

## RAVENSTHORPE ROLL OF HONOUR

*“They laid down their lives for their King / Queen and Country”:*



- 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)

**Remembrance Sunday:  
14th November**

### PARKING ON PAVEMENTS

The Parish Council is very aware of the difficulties relating to the parking of cars in parts of the village. However, it has again been brought to the notice of the Parish Council that cars parked on pavements continue to cause problems.

We feel that we again need to remind people that, for reasons of safety, it is an offence to park a vehicle on a pavement in a way that obstructs pedestrians, wheel-chair users and children's buggies, forcing them to use the road to pass a parked vehicle. We would therefore ask that villagers and their visitors please remain thoughtful regarding this problem. We would be grateful for your help. Thank you.

Ravensthorpe & Coton Parish Council

### CHURCH UPDATES

Harvest - Many thanks to Sally Marsh and her team who decorated the church so beautifully for Harvest Festival. The church looked wonderful and the Harvest Festival Service was a joyous occasion and lovely to see so many attending.

Also thank you to everyone who participated in the Auction after the service and a goodly sum was raised for our charity in Bangladesh. (We don't have a total yet as money is still coming in).

Remembrance Sunday takes place on Sunday November 14th at 10.55. All are welcome.

Please check the Newsletter for Advent services. After last year's success of 'Advent Windows' around the village, we would like to repeat the experience so get your creative thinking caps on! If there is anyone who would like to co-ordinate the list, please contact Rev Allison or a member of the PCC.

**CHURCH CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION: Rev'd Allison Twigg 01604 846099 [revallisontwigg@gmail.com](mailto:revallisontwigg@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 — NOVEMBER 2021

November	Location	Service Type	Time	Flowers
Sunday 7th November	Ravensthorpe	Book of Common Prayer—Communion	8.30am	Susie Pasley-Tyler & Jean Jolley
	Other Churches / Services	Cottesbrooke (BCP Communion, 11.00am); Creaton (CW Communion 9.30am); Guilsborough (CW Communion: 11.00am); Spratton (Worship for All, 11.00am); Thornby (BCP Communion: 9.30am).		
Sunday 14th November	Ravensthorpe	Act of Remembrance	10.50am	Susie Pasley-Tyler & Jean Jolley
	Other Churches / Services	Cold Ashby (Holy Communion, Calling the Roll of Honour with Thornby 9.30am); Cottesbrooke (Act of Remembrance 10.50am); Creaton (Act of Remembrance 10.50am); Guilsborough (Act of Remembrance 3.00pm); Hollowell (Act of Remembrance 6.00); Spratton (Act of Remembrance 10.30am); Thornby (with Cold Ashby).		
Sunday 21st November	Ravensthorpe	Common Worship with Communion	9.30am	Susie Pasley-Tyler & Jean Jolley
	Other Churches/ Services	Creaton (BCP Communion CB: 9.30am), Guilsborough (BCP Communion: 8.30am, Brunch@11, BCP EP 5.00pm); Hollowell (BCP MP: 11.00am); Spratton (BCP Communion: 8.30am).		
Sunday 28th November	Ravensthorpe	Worship for All	11.00	Advent—no flowers
	Other Churches/ Services	Cold Ashby (BCP Communion: 9.30am); Guilsborough (CW Communion: 9.30am); Hollowell (CW Com-		

## Torquemeters Celebrates 70 years



Torquemeters Limited, was founded in Ravensthorpe by Mr R D van Millingen ("Mr Van"), in 1951. Today, the company is run by Mr van Millingen's sons, Ben and Jas, and has recently celebrated its 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

For over 40 years, Torquemeters was situated at No 8 on the High Street in Ravensthorpe, but then moved to its current premises on the West Haddon Road in 1992. And for many years now, the company has been "recognised globally as an innovative, high quality, engineering solutions provider for Aerospace, Oil & Gas, Automotive and Industrial applications".

The following is taken from an address given by Jas Van Millingen to the recent gathering of employees (past and present) plus their families and friends, celebrating 70 years of Torquemeters Ltd.

