



CHURCH NOTICES

Christian Aid Week - May 12th to 18th

Envelopes are being delivered with the newsletter. Envelopes with donations may then be left in the porch of Gill Douglas, Hill House.

Donations may also be given via the web site using the QR code (below). Scan the code and you will be sent to a designated site for Ravensthorpe.

Chalice missing. Can you help?

A very valued Chalice (shown below with the paten) has gone missing from St Denys Church. It was last used at the 8.30am service on 7th April and was discovered missing soon after. If anybody has any knowledge of this or thinks they can help in any way please contact either Rev'd Allison Twigg (01604 846099), or Meg Benn (07960 946 789; 01604 770629).



Brunch@11 is a chance for a great hot breakfast, proper coffee and newspapers, and activities for the children, followed by a short informal service.

**11 am Sunday 19 May at
Guilsborough Village Hall**

Find us on Facebook to find out more or to get in touch:
www.facebook.com/UplandsGroupChurches

CHURCH CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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CHURCH SERVICES: RAVENSTHORPE & UPLANDS GROUP OF CHURCHES — MAY 2024

| | Location | Service Type | Time | Flowers |
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| Sunday 5 May | Ravensthorpe | BCP Communion | 8.30am | Ann Fowler, Jane Pinnock |
| | Other Churches/ Services | Cottesbrooke (11.00am BCP Communion); Creton (9.30am BCP Communion); Guilsborough (11.00am C/W Communion); Spratton (11.00am Worship for All); Thornby (9.30am BCP Communion). | | |
| Thursday 9 May Ascension Day | Creton | Group Service: 9.00am | | |
| Sunday 12 May | Spratton | Group Service: 10.00am | | |
| Sunday 19 May | Ravensthorpe | C/W Communion | 9.30am | |
| | Other Churches/ Services | Creton (9.30am C/W Communion); Guilsborough (Brunch@11, Village Hall; 6.00pm Evensong); Spratton (8.30am BCP Communion). | | |
| Sunday 26 May | Ravensthorpe | Worship for All | 11.00am | |
| | Other Churches/ Services | Cold Ashby (9.30am BCP Communion); Guilsborough (9.30am C/W Communion); Hollowell (11.00am C/W Communion); Spratton (11.00am C/W Communion). | | |



The Playing Field Odds-200 Lottery year starts in June: please support it

In May we shall be selling tickets for the new year that commences in June. An annual ticket is £15. The money raised are used to pay for the mowing of the Children's Play Area and the Field. 200 annual tickets sold raises just over £2,000 towards the grass cutting.

Lottery winners for April: Martyn Kane (£50); Deborah & Tim Hogben (£20). Thank you for all your support.



**The Percival Guildhouse:
Adult Education & Arts**

BE INSPIRED – IN JUST ONE DAY

Do you have a passion for history or an urge to express your creative side? If so, look no further than a Saturday day class at Rugby's Percival Guildhouse this June.

From popular academic expert, Gillian White, looking at Henry VIII and the Field of the Cloth of Gold, to a relaxing and fun workshop on silk painting cushion covers, there's something to feed the interests of adult of all ages.

Other dayschools on 8th June at the St Matthew's Street independent centre for adult education and arts, include life drawing, relief carving in wood, an impasto to floral landscape workshop or an opportunity to create attractive gifts with a class on air dry clay ornaments.

For anyone interested in ancient healing traditions, Sue McCrea is running a day class on Healing Traditions from East to West. All of the 8th June dayschools run from 10am-4pm.

There are also two summer schools starting on 2nd July – one on creative writing – a summer of inspiration (lasting three days), and the other on experimental watercolours being run over two days.

For full details, including information about tutors leading the courses, please visit: www.percival-guildhouse.co.uk or phone 01788 542467 to talk to a member of the Guildhouse team.

Ravensthorpe Village Hall

Our summer music event is just around the corner!

22 JUNE 2024



GET YOUR DANCING SHOES ON WITH SOME LIVE MUSIC, ENJOY A DRINK FROM THE BAR, DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY!

**Tickets on-sale soon
www.rvhall.online**



**RAVENSTHORPE
VILLAGE CINEMA**

**Tickets £7. Go to: rvhall.online/cinema;
email: cinema@rvhall.online; or telephone Mike & Mo Cobbe
01604 320322**

Tuesday May 7: doors open 7.00pm.

