



### RAVENSTHORPE SHOP & POST OFFICE

As we are all only too aware, the Ravensthorpe Shop and Post Office is to close at the end of March. Its final day of opening will be Saturday 30th March and the the Post Office will close for service on the Wednesday before, March 27th. Despite their best efforts to sell the business over the past 4 years, Dave and Sue will head into retirement without finding a successor to take on the shop, and they do so with all our very best wishes and gratitude for 24 years of sterling service to the village on every front.

In the midst of our sadness, there is some good news in relation to newspapers, with the following contribution from Pauline & Terry Smyth:

#### Newspapers

"You all know by now that the village shop will be closing at the end of March. Rather than having no newspapers in the village Terry and I have decided to continue providing them. For anyone who doesn't know us, we live in the first house in Teeton Road next to the Village Hall. Things will, however, work rather differently, and the plan is as follows:

- Anyone who wants a paper must order it, there will be no chance to decide that you would like a paper on the day;

**AT THE END OF MARCH 2019**

**David McDermott is retiring, after almost 24 years running the Ravensthorpe shop and Post Office**

Please come along to the Village Hall, Ravensthorpe on

**SUNDAY 31 MARCH 2019 3 – 5 pm**

**for an open-house tea party**

**Parish Electoral Roll**  
2019 is the year in which all churches must renew their Electoral Roll—the previous Electoral Roll will no longer be valid. Everyone on the existing Electoral Roll must reapply if they wish to remain on it. Others may also join by filling in an Electoral Roll Form, available in St Denys, and returning it to Gill Douglas, the Parish Electoral Roll Officer. Only those on the Electoral Roll are entitled to attend, vote and contribute to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. The deadline for completion of the electoral roll is **3rd March 2019**.

**Bus Stop Tots**  
**Tuesday mornings 8.45am – 10.00am** at Ravensthorpe Village Hall. Refreshments, play, activities, bible stories, songs for babies and pre-school children. Come as you are! Contact Alice Cooper for more information: 01604 771245

**BRUNCH @ 11**  
**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> February - Brunch@11 for Everyone!**  
Guilsborough Village Hall – Relax with bacon & sausage rolls, fresh coffee, tea and juice; newspapers, games, activities for children; Thought for the Day; free of charge, and in a relaxed family atmosphere.

**Lent Course**  
Starting **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019** for 6 weeks. "Finding a Voice" a lent course based on the King's Speech (see ad in the Newsletter).

**Lent Lunches**  
Wednesday's starting **13<sup>th</sup> March 2019** for 5 weeks. More details to follow.

**Advance Notice**  
**Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) at St Denys - 28<sup>th</sup> April 2019 – 12 noon**

## FINDING A VOICE

A Lent course based on  
**THE KING'S SPEECH**

HILARY BRAND



### Uplands Group of Churches

#### Lent Course

Monday Evenings for Six Weeks,  
Starting 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019, 7.30-9.30pm  
Spratton Church. Cost £6 – per person, to cover the cost of the course book.

Beginning by looking at the film 'The King's Speech', *Finding a Voice* explores the ways in which we can begin to find our Christian voice.

#### Dates for first half of 2019 in Ravesthorpe:

- January 27<sup>th</sup>**
- February 24<sup>th</sup>**
- March 24<sup>th</sup> & March 31<sup>st</sup> for Mothering Sunday**
- April 28<sup>th</sup>**
- May 26<sup>th</sup>**
- June 23<sup>rd</sup>**
- July 28<sup>th</sup>**

#### So what is Worship for All?

##### Worship....

An opportunity to sing hymns and songs old and new, to pray, and to learn from God's word together.

##### ....For All

Worship that is more informal, relaxed, understandable to all.

Worship that is inclusive of children and families, and engages and includes them, but is welcoming to all ages.

A relatively short service, followed by refreshments and a chance to chat.

