



## RAVENSTHORPE CELEBRATES THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE

We're looking forward to 4 days of National, local and Village events. Thank you all for your great support. Our events-

**Thursday 2 June** Retro Vocals and Hog Roast in Village Hall from 8pm—a few tickets left at £15 each

**Saturday 4th June** 2-5pm History, films and Cream Tea Village Hall—just a few free tickets left. Entrance strictly by ticket only.

**Saturday 4th June** from 8pm **Party at the Palace** live streamed on the big screen—bar available. Come along and enjoy good company and a great line-up, tickets free

**Sunday 5th June Big Picnic at Manor Farm**—fully booked—sorry if you missed out. Entrance strictly by ticket only.

**JUBILEE MUGS** AVAILABLE FOR £7.50 each ring Di Hayes on 770482—see flyer delivered recently.

**BOOK TICKETS** on-line <https://www.rvhall.online/>  
Or ring 01604 770482 or 01604 770471

RAVENSTHORPE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL  
**NEWSLETTER**

### Church Notices:

**Jubilee Children Activities:** from Thursday 2nd June "the Queen and some of her Corgis will be in St Denys Church. The Queen is head of the Church in England but is having a little difficulty walking now. We would like the children to play with the corgis and take them for a walk before returning them back to the Queen. "Both the Queen and corgis have an appointment at the village Picnic on Sunday" Toy guards are also on parade in the Church to play hoop la.

Remember the children's trails can be picked up from the Church porch.

**Christian Aid** - A thank you to all of the people who delivered the Christian Aid envelopes and to those who have supported this charity.

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

June	Location	Service Type	Time	Flowers
Sunday 5 June— Pentecost & Jubilee	Ravensthorpe	Book of Common Prayer—Communion	8.30am	Pat Foss & Gill Douglas
	Other Churches / Services	Cottesbrooke (BCP Communion, 11.00am); Creton (BCP Communion 9.30am); Guilsborough (CW Communion: 11.00am); Spratton (Worship for All, 11.00am); Thomby (BCP Communion: 9.30am).		
Sunday 12 June— Trinity	10.00am Group Service, Cottesbrooke			
Sunday 19 June— Fathers' Day	Ravensthorpe	Common Worship Communion	9.30	Pat Foss & Gill Douglas
	Other Churches/ Services	Creton (CW Communion 9.30); Guilsborough (BCP Communion 8.30); Brunch@11: BCP Evensong 6.00pm); Hblowell (BCP Morning Prayer 11.00); Spratton (BCP Communion 8.30).		
Sunday 26 June— Ordinations at Peterborough Cathedral	Ravensthorpe	Worship for All.	11.00	Pat Foss & Gill Douglas
	Other Churches/ Services	Cold Ashby (BCP Communion: 9.30am); Spratton (CW Communion: 11.00am).		
Thursday 26th May - Ascension Day	Spratton	Ascension Service, 8.30am		
Sunday 3rd July—	Ravensthorpe	Book of Common Prayer—Communion	8.30am	Thalia Pike & Hilary Bent
	Group Service: Steam Rally Field, Hblowell. 10.00am			

## JOHN JAMES PATRICK (1930-2022)



On May 9<sup>th</sup>, friends and family said farewell to John Patrick, who died aged 92 in April. The following excerpts are taken mainly from the eulogy given by John's son Mark:

"John was born in the small Lincolnshire village of Alford (in 1930), in a house without power or even running water. It was a very different age". Soon after, the family was to move to Pinchbeck when his father, one of a line of policemen in the family, was transferred there. The new house had power ("but he still had to go to the pub across the road for a bath"), a large garden and an allotment, which sowed the seeds of John's lifelong interest in gardening. It was here also that John went to the local grammar school and although his education was interrupted by diphtheria ("and stopped him going further") ... he "never stopped learning and always pushed the value of education" to his children and grandchildren. He was immensely proud of their achievements.

According to Mark, John "just missed serving in the Second World War by a few years", and after doing his National Service in the RAF (working on mosquitoes with the 421-night fighter squadron), he chose electrical engineering as his career and joined the Electricity Board, a company he would stay with for his working life. At this time he was a keen bowls and snooker player, and joined the local Conservative Club where he met his first wife Jennifer. Together, in Spalding, they (literally) built their first house, later moving to Wellingborough and then to Northampton. And then, in 1971, by which time "John and Jennifer (had) drifted apart and divorced", John moved to Ravensthorpe.

