 770424
Wednesday 15th	10.30am	Morning Coffee— on the terrace All Welcome!	
	8.00pm	Ravensthorpe Parish Council	
Thursday 16th	6-7pm	NEW- BEGINNERS SHOKOTAN KARATE	Call Andy 07891 132675
	7.45pm	WI	
Friday 17th	9.30am	"Raven Tots"	Email alina@cooper.bio
	12.15pm	Yoga with Lizzy	Call 07950 573719
Saturday 18th	10.30am	MacMillan Coffee Morning	
Sunday 19th	9.30am	Zumba	Call Lina 07725 984 674
		Shokotan Karate	Call Andy 07891 132675
Monday 20th	7pm	Ravensthorpe Village Hall: AGM	
Tuesday 21st	10.30am	Zumba Gold	Call Lina 07725 984 674
	2pm	Afternoon Bridge Club	Call Bemadette 770424
	6.45pm	Village Cinema Presents a Cinephile film: The Parasite More information/ book / pay on www.rvh.online	
Thursday 23rd	9.30am	Pilates with Sophie	Call 07764 586990
	6-7pm	BEGINNERS SHOKOTAN KARATE	Call Andy 07891 132675
Friday 24th	9.30am	"Raven Tots"	Email alina@cooper.bio
	12.15pm	Yoga with Lizzy	Call 07950 573719
Sunday 26th	9.30am	Zumba	Call Lina 07725 984 674
	10.45am	Shokotan Karate	Call Andy 07891 132675
Tuesday 28th	10.30am	Zumba Gold	Call Lina 07725 984 674
	2pm	Afternoon Bridge Club	Call Bemadette 770424
Thursday 30th	9.30am	Pilates with Sophie	Call 07764 586990

www.rvhall.online www.facebook.com/RVHall

Email: contact@rvhall.online



Willow Shotokan Karate will launch a new Thursday evening, one hour session for new beginners on Thursday September 16th at 6pm and continuing weekly after at Ravensthorpe Village Hall.

Classes are open to all, from age 5 upwards. Parents are very welcome to join too. Come along and try—your first session is free.

Call Sensei Andy Wightman on 07891 132675 or email a.wightman44@btinternet.com to enquire further. Also check out our website www.willowshotokankarate.co.uk or visit our facebook page @willowshotokankarate.



Speakers' Corner presents
TO THE MANOR BORN
Our Big Houses and their Owners

An illustrated talk by
DEREK F. BLUNT

THURSDAY 9 TH SEPTEMBER 2021
RAVENSTHORPE VILLAGE HALL 7 FOR 7.30PM

A light-hearted and entertaining talk by Northamptonshire author and artist, Derek Blunt, based on research for his fourth book. Derek has acquired much interesting and sometimes amusing information about the manors, the big houses, and their fascinating owners. He has some revealing local stories with facts, figures and absorbing history for us to enjoy.

For more info www.rvhall.online or 01604 770482
Tickets £6 Tea/coffee and biscuits included.

NGS OPEN GARDENS RAVENSTHORPE -



Thanks to everyone who supported Ravensthorpe Gardens open for the National Gardens Scheme in July. We raised £1,035 which will be distributed to the various charities supported by the scheme.

It won't be long before we are asked for details of the gardens in Ravensthorpe opening in 2022. I'm sure all the garden openers would agree that it is a very rewarding experience. This year we all noticed how very much visitors appreciated the opportunity to see and take inspiration from our gardens, to get out and about again, walk around an unfamiliar place, enjoy tea and cakes and chat to other people. We're open to negotiation to suit the majority of openers when deciding an opening date. Please do get in touch a.s.a.p. if you think you might like to join in. Jean and Richard Wiseman Tel. No. 770548

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

The deadline for the next Newsletter is Thursday, 23 September. Please send contributions to ravensthorpenewsletter@gmail.com. If you have any queries please call Alan Worthington 07801 051 402 or 01604 770957.

From the Northampton Chronicle & Echo
New Wheel-Chair Accessible Fishing Boat at Ravensthorpe Reservoir

“Ravensthorpe Reservoir has introduced the boat to enable anyone with a disability to fish independently on the reservoir. The new boat will set sail on the waters of the reservoir for the duration of the fishing season and will enable disabled anglers and wheelchair users to fish for rainbow trout, try out predator fishing and for those new to the sport to learn the art of fly fishing.

“The new ‘Coulam 16 Wheelyboat’ is the result of a joint venture between The Wheelyboat Trust, the Angling Trust and Anglian Water. Every Coulam 16 Wheelyboat has a hydraulic platform built into the floor which allows roll-on, roll-off wheelchair access from a pontoon, and its drive-from-wheelchair helm enables anyone in a wheelchair to not only board the Wheelyboat easily, but drive it too.

