



Ian with Alfie, courtesy of Northants Police and Northants Chronicle & Echo.

## QUEEN'S POLICE MEDAL FOR IAN McDONALD

One of "Ravensthorpe's own", PC Ian McDonald has been awarded a Queen's Police Medal in the Queen's Birthday Honours list, in recognition of his work as a police dog handler for Northamptonshire Police. Ian, Caroline and family have lived in Ravensthorpe since 2006.

Ian joined the Northamptonshire Police in 2000, moving into a proactive team in 2001 and then into CID as a qualified detective. "Living in the town as a police officer was not at all easy for us as a family, and moving to Ravensthorpe helped us enormously in that way. The village has been very welcoming and supportive of us and that has made an enormous difference. Having such a strong community around us has made our lives so much easier as a family".

In 2006 Ian joined the Dog Section and currently works with specialist search dog Alfie (pictured left with Ian) and general purpose dog Mac. Ian "is instrumental in training the Force's specialist dogs, making sure they're ready to respond to incidents as they happen".

On receiving news of his award, Ian said: "I feel very honoured to be recognised with the QPM. It's a pleasure to work with such a great team of officers, I'm so proud of what we do. ... and I want to give a special *thank you* to my wife Caroline and my children, who have strongly supported me throughout my career and have been there for me through thick and thin."

Chief Constable Nick Adderley said: "Ian is a highly respected and well-liked officer within Northamptonshire Police and has never compromised or accepted anything but the highest standards in himself or his dogs. Throughout his career he has been commended for his unflinching bravery, resilience, and determination to seek justice, save lives and protect people from harm. His efforts have saved lives (in extremely difficult circumstances). And his actions reflect the finest traditions of the emergency services, to save life and limb. Ian is a truly dedicated police constable, relentless in his pursuit to fight crime and protect people. He displays exemplary standards of leadership and inspires those who work with him, setting a true standard of professionalism and leadership."

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### CHURCH SERVICES: RAVENSTHORPE & UPLANDS GROUP OF CHURCHES— JULY 2022

July	Location	Service Type	Time	Flowers
Sunday 3rd July — (Hollowell Steam & Vintage Rally)	Ravensthorpe	Book of Common Prayer—Communion	8.30am	Meg Benn & Sally Marsh
	Group Service: Steam Rally Field, Hollowell. 10.00am			
Sunday 10 July — (Rev Clare's first Eucharist)	Group Service Spratton: 11.00am			
Sunday 17 July	Ravensthorpe	Common Worship Communion	9.30am	Meg Benn & Sally Marsh
	Other Churches/ Services	Creaton (CW Communion 9.30); Guilsborough (BCP Communion 8.30; Brunch@11: BCP Evensong 6.00pm); Hollowell (BCP Morning Prayer 11.00); Spratton (BCP Communion 8.30).		
Sunday 24 July—	Ravensthorpe	Worship for All.	11.00	Meg Benn & Sally Marsh
	Other Churches/ Services	Cold Ashby (BCP Communion: 9.30am); Guilsborough (CW Communion 9.30am); Hollowell (CW Communion 11.00am); Spratton (CW Communion: 11.00am).		
Sunday 31 July	Group Service Guilsborough 10.00am.			

## 900 Years of British Agriculture



This course takes a chronological approach covering the years 1066-1945. The focus is on the development of agriculture techniques, the effect on people's lives and the way in which the landscape has changed as a result of human activity. The course uses a variety of material, family written sources, oral history, popular song and documentary film. This enables study of the human aspect particularly the life of the agricultural labourer.

**Dr Michael Muncaster**  
[experienced adult education tutor]

**Dates: Weekly, Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September to  
Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November**  
[half term Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October]  
**Time: 2-00pm to 3-30pm**  
**Fee for the course: £55.00**

**Venue: Ravensthorpe Village Hall, 1 High Street, NN6 8EH**  
**Book your place with Mo Cobbe at: [mo@mikecobbe.com](mailto:mo@mikecobbe.com)**  
**Tel: 01604 328822**

Explore the Great Outdoors with  
the Uplands Group of Churches  
this Summer!



## Family Picnics

Thursdays 11am-1pm FREE

4th August - Ravensthorpe Churchyard  
11th August - Guilsborough Churchyard  
18th August - Spratton Churchyard  
25th August - Guilsborough Churchyard

BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC, & WE'LL PROVIDE  
DRINKS, AND 'GREAT OUTDOORS' THEMED GAMES &  
ACTIVITIES FOR THE CHILDREN.



RAVENSTHORPE PLAYING FIELD

# BEER FESTIVAL

& FAMILY DAY  
**JULY 16**

ENTRY  
**£5**  
KIDS GO FREE

BEER - WINE - CIDER - GIN - FOOD  
MUSIC - FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT



**12pm-11pm**

TEETON ROAD  
**NN6 8EJ**

REGISTERED  
CHARITY 304239

**FULL DETAILS: [RMPF.INFO](http://RMPF.INFO)**

### Volunteers needed for Beer Festival & Family Day. Please help!

Preparations are well under-way for the Beer Festival & Family Day on 16<sup>th</sup> July from 12 noon. We'll have a great selection of live bands, craft beers, Prosecco, gins, lagers & soft drinks, plus 4 different food vendors and a range of children's activities, including bouncy castles and face painting.

