



John Patrick:
23 February 1930-13 April 2022
 Pictured here with his grandsons Daniel & David: 90th birthday celebrations 2019.

Thank you to all those who attended the soup lunch and to those who helped - it was a very enjoyable event.

Thanks to your generosity we were able to send a good selection of provisions to the food bank. The funds raised were £380 and were shared between the Hope Centre and the Church.

Thank you - Tricia Freeman and Maggie Lewis.



Christian Aid Week 2022 is 15-21 May - There will be a village 'e-envelope' to give online (details will be on the village facebook page), and envelopes will be coming through your door. Please return them to either the porch at Hill House (the Douglas' Home) or one of the Church PCC if you are able to give.

Ravensthorpe Annual Parochial Church Meeting:
 Sunday 22nd May, 12 noon.

Pastoral Care

Remember you can always phone a friend – or one of the clergy if you feel the need!

The Prayer Chain also continues – if you would like to be prayed for confidentially by our dedicated band of pray-ers do please be in touch. Our Pastoral Team and Prayer Chain can be reached by contacting Rev Allison directly so

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CHURCH SERVICES: RAVENSTHORPE & UPLANDS GROUP OF CHURCHES—MAY 2022

May	Location	Service Type	Time	Flowers
Sunday 1st May— Easter 3	Ravensthorpe	Book of Common Prayer—Communion	8.30am	Jane Pinnock, Ann Fowler.
	Other Churches / Services	Cottesbrooke (BCP Communion, 11.00am); Creaton (BCP Communion 9.30am); Guilsborough (CW Communion: 11.00am); Spratton (Worship for All, 11.00am); Thornby (BCP Communion: 9.30am).		
Sunday 8th May— Easter 4	10.00am Group Service, Ravensthorpe			
Sunday 15th May— Easter 5	Ravensthorpe	Common Worship Communion	9.30	Jane Pinnock, Ann Fowler.
	Other Churches/ Services	Creaton (CW Communion 9.30); Guilsborough (BCP Communion 8.30); Brunch@11: BCP Evensong 6.00pm); Hollowell (BCP MP 11.00); Spratton (BCP Communion 8.30).		
Sunday 22nd May 1— Easter 6: Christian Aid Week begins	Ravensthorpe	Worship for All.	11.00	Jane Pinnock, Ann Fowler.
	Other Churches/ Services	Cold Ashby (BCP Communion: 9.30am); Guilsborough (BCP Communion 9.30am; Hollowell (CW Communion 11.00am); Spratton (CW Communion: 11.00am).		
Thursday 26th May - Ascension Day	Spratton	Ascension Service, 8.30am		
Sunday 29th May— Easter 7: Christian Aid Week Ends.	Group Service, Cold Ashby, 10.00am.			

RAVENSTHORPE MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELD

Odds-200 Lottery

Tickets for this year's Playing Field **Odds-200 lottery** will be available in May, with the new lottery year starting in June. The lottery pays for the grass-cutting on the Playing Field &

Children's Play Area. Please support it! Tickets can be purchased by emailing odds200rav@gmail.com

An annual ticket costs £12, which enters the ticketholder for 12 monthly draws plus the Christmas draw. The draws have normally taken place on the first Thursday of each month in the Chequers. 50% of the money raised goes into the prizes, and 50% to maintaining the Playing Field. There are 2 prizes of £50 and £20 each month, plus the Christmas draw (£100). In addition, there is a third prize Chequers voucher prize each month, available to a lucky winner who is in the Chequers at the time of the draw.

The April lottery winners were: [Leanda](#) & [Ali Wheeler](#) (£50); [Dave](#) & [Karen Hastie](#) (£20). The Chequers voucher prize was unclaimed.

The Beer Festival & Family Fun day: **Saturday July 16th.**



Ravensthorpe Village Hall Honorary Treasurer

Terry Smyth is planning to retire after many years of loyal service, during a period of immense change and development for our hall, which is in very good order.

We want to find a successor to join the Volunteer Management Team. If you are interested to help, please call Bob Pike 01604 771277. Email; contact@rvhall.online . www.rvhall.online.
Charity No. 278283



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:
Sunday 15th May



RAVENSTHORPE VILLAGE CINEMA

Ravensthorpe Village Hall

Doors Open 7.00pm: Tickets £6.

