

NEWSLETTER

Local News from Ravensthorpe, Coton & Tacton

HARVEST SUPPER FRIDAY 13 OCTOBER

Doors will open for this year's harvest supper at 7.00pm with food served at 7.30 pm. There will be a licensed bar throughout the evening and the hall will remain open until 11pm. Proceeds will go to St Denys Church

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday October 15th at 9.30. We welcome home grown produce for the auction which takes place after the service and proceeds go to our charity in Bangladesh.

RAVENSTHORPE CHURCH FÊTE

Thank you so much for all those folk who braved the somewhat inclement weather to attend the Church Fête. A very respectable £1500 was raised and our heartfelt thanks go to Emma and Colin for their hard work and hospitality.

RIDE AND STRIDE

This takes place on Saturday September 9th and there are some entry forms in church. If anyone is free to sit in church for an hour to welcome Riders, it would be much appreciated.

BEEES!

There is space in the 'No Mow' area of the church yard for a beehive if there is anyone who has a spare hive and is looking for a space.

SHOEBOXES—BLYTHSWOOD CHARITY

We will be filling shoeboxes again this year and these need to be ready by the beginning of November. If you would just prefer to donate items, we need: toothpaste, toothbrush, shampoo, soap, flannel, pens, paper, pencils, rubbers, sharpeners, hats, gloves, scarves, socks, small soft toys. Empty shoeboxes are needed as well please. Please bring to: Tricia Freeman, 1 Church Gardens.

SUPPORT NORTHAMPTONSHIRE'S BEAUTIFUL CHURCHES

RIDE+STRIDE

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

Saturday 9th September 2023
between 10am and 6pm

a day in the open air ... plan your own route
350+ stunning churches and chapels to visit - many of them open and welcoming



All sponsorship money received will be divided equally between the NHCT and the church or chapel chosen by you. Sponsorship forms and a list of open churches and chapels are available from your local organiser:-

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—SEPTEMBER 2023

	Location	Service Type	Time	Flowers
Sunday 3 September	Ravensthorpe	BCP Communion	8.30am	Sandra Patrick / Lin Hudson
	Other Churches/ Services	Cottesbrooke (11.00am BCP Communion); Coton (9.30am BCP Communion); Guilsborough (11.00am C/W Communion); Spratton (11.00am Worship for All); Thornby (9.30am BCP Communion).		
Sunday 10 September	10.00am GROUP SERVICE Thornby			
Sunday 17 September	Ravensthorpe	C/W Communion	9.30am	Sandra Patrick / Lin Hudson
	Other Churches/ Services	Coton (9.30am C/W Communion); Guilsborough (Brunch@11; 6.00pm Evensong). Spratton (8.30am BCP Communion).		
Sunday 24 September	Ravensthorpe	Worship for All.	11.00am	Sandra Patrick / Lin Hudson
	Other Churches/ Services	Cold Ashby (9.30am BCP Communion for Harvest Festival); Cottesbrooke (5.00pm Harvest Festival); Guilsborough (9.30am Harvest Festival); Hollowell (11.00am Harvest Festival); Spratton (11.00am C/W Communion).		
Sunday 1 October	Ravensthorpe	BCP Communion	8.30am	Liz Reader / Lynn Holt
	Other Church Services	Cottesbrooke (11.00am BCP Communion); Coton (9.30am Harvest Festival); Guilsborough (11.00am C/W Communion); Spratton (11.00am Worship for All Harvest Festival followed by Harvest Lunch); Thornby (3.00pm Harvest Festival);		

National Garden Scheme At Ravensthorpe Nursery



Thank you to everyone involved in the Village opening for the N.G.S. in July which raised over £800 for the scheme and supported the Village Hall through sales of teas.

It will soon be time to register your garden if you would like to join with us next year in opening to raise funds for this very worthwhile cause. Last year the N.G.S. was able to donate £3.11 million to the beneficiaries, providing critical support to nursing and health charities. If you feel you could help, please contact Jean at Ravensthorpe Nursery Tel. 770548 or email ravensthorpenursery@hotmail.com as soon as possible. We will be deciding on an opening date when all prospective openers are known and taking everyone's views and wishes into account.

