

CHURCH NOTICES:

Harvest Festival in St Denys will be on 20th October at 9.30. Please bring your excess fruit and vegetables and any home cooking of cakes, jams and chutney which will be auctioned off at the end of the service for our charity in Bangladesh. We look forward to seeing many of you there!

On October 27th there will be a Service of Remembrance and Hope for the bereaved at St Denys Church at 5.00pm.

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.



Ravensthorpe Village Hall Committee received a "Rose of Northamptonshire" award from the Northamptonshire Community Foundation.

On September 24th the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Northamptonshire, Amanda Lowther presented the certificate to Bob Pike, representing the Village Hall.

CHURCH CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Rev'd Allison Twigg 01604 846099 revallisonstigg@gmail.com; Associate Priest: Rev'd Caroline Burnett 01604 328629; caroline_burnett@btinternet.com; Curate: Rev Cecily Nurmahi 01858 791228; revcecilynurmahi@gmail.com
The Uplands Group Office: uplandsgroupoffice@gmail.com;
Website: www.uplandsgroupchurches.org.uk

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

	Location	Service Type	Time	Flowers
Sunday 6 October	Ravensthorpe	BCP Communion	8.30am	Liz Reader, Lynn Holt
	Other Churches/ Services	Cottesbrooke (11.00am Harvest); Creaton (9.30am Harvest with URC); Guilsborough (11.00am CW Communion); Spratton (11.00am Worship for All / Harvest); Thornby (3.00pm Harvest).		
Sunday 13 October	Cold Ashby	Group Service	10.00am	
Sunday 20 October	Ravensthorpe	Harvest	9.30am	Liz Reader, Lynn Holt
	Other Churches/ Services	Creaton (9.30 CW Communion); Guilsborough (Brunch@11 Village Hall; 6.00pm Evensong); Spratton (8.30am BCP Communion).		
Sunday 27 October	Ravensthorpe	Worship for All Remembrance and Hope Service for the Bereaved	11.00am 5.00pm	Liz Reader, Lynn Holt
	Other Churches/ Services	Cold Ashby (9.30am BCP Communion); Guilsborough (9.30am BCP Communion); Hollowell (11.00 CW Communion); Spratton (11.00am CW Communion).		
Sunday 3 November	Ravensthorpe	BCP Communion	8.30am	Susie Pasley-Tyler, Jean Jolley
	Other Churches/ Services	Cottesbrooke (11.00am BCP Communion); Creaton (9.30am BCP Communion); Guilsborough (11.00am CW Communion); Spratton (11.00am Worship for All); Thornby (9.30am BCP Communion).		



Thursday October 17th: 7.45pm.

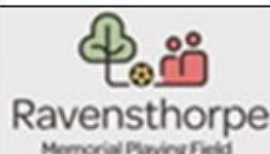
OPEN MEETING.

THE GHOST DETECTIVE. A fascinating subject with tales by Adrian Perkins

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.

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 !



PLAYING FIELD LOTTERY WINNERS:

September: Sam Gibson & Alan Cook (£50); Steve & Lily Edge (£20).

BEER FESTIVAL & FAMILY FUND DAY: THANK YOU

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to all the volunteers who contributed to this year's Beer Festival & Family Day. Your generosity in relation to setting up and taking down, organising the bands, manning the bars and entrances, monitoring the bouncy castles, and prize donations have been crucial to the success of the event. It could not have happened otherwise. In the final reckoning, (c.) £2,700 was raised towards the Playing Field. Thank you!

And a very special thank you to the Beer Festival Sponsors for the very generous financial support:

- Charles Jackson
- The Chequers, Ravensthorpe
- Core Motor Sports
- Foxwood Fencing
- Horace Batten
- Laurence Tremayne
- Lochox
- Melbros
- Minster Property Group
- Project 39
- The Qube
- The Red Lion, Thomby
- Storefield Group
- TammyB Fitness
- Torquemeters



Artisan Fair and Autumn Walk Sunday 6th October 11am – 3pm

This annual event celebrates the autumn season with a fabulous walk through the woodland and gardens, along with lots of unique craft and artisan stalls including jewellery, candles, homeware, sweet treats and much more! There is also delicious hot food and drinks on offer. Entrance is £10 per car. Parking onsite. Dogs on leads welcome.

Find out more about what's on at Kelmarsh via the website:

www.kelmarsh.com

CRABTREE PIT POCKET PARK

UPDATE

Thank you to all the amazing volunteers involved in the Hay Rake in August. This work helps to conserve the meadow, an uncommon and important habitat for many declining wildlife like insects. Places like these act as a reservoir that replenish the wider landscape when more habitats are created.

Our next session is on Sunday 20th October at 10.30am to 12 noon. We'll be working in the woodland. Please wear appropriate outdoor clothes and bring tools if you have some. Refreshments provided.

We welcome new volunteers. Bring your children along too. They can play or help. Let us know in advance and we'll set up some activities for them depending on their age.

