

Lent Lunch

Ravensthorpe Village Hall on Thursday 9th March from 12 mid

A simple meal of homemade soup followed by coffee and cake. We are supporting the local food bank by donating dry or tinned foods. Cash donations for lunch will go to the Food Bank and the work of St Denys Church. All are welcome to this social meal. Any queries please contact Gill Douglas 01604 770541

Church Fete -

This will be going ahead on August 5th at Torch Hill Farm. The preliminary plans are well in hand. We are looking for volunteers to assist on the day with manning stalls and generally helping out! There is to be another meeting on Monday March 20th at 7.00 pm in St Denys Church. Refreshments are provided. Anyone with ideas for stalls or entertainment should contact Colin or Emma on wdctd@btinternet.com

Lent Study Group

Our Lent Course this year will be based loosely around the theme of the Stations of the Cross and tie in with the exhibition of Jacqui Parkinson's textile art exhibition 'The Journey' which will run in Spratton Church during Holy Week.

Jacqui is an internationally renowned artist and we are extraordinarily lucky to have the pieces in the Uplands group for the whole of Lent. Previously these pieces have been displayed in the great cathedrals of the land.

The course will run on Thursday evenings at Spratton Church starting with refreshments at 7.00pm for a prompt 7.30pm start. Dates: 23rd Feb then continuing on the 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th March. Each evening will focus on a different theme, drawn from the artworks: Lamb—Betrayal—Truth—Tears—Tomb—Crown.

All are most welcome. Please do pencil the dates of the course into your diaries.

Lent Book

The suggested reading for the season of Lent is *Walking the Way of the Cross* by Stephen Cottrell, Paula Gooder and Philip North.

Flower Donations

Lilies for Easter in St Denys church. If you would like to contribute towards the lilies at Easter, please leave your donation with Sally Marsh, New Barns, 18 High Street.

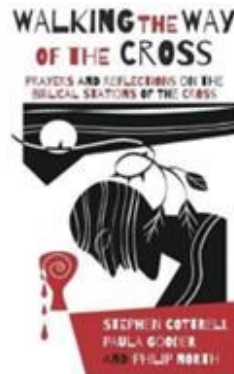
CHURCH CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Rev'd Allison Twigg 01604 846099 revallisontwigg@gmail.com;

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The Uplands Group Office: uplandsgroupoffice@gmail.com; Website: www.uplandsgroupchurches.org.uk



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

| | Location | Service Type | Time | Flowers |
|-------------------------------|--|---|--------|------------|
| Sunday 5 March | Ravensthorpe | Book of Common Prayer—Communion CB/ JL | 8.30am | No flowers |
| | Other Churches/ Services | Cottesbrooke (11.00am BCP Communion) AT; Creton (9.30am BCP Communion) AT; Guilsborough (11.00am C/W Communion) CG; Spratton (11.00am Worship for All) DS/JE; Thomby (9.30am BCP Communion) CB/ JL. | | |
| Sunday 12 March | 10.00am GROUP SERVICE Thomby (CG/ AT) | | | |
| Sunday 19 March | Ravensthorpe | Mothering Sunday Service (CG) | 9.30am | No flowers |
| | Other Churches/ Services | Creton (9.30am Mothering Sunday Service JCP); Guilsborough (11.00 Mothering Sunday Brunch in Church (AT); 5.00pm BCP Evensong JL/CB); Hollowell (11.00am Mothering Sunday Service JCP); Spratton (9.30am BCP Communion JL/ CB). | | |
| Sunday 26 March | Ravensthorpe | 11.00am Worship for All (AG). | | No flowers |
| | Other Churches/ Services | Cold Ashby (9.30am BCP Communion JL/ CB); Guilsborough (9.30am C/W Communion AT); Hollowell (11.00am C/W Communion AT); Spratton (11.00am C/W Communion JCP). | | |
| Sunday 2 April Palm Sunday | 10.00am GROUP SERVICE Spratton (AT/CG) | | | |

We are very much looking forward to hearing some interesting speakers in our new programme and we would love you to join us!

March 16th - AGM

April 20th - My life as a Wildlife Artist - Sarais Crawshaw

May 18th The History of Madam Tussauds and how waxworks are made - Lucy Swales

June 15th My work around the world in 6 objects - international aid work with Sue Lindley

July 20th Tai Chi for health, wellness and self-defence with Robert Agar-Hutton

September 21st From Vine to Wine with our local producer Liz Ellison.

