

## CHURCH NOTICES

Church News - Many thanks to those people who attended the Soup Lunch. A respectable sum of £250 was raised which will be donated to The Hope Centre and Cancer Research.

Also thank you to those who made soup and delicious cakes and generally helped on the day.

Again, thank you to those who donated to The Food Bank: three baskets were duly sent.

## RAVENSTHORPE & COTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Streetlights

The PC has responsibility for the streetlights – if you see a light you think isn't working, please email our Clerk Carol James at [ravensthorpepc@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ravensthorpepc@yahoo.co.uk) or ring me as below.

In the interests of economy, and helping to save the planet, some of the lights are set to switch off at midnight and come on again a few hours later, as people are likely to be about. So, if you notice a light out in the early hours check it again before midnight before you report it. We have a gradual program of replacement to more energy efficient lights as funds permit.

### Parish Open Meeting

This will be held on **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April from 1030am in the Village Hall.**

Please come and enjoy free tea/coffee and cake and hear more about the voluntary organisations in the village that offer activities and support to our community.

You will have the chance to talk to the organisation's representatives and add in your own ideas about what might be offered – the Playing Field, the Village Hall, the Pocket Park, Ravensthorpe Charities, Neighbourhood Watch – we hope they,, and others, will be there telling us about the past year and future plans.

**The Annual Village Litter Pick** was held on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March – a great effort by volunteers under Richard Marsh's leadership - resulting in a good pile of filled bags from all roads in the Parish. Thank you to everyone who took part.

Chairman Diane Hayes 01604 770482

## CHURCH CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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## CHURCH SERVICES: RAVENSTHORPE & UPLANDS GROUP OF CHURCHES—APRIL 2024

|                 | Location                    | Service Type  | Time    | Flowers                   |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|---|---------|---------------------------|
| Sunday 7 April  | Ravensthorpe                | BCP Communion   | 8.30am  | Sally Marsh               |
|                 | Other Churches/<br>Services | Cottesbrooke (11.00am BCP Communion); Creaton (9.30am BCP Communion); Guilsborough (11.00am C/W Communion); Spratton (11.00am Worship for All); Thornby (9.30am BCP Communion). |         |                           |
| Sunday 14 April | Ravensthorpe                | Group Service & Annual Meetings: 10.00am  |         | Sally Marsh               |
| Sunday 21 April | Ravensthorpe                | C/W Communion   | 9.30am  | Sally Marsh               |
|                 | Other Churches/<br>Services | Creaton (9.30am C/W Communion); Guilsborough (Brunch@11, Village Hall; 6.00pm Evensong); Spratton (8.30am BCP Communion).   |         |                           |
| Sunday 28 April | Ravensthorpe                | Worship for All   | 11.00am | Sally Marsh               |
|                 | Other Churches/<br>Services | Cottesbrooke (11.00am BCP Communion); Creaton (9.30am BCP Communion); Guilsborough (11.00am C/W Communion); Spratton (11.00am Worship for All); Thornby (9.30am BCP Communion). |         |                           |
| Sunday 5 May    | Ravensthorpe                | BCP Communion   | 8.30am  | Ann Fowler, Jane Pinnock. |





### **The Playing Field Lottery year starts in June: please support it**

The new lottery year is coming around soon! In May we shall be selling tickets for the new year that commences in June. An annual ticket is £15.

We would like to remind all villagers that the Playing Field does not receive any public funding for its upkeep—it is NOT a public park, contrary to popular belief and relies entirely on funds raised through the lottery and events. Our aim is to sell a minimum of 200 tickets each year, and the income from this goes a long way to covering the costs of the grass cutting of the field and the Children's Play Area. Currently, approximately 50% of the households in the village, support the Playing Field by buying a ticket, and many of those buy two or more. For that the village is most grateful. But we would like to encourage everyone to buy a ticket, if you can, especially if you use the Playing Field for dog-walking and your family / children use the facility for playing and other recreation. The Playing Field is there only through the generosity of the villagers who originally bought the land in 1946-8 as a memorial to the villagers who died in the war, and those who have supported it since.

