

Church Notices:

- Youth Church will finish on March 29th and resume on April 26th.
- For Easter Services, please look at the Service Schedule and notice board outside church.

FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Open Meeting

The **Annual Village Meeting** will take place in the Village Hall on **Saturday 5th April from 10.30-12 noon**. Come along to meet fellow villagers and hear from village organisations what they have to offer. The Village Hall activities, the Pocket Park, the WI, Neighbourhood Watch, Playing Field, Ravensthorpe United Charity are some of the things we will showcase. Free tea/coffee cake and biscuits.

Parking on Pavements

We have identified a supplier of notices about keeping pavements clear for pedestrians. Over the next couple of months we will be putting these up.

This (picture right) is a particularly good example of an obstruction seen on the Guilsborough Rd in March. There is a really good side to this story—I sent this photo to the company suggesting they might do some driver training. They replied straight away with an apologetic email promising that they will do exactly what I requested. I didn't expect a reply so well done to HomeTyre. Di Hayes.



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

CHURCH CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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Website: www.uplandsgroupchurches.org.uk

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

	Location	Service Type	Time	Flowers
Sunday 6 April	Ravensthorpe	BCP Communion	8.30am	No Flowers
	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).		
Sunday 13 April Palm Sunday	Cold Ashby	Group Service	10.00am	No Flowers
Thursday 17 April Maundy Thursday	Ravensthorpe	Holy Communion	7.30pm	No Flowers
Friday 18 April Good Friday	Guilsborough	Stations of the Cross	2.00pm	
Sunday 20 April Easter Day	Ravensthorpe	C/W Communion	9.30am	Flower Team please.
	Other Churches/ Services	Cold Ashby (9.30am BCP Communion); Cottesbrooke (11.00am BCP Communion); Creton (9.30am C/W Communion); Guilsborough (9.30am C/W Communion); Hollowell (11.00am C/W Communion); Spratton (6.00am Dawn Service; 11.00am C/W Communion); Thornby (9.30am BCP Communion).		
Sunday 27 April	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).		

CRABTREE PIT POCKET PARK

We hope you enjoyed the beautiful display of Snowdrops along the lane recently. There is still much to enjoy at the Pocket Park over the coming spring months. The Cowslips will soon be brightening up the meadow with their clusters of bright yellow, bell shaped flowers on upright stems. Did you know they are the county flower for Northamptonshire? They are a relation of the primrose and are associated with English folklore and traditions such as adorning Mayday garlands and being strewn across church paths for weddings. Cowslips are an important early source of nectar for insects including bees, beetles and butterflies such as the Brimstone.

Kind regards
Natalie and Ruth



The Open Season at Kelmarsh Hall and Gardens begins on Sunday 20th April 2025!

Join us for an Easter Bunny Trail around the gardens on Easter Sunday and Easter Monday during our usual opening times.

Eggs to be won, along with a draw for one lucky family to win a Family Season Ticket!

Gardens and Sweet Pea's Tearoom open Sunday 20th April.
Hall, Gardens and Sweet Pea's Tearoom open Monday 21st April.

go to: www.kelmarsh.com

Volunteers wanted: Kelmarsh is currently recruiting Hall Stewards and Learning & Activity volunteers. For more information, email volunteer@kelmarsh.com.



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PERCIVAL GUILDHOUSE

COURSES FOR WOULD-BE ANIMATORS, FILMMAKERS, GAME DEVELOPERS

Rugby's Percival Guildhouse is kicking off its Summer term with a wealth of new courses from computer game development, animation, mobile film making to character concept design and much more. These are among 18 new offerings at the adult education centre which has been combining learning and fun for 100 years. Also new are several additional well-being courses and introductory foreign language courses. Courses vary in length, with many new courses taking place in the evening.

Full details: www.percival-guildhouse.co.uk or phone: 01788 542467 between 9am-3.30pm on weekdays. The Summer Term starts on 28th April. Course bookings are now open.

MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELD

ODDS-200 LOTTERY 2025-6:

Tickets are now available for the new annual lottery draw commencing in June. You could be the lucky winner of a £50 top prize, £20 runners up prize or, if you're present at The Chequers at the time of the draw, a chance to win a £25 Chequers bar tab. An annual ticket costs £15. You can buy as many tickets as you wish.

All proceeds go towards the maintenance and upkeep of the playing fields and children's play area.

For tickets, go to:

<https://buy.stripe.com/3cseWGcb1dXn75u5kk>

MARCH LOTTERY WINNERS:

Geoff & Jean Ringer: £50 (who have kindly donated this to the defibrillator fundraiser—see below); Trevor & Tammy (£20).

DEFIBRILLATOR

Simon Cooper will be running the 2025 London Marathon virtually on the Brampton Valley Way on the 27th April 2025 to raise enough money to buy an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) for the Ravensthorpe Memorial Playing Field.