Jas van Millingen: *"The DNA of Torquemeters surely starts in the 1940's with our founder, Mr Van, as he was always known, who, as a 25-year old engineer, was one of Frank Whittle's small team in (Power Jets Limited) Lutterworth, developing the first successful jet engine. From Whittle, an exceptional engineer, Mr Van learnt the concept of design from first principles, and the importance of accurate instrumentation in determining the true performance of the engine they were developing.*

*"Leaving PJ at the end of the war, Mr Van joined English Electric in Rugby to design industrial and marine gas turbines for which he wanted to test the performance of a high-pressure compressor they had designed. Unable to find a suitable torque meter on the market, Mr Van set about designing a novel optical torque meter, and when his employer took no interest in its commercial future, he decided at age 35, with little money, 3 small kids and 2 on the way, to forsake the security of a large employer, and to drop out to do his own thing!*

*"Later in life he explained that when he was told he had reached a level of seniority where he was allowed to use the directors' toilets and take his tea in bone china cups, he realised he was NOT a big company man!*

*"The early years of the business were slow and painful, but the first export went to the USA in 1953 under the bunk of a former work colleague who happened to be emigrating to the USA and taking his honeymoon on the Queen Mary, for which, coincidentally, he had designed the rudder's thrust bearing, in the mid-30's in his first job.*

*"Slowly, Torquemeters' reputation grew, particularly with the emerging gas turbine industry but also with other manufacturers of rotating machines such as pumps and compressors.*

*"(For me) as a child, all this activity took place in the barns of our farmhouse down the High Street which over the next 40 years got extended and expanded a bit like a Tardis, until there were around 25 people working in it.*

After paying tribute to some much-valued and long-standing colleagues, Jas went on to say: *"Today things have moved on a bit and even I can't quite get into not having had a drawing board for 20 years. Most of our design and analysis are done in the blink of an eye by clever computer design and analysis suites, but I keep encouraging, often in vain, our younger engineers to do a first grubby sketch of their idea on graph paper, before 'CADing' it, and to do a quick manual check of the number their spreadsheets pop out before they believe it!" .....(But) I'm pleased to say that we have a great and enthusiastic team in the business who are well capable of taking the business forward and we continue to punch above our weight on the global stage in providing well- designed, challenging products".*

I am sure that everyone in Ravensthorpe would want to join me in offering our congratulations to Torquemeters, which over the years has been a real stalwart of the village, a generous supporter of our village charities, and a valued employer of many of our village residents. We say *"thank-you Torquemeters"*, and wish you our very best for the next 70 years! (Ed.)

## RAVENSTHORPE NEWSPAPERS FOR 2022

From Terry & Pauline Smyth

We have come to the sad decision that we will have to give up providing the newspaper service from the Village Hall and our doorstep chest. This will be effective from 2nd January 2022. After New Year's Day, our last day, we intend to get up later (after 6.00!) and hopefully have some more time to ourselves.

Over the last three years, we have done our best to keep the newspapers going through wind, rain, snow, pandemics and even the odd sunny day! Of course, other villagers have now 'gone digital' and get their news online, meaning our customer base has decreased quite a lot since we started.

We know that many of you will still want to have a morning paper, so if anyone out there would like to take up the baton, please let us know as soon as possible. The early mornings are invigorating, the banter is entertaining, the dogs are friendly and the 20% discount on sales increases the bank balance.

If nobody comes forward, then Hilary Tibbs in Long Buckby has offered to take us on. You may know that Hilary arranges the newspapers there after the paper shop closed. But (there's always a but...) although she will receive the papers from Smiths News, include us on her lists and write the names on the papers, she is not able to arrange delivery here. Someone will need to be willing to collect the bundle for Ravensthorpe daily (as will someone else from East Haddon) probably for a small delivery charge, or a rota could be set up to spread the load. The papers could then be placed in a convenient place for collection, similar to our chest. We haven't worked out the planning as that can be arranged later with Hilary.

Any more information, suggestions or volunteers, please get in touch with us by phone, visit or email on [ravnnews19@gmail.com](mailto:ravnnews19@gmail.com). Many thanks for all your help and encouragement over the last 3 years. Pauline and Terry Smyth (770634).