“Ravensthorpe is a 114-acre Victorian reservoir that has a long history of fishing, having been stocked with trout since the early 1890s. Since then, it’s proved a popular spot with anglers who can fish from the bank, by boat, kayak or float tube. The shallow waters make dry fly fishing popular, and each year almost 9,000 rainbow trout are stocked in the reservoir – including some larger fish.

For further information and to book a boat, telephone Ravensthorpe Fishing Lodge 01604 770875.

(Our thanks to Gill Douglas for this. Ed)

WEA Long Buckby Branch & Beyond
Adult Learning Within Reach

The Collapse of the USSR through Witnesses’ Eyes: its Causes and Aftermath

It is 30 years since the dissolution of the Soviet Union, one of the most significant events of the 20th century. What caused the Communist empire to collapse? What did democracy and market economy bring to ordinary Russian people?

This course will take place on ZOOM

DATES: Monday 13th September to Monday 8th November 2-4pm (half term Monday 25th October)

COST: £64.00 (free for those receiving certain benefits)

Course no: C2345406

Enrol at www.wea.org.uk or phone 0300 303 3464

CRABTREE PIT POCKET PARK Rake and Cake

The annual rake of the pocket park meadow will take place on Sunday 12th September at 10am to 12noon.

We cut the meadow to keep the conditions right for the wildflowers to thrive. We'll leave some uncut areas to provide seeds for birds and a place for insects to overwinter in the stems and the thatch of the grass.

Please bring gloves, wheelbarrow, fork and rake if you have them, also wear appropriate outdoor clothing and footwear. Hay rakes provided.

Certificates for children and refreshments are provided. Any queries Ruth ruth.rolls@gmail.com.



Macmillan Coffee Morning:
 Ravensthorpe Village Hall
 Saturday 18th September
 10am—12 noon.

Come and join the party

- **Raffle:** some 30 valuable prizes.
- **Cake stall** will be loaded with delights.
- **Book stall:** good books & lots of bargain
- **Bric-a-Brac stall:** will extend your curiosity.

If you have anything for the Raffle or items that you think we can sell please call John 770596 or Lin 770562.

We can arrange collection if required. Cakes etc to hall by 0930 on the morning please.



Kelmarsh Hall & Gardens are renowned for their impressive array of picture-perfect dahlias. From pastels to bright, dahlias put on a show from the late Summer and Autumn, with an array of starburst blooms and plate-sized flowers, every hue imaginable. The historic triangular walled garden hosts a beautiful varied display for visitors to enjoy. This secret heart of the gardens is a relaxing space filled with traditional fruit and vegetables, cut flower beds, and a restored viney.

Visit Kelmarsh Gardens, woodland and lakeside walks through September: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays, from 10am - 4pm.

To help protect each other, Kelmarsh Hall has all of the required COVID precautions in place to ensure a safe visit.

GORDON STAFFORD — more memoirs in October.

FOOD BANK:

Did you know? The UK’s food poverty rate is now among the highest in Europe, despite being the sixth richest economy in the world (Big Issue, July 2021). “14% of UK families have experienced food insecurity in the past 6 months” (Food Foundation, September 2020). “In 2019-20, 31% of children in the UK were living in poverty” (Child Poverty Action Group). You can make cash donations locally via the website: <https://www.restorenorthampton.org.uk> .. Just click on donations and follow the instructions.

CHURCH SERVICES: RAVENSTHORPE & UPLANDS GROUP OF CHURCHES SEPTEMBER 2021

	Location	Service Type	Time	Flowers
Sunday 5th September	Ravensthorpe	Book of Common Prayer—Communion	08.30	Sandra Patrick / Lin Hudson
	Other Churches / Services	Cottesbrooke (BCP Communion: 1100), Creaton (CW Communion: 0930), Guilsborough (CW Communion: 11.00), Hollowell (CW Communion 11.00); Spratton (Worship for All 11.00); Thomby (BCP Communion: 0930). Online: 0930: Facebook Live Uplands Group Churches		
Sunday 12th September	Ravensthorpe	Common Worship with Communion	9.30am	Sandra Patrick / Lin Hudson
	Other Churches / Services	Creaton (BCP Communion: 0930), Guilsborough (BCP Communion: 0830), Outdoors@11; BCP EP 1700); Hollowell (BCP MP: 1100; Spratton (BCP Communion: 0830). Online 0930: Facebook Live Uplands Group Churches		
Sunday 19th September	10.00 Group Service Allison Induction Service Ravensthorpe.			
Sunday 26th September	Ravensthorpe	Worship for All	11.00am	Sandra Patrick / Lin Hudson
	Other Churches / Services	Cold Ashby (BCP Communion 09.30); Guilsborough (CW Communion: 09.30); Spratton (CW Communion 11.00am); Online 0930: Facebook Live Uplands Group Churches.		