Playing Field Lottery winners for March: John Gill (£50); Jenny Barford (£20). Thank you all for your support



### **Northamptonshire Police Emergency Services Cadets Recruitment September 2024**

#### **Calling all young people!**

The Cadet recruitment window is now open for their September 2024 intake and young people across the county are being encouraged to do something amazing with their time and join up to the Northamptonshire Emergency Service Cadets (NESC). Those successful in joining the cadet scheme:

- Receive training in all elements of emergency services.
- Learn transferable skills such as excellent communication tools and broaden your knowledge of public services.
- Make positive contributions towards public safety.
- Meet new and interesting people and develop new friendships.
- Open up opportunities for future careers in any of the three services

If you are aged between 13-18 and are interested in learning more about the scheme, you can find out more information at [www.northants.police.uk/cadets](http://www.northants.police.uk/cadets). If you would like to apply for this year's intake, or know someone who would be interested, please head to the website, and complete the form before the closing date, Sunday, April 7, 2024.

The meetings follow a set curriculum where you will take part in activities such as visiting the Force Control Room, and officer safety training, as well as supporting each service at community events. We currently have six cadet units in Northamptonshire that meet on a weekly basis between 6pm and 9pm – Northampton, Kettering, Wellingborough, Daventry, Towcester, and Corby.

### **NEWSPAPER DELIVERIES**

#### **From the Ed:**

For those who collect their newspapers from the box next to the Village Hall, I recently had a call from Nigel, who delivers the papers to Ravensthorpe and East Haddon, 7 days per week. Nigel is scheduled to have some surgery, possibly from mid-April, and will be out of action for 8 weeks after that.

During the time Nigel is out of action, we need to find an alternative means of delivery: Hilary is unable to fill this gap. So, are there people who get papers from the village who might be prepared to give either 1 or 2 days per week over that period, to collect the papers from Hilary in Long Buckby (at approx. 6.50am) and deliver them to the bus shelter in East Haddon and the box at the Ravensthorpe village hall? There is a payment of £10 per day that is offered with this.

If this is something that you might be able to consider, could you please call me and I can provide details.

Alan Worthington  
(07801 051 402)



### **RAVENSTHORPE VILLAGE CINEMA**

**Tickets £7. Go to: [rvhall.onlinecinema](http://rvhall.onlinecinema);  
email: [cinema@rvhall.online](mailto:cinema@rvhall.online); or telephone Mike & Mo Cobbe  
01604 328322**

#### **Mainstream Tuesday 9th April: 7.30pm. Doors Open 7.00pm:**

##### **The Great Escaper**

Michael Caine and the late Glenda Jackson bring their A games to this true-life heart-warmer about the 89 years old WWII Royal Navy veteran Bernard Jordan who staged a "great escape" from his care home to join fellow war veterans on a beach in Normandy, commemorating fallen comrades.

"A moving story and terrific performances from Caine and Glenda Jackson, in her final role, lift this melancholy real-life tale of a pensioner's escapade in France" (The Guardian).



#### **Cinephile: Tuesday 23rd April 7.30pm Doors Open 7.00pm:**

##### **The Eight Mountains**

In a secluded valley in the Italian Alps, an unlikely friendship forms between two young boys, Pietro, a boy from the city, and Bruno, who has only ever known life in the mountains. Over the years, Bruno remains faithful to his home while Pietro aspires to greater heights. As their lives unfold, their paths ultimately lead them back to where they first met as they reunite to build a mountain hut in remembrance of Pietro's father to fulfil his dying wish.

Set against the magnificent landscape of Italy's Aosta Valley which includes the slopes of Mont Blanc and the Matterhorn, and spanning almost four decades, "The Eight Mountains" is a profoundly moving and beautifully filmed portrait of a lifelong friendship between two seemingly very different people who became fast friends as children and remain friends, even though life, time, and circumstances, often drive them apart. In Italian with Sub-titles.



