

NEWSLETTER

Local News from Ravensthorpe, Creton & Teaton

Christian Aid Week - This takes place between 14th and 15th May. Envelopes will be delivered to each house and may be returned to Gill Douglas at Hill House and left in her porch. Alternatively, you can donate online:

Alice Cooper has set up a digital giving page for people in the village to use if they would prefer that to cash in an envelope. This allows us to track what the village has given and add it to any cash total as well. There is a weblink (below) which also has a QR code to make it easy for people to find the link.

<https://envelope.christianaid.org.uk/ravensthorpe-christian-aid-collection-2023>

QR code



This is a QR code that points to the address of your envelope, so it is easier to share. You can right click on the image and save to your device.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting - this is to take place on Monday 15th May at 4.30 pm in St Denys Church. This is open to all residents of Ravensthorpe and an opportunity to share in and contribute to the wellbeing of St Denys.

Church Yard - The mowing of the Churchyard is currently undertaken by the Parish Council and it has been agreed by both the PCC and the PC that it would be a good idea to try and reduce some of the mowing and allow nature to thrive where appropriate. The PCC has agreed that for a trial period we would not mow the area on the North side of the church from behind the trees on the North path to the corner by the allotments and path. There are no recent graves in this area. We look forward to seeing what grows and thrives.

John Patrick: thank you

The PCC and Parishioners of St Denys Church would like to express their thanks to John Patrick for the very generous donation he left in his will to the church. John was a loyal and regular worshiper of St Denys and his generosity is very much appreciated.

CHURCH CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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Associate Priest: Rev'd Caroline Burnett 01604 28629 caroline_burnett@btinternet.com

Assistant Curate: Rev'd Clare Glover 07912 188359 revclare@icloud.com

The Uplands Group Office: uplandsgroupoffice@gmail.com

Website: www.uplandsgroupchurches.org.uk

CHURCH SERVICES: RAVENSTHORPE & UPLANDS GROUP OF CHURCHES — MAY 2023

	Location	Service Type	Time	Flowers
Sunday 7 May	Ravensthorpe Easter 5, Coronation	BCP Communion	8.30am	Ann Fowler, Jane Pinnock
	Other Churches/ Services	Cottesbrooke (11.00am BCP Communion); Creton (9.30am BCP Communion); Guilsborough (9.30am CW Communion); Spratton (11.00am Worship for All); Thornby (5.00pm Songs of Praise).		
Sunday 14 May	10.00am GROUP SERVICE Creton			
Thursday 18 May Ascension	Spratton	Holy Communion	8.30am	
Sunday 21 May	Ravensthorpe	CW Communion	9.30am	Ann Fowler, Jane Pinnock
	Other Churches/ Services	Creton (9.30am CW Communion); Guilsborough (8.30am BCP Communion; 11.00am Brunch@11; 6.00pm Choral Evensong). Spratton (8.30am BCP Communion).		
Sunday 28 May	Ravensthorpe	Worship for All	11.00am	Ann Fowler, Jane Pinnock
	Other Churches/ Services	Cold Ashby (9.30am BCP Communion); Guilsborough (9.30am CW Communion); Hollowell (11.00am CW Communion); Spratton (11.00am CW Communion).		

LORNA McDONALD

We said goodbye to Lorna at Bedford Crematorium Friday 14th April. Lorna lived in Ravensthorpe for about 36 years with her husband Denis. They moved here to be near to family & help with grandchildren.

Lorna loved the village & joined in lots of things. She was a WI member & president for 2 years. She enjoyed senior citizens club & village lunches. Lorna loved to take her dog Florrie for a walk & chat to villagers about her life in India.

When she couldn't walk far, she enjoyed her scooter! She was always dressed brightly & smart, & had a smile for everyone. Warm humour & laughter greeted you in her home & she loved to share her jukebox.

Lorna enjoyed taking friends to Bobby's Indian restaurant in Leicester, shopping in the Indian shops & buying mangoes & sweets for friends.

Chocolate instead of Christmas cards was Lorna's thanks to her friends. Kilworth theatre was a favourite place to visit & she organised several trips with friends.

Lorna loved her family, her dog Florrie & she missed her husband Denis greatly, but she enjoyed her life in the village.