*Worship for All is just one of the wide range of services we offer across the Uplands Group of Churches (of which Ravensthorpe is part) each week, to suit a range of tastes and traditions. If you would like to find out more about this service, when it is offered in other churches, or any of the other things we do, please take a look at our website or facebook page:*

[www.uplandsgroupchurches.org.uk](http://www.uplandsgroupchurches.org.uk) [www.facebook.com/UplandsGroupChurches/](https://www.facebook.com/UplandsGroupChurches/)



During the past 18 mths **£468.19** has been raised for the Uplands Group of Churches, including St Denys, Ravensthorpe by using **easyfundraising**. Register at: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk> then any online purchases that are made will result in a donation for the Uplands Group of Churches, which is collected from the retailer automatically. Currently there are 44 people signed up to this site across the Uplands Group of Churches..



### RESCHEDULED TALK DATE

Tuesday March 12<sup>th</sup> 7 for 7.30pm

Ravensthorpe Village Hall

A SPECIAL SCREENING OF

NORTHAMPTON HISTORY ON FILM

#### DIP INTO NORTHAMPTON'S NEIGHBOURHOOD PAST

Speakers Corner's next talk will feature a programme of specially curated archive film looking back at the social history of

Northampton. This will replace March 13<sup>th</sup>'s talk,

'Leather is Everywhere'.

We are looking forward to an entertaining evening presented by Northamptonshire Film Archive Trust. They will show their popular and outstanding collection of Northampton on cine film including some carefully preserved personal contributions donated by

residents.

Tickets £5 includes tea and coffee. To reserve **01604 770482**

Or email: [bobpike@church-hill.com](mailto:bobpike@church-hill.com) Wine and Beer on sale

Contributions to next month's Newsletter to Alan Worthington, [ravensthorpenewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:ravensthorpenewsletter@gmail.com) (770957) by

### AVERY BAZIN-BALL:

#### SPINAL MUSCULAR ATROPHY

"To all the wonderful Ravensthorpe villagers who supported the coffee morning (in November), and a particular mention to Ann for hosting, Lyn for organising, Beryl and Audrey for selling raffle tickets, and all the fantastic stall holders. We thoroughly enjoyed it! We have been blown away by your kindness. The amazing amount of £600 donated to our son Avery's equipment & treatment fund, really will make such a difference. A further £95 was donated by various villagers personally to his account so thank you again to each and every one of you. Wow! What a wonderful community you have!

### Book Club

The next Book Club is on **Wednesday**

**13 February at 7.45** at Linden House,

Guilsborough Rd. The book for

discussion is **The Kashmir Shawl**

by Rosie Thomas.

### FOOD BANK

Thank you to everyone who continues to support the Food Bank. The toilets are much appreciated and many of the people using the Food Bank were able to feel a bit more special because of the generosity of people in this village. Thank you.

Collection continues to be the first weekend of the month—February 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>. St Denys Church is open on the Sunday and donations can be left

### CRABTREE POCKET PARK WORKING PARTY

There will be working party on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February from 10.00am to help remove wood as it is coppiced and sort into piles. It is usual for volunteers to have the option of taking the logs and thinner branches for pea/bean sticks. If anyone is interested please just turn up wearing appropriate footwear etc. More hands make lighter work.

If you would like to know more please contact me on 07922 056085 or email [lizpeachey@yahoo.com](mailto:lizpeachey@yahoo.com)



More than just good food

For families wanting a taste of faith and good food

Once a month, 11am, Guilsborough Village Hall

Next dates for 2019:

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> February

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April - 10am

Good Friday with 'MMM'

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May

#### Join us for...

Bacon & sausage rolls, coffee, tea, juice  
Worship, songs & stories

Newspapers

Games and activities for children

A relaxed family atmosphere

We don't charge for entry or food, but donations towards the costs of running Brunch are always appreciated

Brunch@11 is run by the Uplands Group of Churches  
[www.facebook.com/Brunchat11/](https://www.facebook.com/Brunchat11/)  
[www.uplandsgroupchurches.org.uk](http://www.uplandsgroupchurches.org.uk)  
Contact us via website or Brunch Facebook page to find out more



Bus Stop Tots

#### Join us for:

A chance to chat while the children play

Tea, coffee, croissants, & baby or toddler drinks & snacks

A simple craft, and 10 minutes of bible stories & songs for babies and pre-school children (we usually do this about 9.20 am)

