

Join us! Summer Picnics

**Thursdays in August
11am - 1pm
Yummy snacks and
themed activities!
Details to follow**



Church Notices :

Youth Church will finish on July 19th and recommence in September .

The Service Schedule for August (below) is provisional only. Please check that these are correct closer to the time.

Summer Picnics will be held each Thursday in August: Ravensthorpe (7th); Guilsborough (14th & 28th); Spratton (21st).

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CHURCH SERVICES: RAVENSTHORPE & UPLANDS GROUP OF CHURCHES—JULY - AUGUST 2025

	Location	Service Type	Time	Flowers
Sunday 6 July	Hollowell Rally Field	Group Service,	10.00am	
Sunday 13 July	Other Churches/ Services	Cottesbrooke (11.00am BCP Communion); Coton (9.30am BCP Communion); Guilsborough (11.00am CW Communion); Spratton (11.00am Worship for All); Thornby (9.30am BCP Communion).		
Sunday 20 July	Ravensthorpe	CW Communion	9.30am	Jean Jolley, Sally Marsh
Sunday 27 July	Ravensthorpe	Worship For All	11.00am	Jean Jolley, Sally Marsh
	Other Churches/ Services	Cold Ashby (9.30am BCP Communion); Guilsborough (9.30am BCP Communion); Hollowell (11.00am CW Communion); Spratton (11.00am CW Communion).		
Sunday 3 August	Ravensthorpe	BCP Communion	8.30am	Thalia Pike, Hilary Bent
	Other Churches/ Services	Cottesbrooke (11.00am BCP Communion); Coton (7.00pm Songs of Praise); Guilsborough (11.00am CW Communion); Spratton (11.00am Worship for All); Thornby (9.30am BCP Communion).		
Sunday 10 August	Cottesbrooke	Group Service	10.00am	
Sunday 17 August	Ravensthorpe	CW Communion	9.30am	Thalia Pike, Hilary Bent
	Other Churches/ Services	Coton (9.30am CW Communion); Guilsborough (11.00am Brunch@11; 6.00pm Evensong); Spratton (8.30am BCP Communion).		
Sunday 24 August	Ravensthorpe	Worship For All	11.00am	Thalia Pike, Hilary Bent
	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 31 August	Ravensthorpe	Group Service	10.00am	Thalia Pike, Hilary Bent

NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

THE COPPER BEECH TREE ON THE GREEN

At the Parish Council meeting in June an agenda item related to the sad loss of the Copper Beech tree on the village green. It happened in the May Bank holiday week—some of you may have been away, coming back to see just a neat stump. It was a big job to carefully remove the fallen part and to take down all that was remaining. This tree was planted to celebrate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee in 1887 and there was no obvious indication that it had a problem.

The Parish Council will be returning to the topic of trees at future meetings.

PARKING SIGNS

You may see some signs placed round the village asking drivers to park without obstructing access for pedestrians. We know that it can be difficult sometimes to park in our villages, but we want to ensure as far as possible that people on foot or mobility scooters and parents with buggies and small children, can pass without having to go into the road, or onto the grass verge. Thank you for your assistance with this.

Diane Hayes Chair of the Parish Council

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 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 Comm MiniBus service 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. The Ravensthorpe contact is Di Hayes 01604 770482

RAVENSTHORPE MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELD



Ravensthorpe Beer Festival

FRIDAY JULY 11-SATURDAY 12
MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELD

Friday 4.30pm-11.00pm
Saturday 12pm-11.00pm

Join us for the Ravensthorpe Beer Festival & Family Day on July 11-12th 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.

PLAYING FIELD LOTTERY WINNERS FOR JUNE

£50: Michele & Laurie Pearson; £20: Diane Anstey

RAVENSTHORPE VILLAGE HALL



The American Civil War



We are delighted to welcome back Dr Michael Muncaster to lead us through this 10 week course on The American Civil War. The course starts by examining the causes of the war and the issues that divided the country. It will study the experiences of those that fought and the generals that commanded, music and poetry produced at the time, artifacts and finally consider the impact of the war and its place in the history of the USA

22nd September to 1st December 2025 (half term 27th October)
Time: Every Monday 2-4pm
Fee: £60 55 Places available
Booking from August 1st, 2025

Venue: Ravensthorpe Village Hall NN6 8EH

Book your place with either: The village hall website www.rvhallonline.org 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 contact details for Mo Cobbe above.