Ruth Rolls, Park Volunteer crabtreepit@gmail.com



Macmillan Coffee Morning

We are very pleased to report a provisional amount of £914 was raised on Saturday 21 September. This included the gift aid on some of the donations. Thank you so much for all the help, support, cakes, prizes, donations and most of all for your attendance. This result would not be possible without you.

Lin (770562) & Pat (770466)

PS It's never too late to donate!



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 on Tuesdays @ 10am, Creaton Village Hall (NN6 8NL).

First class is free and then £9 PAYG.

Contact Zoe Dando: 07585 774945; zoe.dando@yahoo.co.uk

RAVENSTHORPE VILLAGE HALL: WHAT'S ON IN OCTOBER?

For more information visit
www.rvhallonline.co.uk

ARTS & CRAFTS	CRAFTERNOON: Every Thursday at 2.15pm through October.	Call Di 770482 or Pauline 770634.
BOWLING	SHORT-MAT BOWLING At 2pm every Wednesday through October.	Call Lin 07557 396627
BRIDGE CLUB	2pm every Tuesday through October.	Call Bernadette 01604 770424
CINEMA	Village Cinema: Tuesday 8th & 24th October.	See Cinema Box
COFFEE	MORNING COFFEE From 10.30-12 on Wednesday 2nd & 16th October. All welcome!	
COURSES/ EDUCATION	ACE course: <i>Interpreting the Landscape</i> . Mondays at 2pm on 7th, 14th & 21st October. Call: 01604 328822.	
PARISH COUNCIL	RAVENSTHORPE & COTTON PARISH COUNCIL Wednesday 16th October at 7.30pm	
PILATES	Liz Reader Pilates. 9.30am every Monday through October.	Call Liz: 07810 235258
PILATES	Pilates with Sophie: Every Thursday through October at 9.30am	Call Sophie 07764 586990
QUIZ NIGHT	To support Riding for the Disabled Friday 18th October from 7pm.	See Box.
SHOTOKAN KARATE	Sunday mornings at 9.30 (Seniors); Thursdays at 6.30 (Juniors).	Call Andy 07891 132675
TABLE TENNIS	Mondays at 7pm & Fridays at 2pm.	Call/ text 07710 813069
WI	Thursday 17th October at 7.45pm	Tricia 770855 Maggie 770458

MORNING COFFEE S: Wednesdays 2nd & 16th OCTOBER

The Morning Coffee at the RVH happen each month on the first and third Wednesdays, from 10:30 am to noon. Make a note in your calendars.

Enjoy fresh coffee, teas, homemade cakes, biscuits, and scones to your heart's content from just £3! Come and 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!

"MOBILITY" EXERCISE CLASS

An exercise class for those of us that need to keep up our mobility is offered in **Guildenburgh Village Hall** on Friday mornings from 9.15am. The session lasts for a maximum of an hour including a cuppa. **"Time to Move"** is for everyone – participants can remain seated or use a chair for support or do the exercises unaided. There are currently four of us from Ravensthorpe attending and we are feeling the benefit – cost £4 a week including tea or coffee. They are run by "The Sweat Hut" which is based in Crick. Contact Di Hayes 07873 271126.

RDA COTTESBROOKE GROUP

QUIZ

7.00pm FRIDAY
 -18 OCTOBER-

Ravensthorpe Village Hall NN6 8EH

? TEAMS OF 4-6
 £10 PER PERSON
 includes meat or veg chilli supper

BAR • RAFFLE

Please book your team table:
luciearmstrong@hotmail.com

RDA  It's what you can do that counts



RAVENSTHORPE
 VILLAGE CINEMA

Tickets £7. Go to: rvhall.online/cinema;
 email: cinema@rvhall.online; or telephone Mike & Mo Cobbe
 01604 328822

Tuesday 8 October: AMERICAN ACTION.

Backed by an excellent supporting cast, Jeffrey Wright is superb as a frustrated author with a challenging personal life in this sparkling award-winning literary satire which provides an ingenious takedown of tokenism and racial stereotyping in the publishing industry.

"Elegantly walking a line between absurdist satire and family drama, this is a clever send-up of how the broadness of Black culture gets reduced to cliché." (Empire)

"Incisive literary satire takes no prisoners." (The Guardian)



Tuesday 22nd October: PERFECT DAYS

The acclaimed latest from legendary director Wim Wenders is a reflection on the beauty of everyday life and combines a study of Tokyo's fashionable Chibuya District's 17 exotic architect designed public toilet installations with the depiction of the modest but contented life of their painstaking janitor, Hirayama, who finds pleasure in the small details of everyday life. Award winning Koji Yakusho stars as Hirayama whose performance is "a masterclass in nuance".

We recommend that you read the synopsis and reviews (www.rvhall.online) to get a more complete idea of this very unusual film. Click image for details and booking.