## Ravensthorpe United Charities

### CHRISTMAS DISTRIBUTION

Applications for the above are now due and should be given to the below by the 3rd December. All Senior Citizens living in the village in receipt of State Pension are eligible, also students who are in their first year at College or University and living away from home during term time. Please contact:

Mrs Lynn Holt, 10 Little Lane, Ravensthorpe or  
Miss Karen Blakelock, Secretary, 5 Dairy Field, Ravensthorpe  
Alternatively, you can email  
[RavensthorpeUnitedCharities@outlook.com](mailto:RavensthorpeUnitedCharities@outlook.com)

### ANN FOWLER'S ANNUAL CHARITY COFFEE MORNING

will be on Saturday 13 November 10.30—12noon  
Home Farm, High Street  
Please come along.  
**Everyone welcome .**

## The Chequers Opening times

Gill and Patrick would like everybody to know the current opening times for the Chequers:

Tuesday to Saturday we are open from 12-3 for food and drink—food orders cease at 2.00pm; and, from 7-11 (food orders cease at 9.00pm).

Sunday: the bar is open from 12-4; and, Monday 12-3 and 6-9. There is no food available Sunday—Monday.

Takeaways available when the kitchen is open: Tuesday -Saturday.

The shop is open as before: 11-2 and 6 onwards, but not on Sunday evenings.

Thank you. Gill & Patrick

**Xmas menus now available!**

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

Tuesday 2	10.30am	Zumba Gold	Lina 07725 984 674
	2pm	Afternoon Bridge Club	Bernadette 770424
Wednesday 3	10.30am	Morning Coffee	All welcome!
Thursday 4	9.30am	Pilates with Sophie	07764 586990
	6pm-7pm	Shotokan Karate	Andy 07891 132675
Friday 5	9.30am	"Raven Tots"	alina@cooper.bio
	12.15pm	Yoga with Lizzy	07950 573719
Sunday 7	9.30am	Zumba	Lina 07725 984674
	10.45am	Shotokan Karate	Andy 07891132675
Monday 8	9.15am	Elizabeth Reader Pilates	07810 235258
Tuesday 9	10.30am	Zumba Gold	Lina 07725 984 674
	2pm	Afternoon Bridge Club	Bernadette 770424
	7pm	Village Cinema presents "The Father"	See cinema box
Thursday 11	9.30am	Pilates with Sophie	07764 586990
	6pm-7pm	Shotokan Karate	Andy 07891 132675
Friday 12	9.30am	"Raven Tots"	alina@cooper.bio
	12.15pm	Yoga with Lizzy	07950 573719
Sunday 14	9.30am	Zumba	Lina 07725 984 674
	10.45am	Shotokan Karate	Andy 07891132675
Monday 15	9.15am	Elizabeth Reader Pilates	07810 235258
Tuesday 16	10.30am	Zumba Gold	Lina 07725 984 674
	2pm	Afternoon Bridge Club	Bernadette 770424
Wednesday 17	10.30am	Morning Coffee	all welcome!
	8.00pm	Ravensthorpe Parish Council	
Thursday 18	9.30am	Pilates with Sophie	07764 586990
	6pm-7pm	Shotokan Karate	Andy 07891 132675
	7.45pm	WI—"Christmas Past"-Ruth Thomas	Maggie 770458
Friday 19	9.30am	"Raven Tots"	alina@cooper.bio
	12.15pm	Yoga with Lizzy	07950 573719
Sunday 21	9.30am	Zumba	Lina 07725 984 674
	10.45am	Shotokan Karate	Andy 07891 132675
Monday 22	9.15am	Elizabeth Reader Pilates	07810 235258
Tuesday 23	10.30am	Zumba Gold	Lina 07725 984 674
	2pm	Afternoon Bridge Club	Bernadette 770424
	6.45pm	Village Cinema presents "Minari"	See cinema box
Thursday 25	9.30am	Pilates with Sophie	Pilates with Sophie
	6pm-7pm	Shotokan Karate	Andy 07891 132675
Friday 26	9.30am	"Raven Tots"	alina@cooper.bio
	12.15pm	Yoga with Lizzy	07950 573719
Sunday 28	9.30am	Zumba	Lina 07725 984 6
	10.45am	Shotokan Karate	Andy 07891 132675

