

**CHURCH NEWS**



Many thanks to all those who donated to Christian Aid - the total, including Online Giving was £287.67.

**Youth Church** will finish on July 18th and recommence in September.

**Hollowell Rally:** there is still time to donate cakes to Hollowell Steam Rally which takes place on 4th and 5th July.

**August Services:** As there is no August Newsletter and there isn't as yet an August service schedule, this will be posted on the Board at St Denys Church towards the end of July.

## Worship for All

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.

11 am Sundays at:

<b>Spratton church</b>	<b>Ravensthorpe Church</b>
1st June	22nd June
13th July	27th July
3rd Aug	24th Aug
7th Sep	28th Sep

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Brunch@11 is a chance for a great hot breakfast, proper coffee and newspapers, and activities for the children, followed by a short informal service.

11 am Sundays, at Guilsborough Village Hall:

	15th Jun
	20th July
	17th Aug
	21st Sep

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

	Location	Service Type	Time	Flowers
<b>Sunday 5 July</b>	<b>Ravensthorpe</b>	<b>Communion</b>	<b>8.30am</b>	. Jean Jolley / Sally Marsh
	Other Churches/ Services	Hollowell Rally Field Service, 10.00am		
<b>Sunday 12 July</b>	Other Churches/ Services	Hollowell (11.00am Morning Worship); Spratton (11.00 Worship for All). Thornby (9.30am BCP Communion).		
<b>Sunday 19 July</b>	<b>Ravensthorpe</b>	<b>CW Communion</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	. Jean Jolley / Sally Marsh
	Other Churches/ Services	Cottesbrooke (11.00am BCP Communion); Guilsborough (11.00am Brunch@11; 6.00pm Evensong).		
<b>Sunday 26 July</b>	<b>Ravensthorpe</b>	<b>Worship for All</b>	<b>11.00</b>	Jean Jolley / Sally Marsh
	Other Churches/ Services	Cold Ashby (9.30am BCP Communion); Spratton (11.00am CW Communion).		

### Strength and Balance class in Ravensthorpe

Three free taster sessions were held on Tuesday mornings in June with a full complement of 20 participants. We are very grateful to Katie Downing from Northamptonshire Sport for her support in providing these sessions.

There was good interest in signing up for continuing sessions for which there will be a charge. These are also very likely to be on Tuesday mornings and last for an hour of exercise with a cuppa afterwards. These classes are aimed at people who feel perhaps that their level of fitness, in terms of muscle strength, is not as good as it was, and who want to improve their ability to be strong and have good balance to avoid trips and falls.

There may be a small number of places available on the continuation classes so if you are interested please message Di Hayes on 07873 271126

### NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

At the June meeting we had a look at the state of our street lights. When I was first elected as a Parish Councillor, I was very surprised to find out that Parish Councils doesn't have any legal obligation to provide street lighting.

There are different views on how much lighting should be provided – some people would like bright streets all night, other people prefer a more natural country environment with less light pollution, and of course there are views in between.

Street lighting is one of Ravensthorpe Parish Council's biggest lines of expenditure for repairs, replacements, and the cost of electricity. There are currently 43 street lights in action. Of these 7 have obsolete lamps. We have decided to replace these on a rolling programme as we have funds available. An immediate saving can be made by switching other street lights to have a part night cell. This means the light will go off around midnight and come on again at dawn. We have decided to put these part night cells in 15 lights for a cost of close to £700. This will immediately produce a saving on our electricity bill.

The next Parish Council meeting is on Wednesday 15 th July at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Di Hayes, Chair.



The 37th Hollowell Steam and Heavy Horse Show is on Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th of July 2026. Gates open 9.00 A.M. to 5.00 P.M. on both days.

Tickets can be purchased in advance online by visiting [hollowellsteam.com](http://hollowellsteam.com)

Tickets can also be purchased on the day you visit:  
Adults £12; Children £6; O.A.P's £9

### CRABTREE PIT POCKET PARK UPDATE

Churchill Tree Care and 4 volunteers wood chipped all the arisings from our very busy nature conservation season. The lane is almost restored to normality. We're grateful for their hard work, as it was an exhausting task.

**The next volunteer session** is on Sunday 5 July at 10am. Please do join us and help in whatever way you can. We'll be moving wood chips to the woodland path and tidying up.

