

CHURCH NEWS

Thank you to all those people who helped in the tea tent at The Hollowell Steam Rally. We will in due course receive a donation from the rally towards storage for Youth Church which will be very useful.

Ride and Stride - the Historic Churches Bike Ride will take place on Saturday 13th September. The church will be open and volunteers are needed please to man the church to welcome cyclists and walkers!

Youth Church will start back on Saturday 6th September.

SHOEBOXES

We will be doing boxes again this year, so we need empty boxes or items to fill them, or you can do a filled one.

We need, pencils, rulers, pens, paper, pencil sharpeners, small soft toys, socks, hats, gloves, scarves, small toys, soap, flannels, shower gel, shampoo, pots sweets not chocolate. Boxes are for children & adults & will go to eastern Europe.

We need things by middle to end of October please. Bring them to 1 Church Gardens or leave in the Church.

Thanks Tricia
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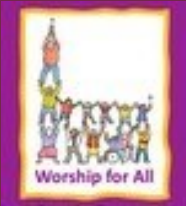
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**Brunch
@11**
More than just
good food

**Guildsborough
Village Hall,
11.00am
Sunday
21 September**



Worship for All is an informal, all-age service, with plenty for children to get involved in, and which always starts with coffee & homemade cake.

**Ravensthorpe,
Sunday September 28th, 11.00am**

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

	Location	Service Type	Time	Flowers
Sunday 7 September	Ravensthorpe	BCP Communion	8.30am	Lin Hudson, Meg Benn
	Other Churches/ Services	Cottesbrooke (11.00am BCP Communion); Creaton (9.30am BCP Communion); Guildsborough (11.00am CW Communion); Spratton (11.00am Worship for All); Thornby (9.30am BCP Communion).		
Sunday 14 September	Thornby	Group Service, 10.00am		
Sunday 21 September	Ravensthorpe	CW Communion	9.30am	Lin Hudson, Meg Benn
	Other Churches/ Service	Creaton (9.30am CW Communion); Guildsborough (11.00am Brunch@11; 6.00pm Even-song); Spratton (8.30am BCP Communion).		
Sunday 28 September	Ravensthorpe	Worship For All	11.00am	Lin Hudson, Meg Benn
	Other Churches/ Services	Cold Ashby (9.30am BCP Communion Harvest; Guildsborough (9.30am BCP Communion Harvest); Hollowell (11.00am CW Communion Harvest); Spratton (11.00am CW Communion).		

NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

Climate and Nature Champion

Parish Councils are being asked to nominate a **Climate and Nature Champion** who will be the Council's key point of contact and advocate for environmental sustainability, biodiversity and climate resilience. The nominee will receive regular communications and will be invited to occasional meetings. The aim is to disseminate guidance, share good practice and identify challenges and solutions. If you have an interest in this area and have a bit of time to spare to be the champion for Ravensthorpe, please let me know, or contact me if you want to hear a bit more about it.

Traffic Survey

You may have seen a few intrepid volunteers sitting at the bottom of the West Haddon Road in May and June, with paper and pencils, recording traffic movements.

Cars, LGVs and HGVs were recorded travelling in the various directions from East to West and West to East from 7am to 1pm. We planned to come back on another day to repeat this for 1pm to 6pm. We were thwarted by the High St being closed on that day, and then began a series of road closures for pothole repairs, and for Anglian Water repairs, so the second part hasn't happened yet.

What we have got is some data! This gives us a chance to review the methodology so that what we collect is useful information. One immediate observation is that for the 6 hours we recorded on a Tuesday there were only a small number of HGVs. It may be that more travel through the village before 7am. The other figure that might surprise you, or not if you live on the High St, is that **567** traffic movements were recorded along the High St, up and down, over those 6 hours. Some of those will have originated in the village but most will be through traffic.

We would welcome input regarding data collection and analysis from anyone interested in these areas prior to the next session. Please contact me.

Community Bus

A bus goes to Daventry from Ravensthorpe on Tuesday mornings around 9.35-9.45. It returns after a 2 hour stay allowing you to do some shopping or whatever. Contact me for more information.

96 bus This bus travels regularly throughout the day between Rugby and Northampton via East Haddon. Recently the route was amended to extend to Northampton General Hospital. Given the difficulty of parking at NGH I am planning to try the bus option at some point. The route was also amended to cut out the detour round the estate off the Harlestone Rd in Northampton. The bus which call at E Haddon High St at 9.54 is scheduled to arrive at NGH at 10.35. This is repeated each hour until 2.54.

Diane Hayes – Chair of the Parish Council 07873 271126

Playing Field lottery winners:

July: Terry & Chris Leagus (£50); Barbara Guest (£20). August: Sue & Steve Pearson (£50); Sue & Richard Lyndley (£20).



The Beer Festival & Family Fun Day in July was very well supported and a great success. Thank you all.