"Wim Wenders's zen meditation on beauty, fulfilment and simplicity is an achingly lovely and unexpectedly life-affirming picture." (The Guardian)

"Wenders' obvious affection for Tokyo itself, his keen feel for texture and neat avoidance of cliché all suggest "Perfect Days" is likely to age well as a portrait of a great city's everyday side." (The Telegraph)





Update from Buckby Library & Hub

Tuesday, October 1st, 10.30-12.00 The *Chatty Cafe Scheme* comes to Buckby Library & Hub! October 1st will be our first session and then will take place every fortnight. The Chatty Cafe Scheme is a leading non-profit organisation which helps to bring people together and get people chatting and making new friends. Our chatty table will be clearly signed in the refreshment area and will be hosted by one of our volunteers. Please do come along. We're looking forward to meeting and chatting with you! Refreshments will be available.

Thursday, October 10th, 7.30-9.00pm. Our popular *Long Buckby Ukulele Group* will be back. Come along for an evening of café style entertainment. This is a free event, but donations are welcome. Refreshments will be available. Please book your place at the library beforehand (see contacts below) as space is limited. Doors open at 7.00pm.

Monday 28th-Thursday 31st October: it's Halloween Week and we have some really great events:

Monday 28th, 4-6pm: there will be a *Halloween Party* in the library for children 3-8 years. There will be games, colouring and music. Fancy dress optional. £3/child; glitter tattoos available for a small additional charge. Please book in advance with the library (see contacts below) as numbers will be limited.

Tuesday 29th, 7.30 pm will be our monthly film: *A Haunting in Venice*. "In post-World War II Venice, Poirot, now retired and living in his own exile, reluctantly attends a seance. But when one of the guests is murdered, it is up to the former detective to once again uncover the killer." Doors open at 7pm. Refreshments available. Tickets £7 at the library or Peephole in the High Street.

Thursday 31st, 7.30-9.30pm, the well-known actor, **James Hornsby**, is back for a special Halloween performance of *Dracula*: a "spine-chilling adaptation of Bram Stoker's classic gothic-horror novel". This is a one-man play where James "brings to life the cast of characters: Jonathan Harker, his beautiful fiancé Mina, Professor Abraham Van Helsing, the crazed insect-eating Renfield and, of course, The Transylvanian Count...". Doors open at 7pm. Refreshments available. Tickets £10 at the library or Peephole in the High Street.

Special offer! You can buy tickets for *A Haunting in Venice* and *Dracula* for the combined price of £15. Come to both events for a discount!

Other news:

Friends of Buckby Library & Hub: Buckby Library & Hub is run by dedicated volunteers, trustees and our part-time National Lottery funded manager. We have been able to cover our running costs and improve our facilities through our fundraising, the support of individuals, organisations and our Parish Council, as well as contributions from other nearby parish councils. We are immensely grateful to all who have supported us so far. To help with the longer-term, we have set up a **Friends of Buckby Library & Hub** scheme to raise funds on an ongoing basis and help sustain us for future generations. If you would like to become a Friend of Buckby Library & Hub, please go to: <https://buckbylibraryhub.org/friends/>.

We are looking for a new **Chair of Trustees**. Do you have the vision, entrepreneurial flair and people skills to lead our community-managed library and village hub into the next stage of its evolution? We'd love to hear from you. Please contact: info@buckbylibraryhub.org.

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

Email/phone: info@buckbylibraryhub.org; 01327 842591.

RAVENSTHORPE & COTON PARISH COUNCIL

A **Traffic Survey** will take place on Monday 30th September, weather permitting. A group of volunteers will take shifts counting cars, LGVs and HGVs coming in and out of the village. The aim is to get some baseline data on the amount of traffic and the proportion of HGVs.

Please do not park over pavements so that pedestrians are made to walk in the road, or on a potentially slippery grass verge to avoid vehicles. This is a hazard for people with mobility issues, particularly mobility scooters, and for parents with children in buggies etc. Please ask your visitors to park appropriately.

Another perennial issue is **dog mess** – please pick up after your dogs and this includes on the Playing Field.
Diane Hayes, Chair of the Parish Council.

Vehicle break ins – early hours Tues 24th September

I have been told about property stolen from vehicles parked on drives along Guilsborough Rd.

In one case a van was entered but luckily tools had been removed, incidental items were taken; in the other case a laptop was taken. An offender was caught on a ring doorbell and the police have been informed.

It's a reminder to lock up and remove items from vehicles. We hope this is a one-off and not the start of something which we've been largely free of for some time.

Di Hayes, Chair of the Parish Council

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

The Tuesday bus from West Haddon to Daventry via Guilsborough, Coton and Long Buckby is No 52. It picks up in Ravensthorpe at the bus shelter and at the bottom of the West Haddon Rd at 9.45. It runs every Tuesday.

The Haddon Hopper will go to Rugby (Elliott's Field or town centre) on Thursday 24th October 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. 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.

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER: The deadline for contributions to the November Newsletter is Wednesday 23 October. Queries to Alan Worthington (07801 051 402).