Advanced booking & payments to reserve places is politely requested.

Go to: rvhall.online/cinema; email: cinema@rvhall.online;
telephone Mike & Mo Cobbe 01604 328822

TUESDAY 3rd May 7.00 for 7.30 pm: MAINSTREAM FILM—BELFAST

Kenneth Branagh's Oscar (Screenplay) and BAFTA (Best British Film) Award winning autobiographical movie about the Belfast of his childhood is beautifully acted, shot in a lustrous monochrome and has terrific warmth and tenderness.



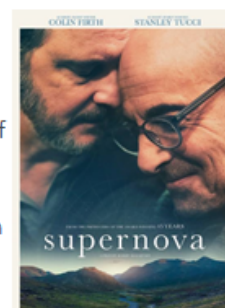
Jamie Dornan and Judi Dench star in this coming-of-age tale set in the era of the Belfast Troubles. Our protagonist, nine-year-old Buddy (Jude Hill) is coming to terms with love, religion and growing up and now faces the prospect of leaving his stomping ground for a life in England.

The Troubles drive the central conflict of the film, as two parents – played by Caitriona Balfe and Jamie Dornan – make the most difficult decision of their lives: do they leave Belfast and the only home they've ever known, or risk the safety of their two young sons? For details go to <https://www.rvhall.online/events-and-activities-calendar/belfast/2021> 98 mins Cert 12A 4 - 5 Stars

"There is a terrific warmth and tenderness to Kenneth Branagh's elegiac, autobiographical movie about the Belfast of his childhood" (The Guardian)

TUESDAY 24th May 7pm for 7.30 CINEPHILE FILM— SUPERNOVA

Two popular actors are at the height of their powers in this absorbing melodrama. "Supernova" is a bitter sweet modern love story starring Colin Firth and Stanley Tucci as Sam and Tusker, long term partners who are revisiting their past and coming to terms with Tusker's illness on a road trip across England. With every moment becoming increasingly precious, Sam discovers Tusker is withholding a secret. "Supernova" is a deeply moving portrait of a couple navigating difficult circumstances with wry humour and affection. For reviews etc Click <https://www.rvhall.online/events-and-activities-calendar/supernova/2020> 95 mins Cert 15A 4 Stars



"Firth and Tucci's performances are remarkable in how delicately they navigate this maze of half-truths and suppressed emotions" (The Independent)

"They're both phenomenal in the movie, finding so many grace notes that elevate a story that could have been maudlin into something that feels truly empathetic. The film ranks among career-best work from both actors." (Roger Ebert)

RAVENSTHORPE VILLAGE HALL: WHAT'S ON IN MAY?

Sunday 1	9.30am	Zumba	Lina 07725 984674
	10.45am	Shotokan Karate	Andy 07891132675
Tuesday 3	10.30am	Zumba Gold	Lina 07725 984 674
	2pm	Afternoon Bridge Club	Bernadette 770424
	7pm	Village Cinema: <i>Belfast</i>	See cinema box
Wed 4	10.30am	MORNING COFFEE	All welcome
	12.15pm	NEW Tai Chi	Dominic 07957 321531
Thursday 5	9.30am	Pilates with Sophie	07764 586990
	6pm-7pm	Shotokan Karate	Andy 07891 132675
Friday 6	9.30am	"Raven Tots"	alina@cooper.bio
Saturday 7	9.00am	Ladies Circuit Workout with Tammy	07793 917493
Sunday 8	9.30am	Zumba	Lina 07725 984 674
	10.45am	Shotokan Karate	Andy 07891132675
Monday 9	9.15 & 10.45	Elizabeth Reader Pilates	07810 235258
Tuesday 10	10.30am	Zumba Gold	Lina 07725 984 674
	2pm	Afternoon Bridge Club	Bernadette 770424
Wed 11	12.15pm	NEW Tai Chi	Dominic 07957 321531
	2.00pm	Short Mat Bowling	Lin 07557 396627
Thursday 12	9.30am	Pilates with Sophie	07764 586990
	6pm-7pm	Shotokan Karate	Andy 07891 132675
Friday 13	9.30am	"Raven Tots"	alina@cooper.bio
Saturday 14	9.00am	Ladies Circuit Workout with Tammy	07793 917493
Sunday 15	9.30am	Zumba	Lina 07725 984 674
	10.45am	Shotokan Karate	Andy 07891 132675
Monday 16	9.15 & 10.30	Elizabeth Reader Pilates	07810 235258
Tuesday 17	10.30am	Zumba Gold	Lina 07725 984 674
	2pm	Afternoon Bridge Club	Bernadette 770424
Wed 18	10.30am	MORNING COFFEE	All welcome!
	12.15pm	NEW Tai Chi	Dominic 07957 321531
	7.30pm	Ravensthorpe PC	
Thursday 19	9.30am	Pilates with Sophie	07764 586990
	6pm-7pm	Shotokan Karate	Andy 07891 132675
	7.45pm	WI Jigsaw Competition	
Friday 20	9.30am	"Raven Tots"	alina@cooper.bio
	12.15pm	Yoga with Lizzy	07950 573719
Saturday 21	9.00am	Ladies Circuit Workout with Tammy	07793 917493
Sunday 22	9.30am	Zumba	Lina 07725 984674
	10.45am	Shotokan Karate	Andy 07891132675