The Holdovers

In 1970, a misanthropic history teacher (Paul Giamatti) at a remote New England Ivy League University feeding boarding school is forced to remain on the empty campus over the Christmas holidays with a small group of students. All except brainy troublemaker (newcomer Dominic Sessa) get a late opportunity to stay elsewhere leaving just him, the teacher and the grieving school's head cook, who has just lost a son in Vietnam (Da'Vine Joy Randolph), to sit out the vacation together.



In Alexander Payne's wistful and very funny Christmas tale, the stage is set for an epic, possibly life-defining clash of personalities as the trio squabble their way through the Christmas holidays towards a familial rapport of a sort they'd each either lost or never previously felt.

With multiple Oscar and BAFTA nominations, the film achieved the double of two Best Supporting Actress awards for Da'Vine Joy Randolph.

Ravensthorpe Village Hall

This is an event you won't want to miss.

**Remember to
Save the date!**

Craft and Gift Fair.



**Get ready to explore handcrafted art
by local artisans.**

Saturday 8th June, 11am-4pm.

RAVENSTHORPE VILLAGE HALL: WHAT'S ON IN MAY?

For more information visit

www.rvhallonline.co.uk

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| Wed 1 | 10.30am | MORNING COFFEE—All welcome! | | Tuesday 21 | 2pm | Afternoon Bridge Club | Bernadette 770424 |
| | 2pm | Short Mat Bowling | Lin 07557 396627 | Wed 22 | 2pm | Short Mat Bowling | Lin 07557 396627 |
| Thursday 2 | POLLING DAY! Remember your Photo ID | | | | 7.30pm | Ravensthorpe Parish Council | |
| Friday 3 | 2pm | Table Tennis & Juniors | Call/bt 07710 813069 | Thursday 23 | 9.30am | Pilates with Sophie | 07764 586990 |
| Sunday 7 | 9.30am | Shotokan Karate Seniors | Andy 07891132675 | | 6pm-7pm | Shotokan Karate Juniors | Andy 07891 132675 |
| Monday 6 | BANK HOLIDAY | | | Friday 24 | 2pm | Table Tennis & Juniors | 07710 813069 |
| Tuesday 7 | 2pm | Bridge Club | Bernadette 770424 | Sunday 26 | 9.30am | Shotokan Karate Seniors | Andy 07891132675 |
| | 7pm | Village Cinema: <i>The Holdovers</i> | See box. | Monday 27 | BANK HOLIDAY | | |
| Wed 8 | 2pm | Short Mat Bowling | Lin 07557 396627 | Tuesday 28 | 2pm | Bridge Club | Bernadette 770424 |
| Thursday 9 | 9.30am | Pilates with Sophie | 07764 586990 | Wed 29 | 2pm | Short Mat Bowling | Lin 07557 396627 |
| | 2.15-4pm | "CRAFTERNOON" | Call Di 770482, Pauline 770634 | Thursday 30 | 9.30am | Pilates with Sophie | 07764 586990 |
| | 6pm-7pm | Shotokan Karate Juniors | Andy 07891 132675 | | 6pm-7pm | Shotokan Karate Juniors | Andy 07891 132675 |
| Friday 10 | 2pm | Table Tennis & Juniors | Call/bt 07710 813069 | Friday 31 | 2pm | Table Tennis & Juniors | Call/bt 07710 813069 |
| Sunday 12 | 9.30am | Shotokan Karate Seniors | Andy 07891132675 | | | | |
| Monday 13 | 9.30am | Elizabeth Reader Pilates | 07810 235258 | | | | |
| | 7.00pm | Table Tennis | Call/bt 07710 813069 | | | | |
| Tuesday 14 | 2pm | Bridge Club | Bernadette 770424 | | | | |
| Wed. 15 | 10.30am | MORNING COFFEE All welcome! | | | | | |
| | 2pm | Short Mat Bowling | Lin 07557 396627 | | | | |
| Thursday 16 | 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 | WI The Way Forward | Tricia 770855 | | | | |
| Friday 17 | 2pm | Table Tennis | Call/bt 07710 813069 | | | | |
| Sunday 19 | 9.30am | Shotokan Karate Seniors | Andy 07891132675 | | | | |
| Monday 20 | 9.30am | Elizabeth Reader Pilates | 07810 235258 | | | | |
| | 7.00pm | Table Tennis | Call/bt 07710 813069 | | | | |