This is followed by the popular meadow hay rake on Saturday 5th September at 10am. Please put this date in your diary.

### Village Green Bank update

Now the first phase of cutting back is complete, the smothered plants are responding well, including roses of all types.

The next volunteer session will be in October, dates to be confirmed. There will be two sessions to cut the laurel hard back into a more manageable size. The elder and sycamore trees are going, and the hawthorn covered in old ivy is coppiced.

Once the bank soil is settled and edged, we'll replant in Nov/Dec time. Please save any good ground cover plants as we'll welcome donations then.

Email us to join our mailing list.

Ruth & Natalie, [crabtreepit@gmail.com](mailto:crabtreepit@gmail.com)

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10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>

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11th 12pm - 11pm

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**PLAYING FIELD LOTTERY:** You will have recently received your Odds200 Lottery ticket. To activate your ticket, please go to [ravensthorpe.me.uk](http://ravensthorpe.me.uk) and follow the links to the playing field and then lottery. Thank you for helping support the maintenance of the playing field. The first draw for the new lottery year will be held at the Beer Festival.

## RAVENSTHORPE VILLAGE HALL: WHAT'S ON (& NOT ON) IN JULY?

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

<b>ARTS &amp; CRAFTS</b>	<b>CRAFTERNOON:</b> 2.15pm every Thursday through July & August.	Call Di 770482 or Pauline 770634.
<b>BOWLING</b>	<b>SHORT-MAT BOWLING</b> has stopped for the summer, but will recommence in September.	Call Lin 07557 396627
<b>BRIDGE CLUB</b>	2pm every Tuesday.	Call Bernadette 01604 770424
<b>CINEMA</b>	. The village cinema has stopped now for the summer, but will recommence in September.	See box, right.
<b>COFFEE MORNING</b>	Coffee mornings have stopped now for the summer, but will restart in September.	
<b>GAMING CLUB</b>	Saturday 4 July at 7pm Raven Loonies Table-Top Gaming Club. For more visit <a href="https://ravenloonies.com">https://ravenloonies.com</a> . Telephone Stephen Muddiman 07500 287203	
<b>NATIONAL GARDEN SCHEME</b>	The next NGS open day is on 11, 12, 13 September.	
<b>NATIONAL THEATRE LIVE</b>	The NTL programme will be returning in the autumn with Molière's <i>The Misanthrope</i> .	
<b>PARISH COUNCIL</b>	<b>RAVENSTHORPE &amp; COTON PARISH COUNCIL</b> Wednesday 15 July at 7.30pm	
<b>PILATES</b>	Paula Edmunds Pilates. 9.30am Every Monday through July.	Paula 07799 798424
	Pilates with Sophie: Every Thursday through July at 9.30am .	Call Sophie 07764 586990
<b>SHOTOKAN KARATE</b>	Every Sunday at 9.30 (Seniors); Every Thursday at 6pm (Juniors). (August dates not known yet).	Call Andy 07891 132675
<b>TABLE TENNIS</b>	Mondays at 7pm; Fridays at 2pm through July. August TBA.	Call/ text 07710 813069
<b>WI</b>	Thursday 16 July at 7.45pm. Liz Ellison <a href="mailto:ellisonthomas10@yahoo.com">ellisonthomas10@yahoo.com</a>	

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

**NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION:** Our Newsletters have hitherto been put together using Microsoft Publisher, but this is to be closed down at the end of September. Martin Wilkes (printing & tidying up), and I have not quite worked out yet what programme we will use to produce the Newsletter from the autumn onwards. Nothing else seems quite so convenient as Publisher, but we are working on it. Whatever happens, from October onwards you will most likely see some changes as well as hiccups as we work it out. Apologies all-round. Ed.

## RAVENSTHORPE VILLAGE HALL



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VILLAGE CINEMA

**BACK IN SEPTEMBER!**

**Tuesday 8 September:**

**Mainstream film**

**How to Make a Killing**

Disowned at birth by his obscenely wealthy family, blue-collar Becket Redfellow (Glen Powell) will stop at nothing to reclaim his inheritance, no matter how many relatives stand in his way.

