

CHURCH NOTICES FOR FEBRUARY

Forthcoming Event – It is hoped that the Church Fête will be resurrected this year and kindly hosted by Colin and Emma at Torch Hill Farm on August 5th. There will be a preliminary meeting on February 20th in St DENYS Church at 7.00 pm. All are welcome to come along and discuss this going forward.

Church Yard – Polite Reminder - Christmas floral decorations should now be removed from Grave Spaces, otherwise they will be tidied away in due course.

Youth Church. - This meets every Saturday Evening between 5.00 pm and 7.00 pm in Guilsborough Church for Food, Fun and Worship. All are welcome!

THE LENT LUNCH

The Lent lunch, a simple meal of homemade soups followed by coffee and cake, will be on 9 March in Ravensthorpe Village Hall from 12 to 1.30

Lent is a quiet, reflective time in the Church; a time of restraint. Lent is the forty days before Easter when Jesus went into the wilderness to pray and to think about his fate. The first day of Lent, Ash Wednesday, is preceded by shrove Tuesday when we traditionally eat up excess food in the home in preparation for Lent. In days of old people did not eat meat, poultry and dairy foods during Lent and today we often give up foods we like for the forty days

Thinking of those without, there will be a collection at the Lent lunch of tinned foods and non-perishable goods to go to a local food bank.

Do come and join us for this meal!

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CHURCH SERVICES: RAVENSTHORPE & UPLANDS GROUP OF CHURCHES — FEBRUARY 2023

	Location	Service Type	Time	Flowers
Sunday 5 February	Ravensthorpe	Book of Common Prayer—Communion (CB)	8.30am	Sally Marsh
	Other Churches/ Services	Cottesbrooke (11.00am BCP Communion) AT/SL; Creton (9.30am BCP Communion) AT/SL; Guilsborough (11.00am CW Communion) CB; Spratton (11.00am Worship for All) DS/JE; Thomby (9.30am BCP Communion) CG.		
Sunday 12 February	10.00am GROUP SERVICE Hollowell (CB/JCP)			
Sunday 19 February	Ravensthorpe	Common Worship Communion	9.30am	Sally Marsh
	Other Churches/ Services	Creton (9.30am CW Communion) CB; Guilsborough (9.30am BCP Communion) CG; Brunch@11 Village Hall; 5.00pm BCP Evensong SL/AT; Hollowell (11.00am BCP Morning Prayer) MBB; Spratton (8.30am BCP Communion) SL/AT.		
Wednesday 22 February Ash Wednesday	Other Churches/ Services	Guilsborough (9.30am Communion CB); Spratton (Hall School Service, AT).		
Sunday 26 February	Ravensthorpe	11.00am Worship for All (AT)		Sally Marsh
	Other Churches/ Services	Cold Ashby (9.30am BCP Communion) (SL/AT); Guilsborough (9.30am CW Communion JCP); Hollowell (11.00am CW Communion CG); Spratton (11.00am CW Communion JCP).		



PLAYING FIELD LOTTERY

The winner of the 2022 Playing Field £100 lottery Xmas draw was Shirley Blakelock. Shirley has been a great supporter of the Playing Field lottery for many years, but without previous luck. Congratulations Shirley!

The winner of the January 2023 draw (£50) was Shirley Blakelock. Shirley hadn't won anything on the PF lottery since the previous week! The January runners-up prize (£20) went to Mike & Jackie O'Donnell.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Playing Field lottery over the past year. It is crucial to the upkeep of the field and the Children's Play Area.

PLAYING FIELD AGM: KEY OFFICERS FOR 2023

The 2022 Playing Field AGM, delayed due to diary clashes for key officers, was held on January 24th at the Pavilion. The key officers who were re-elected were Adam Gooch (Chairman), Kieren Cooper (Treasurer) and Simon Cooper (Secretary). We are very grateful for the time and commitment that they, and our other volunteers, give to keep the Playing Field & Children's Play Area running for use of the village. It is not a public park, receives no public funding and relies entirely on voluntary help and fundraising.

