

Church Notices: :

There will be a Group Service with Confirmation on June 8th at 10.00 at Creaton Church at which the Bishop of Brixworth will be officiating.



AWARD-WINNING CHOIR BELCANTO PRESENTS A Concert of Music for a Summer's Afternoon.

Sunday 8th June, 4.00pm at St Denys Church

Tickets £10 (under 16s free) from www.ticketsource.co.uk (search Belcanto or Ravensthorpe). Ticket includes a glass of wine or soft drink.

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 split between St Denys Church & the choir's funds.



Christian Aid - Thank you to those who have supported Christian Aid this year, which has raised £272.80p, including gift aid. There is still time to contribute by returning envelopes to Gill Douglas at Hill House or leave them in church. Alternatively you may donate through the Ravensthorpe dedicated 'giving' QR code (right).



CHURCH CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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Website: www.uplandsgroupchurches.org.uk

NEWSLETTER

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

	Location	Service Type	Time	Flowers
Sunday 1 June	Ravensthorpe	BCP Communion	8.30am	Pat Foss, Gill Douglas
	Other Churches/ Services	Cottesbrooke (11.00am BCP Communion); Creaton (7.00am Songs of Praise); Guilsborough (11.00am CW Communion); Spratton (11.00am Worship for All); Thornby (9.30am BCP Communion).		
Sunday 8 June Pentecost	Creaton	Group Service with Confirmations	10.00am	
Sunday 15 June Trinity	Ravensthorpe	CW Communion	9.30am	Pat Foss, Gill Douglas
	Other Churches/ Services	Creaton (9.30am CW Communion); Guilsborough (Brunch@11; 6.00pm Evensong); Spratton (8.30am BCP Communion).		
Sunday 22 June	Ravensthorpe	Worship for All	11.00am	Pat Foss, Gill Douglas
	Other Churches/ Services	Cold Ashby (9.30am BCP Communion); Guilsborough (9.30am CW Communion); Hollowell (11.00am CW Communion); Spratton (11.00am CW Communion).		
Sunday 29 June	Spratton	Group Service	10.00am	
Sunday 6 July	Hollowell Rally Field	Group Service,	10.00am	

NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The **elections** on May 1st for the Parish Council of Ravensthorpe and Coton were uncontested. We have a full complement of 8 councillors.

Representing the Ravensthorpe Ward are Diane Hayes (Chair), Emma Connor (Vice-Chair), Richard Marsh, Mary Worthington, John Matts, Michaela Bushell and Colin Durrant. Representing Coton Ward is Jonathan Jones.

If you are concerned about anything you think we may be able to help with please speak to any of us – my number is 01604 770482

TRAFFIC SURVEY

Recently we **counted traffic** coming into and out of the village at the East Haddon Rd/ West Haddon Rd junction for a few hours, and will do some more counting at different times.

This first exercise resulted in counts of 563 vehicles travelling along the East Haddon Rd, 430 along the High St, 365 along the Guilsborough Rd and 230 along the West Haddon Rd over a period of 4 hrs and 40mins. Some of these journeys will have originated in the village, others will be through traffic – but it's a significant amount of traffic for a Tuesday morning.

One of the key objectives was to get an idea of the HGV traffic. However, on this snapshot day there were only 18 larger vehicle movements recorded including the school bus and oil tankers and a large farm vehicle. It was a useful first chance to test the methodology and to get some data.

For any comments or questions please speak to me.
Chair of the PC Diane Hayes 07873 271126

NEWSPAPERS

There are deliveries of newspapers into the village 7 days a week. We know this is a minority interest these days, but if you should want to take a newspaper, either daily or just at weekends, then please contact Hilary Tibbs of Buckby Newsagents on 07944 683816

The papers are delivered to a metal cupboard/box next to the Village Hall and we collect them from there. They are usually there by 7.30/7.45am. There is a small charge for delivery – for 7 days it's £1.40

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

Every Tuesday: West Haddon to Daventry via Guilsborough, 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 ial 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 for each trip.

Ravensthorpe contact Di Hayes 01604 770482

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.

TICKETS £10. Doors open 7.00pm for 7.30. Licensed Bar
www.ticketsource.co.uk/west-haddon-players
jane@shepherdsrow.co.uk 01788 510503



June's W.I. meeting on the 19th June 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. The meeting is held in the Village Hall starting at 7.45 p.m. with the cost for visitors £5. We'd love to see you there.

MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELD

PLAYING FIELD LOTTERY

The Playing Field Lottery costs £15 per year and offers monthly prizes of £50 and £20, plus a special £25

Chequers Voucher for participants present at the draw. The draws take place at 9pm on the first Wednesday of each month at the Chequers Pub, with results published in the village newsletter and on Facebook, plus a £100 Christmas bonus.

You can buy your tickets online at

www.ravensthorpe.me.uk/playing-field/odds200-monthly-draw .

