

**CHURCH NEWS**

**RIDE & STRIDE**

Congratulations to the Ride and Stride Team who raised £200, half of which goes to the church and the rest to Historic Churches.

**HARVEST FESTIVAL**

St Denys Harvest Festival Service will take place on Sunday October 19th at 9.30 am. All are welcome! We would appreciate donations of garden produce (apples, vegetables etc) and home baking and flowers which will be auctioned off for our charity in Bangladesh.

**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  
 770855

**Ravensthorpe United Charities**

Ravensthorpe United Charities is responsible for distributing the rental income from some fields which were gifted to the charity many years ago, to those in need within Ravensthorpe, Teeton and Coton. In the early days applicants would go literally cap in hand to members of the committee to ask for the charity money!

Today those in need, who are Senior Citizens living in these villages and in receipt of State Pension, can apply, as can students who are in their first year at College or University and living away from home during term time.

The Trustees of the Charity – there are 5 of us - meet annually in December to consider the applications and decide on the distribution amounts taking account of the year's income and the number of applicants.

Applications are open from now until 30<sup>th</sup> November and can be made in writing to:

Lynn Holt, 10 Little Lane, NN6 8EX or  
 Karen Blakelock, 2 Dairy Court, NN6 8GL

Or by email to [RavensthorpeUnitedCharities@outlook.com](mailto:RavensthorpeUnitedCharities@outlook.com)

**CHURCH SERVICES: RAVENSTHORPE & UPLANDS GROUP OF CHURCHES—OCTOBER 2025**

	Location	Service Type	Time	Flowers
<b>Sunday 5 October</b>	<b>Ravensthorpe</b>	<b>BCP Communion</b>	<b>8.30am</b>	Liz Reader, Lynn Holt
	Other Churches/ Services	Cottesbrooke (11.00am BCP Communion; Harvest); Creaton (11.00am Harvest @URC); Guilsborough (11.00am CW Communion); Spratton (11.00am Worship for All Harvest); Thornby (3.00pm Harvest Festival).		
<b>Sunday 12 October</b>	Hollowell	Group Service, 10.00am		
	Creaton	Songs of Praise Harvest, 5.00pm		
<b>Sunday 19 October</b>	<b>Ravensthorpe</b>	<b>Harvest Festival</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Liz Reader, Lynn Holt
	Other Churches/ Service	Creaton (9.30am CW Communion); Guilsborough (11.00am Brunch@11; 6.00pm Evensong); Spratton (8.30am BCP Communion).		
<b>Sunday 26 October</b>	<b>Ravensthorpe</b>	<b>Worship For All</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	Liz Reader, Lynn Holt
	Other Churches/ Services	Cold Ashby (9.30am BCP Communion); Guilsborough (9.30am BCP Communion); Hollowell (11.00am CW Communion); Spratton (11.00am CW Communion).		
<b>Sunday 2 November</b>	<b>Ravensthorpe</b>	<b>BCP Communion</b>	<b>8.30am</b>	Susie Pasley-Tyler, Sally Marsh

## NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

### HOUSEHOLD WASTE RECYCLING CENTRE BOOKING SYSTEM

West Northants Council is introducing a new booking system at all their recycling centres to help reduce queues and traffic on nearby roads.

This will be in operation from Monday 3 November and bookings can be made from Monday 20 October. Bookings can be made up to 2 weeks in advance and up to 30 minutes before by completing the online booking form. For full details go to:

[Westnorthants.gov.uk/hwrc-booking-system](http://Westnorthants.gov.uk/hwrc-booking-system)

### TREES

The Parish Council have had an inspection done on trees that come under our responsibility. As a result some work will be done to 5 trees in the Pocket Park over the next few months. In addition, a plan has been agreed for further tree work to be carried out over the next couple of years.

### CLIMATE AND NATURE CHAMPION

Jane Sharpe has kindly volunteered to be our **Climate and Nature Champion**. Jane will be the Council's key point of contact and advocate for environmental sustainability, biodiversity and climate resilience. The aim of the role is to disseminate guidance, share good practice and identify challenges and solutions. More to follow.