From the outset, John "immersed himself in Ravensthorpe village life" and it was here that he was to meet and marry Pat "the greatest love of his life". With Pat, came her two daughters Janet and Julie, and extended family through Trevor and Pat Foss, all of whom were to become increasingly important to him, especially after Pat's sad and untimely passing in 1999. John was also a familiar patron of the Chequers, especially in more recent years, and his relationship with Gordon and Gill had always been an important and mutually supportive one.

In Ravensthorpe, closely allied to Eric Hickman who was to become a great friend, John's major project, was the Playing Field, of which he was committee Chairman for many years. He was instrumental in several developments and improvements, including the Children's Play Area and the Pavilion (completed in 2000). He was also involved with others, including his brother-in-law and friend Trevor in organising the Ravensthorpe Wool festival and, with Pat, setting up the Pocket Park. Together "they worked on its upkeep for many years".

John and Pat were great travellers and their travels included frequent visits to Australia, to visit daughter Janet and family, now settled near Darwin. Together, they also founded a charity, the Green Belt Foundation in Kisumu, Tanzania. This was responsible for the planting of 500,000 trees, and they visited regularly to see what was needed and what else they could do. Closer to home John and Pat organised the annual coffee mornings for Macmillan Cancer Support in the village, which John continued to organise following Pat's passing. "Right up to the last one (September 2021) – as Mark says – "John could be found selling raffle tickets by the door".

For over 50 years, John has been a stalwart of Ravensthorpe village life and his dedication (individually and in partnership with others, especially his wife Pat) to making the village a better place for current and future generations will remain very much in evidence for years to come. We are all very grateful for that.



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](http://rvhall.online/cinema); email: [cinema@rvhall.online](mailto:cinema@rvhall.online);  
telephone Mike & Mo Cobbe 01604 328822 Email: [mike@mikecobbe.com](mailto:mike@mikecobbe.com)

**TUESDAY 7th June 7.00 for 7.30 pm:**  
**MAINSTREAM FILM—A MOST WANTED MAN**

The great Philip Seymour Hoffman in his last screen role before his tragic death in 2014 stars in this smart adaptation of John le Carré's post-9/11 political thriller set in Hamburg about good, evil and the sins committed in the name of national security. What the debacle of Burgess and Maclean was for the world of Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy in the early 70s, so 9/11 is for the international intelligence community in this tense drama.



When a brutally tortured half-Chechen, half-Russian immigrant turns up in Hamburg's Islamic community laying claim to his father's ill-gotten fortune, both German and US security agencies take a close interest: as the clock ticks down and the stakes rise, the race is on to establish this most wanted man's true identity—oppressed victim or destruction-bent extremist.

Günther Bachmann is the dishevelled German spymaster running a covert, deniable operation to root out jihadis in Hamburg; he is played with a rumpled worldliness by Philip Seymour Hoffman

"Smart, subtle, and steadily absorbing, "A Most Wanted Man" proves once again that John le Carré books make for sharp, thoughtful thrillers." (Rotten Tomatoes) "Hoffman is simply magnificent. Face it. We won't see his like again." (Rolling Stone)

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.

## RAVENSTHORPE MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELD

### *Odds-200 Lottery*

*Do you & your family enjoy using the Playing Field?  
It relies entirely on voluntary help & funding from the  
village—so please support the  
Odds-200 Lottery.*

*An annual ticket costs £12—this pays for the grass  
cutting on the field and the Children's Play Area.*

*You can get your ticket by emailing  
[odds200rao@gmail.com](mailto:odds200rao@gmail.com) or phone  
07801 051 402*

The lottery winners for May were: John Richardson (£50); Rob & Nicola Williams (£20). The Chequers voucher prize was unclaimed.