Monday 23	9.15 & 10.30	Elizabeth Reader Pilates	07810 235258
Tuesday 24	10.30am	Zumba Gold	Lina 07725 984 674
	2pm	Afternoon Bridge Club	Bernadette 770424
	7.00pm	Village Cinema: <i>Supernova</i>	See Box
Wed 25	12.15pm	NEW Tai Chi	Dominic 07957 321531
Thursday 26	9.30am	Pilates with Sophie	07764 586990
	6pm-7pm	Shotokan Karate	Andy 07891 132675
Friday 27	9.30am	"Raven Tots"	alina@cooper.bio
	12.15pm	Yoga with Lizzy	07950 573719
Saturday 28	9.00am	Ladies Circuit Workout with Tammy	07793 917493
Sunday 29	9.30am	Zumba	Lina 07725 984 674
	10.45am	Shotokan Karate	Andy 07891132675
Monday 30	9.15 & 10.45	Elizabeth Reader Pilates	07810 235258
Tuesday 31	10.30am	Zumba Gold	Lina 07725 984 674
	2pm	Afternoon Bridge Club	Bernadette 770424

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Ravensthorpe Football Club 1897
Photo courtesy of John Patrick

FOOD BANK:

The Hope Centre, Northampton: call 01604 214300.

You can make cash donations via the website:

<https://www.restorenorthampton.org.uk> and follow the instructions, or phone 01604 328046 for more information.

To find out more about the Daventry Foodbank, phone 01327 577851 or email foodbank@vineyardcommunity.org.uk

Worship for Families in the Uplands Churches:



11 am Sundays, at:
Spratton Church: 1st May;
Ravensthorpe Church: 22nd May



Buckby Library & Hub

Buckby Library & Hub
for books & buzz

The week before Easter saw some well-attended activities for young

children including drawing, crafting and egg hunts (see: <https://buckbylibraryhub.org/enjoy-easter-fun-with-buckby-library-hub-book-to-ensure-your-place/>). Do keep your eye on our website for future activities directed towards young children. You can also find out about all our regular activities here: <https://buckbylibraryhub.org/category/library-activities/>. Do have a browse!

Given the popularity of our previous talks on the environment in the autumn, during May we will be holding three more, on: 17th, 24th and 31st from 7.30-9.00pm. Check our website for further information about them. Tickets are £3, refreshments will be available and you need to book in advance, please, as seating will be limited: 01327-842591 or [in-fo@buckbylibraryhub.org](mailto:info@buckbylibraryhub.org).

Also during May, we will have a new exhibition in the refreshment area, featuring the paintings of Long Buckby artist, Nora O'Keeffe. Do come and have a look (and when we're open in the mornings, grab a cuppa at the same time!).