### **COMPASS ENERGY - SUPPORTING RAVENSTHORPE CHARITIES**



In the February 2021 Newsletter, we included a piece on behalf of a new oil supply company, Compass Energy, which offered the Ravensthorpe charities £50 for every 10,000 litres purchased by villagers under the Ravensthorpe buying account. We are pleased to say that, since its launch, the Playing Field, the Church and the Village Hall have benefitted to the tune of £663 through this offer. There are (approximately) 40 households who have bought / are buying their household oil from Compass over this 3 year period.

The Compass aim is to provide household fuel "at the most competitive prices" and it is very worthwhile to compare Compass oil prices against other local providers when you are doing your next order. If it appeals please register your interest under the Ravensthorpe buying account – RAVS. The amount of fuel purchased by the village is monitored by Compass, and by doing this you will be supporting the Ravensthorpe Charities.

In Northamptonshire, Compass is based in Sywell.

To order or get a quote: contact Compass Energy on 01604 345526.

*Newsletter deadline: the deadline for contributions to the April Newsletter is Saturday 23 March. Contributions to [ravensthorpenewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:ravensthorpenewsletter@gmail.com) or queries to Alan Worthington 07801 051402.*



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

For more information visit

[www.rvhallonline.co.uk](http://www.rvhallonline.co.uk)

|              |                |  |                                |             |         |   |                       |
|--------------|----------------|--|--------------------------------|-------------|---------|---|-----------------------|
| Tuesday 2    | 2pm            | Bridge Club                              | Bernadette 770424              | Friday 19   | 2pm     | Table Tennis  | Call/bxt 07710 813069 |
| <b>Wed 3</b> | <b>10.30am</b> | <b>MORNING COFFEE—All welcome!</b>       |                                |             | 7.00pm  | Quiz Night: team register. Call Chrissie 07507 895383. <a href="mailto:bookings@rvhallonline">bookings@rvhallonline</a> |                       |
|              | 2pm            | Short Mat Bowling                        | Lin 07557 396627               |             |         |   |                       |
| Thursday 4   | 9.30am         | Pilates with Sophie                      | 07764 586990                   | Sunday 21   | 9.30am  | Shotokan Karate Seniors   | Andy 07891 132675     |
|              | 2.15-4pm       | "CRAFTERNOON"                            | Call Di 770482, Pauline 770634 | Monday 22   | 9.30am  | Elizabeth Reader Pilates  | 07810 235258          |
|              | 6pm-7pm        | Shotokan Karate Juniors                  | Andy 07891 132675              |             | 2pm     | Table Tennis  | 07710 813069          |
| Sunday 7     | 9.30am         | Shotokan Karate Seniors                  | Andy 07891132675               | Tuesday 23  | 2pm     | Afternoon Bridge Club   | Bernadette 770424     |
| Monday 8     | 9.30am         | Elizabeth Reader Pilates                 | 07810 235258                   |             | 7pm     | Village Cinema: <i>The Eight Mountains</i>  | See box.              |
|              | 7.00pm         | Table Tennis                             | Call/bxt 07710 813069          | Wed 24      | 2pm     | Short Mat Bowling   | Lin 07557 396627      |
| Tuesday 9    | 2pm            | Bridge Club                              | Bernadette 770424              | Thursday 25 | 9.30am  | Pilates with Sophie   | 07764 586990          |
|              | 7pm            | Village Cinema: <i>The Great Escaper</i> | See box.                       |             | 6pm-7pm | Shotokan Karate Juniors   | Andy 07891 132675     |
| Wed 10       | 2pm            | Short Mat Bowling                        | Lin 07557 396627               | Friday 26   | 2pm     | Table Tennis  | 07710 813069          |
| Thursday 11  | 9.30am         | Pilates with Sophie                      | 07764 586990                   | Saturday 27 | 10.00am | <b>Village Open Meeting All welcome!</b>  |                       |
|              | 2.15-4pm       | "CRAFTERNOON"                            | Call Di 770482, Pauline 770634 | Sunday 28   | 9.30am  | Shotokan Karate Seniors   | Andy 07891132675      |
|              | 6pm-7pm        | Shotokan Karate Juniors                  | Andy 07891 132675              | Monday 29   | 9.30am  | Elizabeth Reader Pilates  | 07810 235258          |
| Friday 12    | 2pm            | Table Tennis                             | Call/bxt 07710 813069          |             | 7.00pm  | Table Tennis  | 07710 813069          |
| Sunday 14    | 9.30am         | Shotokan Karate Seniors                  | Andy 07891132675               | Tuesday 30  | 2pm     | Bridge Club   | Bernadette 770424     |
| Monday 15    | 9.30am         | Elizabeth Reader Pilates                 | 07810 235258                   |             |         |   |                       |
|              | 7.00pm         | Table Tennis                             | Call/bxt 07710 813069          |             |         |   |                       |
| Tuesday 16   | 2pm            | Bridge Club                              | Bernadette 770424              |             |         |   |                       |
| Wed. 17      | <b>10.30am</b> | <b>MORNING COFFEE All welcome!</b>       |                                |             |         |   |                       |
|              | 2pm            | Short Mat Bowling                        | Lin 07557 396627               |             |         |   |                       |
| Thursday 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         | W/ Textile Conservation                  | Tricia 770855                  |             |         |   |                       |