### 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:

September; Trevor & Pat Foss £50; Adam & Carla Gooch £20.



**BONFIRE NIGHT: Friday 7 November.**

### PERCIVAL GUILDHOUSE

Jettison that fear of FOMO! No need to miss out on inspirational art, craft, history or stress relief courses. Just take a look the workshops The Percival Guildhouse is offering on Saturdays in October and November.



On October 11<sup>th</sup>, for example, there is a stress-busting workshop, or two different art workshops, making air-dry clay ornaments, photography, or a fascinating illustrated journey through the world's great mountain ranges via Friends in High Places.

If November 8<sup>th</sup> is more convenient, then workshops await on reflexology, weight management, art in the form of floral painting in acrylics or life drawing, needle-felting for crafters, and for history lovers, Chatsworth and the Cavendish Family or the Hidden World of Canal Heritage.

Full details of all workshops can be found at [www.percival-guildhouse.co.uk](http://www.percival-guildhouse.co.uk) or phone 01788 542467 Monday-Friday.

## CRABTREE PIT POCKET PARK

We welcome all villagers to join us at our next volunteer session on Saturday 18 Oct 10am to 11.45am.

We'll be letting the light back into a woodland edge to prepare for future hedge restoration. Also, moving the wood chips to form a woodland path, and cutting the brambles around the hedge saplings base. There'll be a free children's trail too.

It's 25 years since Crabtree Pit Pocket Parks creation, from a seed of villagers imagination, to now, where it provides a essential home for wildlife that's sadly diminishing across the wider countryside.

Let us know how you'd like to celebrate this haven of wildlife anniversary. We've quite a few old photos to share at a future event and we'd love to know what stories you have too. Contact Ruth and Natalie at [crabtreepit@gmail.com](mailto:crabtreepit@gmail.com).

Theatre 17 Presents  
**DEATH OF A CLOWN**  
*A Shakespearian tragi-comical history*

*The rise and fall of Will Kemp:  
a tale of two Wills...*

Written by  
**Kevin Buxton & Robin Hillman**  
with Robin Hillman as Will Kemp  
Directed by Kevin Buxton  
Staging by Weekes Baptiste

The poster features several images: a clown, a skull, a portrait of William Shakespeare, a man in a ruff collar, and a clown in a jester's outfit.

### RAVENSTHORPE VILLAGE HALL & ACE PRESENTS DEATH OF A CLOWN

Tuesday 11 November 7.30pm

Book now: [rvhall.online](http://rvhall.online)

Discover the untold story of Will Kemp, the original Falstaff, Shakespeare's clown, and the man who danced his way into legend! Masterfully brought to life by Theatre 17, Death of a Clown is a one-man theatrical tour de force, a captivating blend of humour, history and live music.

Audience reactions: "A must see show." "A lot funnier than I expected!" "Superb writing." "I liked the way it dived straight into the narrative." "I thought including live music was a great idea." "I hadn't realised Will Kemp was a real person and the first to play Falstaff." "Loved the way Shakespeare was portrayed, really made him come alive." "That was a great show - humour and pathos."

Tickets available now > [rvhall.online](http://rvhall.online) £12

**November Newsletter:** the deadline for the November Newsletter is Thursday 23 October. Any queries to Alan Worthington, 07801 051402 (text or phone), and contributions to [ravensthorpenewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:ravensthorpenewsletter@gmail.com)

