

## CHURCH NOTICES:

### RIDE & STRIDE

Ride and Stride 14th September 10.00am - 6.00pm - Ravensthorpe Church will be CLOSED as there is a wedding scheduled for that day. However, Sponsorship forms are in the Church or from Gill Douglas (Hill House).

The churches which are open are listed on the Historic Churches Trust website. Half of the Sponsorship money raised comes back to the home Church. The remainder is held by the trust to give out in grants to churches in need of financial help. The recipient Churches are listed in a booklet which is kept in the Church. Ravensthorpe has received grants in the past. We do hope we have a few riders and walkers this year.

### HARVEST SUPPER & FESTIVAL

Harvest Supper - Unfortunately it is unlikely that Harvest Supper will take place this year unless a group of younger people are willing to take on the organisation. Please contact a member of the PCC if anyone feels they are able to take this on.

Harvesting Festival will take place on Sunday October 20th at 9.30 in St Denys Church.

### ORGANIST NEEDED

Organist - We are looking for an Organist to play for Sunday Services in The Uplands Group of Churches - If anyone knows of someone who is capable of playing either a pipe or digital organ, please contact a member of the PCC or Rev Allison or Rev Caroline. There is a remuneration.

### SHOE BOXES FOR BLYTHSWOOD CHARITY

It's time to think about shoe boxes for the Christmas distribution to Ukraine.

We need items to go in the boxes or a filled box for adults or children.

Possible items include hats, gloves, scarves, toiletries, pens, pencils, crayons, notebooks, colouring books, small soft toys, small games.

Please bring to Tricia Freeman (01604-770855) at 1 Church Gardens or to the Church by the end of October.



### CHURCH CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Rev'd Allison Twigg 01604 846099 [revallisontwigg@gmail.com](mailto:revallisontwigg@gmail.com); Associate Priest: Rev'd Caroline Burnett 01604 328629; [caroline\\_burnett@btinternet.com](mailto:caroline_burnett@btinternet.com); Curate: Rev Cecily Nurmahi 01858 791228; [revcecilynurmahi@gmail.com](mailto:revcecilynurmahi@gmail.com)  
 The Uplands Group Office: [uplandsgroupoffice@gmail.com](mailto:uplandsgroupoffice@gmail.com); Website: [www.uplandsgroupchurches.org.uk](http://www.uplandsgroupchurches.org.uk)

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

	Location	Service Type	Time	Flowers
Sunday 1 September	Ravensthorpe	BCP Communion	8.30am	Lin Hudson
	Other Churches/ 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 8 September	Cold Ashby	Group Service	10.00am	
Sunday 15 September	Ravensthorpe	C/W Communion	9.30am	Lin Hudson
	Other Churches/ Services	Creaton (9.30 C/W Communion); Guilsborough (Brunch@11 Village Hall; 6.00pm Evensong); Spratton (8.30am BCP Communion).		
Sunday 22 September	Ravensthorpe	Worship for All	11.00	Lin Hudson
	Other Churches/ Services	Cold Ashby (9.30am BCP Communion); Guilsborough (9.30am C/W Communion Harvest); Hollowell (11.00 Harvest); Spratton (11.00am C/W Communion).		
Sunday 29 Sept	Spratton	Group Service	10.00am	



#### PLAYING FIELD LOTTERY WINNERS:

**July:** Sandra Patrick (£50); Andrew Chiel (£20); Hilary Bent (£25 Chequers voucher). (Our very best wishes to Sandra).

**August:** Rose Bowd (£50); Sue & Steve Pearson (£20). (Chequers voucher unclaimed).



In August we greatly enjoyed a trip to Thornby Hall Buddhist Centre for a talk and meditation, a history tour of the House and Grounds followed by tea and cake.

The annual membership cost is £48 - if you join part way through the year, the charge is reduced on a pro rata basis. OPEN MEETINGS are for anyone who would like to attend and the cost is £5 per visit. Have a look at our programme for 2024/25 and make a note in your diary.

