

Church News -

There will be two **Group Services** in Ravensthorpe this month. March 9th at 10.00 and March 30th at 10.00 which is Mothering Sunday. We would love to see all you Mothers with your children who will present you with a posie of spring flowers!

Electoral Roll - All people over the age of sixteen, living in the village may be on the Electoral Roll. Forms may be found in the church or from Gill Douglas at Hill House.

Easter Flowers. There are no Church flowers during Lent (5 March-20 April). We would be very grateful for donations to be spent on Easter lilies and other flowers in memory of family members to Sally Marsh at New Barns.

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Website: www.uplandsgroupchurches.org.uk

Pastoral Care

Remember you can always phone a friend – or one of the clergy if you feel the need!

The Prayer Chain also continues – if you would like to be prayed for confidentially by our dedicated band of pray-ers do please be in touch. Our Pastoral Team and Prayer Chain can be reached by contacting Rev Allison directly so please do not hesitate to be in touch.

Newsletter

Local News from Ravensthorpe, Coton & Teaton

CHURCH SERVICES: RAVENSTHORPE & UPLANDS GROUP OF CHURCHES — MARCH 2025

	Location	Service Type	Time	Flowers
Sunday 2 March	Ravensthorpe	BCP Communion	8.30am	
	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).		
Wednesday 5 March Ash Wednesday				
Sunday 9 March	Ravensthorpe	Group Service	10.00am	No Flowers
Sunday 16 March	Ravensthorpe	C/W Communion	9.30am	No Flowers
	Other Churches/ Services	Creton (9.30am C/W Communion); Guilsborough (Brunch@11 Village Hall; 6.00pm Evensong); Spratton (8.30am BCP Communion).		
Sunday 23 March	Ravensthorpe	Worship for All	11.00am	No Flowers
	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).		
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Sunday 30 March	Ravensthorpe	Group Service—10.00am.		

APRIL NEWSLETTER: The deadline for contributions to the April Newsletter is Sunday 23 March.
Queries to Alan Worthington (07801 051 402).

CRABTREE PIT POCKET PARK

Pocket Park woodland news

All UK bat species eat insects, so they look for places with lots of insects hunt! Trees, woodlands and their associated shrubbery attract a wide variety of insects especially those with lots of edges and sheltered areas within the canopy. The conservation work volunteers have carried out on the woodland margins since September have improved the park's conditions increasing the diversity for these amazing flying mammals.



During the March sessions on Sunday 2 and 30 March at 10am to 12noon we'll be working on edging the path through the wood to make it more welcoming, as well as cutting in the thicker.

New and old volunteers are welcome.

Never visited the pocket park?

You can find the wildlife park on West Haddon Road opposite the Torquemeter factory. There's a pedestrian gate to the side, with the woodland, meadow and pond at the end of the open lane.

Ruth crabtreepit@gmail.com

PLAYING FIELD FEBRUARY LOTTERY

WINNERS:

Simon & Alina Cooper, (£50);
Alison Whitton (£20).



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PERCIVAL GUILDHOUSE

WORKS HOP WONDERS

Whether your interests tend towards art, family history or exercise there will be something for you among the April Saturday workshops at The Percival Guildhouse in Rugby.

Courses in Life Drawing, Watercolour Painting, Air Dry Clay Ornaments, Family History or Tai Chi are being run on 5th April. Go to www.percival-guildhouse.co.uk for full details and times. Or call 01788 542467.

And, if you are reading this before 1st March, it may not be too late to book onto a March Saturday workshop when Spirit Doll Making and Needlefelting are among courses on offer.



Ravensthorpe Village Hall

Japanese Culture and Society

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ACE are very pleased to present a one day course on Japanese culture and society today. Julian Sedgwick has travelled widely in Japan and researched its culture and history. He will include the recovery from the 2011 Fukushima disaster, the history and development of Haiku and Japanese religion and philosophy.



Monday April 7th 2025

Time: 11-30am to 4-30pm

Please bring your own lunch & a drink. Tea, coffee and biscuits provided for the break

Fee: £20.00 40 places available
BOOKING FROM 1st MARCH

Book your place with either: The village hall website www.rvhall.online or Mo Cobbe at mo@mikecobbe.com Tel: 01604 328822
Advanced booking and payment to reserve a place is necessary. Online payment can be made using the RVH website under ACE courses. For cash or cheque payments, please use the above contact for Mo Cobbe.