KEY DATES FOR 2023

- **Beer Festival: Friday evening 14 & Saturday 15 July;**
- **Bonfire Night: Friday 3 November.**

WORKING PARTY & CLEAR-UP DAYS FOR 2023

The Committee has ear-marked 3 working-party/tidy up Saturdays for 2023 (11-4, with "something social" attached): March 18th, June 10th and September 16th. Anyone who may be able to give a hand even for part of the day, will be most welcome. More detail will be provided prior to each of these dates.

The bonfire night in November raised (approx.) £1,000 towards the upkeep of the Field & Play Area. Thank you for your generosity.



RAVENSTHORPE
VILLAGE CINEMA

Ravensthorpe Village Hall
Doors Open 7.00pm: Tickets £7 (& £5 for students)
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 7 FEBRUARY 7.00 for 7.30:

THE BANSHEES OF INISHERIN

Mainstream Cinema:

Martin McDonagh has returned to familiar terrain for his fourth and most commanding film set in 1923 on a fictional island off the Irish west coast.

Every day at 2pm, dairy farmer Pádraic (Colin Farrell) calls on his best friend, Colm (Brendan Gleeson), and the two head to the pub. They're a chalk-and-cheese pair but circumstance has made them inseparable. But today, when Pádraic knocks, Colm simply sits in his chair, smoking, having decided to cut Pádraic out of his life. "I just don't like you no more," he tells him callously. As tension between Colm and Pádraic intensifies, the feud is soon the talk of the pub and the dialogue has the hallmarks we would expect from the writer of the Oscar-winning *Three Billboards*.

Meanwhile, across Galway Bay the Civil War is raging — and this backdrop is key to how *The Banshees of Inisherin* stealthily unfurls into an allegorical film that's much more than a black comedy about a break-up between friends.

"Tragedy and comedy are perfectly paired in this latest jet-black offering from Martin McDonagh..... a strong contender for the Oscars' best picture race." (The Guardian). "It is, in the end, a perfectly formed piece. It's visually stunning and consistently witty while being unafraid to ask serious questions about life as it is, and should be, lived." (The Times).



TUESDAY 21 FEBRUARY 7.00 for 7.30:

OFFICIAL COMPETITION

Cinephile Cinema

A pharmaceuticals billionaire decides to launder a tainted reputation and reframe his legacy by bankrolling a piece of great cinema. To this end, a much-loved novel is bought and a team of top film-making talent assembled — headed by a critically acclaimed but notoriously outré director Lola Cuevas (Penelope Cruz). She hires global film star Felix Rivero (Antonio Banderas) to star, with Ivan Torres (Oscar Martinez) from the more scholarly realm of acting cast as co-lead. In the film, they are to play two brothers who hate each other but are in love with the same woman.

Lola pits the two actors against one another to get to the psychological truth of the piece. She's got a cruel streak, and both men are at her mercy. They take an immediate and visceral dislike to each other but agree on one thing — they find the strict control of the eccentric Cuevas increasingly annoying. But eventually events take a turn out of her control.

"Penelope Cruz is a deadpan dream in this wicked film world satire." (The Guardian). "Cruz.... has rarely been stronger on screen, as an idiosyncratic martinet who nonetheless finds moments of genius and tenderness between her leading men. A blast." (The Times)



RAVENSTHORPE VILLAGE HALL: WHAT'S ON IN FEBRUARY?

