

**CHURCH NEWS**

The Rev Allison's final service will be on 7th June at The Creaton in Bloom Service at 7.00 pm. We are very sad to be saying farewell to Rev Allison and thank her for her hard work and diligence in The Uplands but send her every good wish for the future and hope that she and Matthew will be very happy in their new Living.

Rev Cecily will also be leaving and going on Maternity Leave at the end of June

Hollowell Steam Rally - This is to take place on Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th July. Once again The Uplands Group of Parishes will be running the tea tent so contributions of cakes would be most welcome. Also, if anyone can spare the time, the tent requires helpers so please contact Meg Benn 07960946789 if you are able to.

Youth Church will recommence on Saturday 6th June.



Gill Douglas wishes to say "thank you to everyone who has donated either by envelope or on-line". She will put a poster re the outcome once she has received all the envelopes. This will also be updated in next month's Newsletter.

**CHURCH CONTACT**

From the beginning of June, we will be going into Interregnum when we will be saying farewell to Rev Jo Ognjanovic, Rev Cecily Nurmahi and Rev Allison Twigg so there will be a change to services. Please check the service schedule. Rev Jo's final service was on 3rd May at Guilsborough and Rev Allison's final service will take place on 7th June at The Creaton in Bloom service at 7.00 pm. Rev Cecily will be leaving at the end of June. It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to this inspirational team but wish them every good wish and blessing for their future ministries.

Revd Caroline has now relinquished the role of Benefice Administrator to Katrina Jones, who is making a welcome return to us. Material for the email should be sent to her via the Uplands Group email address: [uplandsgroupoffice@gmail.com](mailto:uplandsgroupoffice@gmail.com)

The Uplands Group Office: [uplandsgroupoffice@gmail.com](mailto:uplandsgroupoffice@gmail.com);  
 Website: [www.uplandsgroupchurches.org.uk](http://www.uplandsgroupchurches.org.uk)

**CHURCH SERVICES: RAVENSTHORPE & UPLANDS GROUP OF CHURCHES—MAY 2026**

	Location	Service Type	Time	Flowers
<b>Sunday 7 June</b>	<b>Ravensthorpe</b>	<b>Communion</b>	<b>8.30am</b>	Pat Foss / Gill Douglas.
	Other Churches/ Services	Creaton (9.30am BCP Communion); Guilsborough (11.00am CW Communion); Spratton (11.00am Worship for All).		
<b>Sunday 14 June</b>	Other Churches/ Services	Hollowell (11.00am CW Communion); Spratton (8.30am Morning Prayer). Thornby (9.30am BCP Communion).		
<b>Sunday 21 June</b>	<b>Ravensthorpe</b>	<b>CW Communion</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Pat Foss / Gill Douglas.
	Other Churches/ Services	Cottesbrooke (11.00am BCP Communion); Guilsborough (11.00am Brunch@11; 6.00pm Evensong).		
<b>Sunday 28 June</b>	<b>Ravensthorpe</b>	<b>Worship for All</b>	<b>11.00</b>	Pat Foss / Gill Douglas.
	Other Churches/ Services	Cold Ashby (9.30am BCP Communion); Spratton (11.00am CW Communion).		

### Get up and Go/ Strength and Balance class in Ravensthorpe

Trial sessions for the Otago Strength and Balance classes will run 10.30-12.00 on 9th, 16th and 23rd June. The class is nearly full - contact Di Hayes on 07873271126 if you are interested.

## RAVENSTHORPE VILLAGE HALL

### VOLUNTEER WITH US!

Would you like to Volunteer in the village?  
Can you spare some time – say 3 hours per month?

It could be meeting & greeting, or serving drinks, or helping with an event, or handling some admin.

Volunteering is a chance to meet others, shape what happens here, and keep our hall at the heart of village life. It's fun!

Interested? email [contact@rvhall.online](mailto:contact@rvhall.online)

Or call Chrissie 07507 895383 or

Bob 07710 813069

[www.rvhall.online](http://www.rvhall.online)

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## Sarah Spencer's Transatlantic Band



Friday June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Ravensthorpe Village Hall

8pm to 10.30pm Doors Open 7.15pm

Licensed Bar – Age 16+ Admission £15.

Tickets online from [www.rvhall.online](http://www.rvhall.online)

Call 07710 813069 or 07507 895383

or email [rvhlive@rvhall.online](mailto:rvhlive@rvhall.online)

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### JOHN MOTT (1932-2026)



A memorial service was held for John in St Denys Church on 8 May. John passed away on 11<sup>th</sup> April aged 93. He will be very warmly remembered and greatly missed by everyone who knew him. Our thoughts are very much with Beryl and their family.

