

# NEWSLETTER

Local News from Ravensthorpe, Cotton & Teeton

The deadline for contributions to the March Newsletter is Wednesday 23rd February. Contributions to ravensthorpenewsletter@gmail.com. Queries to 01604 770957.

**A message from Rev'd Allison Twigg:**

**FOOD BANKS: "A SHOCKING FACT"**

"I heard a shocking fact on the radio on Wednesday morning (last week) that I couldn't quite believe and I have been pondering ever since. There are more Foodbanks now in the UK than McDonald's fast-food Restaurants. Through the power of Google it didn't take long to discover that this fact is true and has been true since 2019. Although we don't have a McDonald's in any of our villages- you don't need to travel far to find one! There are six branches of McDonald's in Northampton, One in Daventry and four on the M1 between the two. The news this week has been full of news of increasing fuel bills leading to fuel poverty and rising food prices, and many find themselves confronted with a need to consider whether to heat or eat. The need for foodbanks is likely to grow further.

"For much of this church year we read Luke's gospel, often known as the Gospel of the poor and hear the challenging messages that are there. Those of us that have faith that God is with us are called to worship together regularly and to act, following God's desires to bring in his kingdom through us today.

"I will be food shopping later today. I am going to grab a few extra items and donate them to the food bank, if you are able to, could you do this too?"

With prayers for you all,

Allison



**FOOD BANK: The nearest foodbanks to us here in Ravensthorpe are Northampton and Daventry.**  
 The Hope Centre: call 01604 214300.  
 You can make cash donations via the website: <https://www.restorenorthampton.org.uk> and follow the instructions, or phone 01604328046 for more information.  
 To find out more about the Daventry Foodbank, phone 01327 577851 or email [foodbank@vineyardcommunity.org.uk](mailto:foodbank@vineyardcommunity.org.uk)

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**CHURCH SERVICES: RAVENSTHORPE & UPLANDS GROUP OF CHURCHES — FEBRUARY 2022**

| February                                       | Location                         | Service Type  | Time   | Flowers                  |
|--|----------------------------------|---|--------|--------------------------|
| Sunday 6 February<br>4th Sunday before Lent    | Ravensthorpe                     | Book of Common Prayer—Communion   | 8.30am | Beryl Mott & Sally Marsh |
|  | Other Churches / Services        | Cottesbrooke (BCP Communion, 11.00am); Creaton (CW Communion 9.30am); Guilsborough (CW Communion: 11.00am); Spratton (Worship for All, 11.00am); Thornby (BCP Communion: 9.30am). |        |                          |
| Sunday 13th February<br>3rd Sunday before Lent | 10.00am Group Service, Hollowell |   |        |                          |
| Sunday 20th February<br>2nd Sunday before Lent | Ravensthorpe                     | Common Worship with Communion   | 9.30am | Beryl Mott & Sally Marsh |
|  | Other Churches/ Services         | Creaton (BCP Communion CB: 9.30am), Guilsborough (BCP Communion: 8.30am, Brunch@11, BCP 5.00pm); Hollowell (BCP MP: 11.00am); Spratton (BCP Communion: 8.30am).                   |        |                          |
| Sunday 27th February<br>Last before Lent       | Ravensthorpe                     | Worship for All   | 11.00  | Beryl Mott & Sally Marsh |
|  | Other Churches/ Services         | Cold Ashby (BCP Communion: 9.30am); Guilsborough (CW Communion: 9.30am); Hollowell (CW Communion 11.00am); Spratton (CW Communion: 11.00am)..                                     |        |                          |
| Wednesday 2nd March<br>Ash Wednesday           | Guilsborough                     | 9.00am Holy Communion.  |        |                          |

**SPEAKERS'  
CORNER**

**PRESENTS**

***AMY WONDERFUL AMY;*  
The Story of Aviatrix AMY JOHNSON**

An illustrated talk by **ROY SMART**

Hear the story of a fishmonger's daughter from Hull, who flew solo half way round the world in a fragile little bi-plane emerging to fame and celebrity.