Ravensthorpe Memorial Playing Field



Spare Rolls of Loft Insulation?

Thank you to those who have donated spare loft insulation for the pavilion. It is very much

appreciated. If there is still some about then we could do with more. Please contact Simon Cooper: 07731 434 704 or simon@cooper.bio

Odds-200 Lottery winners for April:

Richard & Jean Wiseman £50; Keith & Janet Hickman £20.

Odds-200 Lottery for 2023-24:

The new lottery year begins again in June. We shall be looking to sell tickets from May—please support it. It is vital in helping us to maintain the field & Children's Play Area.

Date for your Diary:

Beer Festival & Family Fun Day:

Friday (evening) & Saturday July 14-15



2023 Open Season at Kelmarsh Hall & Gardens

Kelmarsh Hall has opened its historic Hall and Grade II listed gardens again for the 2023 open season, which runs from April – September on set days of the week. The gardens, woodland walks,

lakeside walk and fairy walk will be open for exploring on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sunday. The Hall, Servants Quarters and exhibitions can also be enjoyed by visitors on Tuesday and Wednesdays. For more information on opening times and prices, visit the website: www.kelmarsh.com



Thursday 18 May - A History of Madam Tussaud's. **Ravensthorpe Village Hall, 7.45pm.**

The annual membership is £46. Visitors are welcome at £5.

Maggie Lewis, Programme Secretary, 770458

maggielewisuk@gmail.com; Tricia Freeman, President, 770855.

THE CORONATION OF CHARLES III

at Ravensthorpe Village Hall.

The Coronation Ceremony broadcast will be shown on the Village Hall Cinema screen. The coronation ceremony starts at 11.00am and the hall doors will open at 10.00am. A buffet lunch will be served when the Ceremony has ended. Entry will be by tickets at a nominal price and ticket proceeds will be donated to The Prince's Trust. Click on the image for further details and booking. There will be a licensed bar throughout. £2.00

The Children's Coronation Crafts morning is a social creative activity event for children up to about 10 years of age but all ages welcome. Sunday 7 May 10.00-11.30.

Ravensthorpe Village Hall
On the Big Screen—
Buffet Lunch included



Ravensthorpe Village Hall
Children's Coronation Crafts
Sunday 7th May 2023, 10am – 11.30am



EUROVISION SONG CONTEST PARTY

at Ravensthorpe Village Hall.



This year's Eurovision is being staged by the UK in Liverpool, taking the place of last year's winners, Ukraine. Join the party and help raise money for the people of Ukraine. £5.00

RAVENSTHORPE VILLAGE HALL: WHAT'S ON IN MAY?

Monday 1	9.30am	Elizabeth Reader Pilates	07810 235258
Tuesday 2	2pm	Afternoon Bridge Club	Bernadette 770424
	7pm	Village Cinema presents: Tar	See Box.
Wed 3	10.30am	MORNING COFFEE	All welcome!
Thursday 4	2.15-4pm	"CRAFTERNOON"	Call Di 770482, Pauline 770634
	6pm-7pm	Shotokan Karate Juniors	Andy 07891 132675
Saturday 6	From 10.00am	CORONATION OF KING CHARLES II View on the big screen. Buffet lunch £2.00	
Sunday 7	From 10am	CORONATION CRAFTS FOR KIDS	
Monday 8	9.30am	Elizabeth Reader Pilates	
Tuesday 9	2pm	Afternoon Bridge Club	Bernadette 770424
Thurs 11	9.30am	Pilates with Sophie	07764 586990
	2.15-4pm	"CRAFTERNOON"	Call Di 770482, Pauline 770634
	6pm-7pm	Shotokan Karate Juniors	Andy 07891 132675
Saturday 13	EUROVISION SONG CONTEST (see box: £5)		
Sunday 14	9.30am	Shotokan Karate Seniors	Andy 07891 132675
Monday 15	9.30am	Elizabeth Reader Pilates	07810 235258
Tuesday 16	2pm	Afternoon Bridge Club	Bernadette 770424
	7pm	Village Cinema presents: Belle Epoque See Box.	
Wed 17	10.30am	MORNING COFFEE	All welcome!
Thurs 18	9.30am	Pilates with Sophie	07764 586990
	2.15-4pm	"CRAFTERNOON"	Call Di 770482, Pauline 770634
	6pm-7pm	Shotokan Karate Juniors	Andy 07891 132675
	7.45pm	W1 - History of Madam Tussauds	
Sunday 21	9.30am	Shotokan Karate Seniors	Andy 07891 132675
Monday 22	9.30am	Elizabeth Reader Pilates	07810 235258
Tuesday 23	2pm	Afternoon Bridge Club	Bernadette 770424
Wed 24	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	
Thursday 25	9.30am	Pilates with Sophie	07764 586990
	2.15-4pm	"CRAFTERNOON"	Call Di 770482, Pauline 770634
	6pm-7pm	Shotokan Karate Juniors	Andy 07891 132675
Sunday 28	9.30am	Shotokan Karate Seniors	Andy 07891 132675
Monday 29	9.30am	Elizabeth Reader Pilates	07810 235258
Tuesday 30	2pm	Afternoon Bridge Club	Bernadette 770424