On Wednesday 12th June at 7.30pm
Dr John Lewis will be talking about
Operation Chastise,
otherwise known as the
Dambuster's Raid.
Ravensthorpe Village Hall £7 a ticket
Bar available and tea/coffee
Book www.rvhall.online or ring
01604 770482



Speaker's Corner returns to the Village Hall on 12 June

Newsletter deadline: the deadline for contributions to the June Newsletter is Thursday 23 May. Contributions to ravensthorpenewsletter@gmail.com or queries to Alan Worthington 07801 051402.



Update from Buckby Library & Hub

May is **Local History and Community Month**. Come along to see a 'Then and Now' display from Long Buckby Local History Society and books of interest in the library. There'll be a local history quiz for families and we'll be showing 'Watford Gap the Musical' on our large TV screen on Thursday afternoons, at 2.30 and at 3.30pm.

In May, we also have a new art exhibition: **'My Water Colour Journey Continued'**, featuring paintings by local artist, Bob Billingsby. Come along to view them during our opening hours.

Friday, May 10th, 10.30-11.30am: **West Northants Council** advisers will be present and can help with all manner of queries you might go the county council about.

Tuesday, May 28th: our film is **'One Life'** is a 2023 biographical drama film directed by James Hawes. It is based on the true story of British humanitarian Sir Nicholas Winton as he looks back on his past efforts to help groups of Jewish children in German-occupied Czechoslovakia to hide and flee in 1938-39, just before the beginning of World War II." Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30 start. Tickets £7 from the Library and the Peephole in the High Street. Refreshments, including ice cream, available.

A volunteer opportunity: are you a communications professional or someone with experience of coordinating and delivering corporate communications or similar? Buckby Library & Hub is looking for a volunteer who can help us raise the public profile of our events, activities and services through a variety of media; can ensure that we are proactive, co-ordinated, accurate and consistent in our messaging and publicity; and who can help us optimise our internal communications. Please contact sam.holst@buckbylibraryhub.org. We'd love to hear from you!

Finally, watch this space for how you can become a **Friend of Buckby Library & Hub**. More information coming soon!

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; 01327 842591

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

The Tuesday bus from West Haddon to Daventry via Gillsborough, Coton and Long Buckby is now a service bus - No 52. It will arrive in Ravensthorpe at approx 9.45am and will pick up at the bus shelter, and at the bottom of the West Haddon Rd. 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 23rd May. On Thurs 30th 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. It is free to anyone with a bus pass and 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

If you want to use the service you must also book for each trip. Ravensthorpe contact Di Hayes 01604 770482. It's a great service, with help-ful drivers, so please support it and help to keep it going.

National Garden Scheme

At Ravensthorpe Nursery



Ravensthorpe Nursery will be open 11 a.m. till 5 p.m., Friday 10th, Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th May and then again on Friday 31st May and Saturday 1st June. Admission £6, children free. On Sunday 2nd June we will be joined by Tricia and Chris Freeman and Viv and David Rees, opening from 1.30 till 5.30 p.m., when admission to all three gardens will be £7.50. If you need to pay by card, please start at the Nursery. Home made cakes, tea and coffee available at the Nursery on all but 2nd June, when you can enjoy these treats at and in aid of the Village Hall.

CLEARANCE SALE! We're hoping to clear a lot of old stock from the Nursery, so there will be lots of bargain plants on offer.

Jean Wiseman



THURSDAY May 16th 7.45pm, Village Hall
THE WAY FORWARD: DISCUSSION OF RESOLUTIONS. Bring and buy plants and crafts.

NEW MEMBERS WANTED !

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

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 friends hip* 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.

RAVENSTHORPE & COTON PARISH COUNCIL

West Northants Council is developing a new local plan. Consultation is currently open - all information available from their website - go to www.westnorthants.gov.uk and search for new local plan.

Consultation ends on 2nd June and the plan is expected to be approved in December 2024.

Chairman Diane Hayes 01604 770482



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and homelessness.

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www.northamptonhopecentre.org.uk