Wed 1	10.30am	MORNING COFFEE	All welcome!
	2.00pm	Short Mat Bowling	Lin 07557 396627
Thursday 2	9.30am	Pilates with Sophie	07764 586990
	2.15-4pm	"CRAFTERNOON"	Call Di 770482, Pauline 770634
	6pm-7pm	Shotokan Karate Juniors	Andy 07891 132675
Sunday 5	9.30am	Shotokan Karate Seniors	Andy 07891 132675
Monday 6	9.30am	Elizabeth Reader Pilates	07810 235258
Tuesday 7	2pm	Afternoon Bridge Club	Bernadette 770424
	7pm	Village Cinema presents: <i>The Banshees of Inisherin</i> . See box.	
Wed 8	2.00pm	Short Mat Bowling	Lin 07557 396627
Thurs 9	9.30am	Pilates with Sophie	07764 586990
	2.15-4pm	"CRAFTERNOON"	Call Di 770482, Pauline 770634
	6pm-7pm	Shotokan Karate Juniors	Andy 07891 132675
Saturday 11	9.00am	Ladies Circuit Workout with Tammy	07793 917493
Sunday 12	9.30am	Shotokan Karate Seniors	Andy 07891 132675
Monday 13	9.30am	Elizabeth Reader Pilates	07810 235258
Tuesday 14	2pm	Afternoon Bridge Club	Bernadette 770424
Wed 15	10.30am	MORNING COFFEE	All welcome!
	2.00pm	Short Mat Bowling	Lin 07557 396627
Thurs 16	9.30am	Pilates with Sophie	07764 586990
	2.15-4pm	"CRAFTERNOON"	Call Di 770482, Pauline 770634
	6pm-7pm	Shotokan Karate Juniors	Andy 07891 132675
	7.45pm	WL- Women in the RNLI—Major Mike Adcock.	
Saturday 18	9.00am	Ladies Circuit Workout with Tammy	07793 917493
Sunday 19	9.30am	Shotokan Karate Seniors	Andy 07891 132675
Monday 20	9.30am	Elizabeth Reader Pilates	07810 235258
	2.00pm	<i>The Art of Scandinavia—a course presented by Pro Artium (see box).</i>	
Tuesday 21	2pm	Afternoon Bridge Club	Bernadette 770424
	7pm	Village Cinema presents: <i>Official Competition</i> (see box).	
Wed 22	2.00pm	Short Mat Bowling	Lin 07557 396627
Thursday 23	9.30am	Pilates with Sophie	07764 586990
	2.15-4pm	"CRAFTERNOON"	Call Di 770482, Pauline 770634
	6pm-7pm	Shotokan Karate Juniors	Andy 07891 132675

Friday 24	9.30am	"Raven Tots"	Email alina@cooper.bio
Saturday 25	9.00am	Ladies Circuit Workout with Tammy	07793 917493
Sunday 26	9.30am	Shotokan Karate Seniors	Andy 07891 132675
Monday 27	9.30am	Elizabeth Reader Pilates	07810 235258
	2.00pm	<i>The Art of Scandinavia</i>	Mo Cobbe 01604 328822
Tuesday 28	2pm	Afternoon Bridge Club	Bernadette 770424

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www.facebook.com/RVHall**

A note for your diary!

On Friday March 10th at 7pm

The RVH Quiz Night!

Supper will be served.

Licensed Bar!

Full information & tickets available –
from February 12th

Art of Scandinavia

This course, will be presented at the Ravensthorpe Village Hall each Monday at 2.00pm for five weeks, starting 20th February. Fee: £30. Lecturer: Pro Artium

From the Vikings and their work in wood and metal, through the age of the Hanseatic League and its international connections to famous individuals such as Munch, Scandinavian Art is distinctive and surprising.

JUST A FEW PLACES REMAINING

Contact: Mo Cobbe at mo@mikecobbe.com
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COTTON END PARK

Co-op Community Fund supports village park

The committee of Cotton End Park in Long Buckby, well-known for its zipwire, wildlife area and community orchard, have been celebrating. They learned, just before Christmas, that they have benefited from the Co-op Community Fund, with a total donation of £6,486.76 raised by customers at the Co-op in Long Buckby over the last year.

Daniel Tabor, Chair of the Park Committee, said, 'We are overwhelmed by the support and generosity of the people of Long Buckby and surrounding villages. This is a tremendous result.'

Nick Roberts, Park Ranger, said, 'We can now proceed with our major project, the refurbishment of the play equipment, Phase 2. It is a very exciting project, and it will benefit families with young children.' This is planned to take place in 2023.

If you are travelling to Long Buckby from Ravensthorpe, Cotton End Park is on the right hand side before you enter the village. It is open all the year round and it is free to users. More information about the park can be found on the website: <https://longbuckbygreenspaces.com>



Buckby Library & Hub
for books & buzz

Update from Buckby Library & Hub

Book sale: on Saturday 25th February, 10am-2pm, we are having a book sale. Come and find your bargain reading. In the meantime, we have many books for sale on our outside trolleys and shelves in the refreshment area, as well as some new shelves of donated specialist education books. Prices start at 20p for children's books and 50p for adults.