RAVENSTHORPE

VILLAGE CINEMA

Ravensthorpe Village Hall

Doors Open 7.00pm: Tickets £7 (& £5 for students)

Advanced booking & payments to reserve places is politely requested.

Go to: rvhall.online/cinema; email: cinema@rvhall.online; telephone Mike & Mo Cobbe 01604 329822

TUESDAY 2nd MAY 7.00 for 7.30:

TAR

Collaborating with Cate Blanchett, for whom the film was written and devised, Todd Field has created a weighty portrait of a world-class conductor and composer (the fictional Lydia Tár) with a towering ego to match her formidable professional reputation. In this brooding, slow-burn drama, she finds herself in the grip of an increasingly suffocating career crisis. She's launching, in New York, a book of theoretical analysis while simultaneously preparing for an eagerly awaited performance in Berlin (Mahler's Symphony No 5), putting the final touches to a live album and being stalked by a former mentee who has become obsessed with her. Her life starts to unravel as allegations of a history of abusive and predatory behaviour are made. Although this is discreetly handled, the themes are complex and challenging.



Cate Blanchett gives the performance of a lifetime (Golden Globe and BAFTA winning and Oscar nominated), benefitting from an intelligent and thought-provoking script which encourages the audience to form their own views on #Me-Too and 'cancel culture' while experiencing much loved excerpts of Elgar and Mahler.

Widely acclaimed by critics, Cate Blanchett won the BAFTA Best Actress Award and the film was nominated for five Oscars.

TUESDAY 16th MAY 7.00 for 7.30:

BELLE EPOQUE

(This Spanish film from 1994 is not to be confused with the more recent and less acclaimed French film.)

Oscar-winning comedy drama. Spain 1931 celebrating life and love: Fernando, a deserter from the King's army, meets an eccentric artist, Manolo, who invites Fernando back to his country house. When it is time for Fernando to leave, Manolo takes him to the Madrid train, which is bringing his four daughters for a visit. One by one the daughters alight from the train, each more fetching than the last, and when the train pulls out Fernando cannot bring himself to get aboard. He stays behind and Manolo, understanding everything, invites him back to the house again.



Fresh from the seminary, Fernando, who is initially naive and even prim, finds himself the sole male in a rural "La Ronde", bewitched by first one daughter and then another, while old Manolo looks on benevolently; he would obviously not mind welcoming this young man into the family.

"Very little of the humour in Belle Epoque is "intellectual" – in fact, much of it is quite earthy. "Belle Epoque" is an enchanting, unpretentious, two-hour vacation from the rigours of real life." (ReelViews)

"Fernando Trueba's sexy, bittersweet and contemplative comedy....."Belle Epoque" surely possesses a warm, universal appeal..... With its gorgeous settings, whimsical score and robust yet dark-tinged good humour." (Los Angeles Times)



Update from Buckby Library & Hub

May 6th Coronation Day. We will be showing the coronation on our large TV screen and refreshments will be available. The library will be self-service only that day, however, our doors will be open from 10am and we will stay open until after the flypast. Come and share the event with others. Please reserve a place so that we know numbers (contacts below).

Saturday May 13th 2.30pm in the Baptist Church, Long Buckby: Elation Community Voices is holding a free concert with a collection in aid of Buckby Library & Hub. You can get tickets from The Peephole on the High Street and Buckby Library & Hub.