**Tuesday 15th February**

**7 for 7.30pm**

In the Village Hall

Tickets £6 each

[www.rvhall.online](http://www.rvhall.online) or ring  
01604 770482



**SPEAKERS'  
CORNER**

**PARISH COUNCIL NOTICE  
PROBLEMS WITH DOG FOULING IN THE VILLAGE**

It has been brought to the Council's attention that there have been recent and repeated instances of dog fouling on pavements and also on residents' private property within the village that is not being cleared up by the dog owners. This is clearly totally unacceptable.

The Council would respectfully request that owners keep their dogs under supervision at all times and ensure that they clear up any mess that their dog may make. (It is an offence to walk a dog in a public place without having a poo bag)

Any waste bin in the village can be used to dispose of poo bags in addition to the specific dog poo bins in the Playing Field and on the Coton Road.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

**The Chequers Opening times**

The current opening times for the Chequers: are as follows:

Tuesday to Saturday we are open from 12-3 for food and drink— food orders cease at 2.00pm; and, from 6-11 (food orders cease at 9.00pm).

Sunday: the bar is open from 12-4; and, Monday 12-3 and 6-9. There is no food available Sunday—Monday.

Takeaways available when the kitchen is open: Tuesday -Saturday.

The shop is open as before: 11-2 and 6 onwards, but not on Sunday evenings.

Thank you. Gill & Patrick

**RAVENSTHORPE  
MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELD**

The Playing Field AGM was held in the Village Hall on November 30th.

Adam Gooch was re-elected as the Chair for 2022, and Kieren Cooper has agreed to continue as Treasurer. Simon and Alina Cooper were welcomed onto the committee for 2022 and Simon has agreed to take on the role of Secretary. Katie Bazini will continue in the role of Health & Safety Officer and Alan Worthington has agreed to take on the role of Safeguarding Officer (see below). Other committee members for 2022 are Ken Hickman and Martin Wilkes.

The Committee will, as ever, need to rely on the help of the village and volunteers around specific events. Another Beer Festival day is being planned for July, subject to the usual (C19) "factors".

We are also planning to continue in 2022 to develop and improve the Playing Field and Children's Play Area resources .... All subject to funding, of course. But please keep supporting our lottery and our events, as you have.

**SAFEGUARDING**

The Playing Field Committee is committed to ensuring the welfare of children and vulnerable adults both in relation to the use of the Playing Field and its resources. We can only do this in the most effective way with the support of the village community as a whole.

Should any member of the public feel any concern for the welfare of children or any vulnerable person using the Playing Field (including the Children's Play Area) for any reason, please bring this to the attention of any member of the Playing Field Committee, or telephone Alan Worthington (07801 051 402). We are obliged to take seriously any expressions of concern and will follow up accordingly.

*The Playing Field was established as a Memorial to the servicemen and women from Ravensthorpe after 1946. The land was purchased from the Church by donations from the villagers. It is not a "public park" and receives no external funding. It is a private park which belongs to the villagers of the parish, and is a registered charity—no. 000133. The Playing Field Committee is delegated to manage its resources on behalf of the village by its trustees, the Parish Council. Members of the Committee are volunteers from within the Parish.*

**INVITATION TO LUNCH at  
Ravensthorpe's own  
SOUP KITCHEN  
Thursday March 31st.**

This year instead of the Lent Lunches we will have just one event together in the Village Hall. We hope many of you will support this – any monies made will be shared between St Denys Church and The Hope Centre (formerly Soup Kitchen) in Northampton. It will also be a chance to meet your neighbour and socialise in a safe way.

You will need to book in advance and places will be limited so please let Tricia Freeman know if you can come. Bring your friends and family, it will be good to see you all! The lunch booking will be for 3 sittings (if there is enough demand) 12noon, 12.30pm and 1pm. and will be allocated on a 'first come' basis. You won't be hurried out as this is a social event too – it will just help to plan so that you don't all arrive at the same time!

Payment will be by donation ( minimum £6 please). There will be a collection point for food items which we will take to the Hope Centre food bank – the usual basics are always needed and as Easter is coming perhaps a little treat or two for families.

If you would like to help in anyway please let us know: Tricia Freeman 770855 or Maggie Lewis 770458.