John and Beryl bought their house in Church Gardens in 1986. John's life was divided between England and the US, where he spent many of his childhood years (John's mother was American) as well as through his later professional life. When he retired to Ravensthorpe, John was very active as a member of the PCC at St Denys' Church, an enthusiastic collector and custodian of Ravensthorpe village and Church history, and editor of the village newsletter from 2000-2012. He was always "interested in things" - something that he shared, and it was always enjoyable to share it with him.

### BOB ARMSTRONG

*From Lucie Armstrong-Kurn*

It is with great sadness that we share the news of the passing of Bob Armstrong after a short illness. Bob was a devoted husband, a much-loved father and grandad, and a respected friend to many in the village community. He will be fondly remembered by fellow dog-walkers, often seen out and about with Millie, the chocolate lab. And his humorous Quiz Nights in the Village Hall will be missed.

Bob touched the lives of many with his warmth, kindness, and friendly conversation, and he will be deeply missed by all who knew him. In keeping with Bob's wishes, there will be no funeral. The family plan to hold a memorial gathering at a later date, once they have had time to grieve and celebrate his life together.

Our thoughts are with Bob's family and friends at this sad time.



## PLAYING FIELD ODDS-200 LOTTERY 2026-7

*The first draw for the 2026-27 Playing Field Lottery will take place this year at the Beer Festival in July. Tickets will be delivered in early June to all households with instructions as to how to activate them (& to buy more!).*

*An annual ticket (£15) entitles the holder to 13 draws through the year: one each month plus the annual Xmas draw. The monthly draw, which takes place in the Chequers on the first Wednesday of each month at 9.00pm, has a £50 winner, a £20 runner-up plus a £25 Chequers voucher for a holder in the pub at the time of the draw. The Xmas draw prize is £100 to the winner.*

*The proceeds from the lottery help to maintain the grass cutting on the field and in the children's Play Area. So please support it!*

*May lottery result: Brett & Katie Caswell (£50); Alan & Mary Worthington (£20).*

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

For more information visit [www.rvhall.online.co.uk](http://www.rvhall.online.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
CINEMA	Tuesday 2 June 7.30pm.	See box, right.
COFFEE MORNING	Wednesday 3rd. Coffee Morning. 10.30—12.00 All welcome.	
GAMING CLUB	Saturday 6 June 7pm Raven Loonies Table-Top Gaming Club. For more visit <a href="https://ravenloonies.com">https://ravenloonies.com</a>	
GET UP & GO	Tuesday 9th, 16th & 23rd. 10.30-12.00	
LIVE MUSIC	Sarah Spencer's Transatlantic Band. Book/Pay online ( <a href="http://www.rvhall.online">www.rvhall.online</a> ) or call Chrissie Houghton 07507 895383	
NATIONAL GARDEN SCHEME	Sunday 21 June, from Teas and coffees in the village hall from 12.00 pm.	
NATIONAL THEATRE LIVE	Friday 5th and Friday 26 June. See Box right. .	
PARISH COUNCIL	<b>RAVENSTHORPE &amp; COTON PARISH COUNCIL</b> Wednesday 17 June at 7.30pm	
PILATES	Paula Edmunds Pilates. 9.30am Every Monday (except 29th June).	Paula 07799 798424
	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 12 June).	Call/ text 07710 813069
WI	Thursday 18 June 7.30pm. Liz Ellison: ellisonthomas10@yahoo.com	Gill Douglas 01604 770541

Further information and booking link at <https://www.rvhall.online/events-and-activities-calendar/national-theatre-live-screening-les-liaisons-dangereuses/>

**July Newsletter:** the deadline for the May Newsletter is Tuesday 23 June. Any queries to Alan Worthington, 07801 051402 (text or phone), and contributions to [ravensthorpenewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:ravensthorpenewsletter@gmail.com). Please remember that there is no Newsletter in August.

## 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

Tuesday 2 June 7.30pm

### Song Sung Blue

In this music biopic, Hugh Jackman and Kate Hudson are pitch perfect as a loving couple finding success as a Neil Diamond tribute act.

"With pitch-perfect performances, "Song Sung Blue" hits every emotional chord, delivering a wholesome, family-friendly film and a fitting tribute to one of the most beloved singer-songwriters in modern music history." (Rotten Tomatoes)

"A film that follows a Milwaukee married couple as they rise to fame with a real-life band called Lightning and Thunder is undeniably entertaining" (The Guardian)

**This will be the last film run by Mo & Mike Cobbe for the Village Cinema. It will be followed by drinks to celebrate their retirement and 10 years of Ravensthorpe Village Cinema.**



National  
Theatre  
Live



### Friday 5th June - Playboy of the Western World

Nicola Coughlan (*Bridgerton*) joins Éanna Hardwicke (*The Sixth Commandment*) and Siobhán McSweeney (*Derry Girls*) in John Millington Synge's riveting play of youth and self-discovery. Synge's 'succulent' text is delivered in its original early 20<sup>th</sup> century melodic Hiberno-English dialect which captures the lyricism of the language but for clarity we will screen with sub-titles.