September 19th **MAKE YOUR OWN GIFT BOX.** A talk and demonstration with Jilly and Graham Holden

October 17th **THE GHOST DETECTIVE.** A fascinating subject with tales by Adrian Perkins  
OPEN MEETING

November 21st **MY LIFE AS A LONDON BUS DRIVER** Jess Nash, the first woman to drive a London Double Decker bus

December 12th **XMAS PARTY** members only. Competition 'An Angel' in any medium

#### 2025

January 16th **FROM HERE TO OBSCURITY** Tales from life in the theatre with Mo Shapiro

February 20th **CHOCOLATE MAKING** A demonstration and talk by local Chocolatier Nenette Scrivener  
OPEN MEETING

March 20th AGM with reports and accounts. *Members special - bring along an item you have made using re-purposed material.*

Meetings are on the 3rd Thursday of the month in the Village Hall at 7.45pm. If you are interested or have any queries please contact President Tricia Freeman 01604 770855 or Programme Secretary Maggie Lewis 01604 770458.

A warm welcome awaits !

#### ROSE OF NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

##### AWARD FOR RAVENSTHORPE VILLAGE HALL

Ravensthorpe Village Hall is delighted to have won a "Rose of Northamptonshire" award from the Northamptonshire Community Foundation, (NCF) after being nominated by the Parish Council for our activities in serving the local community. This award is also endorsed by the West Northamptonshire Council and the North Northamptonshire council.

We are especially grateful that our efforts have been recognised, but it would not have been possible without the help of all committee members, our volunteers, friends and neighbours supporting our events and activities.

The award will be presented by Amanda Lowther DL, an NCF ambassador, on behalf of the Lord Lieutenant, James Sanders Watson, at an event in the hall on Tuesday September 24<sup>th</sup> at 7.15pm before that night's film.

Bob Pike, Chairman  
August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024



**National Garden Scheme**  
At Ravensthorpe Nursery

Our next opening will be Friday 6<sup>th</sup>– Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September, 11 a.m. Till 5 p.m., admission £6, children free, tea/coffee and cake and plants for sale.

Jean Wiseman

#### CRABTREE PIT POCKET PARK

##### UPDATE

Now September is here and we're entering into the time of year. If it is dry enough, we can carry out nature conservation tasks whilst minimising harm to wildlife.



You're invited to a social evening on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm to discuss future conservation tasks, talk wildlife and possibly watch and listen to bats at dusk. A glass of something is provided on arrival.

The hay meadow has been cut and raked. We thank all the many volunteers involved in keep this rare habitat going. There are few meadows locally as diverse and rich in wildlife as this.

Ruth, Park Volunteer Coordinator, [crabtreeepit@gmail.com](mailto:crabtreeepit@gmail.com)

**Macmillan Coffee Morning**  
**Saturday 21st September 10am till 12noon**  
**Ravensthorpe Village Hall**



Raffle, Tombola, Cakes and Books  
Do come and join us for this very worthwhile cause.

Any items or cakes for the stalls would be very much appreciated. Contact Lin 770562 or Pat 770466



## SILVER SWANS

### BALLET CLASSES FOR OVER 55s

Whether you've never danced before or want to get back into the swing of it, our classes have something for everyone.

Classes start Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September @ 10am, Creton Village Hall (NN6 8NL).

First class is free and then £9 PAYG.

Contact Zoe Dando: 07585 774945; [zoe.dando@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:zoe.dando@yahoo.co.uk)

**OCTOBER NEWSLETTER:** The deadline for contributions to the October Newsletter is Monday 23 September. Queries to Alan Worthington (07801 051 402).