Monday 29	9.15am	Elizabeth Reader Pilates	07810 235258
Tuesday 30	10.30am	Zumba Gold	Lina 07725 984 674
	2pm	Afternoon Bridge Club	Bernadette 770424
	7.30pm	Playing Field AGM	
<b>Early December Dates</b>			
Friday 3	<b>7.30pm The Ginger Pig Band: live at the RVH</b> More information / book/ pay online <a href="http://www.rvhall.online">www.rvhall.online</a>		
Sunday 5	2pm-4pm:	Children's Christmas Party (to 8 yr olds) with games, music, snacks & lots of fun! Tickets £4 Book by Nov 19th: <a href="mailto:alina@cooper.bio">alina@cooper.bio</a> More / info / pay online <a href="http://www.rvhall.online">www.rvhall.online</a>	



## RAVENSTHORPE VILLAGE CINEMA

### TUESDAY 9th NOVEMBER 7.00 for 7.30 THE FATHER

Anthony Hopkins is Anthony, a roguishly handsome and cantankerous old widower, a retired engineer who lives on his own in a spacious, well-appointed apartment in west London, who, as he ages, refuses all assistance from his daughter Anne (Olivia Colman). Yet, such help has become essential following Anne's decision to move to Paris with her partner. As Anne's father tries to make sense of his changing circumstances, he begins to doubt his loved ones, his own mind and even the fabric of reality.

This film, brilliantly acted and constructed, is also an important film. Like no other, the structure and writing of "The Father" provides insight into the fear and confusion experienced by Anthony as time, people, places, events and objects become subject to false memories.

2020. 96 mins Cert 12.



### TUESDAY 26th OCTOBER 7.00 for 7.30pm MINARI

A tender and sweeping semi-auto-biographical story, "Minari" follows a Korean-American family that moves to a tiny Arkansas town with their two American-born children hoping to start a 50-acre farm in search of their own American dream.

The family home changes with the arrival of their sly, foul-mouthed but incredibly loving grandmother. Amidst the instability and challenges of this new life in the rugged Ozarks, "Minari" shows the undeniable resilience of family and what really makes a home. As the grandmother, Yuh-jung Youn won both the 2021 Oscar and BAFTA awards for Best Supporting Actress.

"This is a lovely unique film"; "...a beautifully filmed blend of comedy and drama". "...casts a spell from its opening moments".  
In English and Korean (with sub-titles).

2020 116 mins Cert 12A

**Tickets: £6 & £4 for students. Go to [www.rvhall.online](http://www.rvhall.online) or email [cinema@rvhallonline](mailto:cinema@rvhallonline). Or, telephone: Mike & Mo Cobbe 01604 328822.**



Join us for our

On-line

## Annual Lecture 'My Garden Saved My Life'

Robin Hanbury-Tenison in conversation with Rachel de Thame  
Royal Geographical Society - Tuesday 16th November at 7pm  
[ngs.org.uk/shop/](http://ngs.org.uk/shop/)





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

## Vacancy: Manager - Buckby Library & Hub

Are you good with people and keen to be at the heart of a vibrant community hub? If so, **Buckby Library & Hub** is looking for a part-time manager to help us deliver quality services and activities for the residents of Long Buckby and surrounding villages through a team of enthusiastic volunteers.

This is a paid position at £12.00 per hour for 16 hours a week, initially for a period of one year.

Please contact us on [info@buckbylibraryhub.org](mailto:info@buckbylibraryhub.org) for the detailed Job Description and Person Specification and for an application form or just for further information about the job. The deadline for applications will be 19<sup>th</sup> November and interviews will be held on the afternoon of Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December.

### Monthly Update:

Buckby Library & Hub is holding a series of three free talks in the library on the theme of *Where are we going? Our environment, our future* on 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30-9pm.

The titles of the talks are:

- 'Permaculture for Gardeners',
- 'A Future for our Wildlife?' and,
- 'Sustainable Farming'.

Seating will be limited to 30 per session. Refreshments will be available, and donations for the upkeep of the garden areas by the library are welcomed! You can get tickets from the library; t: 01327 842591; email: [info@buckbylibraryhub.org](mailto:info@buckbylibraryhub.org).

## CRABTREE PIT POCKET PARK

Practical volunteer session dates

Please join us for village outside togetherness and come prepared wearing outdoor old clothing, footwear, gloves etc.

Sat 13 Nov - 2pm to 4pm

Continue with pond liner work and clear half of the vegetation from the pond centre (we need strong careful volunteers with waders).