Get ready for the Summer Reading Challenge (July to September)! The theme this year is *Ready, Set, Read!* in collaboration with the Youth Sport Trust. Kids and parents: will you be ready? Look out for forthcoming information at the library.

Can you help us continue to thrive by volunteering with us? We need a volunteer bookkeeper to help maintain our finance delivery – are you that person? We are also looking for someone to support our information and communication needs via social media. Is social media your thing and are you willing to help? For further information, see: <https://buckbylibraryhub.org/would-you-like-to-help-us-continue-to-thrive-we-are-seeking-two-volunteers-for-specific-roles/>. Please contact jo.watson@buckbylibraryhub.org to find out more and register your interest!

Don't forget to check our website for our regular activities; you can find our calendar here: <https://buckbylibraryhub.org/calendar/>.

www: <https://buckbylibraryhub.org>; t: 01327 842591;
Email: info@buckbylibraryhub.org

Community Bus Service – Haddon Hopper to Daventry or Rugby

Tuesday 2 May Rugby and Elliott's Field

Thursday 11 May Daventry and Long Buckby

Tuesday 16th May Rugby and Elliott's Field

Thursday 25th May Daventry and Long Buckby

Tuesday 30th May Rushden Lakes (Pick up time starts 11am for this trip)

Free for bus pass holders, £2 per journey for other passengers. To use the service you must be registered and book each trip. For further information ring 01604 770482 Di Hayes

The deadline for contributions to the May Newsletter will be Tuesday 23 May.
Contributions & queries to Alan Worthington, 07801 051402 or
ravensthorpenewsletter@gmail.com.



Northampton Hope Centre
Supporting those who face hardship, hunger
and homelessness.

Please donate: telephone 01604 214300

Crabtree Pit Pocket Park

The meadow is abuzz with a yellow haze of cowslips, whilst in the woodland the bluebell flowers are starting to appear.....if the muntjac don't graze them off. It's well worth a visit this month.

The Big Help Out as part of the Coronation is on Bank Holiday Monday. We'd certainly welcome more volunteers to join in at the Pocket Park. Every year we have about 7 monthly work sessions between Sept to March to keep this village asset looking good. I am happy to organise a 'taster' session or talk pocket park to anyone who's interested. This doesn't have to be on the Bank Holiday, just contact me or one of the other volunteers when you're free.

Your help is welcome to conserve this special corner of the village, that holds so much life and diversity.

Ruth, Volunteer Pocket Park
Coordinator - Ruth.rolls@gmail.com



National Garden Scheme At Ravensthorpe Nursery



Thanks to all who supported our first opening of 2023 which was very successful, despite some miserable weather. We'll be open again on Friday 12th, Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th May. As before, admission £5, children free, home made cakes, tea and coffee, all to support the scheme. We'd love to see you.

Last year the National Garden Scheme was able to support its beneficiaries, which include Macmillan, Marie Curie, Hospice U.K., Carers' Trust, Queen's Nursing Institute and Parkinson's U.K., to the tune of £3.11 million.

Jean and Richard, Ravensthorpe Nursery.

ANNIVERSARIES AT COTTON END PARK

Cotton End Park is currently celebrating two significant anniversaries. On 27 May 2023, it will be ten years since the official opening of the park by Bernie Keith, from BBC Radio Northampton in 2013. The park has continued to go from strength to strength, and it was a particular boon during the lockdowns, when many people in the village and the surrounding area discovered the park as a place for physical and mental wellbeing. We continue to develop the park, and our main project for this year is the refurbishment of the play equipment, phase2.

In March, the Park celebrated the planting of its Community Orchard. Eighty fruit trees, comprising almost twenty varieties of apple, pear, cherry and plum were planted by volunteers. All the trees were planted with heritage fruit trees from the midlands, including four varieties of apple unique to Northamptonshire. Ten years on, we have a flourishing orchard!

The park is managed for the community by a dedicated group of volunteers, with support from the Parish Council. We have regular working parties on Sunday mornings, and if you would like to help, please contact our Park Manager, Nick Roberts, on 07850 467443.

More information can be found on the Long Buckby Green Spaces website: <https://longbuckbygreenspaces.com>
Daniel Tabor, Chair,
Long Buckby Green Spaces at Cotton End Park