### Friday 26 June, 7.30pm. Les Liaisons Dangereuses.

BAFTA Award-winner Lesley Manville (*Phantom Thread*) joins Aidan Turner (*Rivals*) in a striking new staging of Christopher Hampton's celebrated adaptation of the classic novel, where among the glittering salons of the super-rich, one misstep can mean ruin.





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

## Update from Buckby Library & Hub

**Environment Week at Buckby Library & Hub.** June 5<sup>th</sup> is World Environment Day and we are hosting two talks:

Thursday June 4<sup>th</sup> **Get out and about with summer remedies!** Would you like to know more about how you can use the herbs and plants around you? Jenni McDonnell will be giving a layman's introduction on how to make teas, tinctures and salves from the plant life in your garden to sooth common summer ailments. Jenni is self-taught and does not have a qualification in herbal medicine but she has used everything that she is going to talk about herself.

Thursday June 11<sup>th</sup> **Mega Farms vs Family Farms: what do we want and why?** Mark Jelley from Perkins Lodge Farm will be asking this challenging question and talking about the exciting new innovations he is pursuing as a family farmer. Come along for a fascinating evening and the opportunity to discuss with Mark the issues facing family farmers today.

Both talks are at 7.30pm (doors open at 7). Refreshments will be available. Please get your free tickets at the library or Peephole in the High Street. Donations welcomed on the night.

**Films:** our final film of the season will be on Tuesday June 30<sup>th</sup> and is **Remarkably Bright Creatures**. "Through unlikely bonds formed during night shifts at a local aquarium, Tova, an elderly widow, learns of a life-changing discovery that may bring her joy and wonder once again." Tickets are £7.50 and will be available from the library or Peephole in the High Street. The start-time is 7.30; doors open at 7pm. Refreshments are available, including ice creams. Our future film programme will start again in September.

**Music in July:** on Thursday July 2<sup>nd</sup> the popular **Sixties Reunion Trio** will again be performing Country & Western, Instrumentals, Ballads and Rock 'n' Roll. This will be a café style evening; refreshments available. Start time is 7.30pm (doors open at 7). Please get your free tickets from the Library or the Peephole in the High Street when they become available. Donations welcomed on the night.

**Will you become our Friend?** Run by over 50 dedicated volunteers, our trustees and our part-time manager, our library services, activities, events and social support provide a welcoming space for everyone. By becoming a Friend you can help sustain us into the future. As little as £5 per month will make huge difference! To sign up: go to our FRIENDS page on our website: <https://buckbylibraryhub.org/friends/> Or call into the Library to complete a leaflet and set up a Bacs payment or ask us for a Standing Order Form that you can send to your bank.

Please check our calendar for our regular activities: <https://buckbylibraryhub.org/calendar/>



At June's meeting of the W.I. on June 18th we will hear from Judith Rout, who will be telling us about Cycling round the Eleanor Crosses. The meeting starts at 7.30 p.m. and visitors are always welcome.



**National  
Garden Scheme**  
At Ravensthorpe Nursery

Thank you to everyone who supported our first opening of the year, which was very successful. We will open again here at the Nursery on Friday and Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> June from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. with tea/coffee and cake for sale as well as plants. Admission £6. On Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> we will be joined by Tricia and Chris Freeman at 1 Church Gardens, Ros Smith at Treetops and a new opener this year, Patrick Given at Uppingstone House. The opening hours will be from 1.30 - 5.30 p.m. and teas will be in aid of the Village Hall. Admission £7.50, children free on all days. Please come and enjoy these lovely gardens and raise money for the National Garden Scheme.



Ravensthorpe

## Beer Festival and Family Fun Day

Friday 10 July (16.30-11.00pm,  
& Saturday 11 (12.00-11.00pm)

Join us for another Ravensthorpe Beer Festival & Family Day event. Across two days, we have a great selection of beer, live entertainment, music and food.

We have live music throughout both days and into the evening.

Discover a great selection of over 10 local craft beers, ales, ciders and cold lagers. Plus a great range of wine, gin, prosecco and soft drinks!

Family Day (Saturday)- share a special day of fun activities. All the children's entertainment is free and includes: a small bouncy castle, assault bouncy castle (for the bigger ones), face painting, welly wanging, 3-legged race, penalty shootout and more.

Enjoy a drink with great food. On Saturday we have a choice of BBQ, pulled pork, sandwiches, pizza and Thai.

Tickets: Friday entry is free. Saturday entry is **£5 for adults** (children are free).

We're really looking forward to seeing you on the day for what will be a great day out! (Dogs are welcome but must be kept under your control at all times).

All profits supporting the maintenance and improvement of the Ravensthorpe pavilion, playing field and children's play area.