Registered charity no: 278283



Kelmarsh Hall and Gardens are now closed for the season and will reopen again on Easter Weekend 2025.

If you can't wait to visit, join us for our Pre-season Preview and Spring Walk Event on Sunday 23rd March.

We have a number of exciting events taking place this season: please see our what's on page for details.
www.kelmarsh.com



Lions Club Message in a Bottle: Information to Help Emergency Services

Time can be saved for emergency services visiting someone at home if they have the message in a bottle system. A special bottle should be left in the fridge door which has a prefilled form detailing name, medicines, medical conditions including illnesses that might affect emergency treatment, other special instructions, doctor and emergency contacts, and whether a DNR is in place. A sticker about this is also put outside fridge and outside front door to notify the emergency services this is in place.

The bottle, form and stickers can be obtained for just the cost of postage by ringing 0121 4414544 or from their website: <https://lionsmessageinabottle.co.uk/contact/>

Contributed by Helen Nottingham

RAVENSTHORPE VILLAGE HALL: WHAT'S ON IN MARCH?

For more information visit www.rvhallonline.co.uk

ARTS & CRAFTS	CRAFTERNOON: 2.15pm every Thursday.	Call Di 770482 or Pauline 770634.
BOWLING	SHORT-MAT BOWLING 2pm every Wednesday.	Call Lin 07557 396627
BRIDGE CLUB	2pm every Tuesday.	Call Bernadette 01604 770424
CINEMA	Village Cinema: Tuesday 4th & Tuesday 18th.	See Cinema Box
COFFEE	MORNING COFFEE From 10.30-12 on Wednesday 5th & 19th. All welcome!	More information: Chrissie 07507 895383
COURSES/ EDUCATION	ACE course: <i>Discovering Ukraine through its Culture</i> . Every Monday (to 24th) at 2pm. Call: 01604 328822.	
LIVE MUSIC	The Jigantics: Friday 28 March, 7pm. See box.	
PARISH COUNCIL	RAVENSTHORPE & COTON PARISH COUNCIL Wednesday 19th at 8.00pm	
PILATES	Liz Reader Pilates. 9.30am every Monday.	Call Liz: 07810 235258
	Pilates with Sophie: Every Thursday at 9.30am	Call Sophie 07764 586990
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
VM	Thursday 20th March 7.45pm: AGM.	Tricia 770855 Maggie 770458

An Evening with The Jigantics

28 March: 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm

£15.00

RVH is excited to introduce a different musical genre to Ravenshorpe and welcome the excellent and highly recommended folk/blues/country/ Americana band - *The Jigantics*. This talented group of four multi-instrumentalists and vocalists have earned high praise and recognition in the UK and abroad.

"One of Roots music's "super groups" and must-see live acts" Daily Telegraph.

"An awesome band: genuine, easygoing and very skilled musicians" Ken Brown Square Roots Promoter.

"You can't go wrong with a band that has two standing ovations" Koen Hottentot, Roots aan de Zaan, The Netherlands.

**Doors open 7.00pm. Licensed Bar. Admission £15—
by reservation only:**
Email: rvhlive@rvhallonline.co.uk
Telephone: 01604 328822
Visit: www.rvhallonline.co.uk

RAVENSTHORPE VILLAGE HALL

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VILLAGE CINEMA

**Tickets £7. Go to: rvhallonline.co.uk/cinema;
email: cinema@rvhallonline.co.uk; or telephone
Mike & Mo Cobbe
01604 328822**

Mainstream Feature

Tuesday 4th March:

7.30—9.30pm

Conclave



An exceptional Ralph Fiennes leads a stellar cast in one of the year's outstanding films which depicts intrigue at the heart of the Vatican as a new Pope is elected.

"Conclave is smart, provocative, sometimes funny,..... and is wildly entertaining. One of the year's standout films." (Roger Ebert).

"A papal thriller that treads on eggshells, *Conclave* is one of the year's most deftly balanced films. Pulp and pensive in equal measure." (Empire).

Cinephile Screening –

Tuesday 18 March:

7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Fallen Leaves



From one of the most respected international directors, *Fallen Leaves* is a beguiling and delightfully droll romantic comedy drama of the romance between two luckless Helsinki-ians whose chance meeting offers the possibility of a happier future.

Fallen Leaves, short, "sweet and utterly delightful, is the kind of movie that's so charming, you want to run it back the moment it's over." (The Independent).