As well as visiting (and joining) the library, you can help to keep us going by subscribing to [Easyfundraising](#) and nominating us as your good cause. *It doesn't cost you anything* but it does mean that a small proportion of what you spend on online shopping would come to us from the retailer. You can see how it works here: <https://buckbylibraryhub.org/easyfundraising/>. We also just want to thank everyone who supports us in different ways by using the library, coming to events and making donations. Without you, we wouldn't be here!

RAVENSTHORPE PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS JUNE 2nd-5th

An update from Di Hayes:

Plans are well advanced for our village events over the 4-day Jubilee celebration period – Thursday 2 June to Sunday 5 June.

This is an event for everyone. I know there are some people who are not particularly supporters of royalty and wonder whether they will get involved. I see this as much as a chance for the village to get together and have some fun and social time together after the restrictions of the last two summers. Others will be keen to celebrate the 70 year reign of Queen Elizabeth.

With this newsletter you will hopefully have received a flyer giving some more details of what's on offer.

The Thursday evening **Dance and Hog Roast** is expected to be particularly popular, tickets at £15 each will be available from 1st May from the Village Hall website or by calling one of the numbers given.

The **Cream tea and history afternoon** on Saturday 4th will be free to attend as will the Big Picnic on Sunday 5th, we would appreciate people registering to attend so that we can get some idea of numbers. There will be a prize draw for those that register for either event by Tuesday 31st May.

Tickets for the free events will be restricted to residents of Ravensthorpe and their family members. That means that children, grandchildren, parents etc. from outside the village will be welcome to attend with you.

The Big Picnic to be hosted by John and Charlotte Matts at Manor Farm (on [Guilsborough Rd](#) between the top of Little Lane and the top of Church Hill) will be a fun afternoon for all the family.

All children up to age 16 who come along will get a voucher for a free ice cream. The bouncy castle, face painting and disco will all be free.

Details of how to register for the Saturday afternoon "Cream tea and history" and the Sunday "Big Picnic" will be provided on the village hall web-site for each event on the [rvhlive](#) and events" pages <https://www.rvhall.online/rvh-live-and-events/>

Those not wishing to book online should phone one of the numbers on the flyer or email rvhlive@rvhall.online.

Over the Jubilee period Ruth Rolls has organised **2 trails** for the **WI Jubilee Jewels** - a fun simple jewel hunt around the village for infants. Collect a paper crown and a story map from the church porch from Thursday to Sunday. There'll be a small prize for children wearing their jewelled crowns at the jubilee picnic on Sunday.

Crown Criminals is a hunt for juniors seeking code breaking clues around the village. Children solve code clues based on the village's royal links. Then use these word and number codes to crack the safe at the Jubilee picnic. Take part anytime between Thursday to Sunday. A story map can be collected from the church porch and will be advertised in advance.

Contacts: Di Hayes 01604 770482; Ros Smith 01604 770471; Bob Pike 01604 771277.

CRABTREE PIT POCKET PARK

Pocket Park update:

The cowslips are stunning again. Soon the ox-eye daisies will add white to the blanket of yellow during May, increasing to reds, purples and blues later in the year.

Please note that we'll be reseeding the bare patches on the grass path in the lane. The park will remain open but you may be guided away from these places.

Work on a hibernaculum and bee bank has started at the far end of the park beyond the pond. A hibernaculum creates an environment for reptiles and amphibians to safely overwinter. The bee bank will hopefully provide a place for solitary bees to tunnel providing a secure place to lay their eggs.

Mining bees are one group of over 250 species of solitary bees in the [uk](#). Solitary bees don't live in a colony, so no queen, no workers and no hive to protect. Our village's sandy soils, sandstone houses and cob walls make Ravensthorpe a fabulous place for them and the species that depend on them.

Please can I remind villagers, no pond dipping at the park. The best places are Cotton Park and Mill Reserve Long Buckby. We've tested both, they're fabulous ponds. At the latter you can even hire their study centre and equipment.

Ruth, Volunteer Pocket Park Coordinator - Ruth.rolls@gmail.com



Ravensthorpe Nursery
Open Days
Weekend 3-5 June
11am—5pm
Admission to the garden £4,
children free.

All proceeds to the
National Garden Scheme

Deadline for June Newsletter:

Monday 23 May
Contributions to

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