The Nursery's last opening for this year will be on September 29th and 30th and 1st October, 11 a.m. till 5 p.m., admission £5, children free, tea/coffee and home made cakes also on sale for the Scheme. The photo on the front of the 2023 Northants. N.G.S. brochure shows our garden at the same time last year, so you will see there should still be plenty of interest. Cotton Manor will open for the N.G.S. on September 16th and Kelmash Hall and Gardens on 17th and there are other openings still to come in our own and neighbouring counties. For full details go to ngs.org.uk.

RAVENSTHORPE'S

Harvest Supper

FRIDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2023

BUFFET MEAL

BAR UNTIL
11PM



ALL AGES
WELCOME
RAFFLE

RAVENSTHORPE VILLAGE HALL
DOORS / BAR OPEN AT 7PM, MEAL AT 7.30.
BAR STAYS OPEN UNTIL 11PM
£10 ADULTS, £5 UNDER 12 YEARS.

Tickets (ADVANCE BOOKING RECOMMENDED if possible)
<http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/ravensthorpe-village-hall>
Or by calling Gill Douglas on 01604 770541

Proceeds to St Denys Church



Ravensthorpe Village Hall
Friday 29th September
From 7pm

Quizmaster: Bob Armstrong
Ticket: £10 per person
Curry Supper included;
Licensed Bar; Raffle.

A fun night out with Quiz and curry for teams of 4 to 8. For further info & team registration, contact Chrissie: 07507 895 383, or email: bookings@rvhall.online.

Deadline for the October Newsletter: Saturday 23rd September. Contributions to ravensthorpenewsletter@gmail.com. Queries to Alan Worthington: 01801 051 402.



PROGRAMME FOR AUTUMN 2023-SPRING 2024

We have a varied and interesting programme for the next 6 months and invite new members and guests to join us. Meetings are on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7.45pm in the Village Hall. Half yearly membership would be £23. Guests pay £5.

SEPTEMBER 21st: FROM VINE TO WINE -

Join Liz Ellison at the Allotment Vineyard 7.15pm (weather permitting) then on to the Hall for a Talk and Tasting at 7.45pm.

VISITORS WELCOME TO JOIN US.

OCTOBER 19th: **GILDINGS AUCTION HOUSE** talk and Quiz with Denise Gowing. OPEN MEETING FOR ALL - see separate notice for details.

NOVEMBER 16th: **THE ART OF NEEDLE FELTING** - talk with Michelle Hayes and a mini workshop to make your own felt robin.

DECEMBER 8th: **CHRISTMAS PARTY** Competition 'Winter Wildlife'

JANUARY 18th 2024: **BOUND TO LEARN** The history of Western Book-binding with Caroline Bendix of Library Conservation.

FEBRUARY 15th: **LOWLAND SEARCH AND RESCUE** Between Sea and Mountains. John Brown and Ally Grant of Northants Search and Rescue.

MARCH 21st: **AGM** yearly reports and accounts. Social time with refreshments.

Maggie Lewis, Programme Secretary, 770458

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

tricia.freeman@btinternet.com



Macmillan Coffee Morning
Saturday 23rd September
10am to 12noon

Once again we are holding an event to support such a worthwhile organisation. Do come and join us for coffee and biscuits. There will be a raffle, tombola, cakes and books. Any donations for the stalls or help would be gratefully received. Contact Lin 770562 or Pat 770466



Ravensthorpe Village Hall

Russian Women Shaping World History and Culture

Many remarkable Russian women made considerable contributions to Russian and World history and culture. A ballet dancer inspired Picasso to revamp his style. A feminist turned into a diplomat after falling out with Lenin. A 'Kremlin Princess' caused a scandal by defecting to the West. An opera diva rescued Solzhenitsyn and befriended Benjamin Britten. You will discover new names and unveil mysteries about some familiar historical figures.