By using a defibrillator before an ambulance arrives, we can significantly increase someone's chance of survival.

People can donate to the defibrillator cause here -

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/simon-c-cooper>



Spring is on its way and so is the new year for **Ravensthorpe WI**

We have an interesting and varied programme planned and invite you to join us. We meet in the Village Hall at 7.45pm on the 3rd Thursday of the month. Subscriptions this

year will be £51 and as well as speakers and discussions we have a lot of fun!

We take part in County walks, visits, quizzes, challenges, craft courses - there is something for all women. The WI also have a free **Learning Hub** which gives access to excellent countrywide speakers and a chance to learn new skills. Why not give it a try? New members or occasional visitors (£5) will all be made welcome.

April 17th - **Humour and Music** a light hearted look with Ken Nokes

May 15th - **WI Resolutions discussion** and a fun Beetle Drive

June 19th - **Anytime is Stitching Time** with local textile artist Mary Hart. OPEN MEETING

July 17th - **Make your own gift box** with Jilly and Graham Holden

Sept. 18th - **Call of the Kingfisher - Sights and birdsong in a year by The Nene**. Nick Penny will give an illustrated talk and play some music for us. OPEN MEETING.

Oct. 16th - **Introduction to Heraldry** with local speaker Richard Lindley

Nov. 20th - **Sitting on the Bench**, tales from local Magistrate Dr Richard Greenfield

Dec. 11th - **Christmas Party**. Competition to make a Christmas Tree in any medium

Young or old, short or tall, ladies welcome all!

Maggie Lewis 01604 770458; Tricia Freeman 01604 770855.

RAVENSTHORPE VILLAGE HALL: WHAT'S ON IN APRIL?

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 8th & Tuesday 22nd.	See Cinema Box
COFFEE	MORNING COFFEE From 10.30-12 on Wednesday 2nd & 16th. All welcome!	More information: Chrissie 07507 895383
	FAMILY COFFEE & EASTER EGG HUNT: Saturday 12th April, 10.30am.	Chrissie 07507 895383
COURSES/ EDUCATION	ACE course: <i>Japanese Culture & Society</i> . Monday 7th April, 11.30am. Call: 01604 328822.	
PARISH COUNCIL	RAVENSTHORPE & COTON PARISH COUNCIL Wednesday 16th at 7.30pm	
PARISH OPEN MEETING	Saturday 5th April, 10.30am (see Parish Council notice)	
PILATES	Liz Reader Pilates. 9.30am Monday 7th, 14th, 28th.	Call Liz: 07810 235258
	Pilates with Sophie: Every Thursday at 9.30am	Call Sophie 07764 586990
SHOTOKAN KARATE	Sunday mornings at 9.30 on 6th, 13th & 27th (Seniors); Thursdays at 6.30 (Juniors).	Call Andy 07891 132675
TABLE TENNIS	Mondays at 7pm (except 21st); & Fridays at 2pm (except 18th).	Call/ text 07710 813069
WI	Thursday 20th March 7.45pm. (see box)	Tricia 770855 Maggie 770458

**FAMILY COFFEE MORNING
& EASTER EGG HUNT**
RAVENSTHORPE VILLAGE HALL
Saturday 12th April
Hop on over at 10.30-12.30

Collect your free map from the Village Hall
Take the kids on an exciting Treasure Hunt for clues
around the village. Once they return their completed
map, they'll be rewarded with a tasty treat.

TEAS, COFFEES, CAKES will be on sale at the Hall.

Contact Lynn: 07966 743118



RAVENSTHORPE VILLAGE HALL

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VILLAGE CINEMA

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

April 7.30-9.30 pm

Mainstream Cinema – “Civil War”

An exceptional tense and thrilling film set in the near future and imagining photo-journalists travelling across a war-torn America where fighting is not limited to the militarised rebel and government forces and where any stranger may be an enemy.



“This is a gorgeously made film, full of shock and awe. It never lets up, always gripping, always pummeling your senses.....this is undeniably confident, intense, sweaty-palmed filmmaking at the highest level.” (Empire).

“Civil War is a drama of unparalleled intensity and film-making ambition” (The Times).

PLEASE NOTE. This film asks “What if Civil War happened here” and while showing thrilling combat action it also depicts the viciousness of civilian conflict and what may happen when the rules of conventional war break down.

22 April: 7.30 pm - 10.00 pm

Cinephile Screening – “The Blue Caftan”

Finding some time for humour and ‘societal’ colour - this warm, gentle and melancholic film explores love, friendship and loyalty in the relationship between a gay Moroccan master tailor and his wife.



“Maryam Touzani’s second feature, which won the Fipresci award at Cannes last year, is an overwhelmingly tender, dignified drama..... a nuanced portrait of unconditional love and acceptance at its most radical.” (BFI)

“A finely crafted Moroccan love story.....that softly, slowly unfolds the audience rather than propels them on a journey..... it’s a hugely compassionate and emotionally satisfying movie.” (The Guardian).