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

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

Wed 1	10.30am	MORNING COFFEE	All welcome	Tuesday 21	10.30am	Zumba Gold	Lina 07725 984 674
	12.15pm	Tai Chi	Dominic 07957 321531		2pm	Afternoon Bridge Club	Bernadette 770424
<b>JUNE JUBILEE WEEKEND</b>				Wed 25	12.15pm	NEW Tai Chi	Dominic 07957 321531
Thursday 2	Dancing with the "Retro Vocals", incl. Hbg Roast & Bar. £15pp (18+) Book NOW & payonline <a href="http://www.rvhall.online">www.rvhall.online</a>				7.30pm	Ravensthorpe PC	
Friday 3	9.30am	"Raven Tots"	alina@cooper.bio	Thursday 23	9.30am	Pilates with Sophie	07764 586990
Saturday 4	9.00am	Ladies Circuit Workout with Tammy	07793 917493		6pm-7pm	Shotokan Karate	Andy 07891 132675
	From 2pm	Historical Films, Cream Teas, Village History display. Entrance ticket only.		Friday 24	9.30am	"Raven Tots"	alina@cooper.bio
	From 8pm	Big Screen BBC Jubilee Party at the Palace. Booking Essential/ Free <a href="http://www.rvhall.online">www.rvhall.online</a>			12.15pm	Yoga with Lizzy	07950 573719
Sunday 5	9.30am	Zumba	Lina 07725 984 674	Saturday 25	9.00am	Ladies Circuit Workout with Tammy	07793 917493
	10.45am	Shotokan Karate	Andy 07891 132675	Sunday 26	9.30am	Zumba	Lina 07725 984 674
Tuesday 7	10.30am	Zumba Gold	Lina 07725 984 674		10.45am	Shotokan Karate	Andy 07891 132675
	2pm	Afternoon Bridge Club	Bernadette 770424	Monday 27	9.15 & 10.45	Elizabeth Reader Pilates	07810 235258
	7pm	Village Cinema presents <i>A Most Wanted Man</i> (see box)		Tuesday 28	10.30am	Zumba Gold	Lina 07725 984 674
Wed 8	12.15pm	Tai Chi	Dominic 07957 321531		2pm	Afternoon Bridge Club	Bernadette 770424
Thursday 9	9.30am	Pilates with Sophie	07764 586990	Wed 29	12.15pm	Tai Chi	Dominic 07957 321531
	6pm-7pm	Shotokan Karate	Andy 07891 132675	Thursday 30	9.30am	Pilates with Sophie	07764 586990
Friday 10	9.30am	"Raven Tots"	alina@cooper.bio		6pm-7pm	Shotokan Karate	Andy 07891 132675
	12.15pm	Yoga with Lizzy	07950 573719		7.30pm	Speakers Corner presents: <i>Women's Land Army</i> (see box)	
Saturday 11	9.00am	Ladies Circuit Workout with Tammy	07793 917493	<a href="http://www.rvhall.online">www.rvhall.online</a> ; email: <a href="mailto:contact@rvhall.online">contact@rvhall.online</a> ; <a href="https://www.facebook.com/RVHall">www.facebook.com/RVHall</a>			
Sunday 12	9.30am	Zumba	Lina 07725 984 674				
	10.45am	Shotokan Karate	Andy 07891 132675				
Monday 13	9.15 & 10.30	Elizabeth Reader Pilates	07810 235258				
Tuesday 14	10.30am	Zumba Gold	Lina 07725 984 674				
	2pm	Afternoon Bridge Club	Bernadette 770424				
Wed 15	10.30am	MORNING COFFEE	All welcome!				
	12.15pm	Tai Chi	Dominic 07957 321531				
Thursday 16	9.30am	Pilates with Sophie	07764 586990				
	6pm-7pm	Shotokan Karate	Andy 07891 132675				
	7.45pm	WI—Ethiopia—the Roof of Africa					
Friday 17	9.30am	"Raven Tots"	alina@cooper.bio				
	12.15pm	Yoga with Lizzy	07950 573719				
Saturday 18	9.00am	Ladies Circuit Workout with Tammy	07793 917493				
Sunday 19	9.30am	Zumba	Lina 07725 984674				
	10.45am	Shotokan Karate	Andy 07891 132675				
Monday 20	9.15 & 10.30	Elizabeth Reader Pilates	07810 235258				

SPEAKERS' CORNER

**PRESENTS**

**The Women's Land Army during the First World War**

An illustrated talk by **HELEN FROST**

Hear the story of the women who answered the call in WW1 as the men left the fields to join the army, navy and air force.



Thursday 30th June 2022

7 for 7.30pm

In the Village Hall

Tickets £6 each

[www.rvhall.online](http://www.rvhall.online) or ring 01604 770482

SPEAKERS' CORNER

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### NEWSLETTER FOR JULY & AUGUST

There is no Newsletter for August, so contributors to the July edition will need to include any information for August also. The deadline for this is Thursday June 23rd. Contributions to [ravensthorpenewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:ravensthorpenewsletter@gmail.com). Any queries to 01604 770957. Many thanks.