Lecturer: Marina Burrell

Every Monday 30th October to 27th November

Time: 2-4pm Fee: £30.00 for the 5 weeks

Venue: Ravensthorpe Village Hall, 1, High Street NN6

Book your place with either:

Mo Cobbe at mo@mikecobbe.com Tel: 01604 328822

Or: Graham Metcalfe at gm@grahammecalf.net

Tel 07894 424328

Charity no 278283



Amy, Wonderful Amy Johnson

The nation's sweetheart; enigma in the sky.

Guildsborough Friends invite you to an illustrated talk. Roy Smart tells the story of this magnificent girl and her flying machines.

**7.30pm Thursday October 12th at
Guildsborough Village Hall.**

Tickets £5 per person to include a glass of wine/ soft drink. Tickets available from Elizabeth Southgate (01604 740064 / esouthgate@hotmail.co.uk); Janet Minney (01604 740640).

RAVENSTHORPE VILLAGE HALL: WHAT'S ON IN SEPTEMBER?

Sunday 3	9.30am	Shotokan Karate Seniors	Andy 07891132675	Thursday 28	9.30am	Pilates with Sophie	07764 586990
Monday 4	9.30am	Elizabeth Reader Pilates	07810 235258		2.15-4pm	"CRAFTERNOON"	Call Di 770482, Pauline 770634
Tuesday 5	2pm	Afternoon Bridge Club	Bernadette 770424		6pm-7pm	Shotokan Karate Juniors	Andy 07891 132675
	7pm	Village Cinema: Buck & the Preacher	See box.	Friday 29	7pm	Quiz & Cury Night: £10 advance tickets only.	www.rvhall.online
Wednesday 6	10.30am	MORNING COFFEE	All welcome!	 RAVENSTHORPE VILLAGE CINEMA Tickets £7 (& £5 for students). Go to: rvhall.online/cinema; email: cinema@rvhall.online; or telephone Mike & Mo Cobbe 01604 328322			
	2pm	Short Mat Bowling	Lin 07557 396627				
Thursday 7	9.30am	Pilates with Sophie	07764586990				
	2.15-4pm	"CRAFTERNOON"	Call Di 770482, Pauline 770634	Mainstream 5th September Buck and the Preacher 7.30pm Doors Open 7.00pm Following the end of the Civil War, soldier-turned-trail-guide Buck (Sidney Poitier) makes a living by helping former slaves find settlements in the West. But it makes Buck a man with a price on his head as bounty hunters will do anything to get the slaves back to Louisiana to work the fields. Buck and the freed slaves are joined by a con artist, the Preacher (Harry Belafonte) to fight a common enemy. 			
	6pm-7pm	Shotokan Karate Juniors	Andy 07891 132675				
Sunday 10	9.30am	Shotokan Karate Seniors	Andy 07891 132675				
Monday 11	9.30am	Elizabeth Reader Pilates	07810 235258	This 1972 film (directed by Sidney Poitier) was re-released in 2023 in memory of the recently deceased two celebrated stars. It "strikes a wonderful balance, mixing comedy, action, and drama, plus some heist elements" (Cinapse). 			
Tuesday 12	2pm	Afternoon Bridge Club	Bernadette 770424				
Wed 13	2pm	Short Mat Bowling	Lin 07557 396627				
Thursday 14	9.30am	Pilates with Sophie	07764 586990	Cinephile 19th September Compartment No.6 7.30pm Doors Open 7.00pm Finnish director Juho Kuosmanen's new film, Compartment No. 6, is set in the 1990s after the fall of the Soviet Union, in which two wildly mismatched travellers find themselves sharing a sleeping compartment from Moscow to Mumansk. Adapted from a novel of the same name by Finnish artist and author Rosa Liksom, it is about a young Finnish student of archaeology, on her way by train to Russia's remote north-west in the Arctic Circle. She finds she must share compartment number 6 with a boorish young Russian who is on his way to get a job in a coal mine in Mumansk. A most unlikely combination, but gradually they find common ground beneath the alien surfaces as the cold war between them begins to thaw. In Finnish and Russian with sub-titles. "This unconventional love story — is a total charmer" (Empire). 			
	2.15-4pm	"CRAFTERNOON"	Call Di 770482, Pauline 770634				
	6pm-7pm	Shotokan Karate Juniors	Andy 07891 132675				
Sunday 17	9.30am	Shotokan Karate Seniors	Andy 07891132675	 On Thursday 21st Sept at 2.30pm Adey Greeno from Althorp will be talking about Wildlife Conservation on the estate. He will outline a brief history of Althorp Park and projects to enhance biodiversity Ravensthorpe Village Hall £7 a ticket Tea/Coffee/bar Book www.rvhall.online or ring 01604 770482			
Monday 18	9.30am	Elizabeth Reader Pilates	07810 235258				
	2pm	ACE Course: Take Five Artists	Fully booked.				
Tuesday 19	2pm	Afternoon Bridge Club	Bernadette 770424				
	7pm	Village Cinema: The Compartment	See box.				
Wed 20	10.30am	MORNING COFFEE	All welcome!				
	2pm	Short Mat Bowling	Lin 07557 396627				
	7.30pm	Ravensthorpe Parish Council					
Thursday 21	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	WL: From Vine to Wine	Tricia 01604 770855				
Sunday 24	9.30am	Shotokan Karate Seniors	Andy 07891132675				
Monday 25	9.30am	Elizabeth Reader Pilates	07810 235258				
	2pm	ACE Course: Take Five Artists	Fully booked.				
Tuesday 26	2pm	Afternoon Bridge Club	Bernadette 770424				
Wednesday 27	2pm	Short Mat Bowling	Lin 07557 396627				