Sat 4 Dec - 2pm to 4pm

Woodland ride and lane

Saturday 8 Jan - 2pm to 4pm

Hedgerow/ wood

Saturday 12 Feb - 2pm to 4pm

Hedgerow work alongside the meadow

Saturday 12 March - 2.30pm to 4.30pm

A Spring clean, benches, snowdrop replanting, and finishing woodland work.

All enquiries to Ruth

Rolls [ruth.rolls@gmail.com](mailto:ruth.rolls@gmail.com) or the Parish Clerk.



### BONFIRE NIGHT: FRIDAY NOVEMBER 5th

*Subject to any unforeseen changes within the coming week, the Bonfire Night will take place again this year. We are, however, urging and reminding everyone that the Covid virus is still around and that we must take care, not just of ourselves, but each other. The following precautions will therefore be in place:*

- *We would like to request that all patrons (including children 11 & over) take a lateral flow test before attending, and to not attend if they are not feeling well;*
- *We shall be reminding all patrons to safely socially distance outside of household & family groups at all times;*
- *Volunteers will be asked to wear face-masks when serving food, drink etc.*
- *The Pavilion will be closed to patrons apart from the use of toilets (please use the hand sanitizers provided) and for use by the committee and volunteers managing the evening;*
- *The usual bonfire food and drink—plus glowtoys—will be available for sale, but will be sold from the open marquees on the field. We ask everybody to remain mindful of social distancing in food and drink queues, and to follow directions away from the waiting queues after being served.*

*We look forward to everybody having an enjoyable and fun evening. The bonfire and fireworks will, as ever, be spectacular thanks to our resident pyromaniacs, Ken Hickman and "Guy" Wilkes.*

*The Playing Field relies heavily on donations to cover the costs for the evening—we appreciate the village generosity for this.*

### PLAYING FIELD AGM:

*Will be held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 30th November at 7.30pm. All welcome.*

### Macmillan Coffee Morning:

A WORD OF THANKS to my very generous friends: you will be pleased to know that cheques have been posted to the value of £938-15p which you all helped to accomplish at our Coffee Morning on the 18th September. Thank you so very much. J.P.



### We are Back!

At last our WI 'in person' meetings have resumed and we can enjoy getting together.

Last month we had an excellent talk on the History of Ballet from Natalie Carter along with a dancing demonstration by some of her very able student ballet dancers. We would love to welcome more members or visitors - an occasional visit costs £5 and annual membership is currently £44.

This month we have a talk on 'Christmas Past' by Ruth Thomas and December is our own Christmas Party time. Next year's programme includes 'Footcare', Line Dancing and a 'Domestic Science' talk with a demonstration on how to make the perfect scones. There will be a variety of speakers and social outings, resolutions to debate and a chance to chat and make new friends over a cuppa - why not give it a try?

Tricia Freeman is our new President 770855 or you can contact me Maggie Lewis 770458

### A word about Hedgehogs

from Di Hayes:



Have you got a hedgehog or two in your garden? Many people might say – how would we know? The obvious method, unless you see them, is by spotting their droppings. We usually saw the droppings on the lawn, they were black, often 2 or 3 inches long, flattish deposits. We had regular visits until about 5 months ago. We have no idea why they aren't coming to our garden any more. I know other people in the village have spotted them in their gardens.

Hedgehogs have been in serious decline. There are various reasons, some of the most common being- getting run over on roads, gardens being very tidy with no piles of leaves or wood where they could hibernate, and close board fencing which can stop them moving from garden to garden. It is quite easy to just dig a small hole under the fence so they can squeeze through. When we knew we had these prickly visitors we bought a hedgehog house and some dried food especially for hedgehogs. We also had a wildlife camera which we could set up on a tripod. This was triggered by movement, and we captured lots of stills and quite a bit of video. Great fun for our grandchildren.

Please think about making your garden hedgehog friendly – they'll eat your slugs!

**FOOD BANK:** You can make cash donations via the website: <https://www.restorenorthampton.org.uk>. Just click on donations and follow the instructions.



### SPEAKERS' CORNER PRESENTS

On Wednesday 3rd November 7 for 7.30pm

Trevor Foss will be talking about Farming in Ravensthorpe

Sorry, now fully booked!