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

For more information visit

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

Sunday 1	9.30am	Shotokan Karate Seniors	Andy 07891132675	Thurs 19 (cont.)	7.45pm	W/I: Make Your Own Giftbox	Tricia 770855
Monday 2	9.30am	Elizabeth Reader Pilates	07810 235258	Friday 20	2pm	Table Tennis	Call/bxt 07710 813069
	7.00pm	Table Tennis	Call/bxt 07710 813069	Saturday 21	10am	Macmillan Coffee Morning	
Tuesday 3	2pm	Bridge Club	Bernadette 770424	Sunday 22	9.30am	Shotokan Karate Seniors	Andy 07891 132675
	7.00pm	Village Cinema: <i>Network</i>	See Box	Monday 23	9.30am	Elizabeth Reader Pilates	07810 235258
Wed 4	10.30	<b>MORNING COFFEE—All welcome.</b>			2pm	ACE COURSE: Interpreting the Landscape	01604 328822
	2pm	Short Mat Bowling	Lin 07557 396627		7.00pm	Table Tennis	Call/bxt 07710 813069
Thursday 5	9.30am	Pilates with Sophie	07764 586990	Tuesday 24	2pm	Bridge Club	Bernadette 770424
	2.15-4pm	"CRAFTERNOON"	Call Di 770482, Pauline 770634		6.45pm	Village Cinema <i>Birds of Passage</i>	See box.
	6pm-7pm	Shotokan Karate Juniors	Andy 07891 132675	Wed 25	2pm	Short Mat Bowling	Lin 07557 396627
Friday 6	2pm	Table Tennis & Juniors	Call/bxt 07710 813069	Thursday 26	9.30am	Pilates with Sophie	07764 586990
Sunday 8	9.30am	Shotokan Karate Seniors	Andy 07891132675		2.15-4pm	"CRAFTERNOON"	Call Di 770482, Pauline 770634
Monday 9	9.30am	Elizabeth Reader Pilates	07810 235258		6pm-7pm	Shotokan Karate Juniors	Andy 07891 132675
	7.00pm	Table Tennis	Call/bxt 07710 813069	Friday 27	2pm	Table Tennis	Call/bxt 07710 813069
Tuesday 10	2pm	Bridge Club	Bernadette 770424	Sunday 29	9.30am	Shotokan Karate Seniors	Andy 07891132675
Wed 11	2pm	Short Mat Bowling	Lin 07557 396627	Monday 30	9.30am	Elizabeth Reader Pilates	07810 235258
Thursday 12	9.30am	Pilates with Sophie	07764 586990		2pm	ACE COURSE: Interpreting the Landscape	01604 328822
	2.15-4pm	"CRAFTERNOON"	Call Di 770482, Pauline 770634		7.00pm	Table Tennis	Call/bxt 07710 813069
	6pm-7pm	Shotokan Karate Juniors	Andy 07891 132675	<div>  <b>RAVENSTHORPE VILLAGE CINEMA</b> </div> <p><b>Tickets £7. Go to: <a href="http://rvhall.onlinecinema">rvhall.onlinecinema</a>; email: <a href="mailto:cinema@rvhall.online">cinema@rvhall.online</a>; or telephone Mike &amp; Mo Cobbe 01604 328822</b></p>			
Friday 13	2pm	Table Tennis & Juniors (4.00pm)	Call/bxt 07710 813069				
Sunday 15	9.30am	Shotokan Karate Seniors	Andy 07891132675	<p><b>Tuesday 3 September: doors open 7.00pm.</b>  <b>NETWORK</b>—the first Mainstream Feature of our 2024-2025 season, made in 1976 but re-released this year – no doubt due to its notable prescience.</p> <p>Faye Dunaway and Peter Finch both won Oscars for their remarkable roles. Sidney Lumet directs Paddy Chayefsky's Academy Award-winning screenplay about the things people do for love...and ratings.</p>			
Monday 16	9.30am	Elizabeth Reader Pilates	07810 235258				
	2pm	ACE COURSE: Interpreting the Landscape	01604 328822	<p><b>Tuesday 24 September: doors open 6.45pm.</b> Our first cinephile film of the season is <b>BIRDS OF PASSAGE</b>. Allegedly based on actual events, it is set in the forests and deserts of Colombia. Rapayet and his indigenous family become involved in the booming business of selling marijuana to American youth in the 1970s.</p>			
Monday 16	7.00pm	Table Tennis	Call/bxt 07710 813069				
Tuesday 17	2pm	Bridge Club	Bernadette 770424	<p>Further details are available on the RVH website <a href="https://www.rvhall.online/events-and-activities-calendar/dream-horse/">https://www.rvhall.online/events-and-activities-calendar/dream-horse/</a></p>			
Wed 18	10.30	<b>MORNING COFFEE—All welcome.</b>					
	7.30pm	RAVENSTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL	RAVENSTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL				
Thursday 19	2.15pm	"CRAFTERNOON"	Call Di 770482, Pauline 770634				
	6pm-7pm	Shotokan Karate Juniors	Andy 07891 132675				





## Update from Buckby Library & Hub

We have exciting events for you in September!

**Thursday September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2.30-4.00pm: *Extinction, Re-introduction: the movie!*** A film of Nick Roberts' talk on the future of our wildlife, given in June. If you missed it (or even if you didn't!), come and see what he said and have a discussion with Nick about it in our refreshment area. Free entry, but please register your interest at the library as space is limited. Refreshments will be available. Donations are always welcome.