Update from Buckby Library & Hub

We extend huge thanks to the National Lottery Community Fund which has awarded Buckby Library & Hub a grant in support of the part-time manager position over the next 4 years. We also thank all the National Lottery players who have enabled this to happen. The grant will permit us to continue developing our services and activities for all our local communities.

Art in the community: Art Club sessions will recommence on Tuesday, September 5th, 2-4pm; £5/session - all welcome. In September, our art exhibition will be part of Northants Open Studios and will feature work by Clare Brookes, Bridget Arregger and Selwyn Lloyd. From October 17th and through November, there will be a 3-part exhibition from the Aperture Photography Group. You can also look forward to December's pre-Christmas 'Under £20' sale of art and craft, including handmade Christmas cards.

Music: Long Buckby Ukulele Group will be back for another heart-warming performance on Thursday, October 12th, 7.30-9.00 pm. Doors open 7.00pm for a 7.30 start. The event is free - donations welcome - and refreshments will be available. Please register your attendance with the library & hub as space is limited.

Films: Our popular film season starts again on Tuesday, September 26th with *Bank of Dave*, a comedy based on a true story. 'Rory Kinnear stars as a Northern working class self-made millionaire, who struggles to set up a new community bank to help Burnley town's local businesses... He must battle against the opposition of London's financial institutions and compete for the first new banking license in over 100 years.' Doors open 7.00pm for a 7.30 start. Tickets are available from the library & hub or the Peephole in the High Street: £7. Our film on October 26th will be *A Man called Otto*.

All the fun of the Fayre! A reminder about our late summer fayre on Saturday 23rd September from 2-4.30pm: book sale, raffle and stalls for art, vintage and handmade crafts, plants, bodyshop items, bags, gifts, tombola (adults and children), lucky dip (children), games, face painting, teas, ices, cake, and crepes in the car park! Raffle tickets will be on sale in the library & hub from the beginning of September. If you have possible prizes for our tombola or lucky dip, please drop them off at the library - thanks for your support!

West Northants Council drop-in sessions: starting Friday 8th September, we will be hosting monthly WNC drop-in sessions. WNC advisers will come in once a month on a Friday morning at 10.30am for members of the public to ask anything or raise any issues. Feel free to come along with your questions or concerns.