## Ravensthorpe Village Hall Table Tennis



**Weekly Sessions**  
**Each Monday from April 8<sup>th</sup>, 7pm - 9pm**  
**Each Friday from April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2pm - 4pm**  
 Please register your interest in advance.

Or find out more.

Email [contact@rvhallonline](mailto:contact@rvhallonline)

Txt 07710 813069

Call 01604 771277





## Update from Buckby Library & Hub

Voting in local and national elections in 2024? You will now need **photo ID**. A list of acceptable forms of ID can be found here: <https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/service-privacy-notices/electoral-services-privacy-policy/voter-id>. If you don't have any of these, but are on the electoral register, you will need to apply for a **free Voter Authority Certificate (VAC)**. The VAC will display your name and include a passport style photograph which will enable you to vote. You can apply online (how to do it can be found in the link above) or you can pop into Buckby Library & Hub where our volunteers will help you with your application.

**Activities for children** during the Easter holidays! These will be on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> of April at 2.30 pm. Please check our website or call the library & hub for further details.

Our **April film night**: we are showing 'Past Lives' on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 7.30pm. 'Nora and Hae Sung, two deeply connected childhood friends, are wrested apart after Nora's family emigrates from South Korea to Canada and then New York. Twenty years later, they are reunited for one fateful week as they confront notions of love and destiny ...' Tickets from the library & hub or the Peephole in Long Buckby High Street: £7. Doors open at 7pm. Refreshments available.

Spring is on the way, however before temperatures warm up, do you, or does someone you know, still need a **bag of useful winter items**? These are for anyone who meets some basic conditions. If you, or anyone you know, would find a bag useful, please pop into the library, speak to a volunteer and complete a simple form. These have been provided by West Northants Council and are free.

We'd like to extend our appreciation and thanks to the **Department for Work and Pensions and Partners** for their visit to the library & hub on Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup> to provide advice and support in a range of areas such as career advice and CV writing, job search, mental health support, free courses and training.

Do check our website for all our regular activities, including all those for children as well as adults. You can find our calendar here: <https://buckbylibraryhub.org/calendar/>.

<https://buckbylibraryhub.org/>; [info@buckbylibraryhub.org](mailto:info@buckbylibraryhub.org); 01327 842691

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

There are some minor changes.