To reserve a place please telephone or email

[tricia\\_freeman@btinternet.com](mailto:tricia_freeman@btinternet.com)

**Around the World in 80 Days 31 March – 2 April**

Guildsborough Music & Drama Society presents a musical adaptation of Jules Verne's novel, *Around the World in 80 Days*. Performances will take place at 7.30 pm at Guildsborough Village Hall from Thursday 31 March to Saturday 2 April. Tickets £10 from end February – visit [www.gmads.co.uk](http://www.gmads.co.uk) or call Frances on 01604 740549.

**PLAYING FIELD LOTTERY WINNERS:**

Claire Harrison was the winner of the £100 Xmas draw. The December lottery was won by Sue Pearson (£50), with Phillip Mold runner-up (£20). The January draw was won by Diane Anstey (£50) and Ruth Rolls (£20) runner-up. All great supporters of the Playing Field ....thank you!

## RAVENSTHORPE VILLAGE HALL: WHAT'S ON IN FEBRUARY?

|             |                |                                   |                     |             |              |                                     |                    |
|-------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Tuesday 1   | 10.30am        | Zumba Gold                        | Lina 07725 984 674  | Tuesday 22  | 10.30am      | Zumba Gold                          | Lina 07725 984 674 |
|             | 2pm            | Afternoon Bridge Club             | Bernadette 770424   |             | 2pm          | Afternoon Bridge Club               | Bernadette 770424  |
| Wednesday 2 | 10.30am        | <b>MORNING COFFEE</b>             | All welcome!        |             | 6.45pm       | Village Cinema presents "Capernaum" | See cinema box     |
|             | 2.00pm         | Short Mat Bowling                 | Lin 07557 396627    | Wed 23      | 2.00pm       | Short Mat Bowling                   | Lin 07557 396627   |
| Thursday 3  | 9.30am         | Pilates with Sophie               | 07764 586990        |             | 8.00pm       | Ravensthorpe PC                     |                    |
|             | 6pm-7pm        | Shotokan Karate                   | Andy 07891 132675   | Thursday 24 | 9.30am       | Pilates with Sophie                 | 07764 586990       |
| Friday 4    | 9.30am         | "Raven Tots"                      | alina@cooper.bio    |             | 6pm-7pm      | Shotokan Karate                     | Andy 07891 132675  |
|             | 12.15pm        | Yoga with Lizzy                   | 07950 573719        | Friday 25   | 9.30am       | "Raven Tots"                        | alina@cooper.bio   |
| Saturday 5  | 9.00am         | Ladies Circuit Workout with Tammy | 07793 917493        |             | 12.15pm      | Yoga with Lizzy                     | 07950 573719       |
| Sunday 6    | 9.30am         | Zumba                             | Lina 07725 984674   | Saturday 26 | 9.00am       | Ladies Circuit Workout with Tammy   | 07793 917493       |
|             | 10.45am        | Shotokan Karate                   | Andy 07891132675    | Sunday 27   | 9.30am       | Zumba                               | Lina 07725 984674  |
| Monday 7    | 9.15 & 10.30   | Elizabeth Reader Pilates          | 07810 235258        |             | 10.45am      | Shotokan Karate                     | Andy 07891132675   |
|             | 2.00pm         | WEA Course: Art of Russia         | 0300 303 3464       | Monday 28   | 9.15 & 10.30 | Elizabeth Reader Pilates            | 07810 235258       |
| Tuesday 8   | 10.30am        | Zumba Gold                        | Lina 07725 984 674  |             | 2.00pm       | WEA Course: Art of Russia           | 0300 303 3464      |
|             | 2pm            | Afternoon Bridge Club             | Bernadette 770424   |             |              |                                     |                    |
|             | 7pm            | Village Cinema: "Dream Horse"     | See cinema box      |             |              |                                     |                    |
| Wed 9       | 2.00pm         | Short Mat Bowling                 | Lin 07557 396627    |             |              |                                     |                    |
| Thursday 10 | 9.30am         | Pilates with Sophie               | 07764 586990        |             |              |                                     |                    |
|             | 6pm-7pm        | Shotokan Karate                   | Andy 07891 132675   |             |              |                                     |                    |
| Friday 11   | 9.30am         | "Raven Tots"                      | alina@cooper.bio    |             |              |                                     |                    |
|             | 12.15pm        | Yoga with Lizzy                   | 07950 573719        |             |              |                                     |                    |
| Saturday 12 | 9.00am         | Ladies Circuit Workout with Tammy | 07793 917493        |             |              |                                     |                    |
| Sunday 13   | 9.30am         | Zumba                             | Lina 07725 984 674  |             |              |                                     |                    |
|             | 10.45am        | Shotokan Karate                   | Andy 07891132675    |             |              |                                     |                    |
| Monday 14   | 9.15 & 10.45   | Elizabeth Reader Pilates          | 07810 235258        |             |              |                                     |                    |
|             | 2.00pm         | WEA Course: Art of Russia         | 0300 303 3464       |             |              |                                     |                    |
| Tuesday 15  | 10.30am        | Zumba Gold                        | Lina 07725 984 674  |             |              |                                     |                    |
|             | 2pm            | Afternoon Bridge Club             | Bernadette 770424   |             |              |                                     |                    |
|             | 7.00pm         | SPEAKER'S CORNER                  | See Box             |             |              |                                     |                    |
| Wed 16      | <b>10.30am</b> | <b>Morning Coffee</b>             | <b>all welcome!</b> |             |              |                                     |                    |
|             | 2.00pm         | Short Mat Bowling                 | Lin 07557 396627    |             |              |                                     |                    |
| Thursday 18 | 9.30am         | Pilates with Sophie               | 07764 586990        |             |              |                                     |                    |
|             | 6pm-7pm        | Shotokan Karate                   | Andy 07891 132675   |             |              |                                     |                    |
|             | 7.45pm         | WI—"The Copper Kitchen"           | Maggie 770458       |             |              |                                     |                    |
| Friday 18   | 9.30am         | "Raven Tots"                      | alina@cooper.bio    |             |              |                                     |                    |
|             | 12.15pm        | Yoga with Lizzy                   | 07950 573719        |             |              |                                     |                    |
| Saturday 19 | 9.00am         | Ladies Circuit Workout with Tammy | 07793 917493        |             |              |                                     |                    |
| Sunday 20   | 9.30am         | Zumba                             | Lina 07725 984 674  |             |              |                                     |                    |
|             | 10.45am        | Shotokan Karate                   | Andy 07891 132675   |             |              |                                     |                    |
| Monday 21   | 9.15 & 10.30   | Elizabeth Reader Pilates          | 07810 235258        |             |              |                                     |                    |