## Trustees Wanted

Are you interested in libraries, community engagement and a hub which serves our villages? Do you want to have a hands-on involvement with the running of the Buckby Library & Hub charity? We are seeking up to 4 new trustees from Summer 2022 who are willing to support the development of at least one of the following areas:

fundraising; finances and payroll; income-generating community events and activities; library services and management systems; our building and gardens; publicity and communications; human resource management; health and safety; refreshments; sales and room hire; administration of our Charitable Incorporated Organisation (including legal experience).

If you are interested, please email an expression of interest of no more than 500 words to [info@buckbylibraryhub.org](mailto:info@buckbylibraryhub.org) by Friday 24th June letting us know what areas might be of interest to you and what knowledge and experience you can offer. We will then invite you for a chat to explore the opportunities available.



## Update from Buckby Library & Hub

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

We have a number of exciting events coming up.

On Wednesday June 8th at 10.30am, we are hosting a rescheduled WEA session on 'multi-media collage' - creating pictures using different kinds of materials. If you enjoy art and creating your own pictures, come and find out more. You need to enrol on the WEA website (<https://www.wea.org.uk>) and search the course code: C2347097.

Then on the evening of Tuesday June 28th, you can come to a quiz being run by Alan Forbes. For further details, please go to our website (<https://buckbylibraryhub.org>), phone (01327 842591) or check Facebook and posters.

Finally, if you like playing scrabble and cards or doing jigsaws, or if you just want a chat over a cup of tea, do come along to a warm welcome at our social afternoons on Wednesdays (2-4pm).

To keep abreast of all events for children and adults at Buckby Library & Hub, just keep an eye on our website where you will find more information and a calendar of all our activities.

## CRABTREE PIT POCKET PARK

### Joyful Jubilee of Flowers

The meadow is becoming a jubilee of flowers and is definitely worth visiting at this time of year. Here's three union coloured flowers;

Sorrel - their tall, slender, attractive flowers appear in May and June, proudly pepper the green grasses of our meadow with crimson and pink.



Speedwell - weaving at the base of grasses with delicate sky blue flowers, like an unequally divided party cake, 3 petals the same, with the fourth smaller.



Ox-eye Daisy - punchy, showy white lights, their tall skyscraper-like flowers offer safe landing platforms that attract most of the high flyers of the insect world.



Visit soon!

Ruth, Volunteer Pocket Park Coordinator - [Ruth.rolls@gmail.com](mailto: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

### SCAM-WATCH

Villagers have been receiving a scam email purporting to be from OFGEM, asking you to set up a direct debit which will provide you with a £250 refund on Council tax plus a cashback. **BE WARNED IT IS FAKE!**

*And from Glyn Lewis (Neighbourhood Watch): "The cordless Dyson vacuum cleaner stored in the church has gone missing. I don't really want to think it has been stolen but every enquiry so far amongst those who clean the church or on the PCC have no idea where it might be. On the off chance that anyone on the NHW mailing list has some knowledge I'm asking the question. Here's hoping".*

### 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.

### CHURCH CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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01604 328629 [caroline\\_burnett@btinternet.com](mailto:caroline_burnett@btinternet.com);

Assistant Curate: Rev'd Clare Glover

07912 188359 [revclare@icloud.com](mailto:revclare@icloud.com)

The Uplands Group Office: [uplandsgrouppoffice@gmail.com](mailto:uplandsgrouppoffice@gmail.com);

Website: [www.uplandsgrouppchurches.org.uk](http://www.uplandsgrouppchurches.org.uk)

BBC

THE QUEEN'S  
PLATINUM JUBILEE  
2022

EVENTS  
PRODUCTIONS

## PLATINUM PARTY AT THE PALACE

SATURDAY 4TH JUNE

QUEEN + ADAM LAMBERT

JAX JONES MABEL

STEFFLON DON ELBOW

CRAIG DAVID GEORGE EZRA

LORD ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER

MIMI WEBB LIN-MANUEL MIRANDA

SIR ELTON JOHN

DIVERSITY SAM RYDER

SIR ROD STEWART

ANDREA BOCELLI DURAN DURAN

NILE RODGERS ALICIA KEYS

HANS ZIMMER CELESTE

SIGALA & ELLA EYRE MICA PARIS

AND

DIANA ROSS

PERFORMANCES BY THE CASTS OF  
THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA; HAMILTON; SIX; THE LION KING,  
JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNOLOUR DREAMCOAT & THE ROYAL BALLET

Saturday 4th June from 8pm **Party at the Palace** live streamed on the big screen in the Village Hall —bar available. Come along and enjoy good company and a great line-up, tickets free.