The Tuesday bus from West Haddon to Daventry via Guilsborough, Coton and Long Buckby is now a service bus -No 52. It will pick up in Ravensthorpe at the bus shelter and at the bottom of the West Haddon Rd at 9.45. It will run every Tuesday. You do still have to be registered to use the service as our village stops are request only.

The Haddon Hopper will run to Rugby (Elliott's Field or town centre) on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April and Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. On Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> May there will be a trip to Corby- Pick-up starts at 9.30am.

For all trips the bus returns after approximately 2 hours. This service is run by a social enterprise - CommMiniBus and administered by volunteers.

The service is free to anyone with a bus pass. It costs £2 per single journey for anyone without a pass. Passengers need to register to use the service - ring 0333 188 0591 or email [bookings@cmbus.org](mailto:bookings@cmbus.org). You must also book for each trip.

Ravensthorpe contact Di Hayes 01604 770482

It's a great service, with helpful drivers, so please support it and help to keep it going.

## National Garden Scheme

At Ravensthorpe Nursery



The first three of 2024's National Gardens Scheme openings at Ravensthorpe Nursery will be on May 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> from 11am until 5pm. Admission £6, children free, tea/coffee and home-made cakes and plants for sale.

Last year the Scheme raised over £4m, which enabled them to distribute £3,403,960 to the various nursing charities it supports. Do visit [ngs.org.uk](https://ngs.org.uk) to read about the projects made possible by these donations, as well as to find full details of all the openings throughout the country this year.

In May the National Garden Scheme will have a show garden at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show. Designed by eight times RHS gold medal winner, Tom Stuart-Smith, and sponsored by Project Giving Back. The garden will exemplify the joy and associated health and wellbeing benefits of garden visiting that have been at the heart of the National Garden Scheme since 1927. On Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> April Tom will be joined by Peter Clay, founder of Crocus, (which has amassed 33 gold medals at Chelsea over 23 years of planting and constructing show gardens) to give an online talk "Secrets of a Chelsea Garden". This will take a look behind the scenes at what it takes to create a show-stopping garden for RHS Chelsea. Tickets (£10) for the talk and further details about the Chelsea Show Garden can also be found via the website ([ngs.org.uk](https://ngs.org.uk)).

Jean Wiseman



**THURSDAY April 18th 7.45pm, Village Hall  
TEXTILE CONSERVATION**  
with Louise Shrewry.

This month, we are looking forward to hearing about **Textile Conservation** from Louise Shrewry. Her company, Landico are involved in the restoration and care of the fabrics, textiles and tapestries at some of the great houses in Northamptonshire - Boughton House and Burley House. You are welcome to join us to find out more about this interesting topic. Visitor charge is £5.

### NEW MEMBERS WANTED !

We have another interesting programme ahead and would be very pleased to welcome new members. Aside from speakers / talks we have social events such as skittles evenings and outings.

- May 16<sup>th</sup> Resolutions discussed. Bring and buy plants and crafts;
- June 20<sup>th</sup> My life as a film extra and how you can become one;
- July 18<sup>th</sup> Local support to Asylum seekers and refugees from Afghanistan;
- August 15<sup>th</sup> outing to Thomby Hall Buddhist centre - talk/meditation and afternoon tea;
- September 19<sup>th</sup> Make your own gift box;
- October 17<sup>th</sup> The Ghost Detective - tales of the unexpected - this will be an OPEN meeting

The WI organisation offers you a chance to learn new subjects and to improve skills. **The online learning facility, WI HUB is free to members** and offers subjects on craft, personal development, IT skills, talks etc. WI trips are also available with opportunities for social get togethers, walks and holidays. We take part in national debates in the form of Resolutions - this year we are discussing dental health matters.

Most importantly we have *fun and friendship* so **PLEASE JOIN US. Annual membership is £48** (if you need any financial help with paying subs then contact Gill Douglas 770 541). We meet in the Village Hall on the 3rd Thursday of the month.

Maggie Lewis Programme Secretary.