Do you know about our **newspapers and magazines**? We have subscriptions to local newspapers, as well as the Daily Mail and the 'i', and the consumer magazine, Which?. We are also subscribing to The Week and The Week Junior. Sometimes we receive donated magazines, from gardening magazines to Private Eye. As well as our morning refreshments, there is a free hot drink stand from 12-4pm on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, so come and have cuppa and a browse!

Our **monthly films**: February's film is *Ticket to Paradise*, on Tuesday 28th. 'Two divorced parents who can't stand each other go to Bali when their daughter announces she is marrying an islander she met on holiday....' Tickets are £6, at the library and the Peephole (in Long Buckby High Street). Doors open 7-7.30pm and refreshments are available.

The **Long Buckby Medical Practice** is holding sessions on its electronic app services on Tuesday 7th February and 7th March, 3-4pm. Come and find out more.

Join the library in Long Buckby. Being a member means you can have a good read and access to library online resources for free. Next time you're in Long Buckby, come to the library to find out more and fill out a form with one of our dedicated volunteers.

<https://buckbylibraryhub.org>; phone: 01327 842591; email: info@buckbylibraryhub.org.

COMMUNITY BUS SERVICE

The pilot run of the community bus service from Ravensthorpe to Daventry and back, on Thursday 12th January, was very successful. The bus was full with 9 of the passengers from Ravensthorpe.



This service is free to anyone with a bus pass. From mid-February, regular weekly services will start, alternating between trips on Tuesdays to Rugby (Elliott's Field or Town Centre), and on Thursdays to Daventry. The bus returns after approximately 2 hours. This service is run by a social enterprise CommMiniBus and administered by volunteers. To find out more see the notice on the village noticeboard. To register to use the service ring Christine on 07899 845627 (9am to 12 noon) or email bookings@cmbus.org

PLEASE NOTE:

A volunteer is needed to administer the scheme in our group of villages—not an onerous job so if you have some spare time and would like to support this excellent scheme please also ring Christine to have a chat.

CRABTREE PIT POCKET PARK

Sat 4 Feb – 2pm to 4pm:

We'll be working on trimming the hedge and finishing off works on the woodland margins. Come prepared in suitable clothing and ideally bring some tools. Supervised children welcome. We'll bring the refreshments.

It's a great time of year to see the snowdrops in the pocket park lane then later primroses in the wood.

Ruth, Volunteer Pocket Park Coordinator –
ruth.rolls@gmail.com

WEST NORTHANTS CRIME FIGURES FOR 2022

A report by the West Northamptonshire Community Safety Partnership, circulated this week by Glyn Lewis, provides some interesting crime statistics for 2022. The unitary authority includes the town of Northampton, plus the districts of Daventry and South Northamptonshire.

For the year ending December 2022, the overall crime figure ("number of recorded crimes") for Daventry and South Northamptonshire was up by 5.1% on the previous year. For Northampton, the corresponding figure is 6.1%. "Violent crime" accounted for 44.4% of all recorded crime within Daventry and South Northamptonshire, and 42.8% in Northampton. . .

During the 12 months to December 2022, the number of recorded "rural crimes" increased by 9.9% from the previous year.

There are 74 wards within the authority overall and 24 wards within Daventry district, one of which is Ravensthorpe. Ravensthorpe shows the lowest number of recorded crimes (but not necessarily per head of population) for the whole authority. In the year ending December 2022, there were 35 cases of recorded crime in Ravensthorpe (compared with 54 in the previous year: a drop of 64.8%). 17 (48.6%) of the recorded crime cases in Ravensthorpe came under the heading of "violence".

MARJORIE ATKINSON (1921-2023)



As many will know, Marjorie passed away in January, aged 101. She has been a much loved stalwart of village life in Ravensthorpe for many years, having grown up as a farmer's daughter and one of eight siblings in north Shropshire.

Marj moved to Ravensthorpe in 1971 with her husband Frank, who passed away in 1995. Marj will be buried next to Frank

in St Denys' churchyard. Her funeral is to be held at 2.00pm on Thursday 23rd February.

PLEASE NOTE: the deadline for contributions to the March Newsletter will be slightly earlier than normal: **Tuesday 21 February**. Contributions to ravensthorpenewsletter@gmail.com. Queries to 07801 051 402.