The **Northamptonshire Association for the Blind (NAB)** mobile sight centre, which provides a free, informal service, will be stationed in the library car park between 2-4pm on Tuesday 12th September.

For all our regular activities, please check our calendar here: <https://buckbylibraryhub.org/calendar/>

THE COMMUNITY BUS SERVICE FROM RAVENSTHORPE TO DAVENTRY OR RUGBY/ELLIOTT'S FIELD.

This service is free to anyone with a bus pass, and costs £2 per journey for anyone without a pass (until the end of October). Regular weekly services run in the mornings on Tuesdays to Daventry or on Thursday to Rugby (Elliott's Field or town centre). The bus returns after approximately 2 hours. This service is run by a social enterprise - *CommMiniBus* and administered by volunteers.

Passengers need to register to use the service - ring 0333 188 0591 or email bookings@cmbus.org. If you want to use the service you must also book for each trip.

Upcoming Journeys:

Daventry - Tues 5th Sept, 12th Sept and 19th Sept.

Rugby/ Elliott's Field - Thurs 28th Sept

Ravensthorpe contact Di Hayes 01604 770482. It's a great service, with helpful drivers, so please support it and help to keep it going.

Crabtree Pit Pocket Park

Pocket Park Rake and Cake

Sunday 10th September 10.30am

Bring wheelbarrow if you have one and gloves. Hay rakes provided. Queries to Ruth at crabtreepit@gmail.com

The meadow is flourishing thanks to this annual volunteer maintenance task. This was an exceptional year with new species, meadow saxifrage, morel fungus, and pyramidal orchid. New volunteers are very welcome to join us don't be shy. We welcome back regular park friends too for new series of conservation tasks.

Ruth Rolls, Volunteer Pocket Park Coordinator.



TOP ARDLES WOOD

From Matt George, Site Manager.

The woodland, rides and meadow area are developing well at Top Ardles and the trees are at the age now where management interventions will be beneficial in improving the biodiversity and long-term health of the site.

The central section of woodland, predominantly composed of willows and hazel, is now at a suitable size for bringing into a cyclical coppice scheme. This is a traditional method of woodland management that involves cyclically cutting the stems down to almost ground level and letting them regrow. As well as producing a more-sustainable supply of timber, coppicing also benefits the woodland wildlife by creating a variety of different structures and conditions. This allows more light to reach the ground in rotation, increasing the diversity and abundance of wildflowers.

The majority of the hazel will be coppiced in sections over the next 3 years and then each section will likely be cut again on a 7-12 year cycle. The willow section is currently being coppiced around the outside of the area to prevent the stems from splitting out and causing a safety concern for path users. After which, it will then be coppiced regularly. The resulting regrowth will hopefully be suitable to be used for products like woven baskets.

To return this central area back into management, we are working with a local coppice group called The Whittlewood Concept (website link below). Their vision is to promote these traditional woodland management techniques, making them once again viable for future generations whilst protecting the local ecology and environment, increasing biodiversity and creating suitable habitats for all manner of wildlife. The products they harvest may be used for stakes and binders in hedge-laying, spars for thatching and sustainably-sourced charcoal and biochar, amongst others.

Currently, The Whittlewood Concept will be using and selling what they produce. However, this will be an evolving situation and in the future we hope to get more local people involved in the management of the wood so they too can benefit from the produce, such as hazel bean poles and willow for weaving. The Whittlewood Concept will start coppicing in late winter 23/24, when some of the material will be harvested. I'm excited to say that they will then return in April/May with their low-impact retort kiln (trailer mounted and that recycles waste gases) to produce available and sustainable charcoal at Top Ardles Wood. I'll announce the date nearer the time. Please do visit them when on site to discuss their processes and products.

Please do get in touch with myself, if you are interested in volunteering in the woodland in the future and in using potential produce.

Kind regards,
Matt George
matthewgeorge@woodlandtrust.org.uk

*Whittlewood Concept - <https://www.whittlewoodconcept.com/about>