

## Church Notices :

Church News - Please may we ask that only compostable items are put into the church garden bin - thank you.

John Mott - The PCC would like to thank John Mott for his dedicated service to the PCC, keeping the Log book in order and the Terrier, as he now retires at the age of 92 after 26 year service.

APCM - There will be a joint Annual Parochial Church Meeting on May 11th at 10.00 am at Guilsborough Church. All are welcome and if anyone has anything they would like to contribute please inform a member of the PCC.



Christian Aid week takes place from May 15th. There will be an envelope delivered with the newsletter and there will also be some left in church, so please return them to Gill Douglas at Hill House or leave them in church. Alternatively you may donate through the Ravensthorpe dedicated 'giving' QR code (right).



**VE Day Service, Thursday 8 May  
11.00am, Spratton Church  
At the War Memorial**

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# Newsletter

Local News from Ravensthorpe, Cotw & Tecton

## CHURCH SERVICES: RAVENSTHORPE & UPLANDS GROUP OF CHURCHES—MAY 2025

	Location	Service Type	Time	Flowers
Sunday 4 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 8 May	Spratton	VE Day Service at the War Memorial, 11.00am.		
Sunday 11 May	Guilsborough	Group Service	10.00am	Ann Fowler / Jane Pinnock
Sunday 18 May	Ravensthorpe	C/W Communion	9.30am	Ann Fowler / Jane Pinnock
	Other Churches/ Services	Creton (9.30am C/W Communion); Guilsborough (Brunch@11; 6.00pm Evensong); Spratton (8.30am BCP Communion).		
Sunday 25 May	Ravensthorpe	Worship for All	11.00am	Ann Fowler / Jane Pinnock
	Other Churches/ Services	Cold Ashby (9.30am BCP Communion); Guilsborough (9.30am BCP Communion); Hollowell (11.00am C/W Communion); Spratton (11.00am C/W Communion).		



## NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

**Traffic Survey** A traffic survey is being organised to take place over the next few weeks. I would like another couple of volunteers to do a one or two hour slot noting numbers and types of vehicles and their route through the village. Please let me know if you can help with this.

**Aggressive Dogs** Parish Council members have been approached several times about dogs that are aggressive, particularly to other dogs. The PC doesn't have any powers or responsibilities in this area but in the spirit of good neighbourliness we would ask owners of such dogs to keep them well under control and muzzled when necessary. These sorts of incidents can be very distressing to owners and to children. We can provide the number for the dog warden.

**The Annual Parish Meeting** held on Sat 5<sup>th</sup> April attracted a good number of people for free coffee and cake and interesting presentations from village groups. We will do it again next spring. Many thanks to the presenters and the cake makers and refreshment servers.

**Local Elections 2025** will be held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May. The seats for Ravensthorpe and Coton Parish Council seats are not contested, but you will be able to vote for councillors for West Northants Council. Further information available via WNC website.

**Other Parish Council news** – we are purchasing some notices asking people not to park blocking access along pavements, thus forcing pedestrians into the road. Please ask your visitors to park appropriately. For any comments or questions please speak to me.

Chair of the PC Diane Hayes 07873 271126

## MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELD



### ODDS-200 LOTTERY 2025-6:

Get ready for this year's exciting lottery sale! With a draw each month, the top prize is £50, and £20 runners up prize. And if you're at the Chequers at the time of the draw, there's also a chance to win a £25 Chequers voucher.

This lottery is the main source of fundraising used to pay to cut the grass at the playing field - if you use the playing field, or want to make sure the village continues to have access to this great facility, then please do consider buying a ticket. It's an easy way to contribute, and help keep the playing field in a usable condition.

You can buy your tickets online at [www.ravensthorpe.me.uk/playing-field/odds200-monthly-draw](http://www.ravensthorpe.me.uk/playing-field/odds200-monthly-draw) or we'll be selling door-to-door during May, in time for the first draw in June.


### APRIL LOTTERY WINNERS:

Paul Newman: £50; Lynne & Steve King (£20). Thank you for your support.

### BEER FESTIVAL

This year's Beer Festival & Family Fun Day will be on Friday 11 – Saturday 12 July. More information in next month's Newsletter.

**June Newsletter: the deadline for contributions to the next Newsletter is Monday 23 May. Queries or contributions to Alan Worthington, [ravensthorpenewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:ravensthorpenewsletter@gmail.com). Telephone 07801**



**West Haddon Players present:**

**THE PARK BENCH**  
.. A touching and gentle comedy about life, love and human connection, by Ashley Burgoyne.

19-21 June 2025  
West Haddon Village Hall  
The Green, NN6 7AN.