Tuesdays - 8.45-10.00 am

Drop in at any time

Ravensthorpe Village Hall

Just £1 per child

Open to all families in the area

### WORLD WAR I MEMORIAL BENCH

The First World War memorial bench is now installed on the green. Purchased by the Parish Council with support from Daventry District Council it was planned to have it ready for the



### FOOTBALL COACHING

Every Sunday 10-10.45am

for ages 5+

Commenced 20th January but anyone can join: £5 per person

SKILLS COACHING/ TRAINING

FUN, GAMES & MATCH with

qualified, former Tottenham FC coach



Kelmarsh Hall and Gardens are recruiting for volunteers to join the team in a range of volunteer positions, from Hall Stewarding on open days, Learning and Activity events and Gardening in the Grade II\* listed gardens!

On Thursday 7th March, from 12pm – 2pm, the Hall will be open to give you the chance to find out more about the volunteer roles from current volunteers and explore all that the Hall and Gardens have to offer.

If you enjoy history, meeting new people and want to learn new skills – a volunteer role at Kelmarsh would be perfect for you!

To find out more information visit <https://www.kelmarsh.com/volunteer->

## Ravensthorpe Village Hall -

### What's on in February?

<https://www.ravensthorpe.me.uk/the-village-hall/>

<https://www.facebook.com/RVHall1>

#### Tuesday 5th:

8.45am to 10.30am. **Bus Stop Tots** call Alice 07803 595106

2.00pm to 4.30pm **Afternoon Bridge Club** Call Bernadette 770424

7pm for 7.30pm **Village Cinema: The Post** (see box).

#### Wednesday 6th:

10.30am – Noon. **Morning Coffee**. All Welcome.

Fresh Coffee and home-made treats for just £2

#### Tuesday 12th:

8.45am to 10.30am. **Bus Stop Tots** call Alice 07803 595106

2.00pm to 4.30pm **Afternoon Bridge Club** Call Bernadette 770424

#### Tuesday 19th

8.45am to 10.30am. **Bus Stop Tots** call Alice 07803 595106

2.00pm to 4.30pm **Afternoon Bridge Club** Call Bernadette 770424

7pm for 7.30: **Village Cinema: Volver** (see box)

#### Wednesday 20th

10.30am – Noon. **Morning Coffee**. All Welcome.

### Planning to exercise in 2019? Then take a look at what the RVH has to offer as we start the New Year.

#### Wednesdays from Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>:

6pm **NEW Zumba** with Lina, call 07725 984674

#### Saturdays from Jan 5<sup>th</sup>:

9am **Back Care Pilates** – 2 sessions with Tina, 07810 380636

#### Sundays from Jan 6<sup>th</sup>

10am **Zumba** with Lina, call 07725 984674

#### Mondays from the Jan 7<sup>th</sup>:

9.15am **Pilates** – 3 sessions- with Natalie 07894 593397

#### Thursdays from Jan 10<sup>th</sup>:

9.15am **Pilates** – 3 sessions- with Natalie call 07894 593397



RAVENSTHORPE

VILLAGE CINEMA

Ravensthorpe Village Hall

Doors Open 7.00pm: Admission: £6—Students £4

Seat reservation recommended



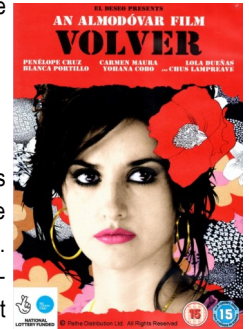
#### The Post

#### Tuesday February 5th: The Post

Steven Spielberg's Vietnam-era drama recalls the 1971 revelations of the Pentagon Papers – a devastating internal report that detailed how “the White House had been lying about the war”. Katharine Graham (Meryl Streep) is the first female publisher of a major American newspaper - The Washington Post – having inherited the paper when her husband died. With help from editor Ben Bradlee (Tom Hanks), Graham races to catch up with The New York Times to expose a massive cover-up of government secrets that spans three decades and four U.S. presidents. 113 minutes; Cert 12. **The Independent** . . . “very rousing viewing.....It underlines Spielberg’s continuing ability to entertain us even as he holds up a mirror to the less attractive side of American history and politics.”