Registered charity no: 278283

CHARITY AFTERNOON TEA

Raising money for



In memory of Mike Reader

Sunday 3rd Aug
12-4pm

55 High Street, Ravensthorpe

Amazing Raffle, Ladies Clothing Stall
& Live Pianist

Full Afternoon Tea - £10pp
Cream Tea - £5pp



There is no Newsletter in August. The deadline for contributions to the September Newsletter is Saturday 23 August. Queries or contributions to Alan Worthington, ravensthorpenewsletter@gmail.com. Telephone 07801 051 402

RAVENSTHORPE VILLAGE HALL: WHAT'S ON IN JULY?

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
GAMING CLUB	Saturday 5 July. Raven Loonies Table-Top Gaming Club.	
OPEN GARDENS	Sunday 13th June 1.30-5.00pm. Teas in the Village Hall.	
PARISH COUNCIL	RAVENSTHORPE & COTON PARISH COUNCIL Wednesday 16 July at 7.30pm	
PILATES	Liz Reader Pilates. 9.30am Every Monday in July.	Call Liz: 07810 235258
	Pilates with Sophie: Every Thursday at 9.30am	Call Sophie 07764 586990
SHOTOKAN KARATE	Every Sunday at 9.30 (Seniors); every Thursday at 6pm (Juniors).	Call Andy 07891 132675
TABLE TENNIS	Mondays at 7pm; & Fridays at 2pm (except 25th).	Call/text 07710 813069
WI	Thursday 17th. at 7.45pm.	Tricia 770855 Gill Douglas 770541

RAVENSTHORPE VILLAGE HALL

SAVE THE DATE QUIZ AND CURRY NIGHT IS BACK!

Join us for a fun evening. Enjoy challenging trivia, delicious curry and great company—perfect for your Friday night!

**Friday
September
19th**

Teams of various sizes can join, so gather your group and compete for exciting prizes. Don't miss this fantastic event; mark your calendars and watch for ticket details on the FB page and www.rvhall.online.



**National
Theatre
Live**

Ravensthorpe Village Cinema will be trialling a National Theatre Live screening "Inter Alia" on Friday 3rd October. This is the much anticipated new play by writer Suzie Miller who reunites with director Justin Martin following their global phenomenon "Prima Facie" which provided Jodie Comer with a sensational career defining role.



In "Inter Alia", Emmy, BAFTA and Golden Globe winner and Oscar-nominee Rosamund Pike (Gone Girl, Saltburn, United Kingdom) is Jessica Parks, a smart Crown Court Judge at the top of her career. Behind the robe, she is a karaoke fiend, a loving wife and a supportive parent. When an event threatens to throw her life completely off balance, can she hold her family upright? "Inter Alia" provides a searing examination of modern motherhood and masculinity.

The screening will be priced competitively near the lower end of the NT recommended ticket price range. If the audience response is favourable, we will formally agree with NT to present these live screenings on a regular basis, so widening the choice of entertainment available.

We expect that these screenings would be on a Friday evening and would be additional to the current monthly mainstream and cinephile film programme.

For further information and booking go to

<https://www.rvhallonline/cinema/>

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/ravensthorpe-village-hall>

PERCIVAL GUILDHOUSE

LATE SUMMER WORKSHOPS

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 1st 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.





Update from Buckby Library & Hub

Thursday July 3rd from 7.30-9pm: come and enjoy an evening of ballads, instrumentals, country and western, and rock and roll music played by local group, the **Sixties Reunion Trio!** The evening is café style and there will be refreshments. Tickets are free but we welcome donations in support of Buckby Library & Hub. Please drop in or contact as below to get your tickets. Doors open at 7pm.

Come and see our **art exhibitions** by local artists in July and August. In July there will be an exhibition of water colours by the late Dawn Chandler and paintings by some of her artist friends. Using a free style, Dawn Chandler particularly liked painting flowers.