**RAVENSTHORPE VILLAGE CINEMA**

<https://www.rvhall.online/cinema>

### **TUESDAY 8th February 7.00 for 7.30 pm: MAINSTREAM FILM—DREAM HORSE**

"Dream Horse" is based on the incredible true story of Dream Alliance, an unlikely racehorse bred by Jan Vokes (Academy Award Winner Toni Collette). Jan is a disenchanted housewife from the depressed Welsh village of Cefn Fforest who longs for something that'll shake up her routine and infuse a bit of energy into her economically depressed community.

With little money and no experience, Jan convinces a motley crew of villagers (including her husband Brian (Owen Teale) and tax advisor Howard (Damian Lewis)) to chip in their limited earnings to help raise a foal on her allotment and compete with the racing elites. "Dream Horse" is a classic tale of triumph against adversity, as an ordinary woman makes her wildest dreams come true and the horse becomes a beacon of hope in a struggling community.

2020. Cert PG. 102 mins.



### **TUESDAY 22nd FEBRUARY: 7pm for 7.30 CINEPHILE FILM—CAPERNAUM**

From acclaimed director Nadine Labaki, this 2018 Cannes Jury Prize winner is quite simply unforgettable. Forced to live by his wits just to survive, 12-year-old Zain's life in Beirut reaches a turning point when he feels forced to flee his family home. Whilst working on a fairground he befriends a young immigrant woman, Rahil (Yordanos Shiferaw) and helps look after her adorable baby Jonas (Boluwatife Treasure Bankole) while she works. Zain (Zain Al Rafeea) and Jonas form a strong bond but their situation becomes perilous when Rahil doesn't come home forcing Zain to make choices that will have huge ramifications.

"Capernaum" is a tribute to the resilience of the human spirit – a battle cry for the forgotten, the unwanted and the lost that offers hope in the most unexpected places. It hits hard, but rewards viewers with a smart, compassionate, and ultimately stirring picture of lives in the balance.

