

**St DENYS RAVENSTHORPE: SERVICE FOR REMEMBRANCE  
 SUNDAY 9th NOVEMBER 10.50am**



Arthur George Bates (1914-1918); Samuel John Berkshire (1914-1918);  
 George Dickens (1914-1918); Thomas Henry Jackson (1914-1918);  
 Alfred Reader (1914-1918); Joseph Henry Robins (1914-1918);  
 Richard Stone (1914-1918); Francis Stayan (1914-1918);  
 Colin Smith (1939-1945); Paul Sullivan (1982); Albert Tipler (1914-1918);  
 Albert Watson (1939-1945).

**CHURCH NEWS**

Thank you so much to Sally Marsh and her flower team for the wonderful arrangements in church for our Harvest Festival. Also thank you to those who stayed behind for the auction and a respectable £125 was raised for our charity in Bangladesh!

Remembrance Sunday Service will take place on Sunday November 9th at 10. 50.

**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—NOVEMBER 2025**

	Location	Service Type	Time	Flowers
<b>Sunday 2 November</b>	<b>Ravensthorpe</b>	<b>BCP Communion</b>	<b>8.30am</b>	Susie Pasley-Tyler, Sally Marsh
	Other Churches/ Services	Cottesbrooke (11.00am BCP Communion); Creaton (9.30am BCP Communion); Guilsborough (11.00am CW Communion); Spratton (11.00am Worship for All); Thornby (9.30am BCP Communion).		
<b>Sunday 9 November</b>	<b>Ravensthorpe</b>	<b>Remembrance Service</b>	<b>10.50am</b>	Susie Pasley-Tyler, Sally Marsh
	Other Churches/ Services	Cold Ashby (9.30am BCP Communion); Creaton (10.50am Remembrance Service); Guilsborough (3.00pm Remembrance Service); Hollowell (10.50am Remembrance Service); Spratton (10.30am Remembrance Service); Thornby (Join with Cold Ashby at 9.30am).		
<b>Sunday 16 November</b>	<b>Ravensthorpe</b>	<b>CW Communion</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Susie Pasley-Tyler, Sally Marsh
	Other Churches/ Services	Creaton (9.30am CW Communion); Guilsborough (11.00am Brunch@11; 6.00pm Evensong); Spratton (8.30am BCP Communion).		
<b>Sunday 23 November</b>	<b>Ravensthorpe</b>	<b>Worship For All</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	Susie Pasley-Tyler, Sally Marsh
	Other Churches/ Services	Cold Ashby (9.30am BCP Communion); Guilsborough (9.30am CW Communion); Hollowell (11.00am CW Communion); Spratton (11.00am CW Communion).		
<b>Sunday 30 November</b>	<b>Cottesbrooke</b>	<b>Group Service</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Advent 1: No Flowers

## NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

### Ravensthorpe Reservoir

We try to maintain a dialogue with staff at Anglian Water to keep our reservoir as the beautiful amenity we have all enjoyed for many years. The closure of the car park on the Hollowell Rd near Coton is unfortunate. We have explained that this causes cars to be parked on the verges and can be a hazard to other road users. They, however, have income in mind, and have given the car park over to a carp fishing syndicate who, presumably, pay for the privilege. The car park off the Teeton Rd near the fishing lodge is available for walkers to use.

### Crimewatch

Recently there have been reports of people banging on doors and ringing doorbells, mainly in nearby villages, but there was a report from Ravensthorpe. At home we are making sure our doors are locked at all times.

### Trees

Work will shortly be starting on some ash trees at the pocket park which need to come down due to disease.

### Parking on the High Street

We are all aware of the building work going on along the High St which seems to be close to coming to an end. Inevitably this has caused some issues with parking and the free flow of traffic. We will continue to remind people to keep pavements clear.

### Time to Move

A few of us in the village – it has to be said-all slightly older ladies – go up to Guilsborough Village Hall on Friday mornings at 9.15 for a Time to Move "class". It is aimed at keeping flexibility and building strength, so that we are less likely to trip or fall. We do about 30 minutes of exercise to music, which can be done seated or standing, and we have a cup of coffee/tea and a biscuit all for £4. There are people from other villages around – it's a very friendly, fun group – so do come along or give me a ring to find out more. Men are welcome as well!

### 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 calls 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

## Christmas Craft & Gift Fair November 22nd 11am – 4pm



### Ravensthorpe Village Hall

Start your Christmas shopping with one-of-a-kind gifts from local artisans! Enjoy a delightful selection of cakes, pastries, tea, coffee, mulled wine and mince pies, along with a fun tombola. Come and join us for a day brimming with festive cheer!