CRABTREE PIT POCKET PARK

Our thanks for the volunteers who helped with the annual hay rake on 30th August and the amazing volunteers who cut the meadow ahead of the event.

The next practical session to maintain the park for people and wildlife is on Saturday 20th September 10am to 11.45am and includes refreshments at the end. Following this, there'll be monthly sessions. Email us for more information - crabtreepit@gmail.com

It's the time of year to think about hibernation and where hedgehogs and other wildlife can fuel up before seeking shelter to overwinter. We keep all cut wood within the park, as log piles, dead hedges and wood chip paths, this provides both food in terms of beetles and bugs and hollows to sleep through the winter.

When gardening, please check for hedgehogs, especially before strimming. Consider leaving the tidying and cutting back until Spring. Dead flower heads provides shelter for ladybirds, giving you a good supply of beneficial insects for the next growing season. We, at the park, leave an area of the meadow uncut too.

Ruth and Natalie, Co-Volunteer Coordinators



RAVENSTHORPE VILLAGE HALL



FRIDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER

DOORS OPEN AT 7:00PM

**£10 PER PERSON
CURRY SUPPER INCLUDED
LICENSED BAR—RAFFLE PRIZES**

BOOK TICKETS ONLINE: WWW.RVHALL.ONLINE

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REGISTER YOUR TEAM TODAY (MAX 6)
BOOKINGS@RVHALL.ONLINE

Book online for a great social evening, Fun Quiz, choice of Curry, licensed bar and fabulous raffle prizes, including a Top Cash Prize of £150!

For more information,
call Chrissie 07507 895383

Charity No. 278283

RAVENSTHORPE VILLAGE HALL: WHAT'S ON IN SEPTEMBER?

For more information visit www.rvhall.online.co.uk

ACE COURSES	<i>The American Civil War. Mondays 2-4 from September 22nd.</i>	Sold out.
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	Tuesday 2nd September, 7.30pm The Black Bag ; Tuesday 16th September, 7.30pm The Marching Band.	See Box, right.
COFFEE MORNINGS	Macmillan Coffee Morning, Saturday September 20th 10-12. A Must! Wednesday Coffee Morning. 10.30 . 3rd & 17th September. All welcome.	
GAMING CLUB	Saturday 6 September. Raven Loonies Table-Top Gaming Club. For more visit https://ravenloonies.com	
PARISH COUNCIL	RAVENSTHORPE & COTON PARISH COUNCIL Wednesday 17 September at 7.30pm	
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	Every Sunday at 9.30 (Seniors); Every Thursday at 6pm (Juniors).	Call Andy 07891 132675
TABLE TENNIS	Mondays at 7pm; & Fridays at 2pm (except Friday 19th).	Call/ text 07710 813069
WI	Thursday 18th. at 7.45pm. <i>Sights & Birdsong.</i> All welcome	Tricia 770855 Gill 770541

PERCIVAL GUILDHOUSE

FASHION AND HERITAGE ALERT!

Heritage and haute couture will combine in a centenary display of fashion and textiles at Rugby's Percival Guildhouse in September as part of National Heritage Weekend.

The major display of 100 years of fashion will include 1920s flapper dresses, wartime clothing, mid-century designs, 1960s' miniskirts, 1970s' psychedelic colours and punk fashion, plus a range of textiles from different decades and how they were used in our living rooms.

Visitors during the weekend of 13-14 September, will also be able to view precious artefacts from the Guildhouse Archive collection. Such is the significance of this material, charting 100 years of adult education, that it has attracted National Lottery Heritage Funding to enable all material to be preserved and digitised for future generations.

The Guildhouse will be open between 11am-3pm during Heritage Weekend. Admission is free. For more information, visit: www.percival-guildhouse.co.uk or call 01788 542467 between 9am-3.30pm weekdays.



RAVENSTHORPE VILLAGE HALL



RAVENSTHORPE

VILLAGE CINEMA

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

Mainstream Feature Film

The Black Bag

Tuesday 2nd September, 7.30pm

A very entertaining spy thriller in the style of le Carré or Deighton with a stellar cast. "More John le Carré than James Bond" "an exemplary espionage caper that lets movie stars like Cate Blanchett and Michael Fassbender do what they do best -- light up the screen."



Cinephile Screening

The Marching Band

Tuesday 16th September, 7.30pm

A French comedy drama that is both poignant and funny, often at the same time. "This film may not surprise, but it's a sincere and uplifting tale that is in tune with the spirit of underdog crowd-pleasers *Brassed Off* and *The Full Monty*." "Very French".



Additional to our the film programme, Ravensthorpe Village Cinema will be presenting the 2025-2026 National Theatre Live screening programme commencing with *Inter Alia* on Friday 3rd October. **Sadly, this is already sold out.**



The next NTL screening will be on Friday 31 October:

Mrs Warren's Profession

Filmed live from the West End, this new production of George Bernard Shaw's famous play, Imelda Staunton joins forces with her daughter (in real life) Jessie Carter (*Bridgerton*) and reunites her with director Dominic Cooke (*Follies*, *Good*), exploring the clash between morality and independence, traditions and progress.