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

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

ACE COURSES	<i>The American Civil War. Mondays 2-4 (except 27 October).</i>	Sold out.
ARTS & CRAFTS	<b>CRAFTERNOON:</b> 2.15pm every Thursday.	Call Di 770482 or Pauline 770634.
BOWLING	<b>SHORT-MAT BOWLING</b> 2pm every Wednesday.	Call Lin 07557 396627
BRIDGE CLUB	2pm every Tuesday.	Call Bernadette 01604 770424
CINEMA	Tuesday 7 October <i>Penguin Lessons</i> , and 21 October <i>I'm Still Here</i> .	See Box, right.
COFFEE MORNINGS	Wednesday Coffee Morning. 10.30 . October 1st & 15th. All welcome.	
GAMING CLUB	Saturday 4 October. Raven Loonies Table-Top Gaming Club. For more visit <a href="https://ravenloonies.com">https://ravenloonies.com</a>	
NATIONAL THEATRE LIVE	Friday 3 October, <i>Inter Alia</i> (sold out) & Friday 31 October <i>Mrs Warren's Profession</i> . (see box, right)	
PARISH COUNCIL	<b>RAVENSTHORPE &amp; COTON PARISH COUNCIL</b> Wednesday 22 October 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.	Call/ text 07710 813069
WELLBEING GROUP	Thursday 9 & 23 at 7.30pm. See box.	Call Colin 07969 113 300
WI	Thursday 16th October at 7.45pm. See box. All welcome	Tricia 770855 Gill 770541

## Christmas Wreath Making Workshop

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December  
2pm -4pm



Join us for a Fun Festive afternoon!  
Create your own stunning wreath to adorn your home this Christmas.

All materials provided, no experience is necessary. Bring your friends and get into the festive spirit while crafting something beautiful to celebrate Christmas.

**Limited spaces available, book your tickets now for just £30! includes refreshments**

To book your place go to [www.rvhall.online](http://www.rvhall.online) or call Chrissie for further information 07507 895383

## RAVENSTHORPE VILLAGE HALL



RAVENSTHORPE

VILLAGE CINEMA

Tickets £7. Go to: [rvhall.online/cinema](http://rvhall.online/cinema);  
email: [cinema@rvhall.online](mailto:cinema@rvhall.online); or telephone  
Mike & Mo Cobbe 01604 328822

### Mainstream Feature Film

#### *Penguin Lessons*

Tuesday 7 October, 7.30pm

Steve Coogan shines in this unusual comedy drama set in 1976's Argentina which mixes lovable penguin classroom antics with political threat. "*Penguin Lessons* is appealing even if it curiously elides some disturbing geopolitical history, and is elevated by a winning performance from Steve Coogan with a little help from a lovable pint-sized companion."

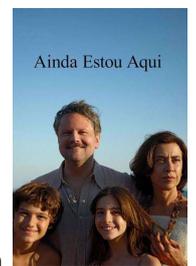


### Cinephile Screening

#### *I'm Still Here*

Tuesday 21 October, 7.30pm

In this tense drama, the happy life of a family in 1970s Rio De Janeiro is shattered when military occupation leads to a man's forced "disappearance" leaving his wife fighting to hold the family together whilst challenging the authorities to find her husband. "Fernanda Torres shines in Walter Salles' Brazilian family saga". *I'm Still Here* poignantly explores a nation's upheaval through one family's search for answers". Foreign language with sub-titles!



In addition to our film programme, Ravensthorpe Village Cinema is presenting the 2025-2026 National Theatre Live screening programme commencing with *Inter Alia* on Friday 3rd October. (This is now sold out).

**National Theatre Live**

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](http://www.rvhall.online): £12

#### Friday 28th November 7.30pm *The Fifth Step*

Following an acclaimed sold-out Edinburgh season, Olivier Award-winner Jack Lowden, star of international hit show *Slow Horses*, reprises his role as Luka joined for the West End by Emmy, BAFTA and SAG Award winner Martin Freeman as James.

Directed intimately in-the-round by Finn den Hertog, *The Fifth Step* is a provocative, entertaining and dryly funny new play from David Ireland. It is conventional that tickets for these events go on sale months in advance. £12. Tickets are now available at [www.rvhall.online](http://www.rvhall.online): £12.