### Admission Free!

Charity Number 278283  
Call Chrissie 07507 895383



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



## 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

Playing Field lottery winners: October: Colin Mold £50;  
Sue Lindley (£20). Thank you all for your support!

  
Ravensthorpe  
Memorial Playing Field

## FIREWORKS 2025

Friday  
7th  
November

1800 Food & Bar open  
1900 Bonfire & Music Starts  
1930 Fireworks start  
2145 Music Finishes

New  
for 2025

- Music
- All-Weather Marquee

Food, drinks and  
glow toys available  
Cash and Cards accepted

Donations Welcome  
All proceeds go towards the upkeep of the playing field  
Registered Charity 304239

NN6 8EJ  
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# RAVENSTHORPE VILLAGE HALL: WHAT'S ON IN NOVEMBER?

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</i>	Sold out.
ARTS & CRAFTS	<b>CRAFTERNOON:</b> 2.15pm every Thursday.	Call Di 770482 or Pauline 770634.
BOOK LAUNCH	Ravensthorpe 1952-2022. Book Launch 10.30-12 Sat 29 November.	Di 07873 271 126 Alan 07801 051 402
BOWLING	<b>SHORT-MAT BOWLING</b> 2pm every Wednesday.	Call Lin 07557 396627
BRIDGE CLUB	2pm every Tuesday.	Call Bernadette 01604 770424
CINEMA	Tuesday 4th & 18th. 7.30pm	See Box, right.
COFFEE MORNINGS	Wednesday Coffee Morning. 10.30—12. November 5th & 19th. All welcome.	
GAMING CLUB	Saturday 1st November 7pm Raven Loonies Table-Top Gaming Club. For more visit <a href="https://ravenloonies.com">https://ravenloonies.com</a>	
GIFT FAIR	Christmas Gift Fair, Saturday 23 November. See box.	
NATIONAL THEATRE LIVE	Friday 28th November. See Cinema box (right).	
PARISH COUNCIL	<b>RAVENSTHORPE &amp; COTON PARISH COUNCIL</b> Wednesday 19 November at 7.30pm	
PILATES	Liz Reader Pilates. 9.30am Every Monday.	Call Liz: 07810 235258
	Pilates with Sophie: Every Thursday at 9.30am (except Nov 6th).	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
THEATRE	Death of a Clown. Tues 11 November 7.30 (see box)	
WI	Thursday 20 November 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



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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

**September 5th**

**Tuesday 4 November 7.30-9.30pm**

This taut media procedural revisits the 1972 Munich Olympics infamous hostage massacre as seen through the eyes of the ABC sports journalist team who were the only reporters on the scene and who quickly shifted from sports reporting to live coverage of the hostage situation.. "September 5" unveils the decisive moment that forever changed media coverage and continues to impact live news today. Themes of violence and racism are referenced but not graphically depicted.



### Robert Redford Tribute

**Barefoot in the Park**

**Tuesday 21 October, 7.30pm**

Robert Redford and Jane Fonda star in this timeless romantic comedy based on Neil Simon's award winning Broadway play.

"Barefoot in the Park may strike some modern viewers as dated, but what it lacks in timeliness, it more than makes up with the effervescent chemistry between its stars." (Rotten Tomatoes).

BAREFOOT IN THE PARK



"Fonda and Redford shine with undoubted chemistry in their roles as "odd -couple" newlyweds" (Reddit).

### 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. Tickets are available at [www.rvhall.online](http://www.rvhall.online): £12.

National Theatre Live



## THE GINGER PIG BAND

Jazz & Blues from New Orleans

**Friday December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**Ravensthorpe Village Hall, High Street,  
Ravensthorpe, NN6 8EH**

8pm to 10.30pm Doors Open 7.15pm  
Licensed Bar – Age 16+ Admission £17.

Tickets online from [www.rvhall.online](http://www.rvhall.online) from Nov 15<sup>th</sup>.  
Advance booking Call 01604 771277 or 07507 895383  
or email [rvhlive@rvhall.online](mailto:rvhlive@rvhall.online)



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

## Update from Buckby Library & Hub

### Our November art exhibition:

**Inspired by Nature:** an exhibition of paintings by Long Buckby artist, **Maria Summerscale**. "Whether it be around Long Buckby, the walks through the fields, the beaches in Norfolk or Suffolk, the dramatic mountains of Switzerland, there is always something to inspire ..." All exhibitions are in our refreshment area – do come and see them during opening hours.

**Our November film: *The Ballad of Wallis Island*:** "An eccentric lottery winner who lives alone on a remote island tries to make his fantasies come true by getting his favourite musicians to perform at his home - the story of Herb McGwyer, a folk musician who reunites with his former bandmate and ex-girlfriend to perform a private concert for an eccentric lottery-winning fan on a remote Welsh island." Film starts: 7.30pm. Doors open: 7pm. Tickets: £7.50 from the library or the Peephole in the High Street. Refreshments including ice creams available on the night.