"The storytelling has a humour, lyricism and zest that belies the grimness of the subject matter." "If all this sounds like a journey into misery, it is leavened by moments of joy, warmth and comedy."

2018. Cert 15. 126 mins.





## Buckby Library & Hub

**Buckby Library & Hub**  
*for books & buzz*

Happy New Year to all! To kick off 2022, Buckby Library & Hub has been holding an exhibition of paintings by Long Buckby resident and artist, Anna Langton. during the month of January. We will be having a second art exhibition in March, by local wildlife and landscape painter, Norman How.

The exhibitions are held in our refreshment area (where you can also have a coffee if you are there in the mornings). You can also browse the books for sale both outside the library and in the refreshment area, and read our newspapers and magazines over your coffee. By the way, if you have books you wish to donate to the library from a new year clear-out, we are primarily looking for recent fiction in good condition and published within the last five years. Thank you!

Just to remind you of some of our other facilities on offer....You, or people you know, might be interested in the social afternoons held every Wednesday from 2-4pm when visitors can have a cup of tea and a chat, play cards, board games and do jigsaws; there's a £1 contribution, plus £1 for a cuppa, and entry is via the side gate. And, do you need access to a printing facility? Are you aware that you can send your printing electronically and pick it up from the library? Please check this webpage to find out how to do it (you will also see all our other services there): <https://buckbylibraryhub.org/services/>.

### Advent Windows

Thank you to everyone who made so much effort to create such fabulous windows in December. They made a walk around the village in the cold and dark a real joy.

If you would like to do one again next year, or would like to join in, please let me know.

Lynn Holt  
[lmholt1103@gmail.com](mailto:lmholt1103@gmail.com)



## PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS IN RAVENSTHORPE

This year there are celebrations planned for the Platinum Jubilee, the Queen will have been on the throne for 70 years and celebrations will take place on **Thursday 2nd – Sunday 5th June**.

A group of people have had a first meeting to discuss what shape Ravenshorpe's celebrations might take – this is given further impetus by the fact that many people would like to have some celebratory community event given the two years of restraint we've been through.

There are several options being discussed, including having a band in the Village Hall on the evening of 2 June and having a tea party in some form -street party or mass picnic on Sunday 5th June.

A history project -Ravenshorpe 1952-2022 – will produce a printed record of some kind.

We need people to help so if you would like to be involved you will be very welcome -please email me [dianeaudrey.hayes@gmail.com](mailto:dianeaudrey.hayes@gmail.com) or ring 01604 770482.

Diane Hayes

### PILATES IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Spaces are still available on Monday mornings 9.15am and 10.30am in Ravenshorpe Village Hall. Booking and enrolment form essential.

Please email for more information:

[lizessenreader@gmail.com](mailto:lizessenreader@gmail.com) 07810235258.

Elizabeth Reader

Certified Body Control Pilates teacher

Pilates is suitable for all and is particularly suitable for first-time exercisers. It's controlled slow approach means that it gives much longer-term results. Pilates targets the deep postural muscles, building strength from the inside out, re-balancing the body bringing it in to correct alignment. It will also improve your posture, achieving the perfect balance between strength and flexibility.

## CRABTREE PIT POCKET PARK



Please join us for another one of our winter work parties on Saturday 12 Feb 2-4pm. I'm so pleased with what's been achieved so far. In April we'll kick back, relax and enjoy the wildlife.

There's plenty of tasks to choose from on the day. All help is appreciated. Our main focus in February is working on the woodland glade. This is adding important age diversity into the woodland. It also creates a sunnier sheltered glade for woodland invertebrates to thrive.

Last year we delighted in the blackcaps melodic singing, watching the tiny but feisty goldcrests flick around, and the tossing sorties of territorial Speckled Wood butterflies.

The cuttings will be added to existing dead hedges also known as windrows. Deadwood is an important part of the cycle of life.

Celebrating the news of an exciting national partnership called HedgeLink, we'll continue to work on rejuvenating our historic hedgerows. HedgeLink provides farmers and landowners with information, advice and support, as well as education materials for schools and families. National Hedge Week is 28 May to 5 June 2022. <https://hedgelink.org.uk/campaign/national-hedgerow-week/> & <https://hedgelink.org.uk/>

Please come to visit the park. The snowdrops in the lane will be looking at their best soon.