HOW TO MAKE A KILLING



**Tuesday 22 September**

**Cinephile film**

**Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon**

Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon follows two master warriors in Qing dynasty China whose quest to recover a stolen legendary sword draws them into a web of honour, unspoken love, and a young aristocrat's rebellious journey. Ang Lee blends breathtaking martial arts choreography with lyrical cinematography and a moving story of repressed emotions. Widely acclaimed as a masterpiece, it offers exhilarating action and deep emotional resonance, making it a must-watch.



National Theatre Live return's to Ravensthorpe Village Hall in the autumn. The next NTL Live will be:

**Friday 2 October 7.30-10.00pm**

**The Misanthrope**

Martin Crimp's modern-day version of Molière's seventeenth century classic starring Sandra Oh.

Tickets via [rvhall.online](http://rvhall.online). £12

**September Newsletter:** There is no Newsletter in August. The next edition will be in September, the deadline for which will be Sunday 23 August. Any queries to Alan Worthington, 07801 051402 (text or phone), and contributions to [ravensthorpenewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:ravensthorpenewsletter@gmail.com).



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

## Update from Buckby Library & Hub

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

**Summer Reading Challenge:** The theme is **Read to the Beat** – “to engage young minds with the magic of music”. Children are encouraged to explore 6 or more books over the summer holidays. Designed for any children aged 4-11 years, we also have a mini challenge for those under 4 years; children over 11 may also take part. Pop into the library on, or any time after, the 4<sup>th</sup> July to sign up.

**Children's Fun Craft Sessions:** Tuesday afternoons from **2.30pm–3.30pm**. They are suitable for children taking part in the Summer Reading Challenge and anyone who enjoys stories, crafts, and exploring the library. Each session will include a story, a themed craft to make and take home, and a library hunt. Dates: 28th July, 4th August, 11th August, 18th August, 25th August.

### Volunteering opportunities at Buckby Library & Hub:

Do you enjoy connecting with people and making a difference? Could you help support our much-loved village newsletter, the Buckby Buzz? We're looking for an **advertising lead** to join our team. If this sounds like something you'd enjoy - or you know someone who may be interested - please get in touch: [sam.holst@buckbylibraryhub.org](mailto:sam.holst@buckbylibraryhub.org).

Would you be interested in leading on some of **our events and activities or fundraising**, either as a volunteer or as a trustee? We would love to hear from you! Exploratory no-commitment enquiries are welcome. Please pop in or contact: [sam.holst@buckbylibraryhub.org](mailto:sam.holst@buckbylibraryhub.org).

Please do check our website and calendar for our many regular activities, including all our health and wellbeing support.

<https://buckbylibraryhub.org>; <https://buckbylibraryhub.org/calendar/>.



### KEEP THE DATE

The annual Macmillan Coffee Morning will be on Saturday 19th of September. In the village hall 10am till 12noon. More details in September's newsletter. Please come and join us, Lin and Pat



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**National Garden Scheme**  
At Ravensthorpe Nursery

*A note from Jean Wiseman:* “Sadly numbers and therefore funds were down quite a bit this year. Whether that was because of the heat, Fathers' Day, less gardens, cost of living or what, we don't know. We were not alone - Flore and Kilsby also had fewer visitors than usual, so I suppose we can take a little comfort from that. We can only say that those who did come seemed to enjoy themselves and we raised £700. Thanks to everyone who opened their garden, made or served teas (receipts from which support the Village Hall) or supported us in any way.

**There will be another chance to visit the Nursery Garden on September 11th, 12th and 13th, so please put the dates in your diary.** Also please give some consideration to whether you would like to open your garden next year, which is the Centenary of the National Gardens Scheme. Since its foundation it has raised over £77 million for nursing and other charities and is the largest donor to Macmillan Nurses. Let's try to make 2027 a bumper year. Contact Jean or Richard 01604 770548 or [ravensthorpenursery@hotmail.com](mailto:ravensthorpenursery@hotmail.com) if you think you might like to join in.”



Our next meeting will be in the Village Hall on July 16th at 7.45 p.m. Clare Read-O'Donnell will speak about the History of the Melton Mowbray Pork Pie and show us how they're made. Visitors are welcome - Admission £5.

**BACK to 80'S**

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**SEPTEMBER 26, 2026**

RAVENSTHORPE VILLAGE HALL

**7.30 PM - MIDNIGHT**

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OR LUCY VIA WHATSAPP 07979 755168

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