**Tuesday September 24<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm: our first film of the new season – *Wicked Little Letters!*** "A 1920s English seaside town bears witness to a dark, absurd scandal based on a stranger-than-fiction true story. When Edith and fellow residents start to receive wicked letters full of unintentionally hilarious profanities, foul-mouthed Rose is charged with the crime..." But of course, all is not what it seems! Doors open at 7pm. Refreshments available. Tickets £7 at the library or the Peephole in the High Street.

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September: we are holding an *Auction of Promises***

This will be a social and fun evening to meet friends and to bid on a fantastic range of "promises" from local people and businesses. We have:

**A Spa Day**

**Meal vouchers**

**A very special "Saints" experience & tickets**

**Paintings from local artists**

**Services & treatments**

**And lots more...**

We hope to have an advanced bidding facility online – and/or just come on the day. There is also still time for you or somebody you know to "promise" something special that we can auction to help keep our wonderful Library & Hub going and growing! We can take in new promises until three weeks before. And many thanks to all those who have donated so far.

**Doors open at 6.30pm for 7pm start. Entry is free – but spaces are limited, so please book your place at the library. Refreshments – wine, beer etc – will be available on the night.**

You can find out about our usual activities, events and drop-ins on our calendar, which you can now access on the home page of the web-site using the 'Find out what's on' tab, or go to: <https://buckbylibraryhub.org/calendar/>.

<https://buckbylibraryhub.org/>; email: [info@buckbylibraryhub.org](mailto:info@buckbylibraryhub.org); tel: 01327 842591

### **RAVENSTHORPE VILLAGE HALL—MORNING COFFEES**

The Morning Coffee at the RVH will resume on Wednesday September 4<sup>th</sup>. Make sure to note down the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of each month from 10:30 am to noon on your calendars.

Enjoy fresh coffee, teas, homemade cakes, biscuits, and scones to your heart's content for just £3 or more! Come join us, make new acquaintances, and catch up with old friends – it's just a short distance from your home. You will receive a warm welcome!



### **Pub & Shop Opening times:**

*Monday: closed. Tuesday—Thursday: 12-3pm; 6-10pm; Friday: 12-3pm; 6-11pm; Saturday: 12-11pm. Sunday: 12-4pm. For food / meals: Tuesday-Friday 12-2pm; 6-9pm. Saturday: 12-3pm; 6-9pm. Sunday lunch: 12-4pm.*

## **RAVENSTHORPE & COTON PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Survey of Heavy Goods Vehicles Passing through the Village**

The number and size of the HGVs using Ravensthorpe as a through route is a common gripe from residents – particularly from those who live on the High St or use it as a walking route. Also, we have narrow roads leading in and out of the village which are not suitable for large heavy lorries.

Some HGVs will inevitably use the village roads as they are delivering locally, but the Parish Council feels that satnavs and routing systems are increasingly using our roads to save a bit of time, at the expense of the fabric of our village and the safety of people and animals. West Northants Council tell us that the opening of the Northern relief bypass will enable them to revise weight limits and guidance.

We feel that we need to have some data on the amount of this sort of traffic, and the routes being used through the village, so that we can compare it with data at some point in the future when mitigating action has been taken.

So, I am seeking **volunteers** to take slots of 2 hours at a time, sitting at the bottom of the West Haddon Road on the Green and recording the route being taken and the type of lorry. If there are enough volunteers, working in pairs, I would hope to do 2 different days in successive weeks. Time slots would be by agreement, recording materials and instructions will be provided; if anyone has a small gazebo they could lend us, to cover 2 people sitting at a table, that will be very welcome in case it is very sunny or wet!

Please email me [dianeaudrey.hayes@gmail.com](mailto:dianeaudrey.hayes@gmail.com) or text me on 07873 271126 if you are able to help. Replies if possible by **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September**

Di Hayes Chair of the Parish Council 01604 770482

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

The Tuesday bus from West Haddon to Daventry via Gilsborough, Coton and Long Buckby is 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.

The Haddon Hopper will run to Rugby (Elliott's Field or town centre) on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September departing from the village at 9.30.

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)

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 helpful drivers, so please support it and help to keep it going.

They are appealing for volunteer drivers to help out – full details are on the village noticeboard in the High St near the bottom of Little Lane.

### **PARKING ACROSS PAVEMENTS**

*From the Parish Council:*

Please remember that parking across pavements obstructing pedestrian access is an offence. Vehicles should always allow room for baby buggies and mobility scooters to pass, as well as for pedestrians. We will be grateful if you pass this message on to visitors to your property – tradespeople are often the worst offenders.