JOOE AND THE JAZZAHOLICS make a welcome return to Ravensthorpe Village Hall on Friday 20th June. Tickets will be widely available on-line from 9th May but to beat the rush, Early Bird tickets are available now for cash sales. Check the web site <https://www.rvhallonline/rvh-live-and-events/> for details.

EASTER WEEKEND: There will be none of the usual, regular activities in the Village Hall over the Easter weekend: Friday 18-Monday 21 April.

MAY NEWSLETTER: The deadline for contributions to the next Newsletter is Wednesday 23 April. Queries to: Alan Worthington (07801 051 402).



Update from Buckby Library & Hub

Our monthly film:

Tuesday, 29th April, 7.30pm: *Gladiator II*. Ridley Scott returns to direct again following the legacy of his original classic Roman epic. Years after witnessing the death of Maximus at the hands of his uncle, Lucius must enter the Colosseum after the powerful emperors of Rome conquer his home. With rage in his heart and the future of the empire at stake, he looks to the past to find the strength and honour needed to return the glory of Rome to its people. The film starts at 7.30pm (doors open at 7pm). Tickets are £7 from the library (NN6 7QB) and the Peephole in Long Buckby High Street. Refreshments including ice creams available.

Musical events in April

Thursday 3rd April, 7.30-9pm (doors open at 7.00): **Cut-a-Caper**, the acclaimed band, which gave us a 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 – only if you wish! Tickets are £7 from the library and Peephole in Long Buckby High Street. Refreshments will be available.

Thursday 24th April, 7.30-9pm (doors open at 7.00): our resident **Long Buckby Ukulele Group** are with us for another evening of music. Come along with your friends (or just come along!) to this informal and friendly café style event. Refreshments available. Free entry but donations welcomed please.

Art in April

In April, we will have watercolours and acrylics from Long Buckby artists **Ann Whiting** and **Joy Clues**. All exhibitions are in our refreshment area. Come and have a morning browse while you have a cup of coffee!

For children and young adults

We have lots of facilities for children: books for all ages (tinies to young adults), weekly Stay and Play and Rhymetimes, and school holiday activities. This **Easter** holiday, there will be **craft sessions** for children (3-9 years) on Tuesday 8th April and Tuesday 15th April, 2.30pm-3.30pm. £2.50 a child. Just come along – no need to book.

Professor Septimus Snake will also be joining us for a fun filled show full of magic and science on Monday 7th April. There'll be a half hour show for 2-5 year olds and an hour's show (including slime) for 6-11 year olds. Times and ticket price tbc – please check our website or directly with the library. If you are a young adult and interested in **volunteering** with the library, please talk to your school and they will contact us to see what opportunities are available. Also do come and look at our bookshelves for things that might be of interest to you, including comic books.

New ventures

We are hosting outreach sessions from **Citizens Advice**. The next session is on April 10th. Please check our website for times and future sessions, or ask at the library.

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

For all our library services and activities for children and adults, please see the **What's On** calendar: <https://buckbylibraryhub.org/calendar/>; info@buckbylibraryhub.org; 01327 842591; NN6 7QT.

It's free to join the library - all welcome!

MICHAEL READER

Thank you to everyone who attended Michael's funeral. The whole family were astounded at the numbers that came to pay their respects to Mike. The support and care we have received, both in the village and all that know us, has been truly wonderful. Thank you to the Flower Team who decorated the church to look beautiful and those that helped us at Michael's Wake. Also a huge thank you to those who generously donated to a total of £707 at the service to Cancer Research UK and Marie Curie. Ravensthorpe is a unique village to be part of. Thank you - Liz, Hannah, Louisa & all the family.

If you didn't donate and but would still like to, Hannah Reader is taking on the Yorkshire Three Peaks Challenge - Hike for Mike on the 12th April to raise money for Macmillan Cancer support. She has raised £4,282 so far and her aim is to reach £5,000. Hannah will attempt to climb Pen Y Ghent, Ingleborough & Wharfedale mountains totalling 25 miles in 12 hours. You can donate through this link or the QR code. Thank you for your amazing support – Hannah

https://www.justgiving.com/page/hannah-reader-1?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL



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

Every Tuesday: West Haddon to Daventry via Gillsborough, Coton and Long Buckby. No 52: picks up in Ravensthorpe at the bus shelter and at the bottom of the West Haddon Rd at approx 9.45.

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.

Buses return 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 & there is a charge 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



Spratton Photography Group is a small friendly group of photography enthusiasts with a wide range of abilities who use both digital cameras and/or mobile phones.

We meet on the first Monday of each month (except bank holidays) in the Hunter Hall at Spratton Hall School. New members are always welcome.

Full information can be found on our website: www.sprattonphotog.co.uk