As always, we are in need of support from volunteers to help us run the event on the day. If you are able to help, or would like to know more, then please get in touch with Steve Edge on 07843 430 510.

The Beer Festival & Family Fun Day is a fundraising event in aid of the Ravensthorpe Memorial Playing Field. This includes the Children's Play Area. It relies entirely on voluntary fundraising for its upkeep and development.

#### Sponsorship

The Playing Field Committee, on behalf of the Village, would like to acknowledge and thank the sponsors of the Beer Festival & Family Day for their very generous support:

**Core Motorsports Ltd—Charlie & Bertie -  
Charles Jackson— the Chequers Ravensthorpe—  
Haddonstone— Jackson Grundy Estate Agents—  
Loc-Box Self-Storage—Minster Property Group—  
Near Way Driver Training—Project 39—  
the Red Lion Thornby— Tammy B Fitness—  
Torquemeters— Window Design & Construct.**

#### Playing Field Odds-200 Lottery

The winners from the first draw (June) for 2022-23 were: Sue & Richard Lindley (£50) and Trish Pennington (£20).

There are lots of tickets still available. An annual ticket starting from August is £10. Please support it! Phone or text Alan Worthington 07801 051 402, or email [odds200rav@gmail.com](mailto:odds200rav@gmail.com).

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

Friday 1	9.30am	"Raven Tots"	alina@cooper.bio
	12.15pm	Yoga with Lizzy	07950 573719
Saturday 2	9.00am	Ladies Circuit Workout with Tammy	07793 917493
Sunday 3	9.30am	Zumba	Lina 07725 984 674
	10.45am	Shotokan Karate	Andy 07891132675
Monday 4	9.30am	Elizabeth Reader Pilates	07810 235258
Tuesday 5	10.30am	Zumba Gold	Lina 07725 984 674
	2pm	Afternoon Bridge Club	Bernadette 770424
Wed 6	10.30am	MORNING COFFEE	All welcome!
Thursday 7	9.30am	Pilates with Sophie	07764 586990
	6pm-7pm	Shotokan Karate	Andy 07891 132675
Friday 8	9.30am	"Raven Tots"	alina@cooper.bio
	12.15pm	Yoga with Lizzy	07950 573719
Saturday 9	9.00am	Ladies Circuit Workout with Tammy	07793 917493
Sunday 10	9.30am	Zumba	Lina 07725 984 674
	10.45am	Shotokan Karate	Andy 07891 132675
Monday 11	9.30am	Elizabeth Reader Pilates	07810 235258
Tuesday 12	10.30am	Zumba Gold	Lina 07725 984 674
	2pm	Afternoon Bridge Club	Bernadette 770424
Thursday 14	9.30am	Pilates with Sophie	07764 586990
	6pm-7pm	Shotokan Karate	Andy 07891 132675
	7.45pm	WI—Ethiopia—the Roof of Africa	
Friday 15	9.30am	"Raven Tots"	alina@cooper.bio
	12.15pm	Yoga with Lizzy	07950 573719
Saturday 16	9.00am	Ladies Circuit Workout with Tammy	07793 917493
Sunday 17	9.30am	Zumba	Lina 07725 984674
	10.45am	Shotokan Karate	Andy 07891132675
Monday 18	9.30am	Elizabeth Reader Pilates	07810 235258
Tuesday 19	10.30am	Zumba Gold	Lina 07725 984 674
	2pm	Afternoon Bridge Club	Bernadette 770424
Wed 20	7.30pm	Ravensthorpe Parish Council	
Thursday 21	9.30am	Pilates with Sophie	07764 586990
	6pm-7pm	Shotokan Karate	Andy 07891 132675
	7.45pm	WI- A Storybook in Stone	
Friday 22	9.30am	"Raven Tots"	alina@cooper.bio
	12.15pm	Yoga with Lizzy	07950 573719
Saturday 23	9.00am	Ladies Circuit Workout with Tammy	07793 917493
	2pm	WI- Afternoon Tea	

Sunday 24	9.30am	Zumba	Lina 07725 984 674
	10.45am	Shotokan Karate	Andy 07891132675
Tuesday 26	10.30am	Zumba Gold	
	2pm	Afternoon Bridge Club	Bernadette 770424
Thursday 28	9.30am	Pilates with Sophie	07764 586990
	6pm-7pm	Shotokan Karate	Andy 07891 132675
Friday 29	9.30am	"Raven Tots"	alina@cooper.bio
	12.15pm	Yoga with Lizzy	07950 573719
Saturday 30	9.00am	Ladies Circuit Workout with Tammy	07793 917493
Sunday 31	9.30am	Zumba	Lina 07725 984 674

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[www.facebook.com/RVHall](https://www.facebook.com/RVHall)

**SPEAKERS' CORNER**

**PRESENTS**

Famous Maritime Stories and Battles  
My experiences as a Lecturer on  
Cruise Liners sailing all over the World

Dr Paul Brown

Ravensthorpe Village Hall

Tuesday 13th September 7 for

7.30pm—£6 per ticket

Ticket booking online <https://www.rvhall.online/>  
from early august Or ring 01604 770482

**SPEAKERS' CORNER**

### Ravensthorpe's Jubilee Celebrations

This was a programme that lived up to the promise of something for everyone – the dance and pig roast on Thursday evening was a huge success thanks to the Village Hall committee and – *Retro Vocals*.