### Books, books, books!

We will be holding a **book sale** on Saturday November 15<sup>th</sup>, from 10.30-12.30. Come and get your Christmas bargains – presents for all the family!

### Green Libraries Week

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 from the library from 28<sup>th</sup> onwards.

There is also a **free event** for 4-8 year olds on Saturday November 1<sup>st</sup> at 10.30 am. West Haddon children's author, **Jon Gilbert**, will be reading his story **Olly Oak**, with illustrations on our big TV screen. **Olly Oak** dreams of playing football and winning the FA (Flying Acorns) Cup at Rumbly Stadium! Children will have a chance to draw pictures of - or inspired by - Olly Oak. Parents can also buy signed copies of the book with 50p from each sale going towards our library nature/environmental subject areas. **Please book places at the library to help us manage numbers.**

### Christmas – forthcoming events

Tickets for **James Hornsby's** one person performance at the library of **A Christmas Carol** are now available in the library and the Peephole on the High Street. The performance is on **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December** starting at 6.30pm (doors open at 6.00). It's suitable for children aged 8 and above (as well as all adults). Under 12s should be accompanied by an adult please. Tickets are £10/adult and £5 for under 16s. Refreshments will be available. You can already get your tickets for the Crimbo Limbo Magic Show with **Steve the Magician**, on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 2–3.15pm, for children up to 8 years. Tickets are £7/child including a drink/biscuit, balloon and choice of a book from the trolley.

There will also be a **Christmas crafts** session for children on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 2.30-3.30pm, with an opportunity for children up to 8 years to make their own Christmas cards.

Please see our website calendar for all our regular events and activities.  
<https://buckbylibraryhub.org>; [sam.holst@buckbylibraryhub.org](mailto:sam.holst@buckbylibraryhub.org); 01327 842591; NN6 7QB

**December Newsletter:** the deadline for the December Newsletter is Sunday 23 November. Any queries to Alan Worthington, 07801 051402 (text or phone), and contributions to [ravensthorpenewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:ravensthorpenewsletter@gmail.com). There is no January Newsletter—the next one is February and the deadline for this is Friday 23 January.

## CRABTREE PIT POCKET PARK

The next volunteer session to conserve and enhance the wildlife at pocket park is Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November from 10am to 12 noon. We'll work in the lane and woodland glades before the spring flowers start to peek from mid December onwards.

We're looking into restoring a section of hedge. This will hopefully happen in December or January. There may be an opportunity to learn about hedge-laying. Please contact us if you're interested in helping and learning about this traditional craft.

Sadly the pond line has been damaged, by natural causes. We're reviewing what to do about this situation.

Do you work for a company that offers employee volunteer days? We could do with help to restore an area of thicket.

Any queries please contact Ruth or Natalie, [crabtreepit@gmail.com](mailto:crabtreepit@gmail.com).



On 20<sup>th</sup> November our speaker will be local magistrate Dr. Richard Greenfield who will tell us about his experiences of "Sitting on the Bench". The meeting starts at 7.45 p.m. at the Village Hall. Visitors are always welcome.

Contacts: Gill Douglas 770541; Tricia Freeman 770855.

### Ravensthorpe

through the reign of

Queen Elizabeth II

1952-2022



## BOOK LAUNCH

At long last! We are pleased to say that the book, *Ravensthorpe Through the Reign of Queen Elizabeth II, 1952-2022* is at the printers. It will be "launched" on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November at the Village Hall, from 10.30 am—12.00 over tea / coffee and biscuits.

The idea of the book was originally hatched by Di Hayes and the Parish Council as part of the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations. It had been hoped to have it published before now but, for various reasons, it has taken longer than we had hoped.

200 copies, complete with illustrations and photos, will be available for sale from 29<sup>th</sup> November. The cover price is £5. We would appreciate payment in cash, however, a card machine will be available. Copies can be pre-ordered by emailing [dianeaudrey.hayes@gmail.com](mailto:dianeaudrey.hayes@gmail.com). If you can't be there on the day we will deliver copies within the village; in that case please include your address in the email.

## DISPEL CHRISTMAS BLUES

Already tired of the Christmas hard sell? Then start thinking about a Spring pick-me-up by looking out for the Percival Guildhouse Spring Term brochure.

The widest possible range of courses and workshops will be on offer from art or crafts, to yoga, pilates or mindfulness, to history or languages – there really is something for everyone and all abilities.

Key an eye on [www.percival-guildhouse.co.uk](http://www.percival-guildhouse.co.uk) The latest brochure will be online by the end of November.