[www.ticketsource.co.uk/west-haddon-players](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/west-haddon-players)  
[jane@shepherdsrow.co.uk](mailto:jane@shepherdsrow.co.uk)  
**01788 510503**

**TICKETS £10**  
Doors open 7.00pm for 7.30  
Licensed Bar

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

Every Tuesday: West Haddon to Daventry via Gilsborough, Coton and Long Buckby. No 52: picks up 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 CommMiniBus service is a enterprise 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](mailto:bookings@cmbus.org) for each trip.

Ravensthorpe contact Di Hayes 01604 770482

**Ravensthorpe Village Hall**

**FASHION SHOW & SHOPPING EVENT**  
Saturday 31st May. Doors Open 7pm



**BOOK ADVANCE TICKETS ONLINE £7 AT [WWW.RVHALL.ONLINE](http://WWW.RVHALL.ONLINE)**  
(Includes glass of Prosecco or soft drink)

**LICENSED BAR, RAFFLE PRIZES, AND A LOT OF FUN.**

Contact Chrissie at 07507 895383 for more information.

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

For more information visit [www.rvhallonline.co.uk](http://www.rvhallonline.co.uk)

<b>ARTS &amp; CRAFTS</b>	<b>CRAFTERNOON:</b> 2.15pm every Thursday.	Call Di 770482 or Pauline 770634.
<b>BOWLING</b>	<b>SHORT-MAT BOWLING</b> 2pm every Wednesday.	Call Lin 07557 396627
<b>BRIDGE CLUB</b>	2pm every Tuesday.	Call Bernadette 01604 770424
<b>CINEMA</b>	Village Cinema: Tuesday 6th & Tuesday 20th.	See Cinema Box
<b>COFFEE</b>	<b>MORNING COFFEE</b> From 10.30-12 on Wednesday 7th & 21st. All welcome!	More information: Chrissie 07507 895383
<b>FASHION SHOW</b>	Saturday 31st May, 7pm. See poster. For more info: <a href="http://www.rvhallonline">www.rvhallonline</a>	
<b>GAMING CLUB</b>	Saturday 3rd May, 7pm. Raven Loonies Table-Top Gaming Club. See box.	
<b>PARISH COUNCIL</b>	<b>RAVENSTHORPE &amp; COTON PARISH COUNCIL</b> Wednesday 21st at 7.30pm	
<b>PILATES</b>	Liz Reader Pilates. 9.30am Monday 12th, 19th & 26th.	Call Liz: 07810 235258
	Pilates with Sophie: Thursday 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th at 9.30am	Call Sophie 07764 586990
<b>SHOTOKAN KARATE</b>	Every Sunday morning at 9.30 (Seniors); Thursday 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th at 6pm (Juniors).	Call Andy 07891 132675
<b>TABLE TENNIS</b>	Mondays at 7pm (except 5th); & Fridays at 2pm.	Call/ text 07710 813069
<b>WI</b>	Thursday 15th March 7.45pm.	Tricia 770855 Maggie 770458



The new traditional gaming club—the Raven Loonies—had their first meet at the Ravensthorpe Village Hall on the 12th of April. Those attending played a variety of board games, card games and miniature games. They're meeting the 1st Saturday of every month between 7pm and 10pm. The club is for over 18s and attendance fee is £5 per person with the first night free. The next

meets are on May 3rd / June 8th, where they're hosting an intro night to help new players try *Blood Bowl* and *Kings of War*. There will be an assortment of board games and card games to play with a friendly group, passionate about sharing their hobby and eating biscuits.

**Ravenloonies.com**



## RAVENSTHORPE VILLAGE HALL

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VILLAGE CINEMA

Tickets £7. Go to: [rvhallonline/cinema](http://rvhallonline/cinema); email: [cinema@rvhallonline](mailto:cinema@rvhallonline); or telephone

Mike & Mo Cobbe

01604 328322

**Tuesday 6 May 7.30-10.00pm. Mainstream screening:**

### A Complete Unknown.

Timothee Chalamet's acclaimed portrayal of Bob Dylan during his early formative years following arrival in New York includes stunning performances of many Dylan songs as well as examining his relationships with friends and other performers.



"With more tunes than the average musical, the film manages to make songs you have heard a thousand times sound like something the kid scribbled down on a napkin last week." (The Times)  
"Timothee Chalamet embodies Bob Dylan's once-in-a-generation coolness

**Tuesday 20 May. Cinephile Screening**

### Corsage

A vibrant, refreshingly mischievous take on period drama with an award winning lead from Vicky Krieps portraying Austrian Empress Elizabeth (Sisi) escaping the strictures of court traditions in her arguably decadent travels across Europe in the late 1870s.