LOTTERY WINNERS FOR MAY

Linda Cooper (£50); Alistair & Leanda Whheler (£20).

BEER FESTIVAL

Join us for the Ravensthorpe Beer Festival & Family Day on 11-12th July 2025, featuring live music, craft beers, food vendors and family entertainment across two exciting days. Entry is free on Friday evening, while Saturday tickets are £5 for adults (children free) with all profits supporting local community facilities including the Ravensthorpe pavilion, playing field and children's play area..

RAVENSTHORPE PLAYING FIELD

BEER FESTIVAL

& FAMILY DAY 2025

FRIDAY FREE SATURDAY £5 KIDS FREE

JULY 11th & 12th 2025

TEETON ROAD NN6 8EJ

REGISTERED CHARITY 304239

11th 4:30pm - 11pm
12th 12pm - 11pm

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RAVENSTHORPE VILLAGE HALL

WHAT'S ON IN JUNE?

For more information visit www.rvhallonline.co.uk

ARTS & CRAFTS	CRAFTERNOON: 2.15pm every Thursday.	Call Di 770482 or Pauline 770634.
	CRAFT & GIFT FAIR Saturday 28 June. Free Admission.	Chrissie
BOWLING	SHORT-MAT BOWLING 2pm every Wednesday.	Call Lin 07557 396627
BRIDGE CLUB	2pm every Tuesday.	Call Bernadette
CINEMA	Village Cinema: Tuesday 3 June.	See Cinema Box
COFFEE	MORNING COFFEE From 10.30-12 on Wednesday 4th & 18th. All welcome!	More information: Chrissie 07507 895383
GAMING CLUB	Saturday 7 June 7pm. Raven Loonies Table-Top	
LIVE MUSIC	Friday 20th June. Jools and the Jazzaholics.	
OPEN GARDENS	Sunday 13th June 1.30-5.00pm. Teas in the Village Hall.	
PARISH COUNCIL	RAVENSTHORPE & COTON PARISH COUNCIL Wednesday 21st at 7.30pm	
PILATES	Liz Reader Pilates. 9.30am Every Monday in June.	Call Liz: 07810 235258
	Pilates with Sophie: Every Thursday at 9.30am	Call Sophie 07764 586990
SHOTOKAN KARATE	Sunday 1st, 8th, 22nd & 29th at 9.30 (Seniors); every Thursday at	Call Andy 07891 132675
TABLE TENNIS	Mondays at 7pm; & Friday 6th, 13th & 27th) at 2pm.	Call/ text 07710 813069
WI	Thursday 19th at 7.45pm.	Tricia 770855 Maggie 770458

PERCIVAL GUILDHOUSE

LATE SUMMER WORKSHOPS

In a break with tradition Rugby's Percival Guildhouse is offering some late summer workshops in August – outside normal term times. Day-long sessions on Stress Busting Techniques and Weight Management Made Simple will take place between 18 August and 4 September.

Also on offer, two morning sessions on Get Stuck Into Art for those who love art but would welcome a bit of expert direction. And four Summer Writing Oasis sessions for those who want to explore creative writing be it fiction, poetry or memoir.

For more information, visit: www.percival-guildhouse.co.uk or call 01788 542467 between 9am-3.30pm weekdays.

July Newsletter: the deadline for contributions to the next Newsletter is Monday 23 June. As is customary, there is no newsletter in August, so you may wish to add to your July inclusions (space permitting, of course). Queries or contributions to Alan Worthington, ravensthorpenewsletter@gmail.com. Telephone 07801 051 402

RAVENSTHORPE VILLAGE HALL



RAVENSTHORPE

VILLAGE CINEMA

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

Tuesday 3rd June 7.30pm.

Mainstream Cinema Feature:

A REAL PAIN.

Jesse Eisenberg and Kieran Culkin are a perfect tragi-comic double act. Eisenberg writes, directs and stars in this 2025 BAFTA and Oscar Award winning film that manages to be ruefully perceptive and laugh-out-loud funny, often at the same time.



“A Real Pain” is a sublime by turns funny, solemn and emotional road trip that flies by on two superb central performances from Eisenberg and Kieran Culkin.” (Empire).

“Eisenberg’s accomplished direction strikes a delicate balance between irreverence and pathos, between pacy, quickfire comedy and the moments in which the confluence between the past and the future weighs so heavily that it’s hard to breathe.” (The Guardian).

For details and booking: rvhallonline.co.uk

£7.00



Discover a wide array of one-of-a-kind gifts created by skilled, local artisans.

Jewellery, ceramics, art pieces, candles, crystals, leather goods, jams, chutneys, and so much more.

Indulge in refreshments and homemade cakes.

Don't forget tombola for a chance to win fabulous prizes.

Ravensthorpe Village Hall
For more information: email
bookings@rvhallonline.co.uk or
Phone 07507 895 383

SATURDAY 28 JUNE
11-4
FREE ADMISSION



Update from Buckby Library & Hub

Here are some of our June events.