The Cream tea on Saturday was enjoyed at a more sedate pace courtesy of the WI, for both those events the covered terrace at the back of the village hall proved to be a great asset.

And the family groups came to Manor Farm on Sunday to enjoy a relaxed and happy day; the children were well-entertained by the bouncy castle, face painting and generally running around freely, having a fun time.

Thank you to everyone who came along and especially to the great team of volunteers who put up decorations, tents, marquees, barbecued burgers, served drinks – hot, cold, and alcoholic and generally helped it all go smoothly so a great time was had by all.

*Di Hayes (organiser)*



*Marjorie Atkinson, once a keen and accomplished rider, meets Sue Beswick's horse Woody. In August, Marjorie will be 101. Woody is 24. As they say, "never ask a horse how old he is".*



## ANNUAL RIDE AND STRIDE: 10th SEPTEMBER

Ride and Stride is the Annual fund raising event for the Northamptonshire Historic Churches Fund which helps churches with specific projects. Participants ride (or walk) from church to church where often there is a drink and refreshment.

This year's event is on September 10th, from 10am to 6pm, although some churches close earlier. This is often undertaken as a fun family event, riding or walking around the countryside.

Half the sponsorship money raised comes back to our church.

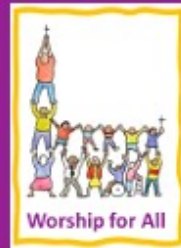
St Denys has benefited from this in the past through large gifts from the Historic Churches Fund for our refurbishment. We also need volunteer welcoming to sit in the church to welcome riders.

Sponsorship forms and the open Church list can be found in the Church from August or from Gill Douglas 770541



The total raised from this year's Christian Aid week was £478.55.

Thank you to all who contributed!



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

11 am Sundays, at:  
Sratton Church: 7th August;

Ravensthorpe Church:  
24th July & 28th August.

Find us on Facebook to find out more or to get in touch:  
[www.facebook.com/UplandsGroupChurches](http://www.facebook.com/UplandsGroupChurches)



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:  
Guldborough Village Hall:  
July 7th  
August 21st

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## RAVENSTHORPE GARDENS OPEN DAY WEEKEND 8-10 JULY

Ravensthorpe Nursery and Garden will be open on Friday 8th and Saturday 9th July, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. As well as the gardens for you to visit, we still have lots of plants for sale.

Admission to the gardens on these days will be £4.

On Sunday 10th we will open with four extra gardens to visit, but please note opening times will be 1.30 till 5.30 p.m. and admission will be £6. Children will be admitted free on all three days. Teas will be served at, and in aid of, the Village Hall on the Sunday.

We hope to see you over the weekend. There will be no opening in August. So far, our open days this year have raised well over £2,000, so please help us to make this the most successful year yet for the National Garden Scheme.

All proceeds to the National Gardens Scheme.

In 2021, the National Gardens Scheme raised over £3 million for its beneficiary Charities, including Marie Curie, Macmillan Cancer Support & Hospice UK.



## Update from Buckby Library & Hub

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

There's a lot going on in addition to our library services! Here are some things to look out for in July and August..

- An art exhibition in July from Art Seven. For a complete list of our bi-monthly art exhibitions: <https://buckbylibraryhub.org/art-exhibitions/>
- The Summer Reading Challenge for children, which starts on July 9th - read 6 books over the summer.
- The Adult Reading Challenge - also 6 books and a prize draw to win a £20 book voucher.
- Thursday afternoon crafting activities for children (4-10 years), starting 26th July, 2.30-3.15 pm: sock puppets, milk bottle gardens, musical instruments, bird feeders and mini-beast homes, art for the Produce and Craft Show which takes place during the Long Buckby Feast Week and a scarecrow for the Feast Week scarecrow trail.
- A Magician! 2pm on Monday August 22nd.

And here's a date for your diary. a concert to fundraise for the library at St Lawrence's Church on Sunday September 25th in the afternoon, featuring Abington Wind Band, a Northampton-based community band of 40 years' standing. More details soon!

For all these events and more, please keep checking our website (<https://buckbylibraryhub.org>), social media sites and at the library (01327 842591; [info@buckbylibraryhub.org](mailto:info@buckbylibraryhub.org)).

Remember: it's free to join the library.

## JOHN PATRICK

John's family have received a letter of gratitude from Macmillan Cancer Support after receiving a cheque for £497.50 from donations sent to them in his memory - a charity very close to his heart. John's family would like to thank all their friends for their generous support.