**Buckby Library & Hub**  
for books & buzz

## Update from Buckby Library & Hub

### Our art exhibitions

In October, there will be an exhibition of the work of the **East Midlands Photography Group**, while in November, Long Buckby artist, **Maria Summerscale** will be holding an exhibition of drawings and paintings entitled **Inspired by Nature**.

### Our new film season

Our next film is **The Penguin Lessons** on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October. All films start at 7.30; doors open at 7pm. Tickets are £7.50 from the library or the Peephole in the High Street, Long Buckby. Refreshments including ice creams will be available.

### Our music

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 7.30pm: the **Long Buckby Ukulele Group** will be providing a relaxing and enjoyable café style evening of musical entertainment. Tickets are free from the library and the Peephole in the High Street. Doors open at 7pm. Refreshments will be available. Donations welcome.

### Author talks

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> October, 7pm: Northamptonshire author, **Lorna Marlow**, is giving a talk on her book, **Finding Home**. She will explain the journey and process of writing her book followed by questions and discussion. Tickets are free from the library; copies of the book will be on sale. Refreshments will be available.

### For children and families

28<sup>th</sup> October – 4<sup>th</sup> November is **Green Libraries Week**. There will be a free **Going Green Treasure Hunt** for children and families. Starting sheets are available at the library from 28<sup>th</sup> onwards.

All our library services and social hub activities can be found on our website: <https://buckbylibraryhub.org>; [sam.holst@buckbylibraryhub.org](mailto:sam.holst@buckbylibraryhub.org); 01327 842591; NN6 7QB



*Pauline Reeve, seen here surrounded by her family, has celebrated her 100th birthday. Pauline and her husband Tom came to the village from Coventry in 1961 with their two boys, Charles (Charlie) and James. Tom was responsible for building a large number of the houses in the village over the 1960s and 1970s, including houses on the High Street, Guilsborough Road and most of Scott Close.*



### Macmillan Coffee Morning

We are delighted to report that this year's coffee morning has raised £800 plus some gift aid so far. Thank you everyone so much for your kind donations and support. We had a quiet start but then a brilliant turnout. For those unable to be there on the day we do appreciate your help too.

So THANK YOU FOR COMING special thanks go to Janice on cakes, Karen on books with Jack and Karen on bottle stall. The village hall committee. A special mention for Dave the magnificent washer upper who kept us going with mugs for the coffee and teas.

Best wishes and kind thoughts to you all.

Lin and Pat

## Ravensthorpe Wellbeing Group

Creating a Safe and Supportive Space

**Date: 9th October: 7.30 – 8.30pm**

**Location: Ravensthorpe Village Hall**

Join us for a special wellbeing group session facilitated by Colin Durrant. This gathering is designed to create a confidential and safe environment where individuals can share, reflect, and receive guidance on navigating everyday challenges.

Colin brings a wealth of experience from running successful wellbeing groups around the world. His compassionate and insightful approach has made a meaningful difference to many lives.

**Everyone is welcome and it is FREE to attend. Come as you are and take a step toward a new way of being.**

**Teas and cake are available.**

**The event is planned to happen every 2 weeks.**



“Our next meeting will be on October 16th when Richard Linley will give an Introduction to Heraldry. Learn about the history of ancient Coats of Arms. The meeting starts at 7.45 p.m. at the Village Hall. Ladies who are not members are welcome to attend up to three times a year for £5 each time. Hope to see you there.”

Contacts: Gill Douglas 770541; Tricia Freeman 770855.

## AMMF FUNDRAISING TEA

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the afternoon tea in aid of AMMF, the Cholangiocarcinoma Charity in August. This was held in memory of Mike Reader who passed away on 31.1.25. AMMF stands for The Alan Morement Memorial Fund and it's the only UK's dedicated charity to Cholangiocarcinoma (bile duct cancer). The sum raised from the afternoon and donations totalled £5,424.75 which is fantastic for this worthy cause. This money will be used to raise awareness of this difficult-to-diagnose cancer, provide support and information, and fund research to improve diagnosis and find effective treatments. The family had many compliments on what a lovely afternoon it was. Thank you!