Thursday, June 5th, 7.30pm: this is **World Environment Day**. Long Buckby farmer, Mark Jelley, will be giving a talk on **'Local Solutions to Global Challenges. What role should our family farms play?'** Come along to what will be a very interesting evening. Doors open at 7.00pm. It's free entry but please contact us to book your place; donations are invited – thank you! Refreshments will be available.

Our June **film night** is the last of the season until September. So come to **Bridget Jones: Mad About the Boy** on Tuesday, June 24th, 7.30 pm. "Bridget Jones, now a widow and single mother of two, grapples with grief and the death of her husband, Mark Darcy, while navigating the challenges of raising her children and returning to work. She finds herself caught between a younger, enthusiastic man and her son's science teacher as she re-enters the dating world. The film explores themes of grief, motherhood, and rediscovering love in a new chapter of Bridget's life." Tickets are £7 from the library or the Peephole in the High Street, Long Buckby. Doors open at 7.00pm. Refreshments - including ice creams - available.

Looking forward to early July, on Thursday, 3rd July, 7.30pm, we will have a great evening of music by local group **Sixties Reunion Trio** who will be performing Country & Western, Ballads, Rock & Roll and Shadows instrumentals. The evening is café style and refreshments will be available. The evening is free entry (doors open at 7.00pm), but please book your place! Donations are invited – thank you.

Book sale: we will be having a **book sale** and children's tombola at Long Buckby's Infant School Friends Summer Fete on Sunday, 22nd June, 12-4.00pm. Come along and find your book bargains! The fete will be on Long Buckby Sportsfield (NN6 7PX).

And coming soon from July and during August: the **Summer Reading Challenge**. There will also be **children's summer holiday activities**. More on our website soon.

Our **public computers:** you can use them with no charge. You just need a library card to log in. If you are not a library member, it's easy and free to join. You can either do this online (<https://buckbylibraryhub.org/join-long-buckby-library/>) or just pop in to see us.



Kelmarsh Hall in June:

Plant Swap Social | Wednesday 4th June, 10am – 12pm

A relaxed morning for garden lovers to swap plants, share stories, and enjoy tea, coffee, and biscuits with our garden team. The gardens remain open until 4pm for those wishing to wander after the swap.

Usual admission applies – refreshments included.

Jazz on the Tea Terrace with The Jake Leg Jug Band | Thursday 5th June, 5.30pm – 8.30pm. Enjoy a summer evening filled with toe-tapping tunes from the Jake Leg Jug Band. Bring your own picnic, blanket, or chair, and soak up the atmosphere on the Tea Terrace.

Tickets: £16 adults / £8 children. Booking required.

National Garden Scheme Open Day | Sunday 8th June, 10am – 4pm

Wander the historic gardens, woodlands, and lakeside paths in support of the National Garden Scheme charities. **Usual entrance fees apply – all proceeds donated to charity. Booking required.**

Midsummer Garden Party | Thursday 19th June, 6pm – 8pm

Step into summer with an elegant garden party featuring live piano music by @jamesroscoeipiano, garden games, fizz and nibbles, and full access to the exquisite historic gardens. Plus chat to the Kelmarsh head gardener and gardens team. **Tickets: £16 adults / £8 children**

Includes live music, refreshments, and free parking.



HIKE FOR MIKE

The Reader family would like to thank everybody for supporting Hannah's *Hike for Mike Three Peaks Challenge*.

Hannah has raised an amazing £7,074 for Macmillan Cancer Support. Hannah commented: *"the hike was very tough but worth every sore muscle and blister. The amount that has been donated has been incredible; Dad would have been amazed"*.



National Garden Scheme At Ravensthorpe Nursery

Ravensthorpe Nursery Gardens will be open for the N.G.S. on Friday 13th and Saturday 14th June from 11 a.m. till 5 p.m., serving tea and cakes and with lots of plants still for sale. On Sunday 15th we will be joined by six other garden openers from 1.30 till 5.30 p.m.. Teas on the Sunday at and in aid of the Village Hall. Admission costs £6 on Friday and Saturday, £7.50 on Sunday with no charge for children. Praying for some gentle showers before then and hopefully our peonies will be in their full glory. Hope to see you sometime over the weekend.

POCKET PARK

The pocket park meadow is bursting with swathes of Oxeye daisies bobbing in the breeze. Flowering from May to September, their yellow centre is made up of multiple small flowers which hold nectar attracting a large variety of pollinating insects such as bees, butterflies and hoverflies. Other names for the Oxeye daisy are 'moon daisy' and 'moon penny' as the bright white flowers appear to glow in the evening.

The pocket park is owned by the parish council and they have put in new gateposts recently, which look great. Why not take a stroll down there over the summer months to see the array of wild flowers, enjoy the shaded woodland and listen to birdsong from the hedgerows and trees.