Tickets are now available at www.rvhall.online: £12

COMPASS ENERGY - SUPPORTING RAVENSTHORPE CHARITIES

Compass Energy supports the Ravensthorpe Charities by donating £50 for every 10,000 litres purchased by villagers under the Ravensthorpe buying account. Last year, this raised £417.42 which was shared between the Church, the Playing Field and the Village Hall.

There are approximately 40 households who purchase their heating oil from Compass, whose aim is to provide household fuel "at the most competitive prices". Keep this in mind when you are purchasing your heating oil this winter. See how they compare! If it appeals please register your interest under the Ravensthorpe buying account – RAVS. The amount of fuel purchased by the village is monitored by Compass, and by doing this you will be supporting the Ravensthorpe charities. In Northamptonshire, Compass is based in Sywell. To order or get a quote: contact Compass Energy on 01604 345526.



Update from Buckby Library & Hub

Summer Reading Challenge: the Summer Reading Challenge continues until September 20th, so there is still time for your children or grandchildren (4-12 years) to read or listen to 6 books. Just a reminder that the theme is 'Story Garden' which encourages children to explore their connections with nature.

In September, we are hosting a double **art exhibition**. On one wall there will be an exhibition from Northants & Rutland Open Studios featuring the paintings of **Bridget Arregger**. Bridget likes to explore images and patterns in many materials and styles from intuitive and representative to imaginative. On the other wall, we will have a display of paintings and drawings submitted by **Jessica Adams** for her 2024 A Level Art submission. Jessica has been offered a place at Northampton University to study art.

Come to our **Craft Fayre!** On Saturday September 20th, 2-4.30pm, we are holding a Craft Fayre in the library. Come along for different crafts - wool, wood, felt, sewn materials, ceramics, home baking, crystals, honey, glitter tattoos and more. There will also be a raffle, a tombola (children and adults) and refreshments. Find your perfect presents for others (and for yourself), win prizes, and have a cuppa and cake (or maybe an ice cream). Entry free.

Our new film season: our monthly films will start again on Tuesday 30th September. Our first film of the season is **The Thursday Murder Club**: 'Four irrepressible retirees spend their time solving cold case murders for fun, but their casual sleuthing takes a thrilling turn when they find themselves with a real whodunit on their hands.' Tickets are £7.50 from Buckby Library & Hub and the Peephole in the High Street. Refreshments including ice creams available. The film starts at 7.30; doors open at 7.00.

Do visit our website: <https://buckbylibraryhub.org>; email: sam.holst@buckbylibraryhub.org; 01327 842591; NN6 7QB.

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/>.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Ukulele on the Lawn

Thursday 25th September | 6.30pm-8.30pm

Enjoy a relaxed evening of live music with the Northampton Ukulele Band in the beautiful gardens. Bring your own picnic or indulge in wood-fired pizza, drinks and ice cream (available on-site) **Autumn Wreath Making**

Sunday 28th September | 11am-1pm

Craft a beautiful seasonal wreath with fresh foliage from the gardens. Held in the elegant Orangery, includes all materials plus tea, coffee and biscuits.

Autumn Walk & Artisan Fair

Sunday 5th October | 11am-3pm

A seasonal family day with scenic walks, unique artisan stalls, live music, morris dancing, children's trail, and local food and drink. £10 per car.



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

Thanks to everyone who has supported the National Gardens Scheme openings throughout the year. It's been a difficult one with the weather making the gardens, the visitors and not least the gardeners suffer thanks to the excessive heat and drought. Still, including the village opening in June, we managed to raise over £4,200.

WILL YOU OPEN YOUR GARDEN IN 2026?

Now it's time to encourage you to join us! I have to get our entry in to the N.G.S. by September 15th, so if you'd like to take part next year in opening your garden we'd love to hear from you. We're planning on the afternoon of June 14th. Please do contact us at ravensthorpenursery@hotmail.com or on 01604 770548 (leave a message if we don't answer please)."

Thanks.

Jean



You are warmly invited to join us for our meeting on Thursday, September 18th when our speaker will be Nick Penny, a writer, composer and musician from Oundle. Every day throughout the year he walks alongside the river Nene observing and recording its wildlife, particularly the kingfishers. His talk is entitled **"Call of the Kingfisher: Sights and Birdsong by the River Nene"**. This meeting will be open to all, so if you would be interested, we'd love to see you. The meeting is at the Village Hall and starts at 7.45 p.m. with a short business section, followed by Nick's talk and then refreshments. Visitors £5.

Contacts: Gill Douglas 770541; Tricia Freeman 770855.

October Newsletter: the deadline for the October Newsletter is Tuesday 23 September. Any queries to Alan Worthington, 07801 051402 (text or phone), and contributions to ravensthorpenewsletter@gmail.com