#### Tuesday February 19th: Volver

Our next Cinephile Screening is Pedro Almodovar’s critically acclaimed 2006 film “Volver” about the relationships between three generations of women. Three years after the death of her mother, Raimunda (Penélope Cruz) works menial jobs to support her daughter and deadbeat husband. Her sister Sole is lonely and her friend Agustina is ill and worries about the disappearance of her own mother. Almodovar’s perspective is essentially comic. *Volver* means Coming Back and Raimunda and her sister are visited by the apparition of their dead mother who has returned to reconcile with her daughters and resolve an



**RAVENSTHORPE MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELD**

The Playing Field Committee wishes to thank Speaker's Corner & the Village Hall for a very generous donation of £318. This will go towards the Children's Play Area Development.



Did you know that Daventry DC runs a local lottery, and that by playing it you could help raise funds for the

Playing Field? Tickets cost as little as £1 per week

and you could win up to £25,000, and all at the same time as raising money for a fantastic local cause.

Just type Local Lotto Daventry into your search engine and follow the link to find out more (and don't forget to pick the Playing Field as your chosen cause!). Go to: <https://www.local-lotto.co.uk/>

Children's Play Area Development: we are confident that the first phase of the upgrade will commence early in the Spring—we should know more specifically

**Ravensthorpe WI**

Do you have any FILM RECORDINGS of Ravensthorpe and its residents? We are looking into the possibility of showing The Wool Festivals, V.E. day celebrations, or anything of interest over the last few years. The hope is to show them at the W.I. Centenary Celebrations on Monday May 6th. Please contact Maggie

**Coton Manor Gardens: Snowdrops and Hellebores**

Open Saturday 16th February 11am—4pm,  
and every day until Sunday 3rd March.

**From the Archives .....**

**Northampton Mercury, Friday 8 June 1900**

**RAVENSTHORPE SPORTS**

W. Crutchley (Ravensthorpe) won the Labourer's Race at the Ravensthorpe Sports, held in Mr Gunn's field. The handicapping of Mr H Hickman, T Snelson and Mr G Wells was "carefully carried out". (Any information or suggestions regarding this will be gratefully received. Ed.) "Mrs Reader was second in the Egg and Spoon for Women". "Competitors came from all the nearby villages: Long Buckby, Holdenby, Spratton, Duston, East Haddon, West Haddon and Hollowell, and from Northampton".

**Northampton Chronicle and Echo, 21 November 1923**

**SPRATTON IN TROUBLE**

"Spratton Rovers Reserves were reported for playing an ineligible man in the replay of the second round of the South Northants Medals Competition against Ravensthorpe. Spratton were fined 5s. and struck out of the Cup. Ravensthorpe were reinstated. The Spratton secretary was fined 2s 6d for sending an incorrect result sheet".

**Northampton Mercury, August 14, 1931**

CHURCH SERVICES					
February	Time	Service Type	Led by	Location	Flowers
Sunday 3rd February	8.30am	Book of Common Prayer Communion	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	Beryl Mott/ Sally Marsh
Sunday 10th February	10.00am	Uplands Group Service—Common Worship with Communion	Clergy	Cottesbrooke	
Sunday 17th February	9.45am	Common Worship with Communion	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	Beryl Mott/ Sally Marsh
	11.00am	Brunch@11	Lay Team & Clergy	Guilsborough	
Sunday 24th February	11.00am	Worship for All—with Baptism	Lay Team & Clergy	Ravensthorpe	Beryl Mott/ Sally Marsh
March					
Sunday 3rd March	8.30am	Book of Common Prayer Communion	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	
	5.00pm	Evening Service—Taize	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	
Wed 6th March	9.30am	Ash Wednesday—Communion with imposition of ashes	Clergy	Guilsborough	
Sunday 10th March	10.00am	Uplands Group Service- Common Worship with Communion	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	No Flowers—Lent
Sunday 17th March	9.45am	Common Worship with Communion	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	No Flowers—Lent
	11.00am	Brunch@11	Lay Team & Clergy	Guilsborough	
Sunday 24th March	11.00am	Worship for All	Lay Team & Clergy	Ravensthorpe	No Flowers—Lent
Sunday 31st March	11.00am	Mothering Sunday Service	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	No Flowers—Lent