"Drolly scripted, impeccably designed and photographed, and played to succinct perfection, this may only be a slender drama, but it's also a cherishable summation of what makes Aki Kaurismäki special." (Empire)





Update from Buckby Library & Hub

OUR FUNDRAISING:

Saturday 22nd March, 10am-2pm: Roll up, roll up, roll up! Come along to this year's **Spring Fayre** organised jointly by Buckby Library & Hub and Long Buckby Community Centre, with takings divided equally between the two organisations. There will be lots of stalls from local organisations and individuals (with everything you can imagine!), plus activities for children, raffle, tombolas, refreshments and much more. Doors open at the Community Centre (Station Road, NN6 7 QB) at 10am. Entry £1/adult; children free.

Please sustain your local library & hub into the future by becoming our **FRIEND** – for more information, drop into the library or go to our website: <https://buckbylibraryhub.org/friends/>

OUR MONTHLY FILMS

Tuesday 25th March, 7.30pm: we are showing **POMS**. 'Martha is an introverted woman who moves to a retirement community. Hoping to be left alone, she meets Sheryl, a fun-loving neighbour who insists that they become best pals. After coming out of her shell, Martha and her new friend decide to form a cheerleading squad with their fellow residents. As the two women hold auditions, they soon learn that it's never too late to follow your dreams, even when the odds are stacked against you.' Doors open at 7pm. Tickets are £7 from the library, and the Peephole in the High Street, Long Buckby. Refreshments including ice creams available.

A FORTHCOMING MUSICAL EVENT

Thursday 3rd April, 7.30-9pm (doors open at 7.00): **Cut-a-Caper**, the acclaimed band, which gave us the wonderful evening on Thomas Hardy last year, is back to provide more entertainment – this time about the Northamptonshire poet, John Clare. With musical accompaniment, members of the band will talk about his life and work. And apparently John Clare liked to scrape a fiddle! You'll have an opportunity to learn a dance – if you wish. Tickets are £7 from the library and the Peephole in the High Street in Long Buckby. Refreshments will be available.

OUR ART:

Our **March exhibition** in the refreshment area is **Happy Houses & Other Happy Places** with paintings from local artist, Anna Langton. She says: 'I work in a variety of media, pencil, ink, acrylics, felt-tips, pastel, etc. Each medium gives its own distinctive result. I started off painting landscapes, moved onto buildings, observational art - pencil drawings, made in situ, of people and places, and this last year, I've been developing my 'Happy Houses' theme. They're colourful, they make me smile and I can put them anywhere I can imagine. It's fun creating your own world. I'm happy to accept commissions and all my art is for sale. If you see something you like, you can message me (details at the library)!'

NEW SERVICES:

From February 27th, we will be hosting outreach sessions from **Citizens Advice**. More information about frequency and timing will be on our website, or please ask at the library.

You can also now obtain **caddy bags** from the library (a roll of 30 for £1). This is a West Northamptonshire scheme to encourage food waste recycling.

Info: for all our library services and activities for children and adults, please see the **What's On** calendar on our website: <https://buckbylibraryhub.org/calendar/>; info@buckbylibraryhub.org; 01327 342591; NN6 7QT.

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 No 52. It picks up in Ravensthorpe at the bus shelter and at the bottom of the West Haddon Rd at approx 9.45. It runs every Tuesday.

The Haddon Hopper normally runs to Rugby (Elliott's Field or town centre) on the 4th Thursday of each month 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. There is a charge per single journey for anyone without a pass. Passengers need to register to use the service - ring 0333 133 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.

FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Open Meeting

This will be held on **Saturday 5th 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 organisations' 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 will be held on Saturday 29th March from 10.30am. Volunteers needed – please just turn up outside the village hall, bags and gloves will be provided.

Local Elections 2025 will be held on Thursday 1st May. You will be able to vote for Ravensthorpe and Coton Parish Council seats (if contested) and all 76 seats for West Northants Council will be up for election. Further information available via WNC website.

Other Parish Council news – we are looking at the purchase of some notices asking people not to park blocking access along pavements, thus forcing pedestrians into the road.

We held a generally useful meeting with an Anglian Water rep about the **parking situation at the reservoir** and other issues.

We will continue to promote the interests of the villages of Ravensthorpe and Coton in this matter.

For any comments or questions please speak to me.
Chairman Diane Hayes 01604 770482