In August, 'To stand and stare' is an exhibition of paintings by Tony Keech. He works mainly in acrylics and his paintings are based on observing nature. He says: 'Taking time to look and see, is key to the work.' All exhibitions are in our refreshment area.

The **Summer Reading Challenge** is from 5th July-20th September. The theme this year is *Story Garden - Adventures in Nature and the Great Outdoors*. As part of this year's Summer Reading Challenge, Buckby Library & Hub is hosting a **Drama Storytelling Workshop** on 23rd July (time tbc - please check our website or just call us). Led by a professional actor and experienced workshop leader from the Big Bubble Theatre Company, this 60 minute workshop is designed to get young children excited about reading, stories, and creative play. It will be themed around the story of Little Red Riding Hood and includes interactive storytelling, games and activities. Tickets are £5.00/child.

Health and Wellbeing

On the fourth Wednesday of the month from 2-3pm, **Spring**, a partnership of social sector organisations, commissioned by Integrated Care Northamptonshire, is holding free drop-in sessions to help improve wellbeing using social prescribing. The next drop-in is July 23rd. For more information, please go to this page on our website: <https://buckbylibraryhub.org/spring/>.

From July 11th, and thereafter on the second Friday of the month from 2-3pm, there is a **Pelvic Health Support Group**. The aim is to provide a safe and informal space where those living with pelvic pain and gynaecological conditions can share experiences and feel less alone. A £1 contribution is requested.

Save the dates for:

Our **Craft Fayre** in the library on September 20th, 2-4.30pm.

Our **new film season**, back in September, last Tuesday of the month.

For all our regular activities and more, please go to our website: <https://buckbylibraryhub.org>. You can also see our What's On calendar at: <https://buckbylibraryhub.org/calendar/>.

Buckby Library & Hub, Station Road, Long Buckby, NN6 7QB. Email: sam.holst@buckbylibraryhub.org



Opening Hours:
Monday: closed
Tuesday: 12-3; 6-11.
Wednesday: 12-3; 6-11
Thursday: 12-3; 6-11
Friday: 12-11.
Saturday: 12-11
Sunday: 12-7



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Saturday 20th of September 10-12 noon

Keep the date free and come and join us.

The usual coffee and biscuits plus a raffle, cake and book stalls. This year instead of a tombola we are having a bottle stall. Anything from sauce to shampoo, salad dressing to fizz, bubbles to beer. We would be very grateful for donations for any of the stalls.

Contact Lin on 770562 or Pat on 770466



National Garden Scheme At Ravensthorpe Nursery

Our next opening at the Nursery will be on Friday 11th to Sunday 13th July from 11 a.m. till 5 p.m., admission £6, children free. We'll be serving tea and cakes and selling plants as usual.

Many thanks to everyone who helped in any way with the N.G.S. village open gardens on June 15th. £1,372.50 was raised which will go to further the work of Macmillan and Marie Curie as well as several other charities and the Village Hall benefitted from the sale of teas. The Nursery also raised another £500+ on the previous two days, so a very good result all round, particularly bearing in mind the warm (sometimes too warm!) weather. Our new wildflower meadow was much admired and we enjoyed meeting lots of new visitors.

Jean Wiseman

POCKET PARK

Please come and join us for two volunteer work sessions to keep the park thriving for wildlife and enjoyable for people.

Saturday 12th July at 10am to 12noon.

Wear suitable outdoor clothing, wheelbarrow and shovel.

Saturday 30th August at 10am to 12noon - Annual Meadow Hay Rake. Refreshments provided. Please bring wheelbarrows, gloves, forks and tines.

Our stunning meadow is a blast from the past. There are few places in the wider countryside like it. If you'd like to create a garden or community meadow and would some some wildflowers and yellow rattle seeds (known as the Meadow Maker) then let me know. This plant is hemiparasitic feeds off the wild grasses, reducing their strength so creating better conditions for the wildflowers to thrive. Advice given on when and how to sow.

Contact Ruth on - crabtreept@gmail.com.



Our next meeting will be at the Village Hall at 7.45 p.m. on July 17th, when we will have a talk and demonstration on making gift boxes. Visitors are always welcome - £5 to include refreshments.

Contacts: Gill Douglas 770541; Tricia Freeman 770855.