"The most surprising, funny and compelling period drama since 'The Favourite'." (Empire)  
"A devilishly entertaining, tangibly textured, provocative film on a self-destructive woman hellbent on not conforming to societal strictures." (Rotten Tomatoes)

## Baby Jools & The Jazzaholics

The Best of New Orleans Jazz & Blues



**Jools & The Jazzaholics 20th June:**

**Beat the on-line ticket rush - tickets available for cash only until 9th May. Contact Mike Cobbe 01604 328322 or [mike@mikecobbe.com](mailto:mike@mikecobbe.com)**

Following their great gig at Ravensthorpe in March 2024, Jools and the Jazzaholics are making a return visit to the Village Hall with some of the best in New Orleans jazz that you will hear as well as a little side helping of skiffle featuring Warren "Lonnie" James on banjo and guitar.

Admission is £17 - Licensed bar - Doors Open 7.15

For more information on the band and booking arrangements check out the web site <https://www.rvhallonline/events-and-activities>





## Update from Buckby Library & Hub

**Our porch:** We are open! We are installing glass round our porch to enable buggies and mobility scooters to have a protected area, create an additional safety barrier to the busy main road for small children, keep our heating in during the cold months, and provide some additional display and bookshelf space. Please bear with us and use the back entrance if the front entrance is closed. Thank you!

**VE Day:** we will be holding an exhibition and a VE Day indoor street party on 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2.30-4.00 pm. It's free to attend but you do need a ticket, available from the library. Numbers are limited!

**Jazz Café evening:** Buckby Library & Hub and Long Buckby Community Centre are holding a joint café style event at the Community Centre on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30-9pm (doors open at 7.00). Come along to hear popular numbers played by a 5-piece band of young musicians from the Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust (NMPAT). Tickets are £5 from Buckby Library & Hub or the Community Centre (where you can also book online); under-16s are free. You can also pre-order a cheese platter for two: £8.

**Film Night:** our May film is **Conclave**, on Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30pm. "When Cardinal Lawrence is tasked with leading one of the world's most secretive and ancient events, selecting a new Pope, he finds himself at the centre of a web of conspiracies and intrigue that could shake the very foundation of the Catholic Church..." You can get your tickets for this fascinating film from the library or the Peephole in the High Street in Long Buckby: £7. Doors open at 7pm. Refreshments available, including ice creams.

Some **health and wellbeing support** events in May:

The **NAB sight bus** is visiting our car park on 8<sup>th</sup> May, 10-12.00.

Are you over 75 or have a weakened immune system? The **COVID vaccination bus** will be in our car park on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May from 10am 4.30pm. No need to book.

**Chatty Café**, every other Tuesday, 10.30-12.00; the next dates are 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> May; just come along.

**Wellness sessions with Lou:** alternating Tuesdays with Chatty Café, 11-12.00. Practical tips and a friendly chat about different health issues. Come along on 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> May.

Do check our website (<https://buckbylibraryhub.org>) for further information and our regular activities. Email: [sam.holst@buckbylibraryhub.org](mailto:sam.holst@buckbylibraryhub.org); tel: 01327 842591; or just pop in to see us!



## National Garden Scheme At Ravensthorpe Nursery

Ravensthorpe Nursery gardens will be opening for the National Garden Scheme on Friday 9<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May. We have plants for sale and will be serving teas, as usual. Hope to see you!



## AWARD-WINNING CHOIR BELCANTO PRESENTS



### A concert of music for a summer's afternoon

**Sunday 8th June, 4.00pm**

**St Denys Church, Ravensthorpe,  
NN6 8EP**

**Tickets £10 (under 16s free)**  
(ticket includes a glass of wine or soft  
drink, and light refreshments)

**Tickets available from**  
**[www.ticketsource.co.uk](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk) (search**  
**Belcanto or Ravensthorpe)**

Belcanto is a Northamptonshire based female voice choir who have toured and competed widely. We always aim to sing a wide variety of musical styles to suit all tastes in our concerts.

Proceeds to be shared between St Denys Church, and the choir's funds

**Follow Belcantokettering or Up-  
landsgroupchurches on Facebook**



Every year the Women's Institute makes a Resolution, chosen by its members and discussed by them at their May meeting to enable a representative to decide whether or not to support it when it is presented at their Annual Meeting. If carried, the Institute as a whole will then work towards fulfilling its aims. This year the Resolution, entitled "Bystanders can be Lifesavers" should have a very wide relevance, addressing the need to increase public confidence and training in the delivery of CPR and to work with local organisations to help to improve access to defibrillators in their communities to give every person the best chance of surviving a cardiac arrest.

At our meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> May we shall have the opportunity to learn more about the issue and to discuss the Resolution before deciding how our delegate should vote at the Annual Meeting. The meeting begins at 7.45 p.m. in the Village Hall and we shall end on a lighter note with a beetle drive and refreshments. You would be very welcome to join us. The cost for visitors is £5.

June's meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> will feature local textile artist Mary Hart who will give a talk entitled "Any Time is Sewing Time" about her pieces, the inspiration behind them and techniques used and she will be bringing lots of examples of her work. Do put these dates in your diary - we would love to see you.