October 19th Gildings Auction House Talk and Antiques quiz with Denise Cowling. **OPEN Meeting for all**

November 16th The Art of Needle felting and a chance to make your own felt robin

December 8th Christmas Party

Speakers for January & February 2024 to be added later.

In June we also have a guided visit around Guilsborough with Pam Townsend.

The annual membership is £46 and is due in April. Visitors are welcome at £5 (up to 3 visits a year).

If you would like to join us but your finances are a concern then we may be able to help. Gill Douglas has a fund available to support existing and new members with membership costs. Just contact Gill on 01604 770541 and have a chat or email gill.douglas27@gmail.com

A warm welcome awaits with fun and friendship - give the WI a try!

Maggie Lewis, Programme Secretary, 770458
maggielewisuk@gmail.com

Tricia Freeman, President, 770855.
tricia.freeman@btinternet.com

Playing Field Lottery

Playing Field Lottery Odds-200 winners for February:
Maggie & Glyn Lewis (£50); Gerard McCann (£20).
Thank you all for your support.

Audrey Backhouse, Thank You.

Howard and family wish to thank all who attended the services for Audrey. It was very comforting to know Audrey had so many caring friends.

Special thanks to Rev'd Allison for conducting the services so nicely and to Catty Moss and the choir members for their excellent contribution in the church, and of course for our kind friends for arranging the flowers.

For those who kindly contributed to the charities in place of flowers at the funeral, we are pleased to advise that you raised £240 for cancer research and £170 for Air Ambulance, so generous of you all.



Ravensthorpe Village Hall

Doors Open 7.00pm : Tickets £7 (& £5 for students)

Advanced booking & payments to reserve places is politely requested.

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

TUESDAY 7th MARCH 7.00 for 7.30:

THE OUTFIT

Mainstream Cinema:

The Academy Award winner writer Graham Moore (*The Imitation Game*) has co-written and directed *The Outfit*, a gripping crime thriller in which a tailor (Academy Award winner Mark Rylance (*Bridge of Spies*, *Wolf Hall*)) finds himself in the middle of a deadly war between rival Chicago mobsters.

Rylance plays Leonard Burling, a British tailor in Chicago, who owes much of his success to the patronage of the mob. He's assisted by receptionist Mable (Zoey Deutch), whom he sees as a daughter, who longs for better things and seems committed to doing whatever it takes to achieve them.

Leonard senses that an unexpected late-night visit by two young ambitious hoodlums does not bode well. Soon there's a dead body and a growing number of suspects. With a plot at various times redolent of Harold Pinter, Elmore Leonard and Roald Dahl, the film's action is all played out in Leonard's shop with numerous surprising twists and wry humour as the inscrutable Leonard's survival instincts kick in.

2022 105 mins Cert 15 4 Stars

"The *Outfit* follows a pattern set by countless gangster flicks of the past, but its freshness is in the intelligence and surprise of the script. Like a well-made suit, it's not old-fashioned — it's classic." (Empire)

"Rylance's tour de force, though frequently devastating, spills over with giddy humour. Rylance's film career, launched by *Bridge of Spies*, is going through an especially brilliant patch." (The Evening Standard)



TUESDAY 21st MARCH 7.00

for 7.30:

DECISION TO LEAVE

Cinephile Cinema

Haunted by tons of unresolved

murder cases that keep him

awake at night, brilliant Busan

detective Hae-Jun (Park Hae) is investigating a man's death in the

mountains when he meets the dead man's mysterious wife (Tang

Wei). As he digs deeper into the investigation, he finds himself

trapped in a web of deception and desire and something doesn't add

up. Has the dark-eyed widowed been toying with Hae-Jun from day one?

When forbidden feelings cloud judgement, how far is Hae-Jun willing to

go in the name of truth?

In Korean with English sub-titles

2022 139 mins Cert 15 4.5 Stars

"..... an outstanding cop movie with a gasp-inducing ending." (The Times)

"The shot-making is sensational, and the film knows it; a dizzyingly complex drama with an eye for 'Vertigo'." (The Telegraph)

"... a stunningly shot, cleverly orchestrated and psychologically nimble tale, which single-handedly revitalises one of the hoariest subgenres of all." (Empire)



The deadline for contributions to the April Newsletter will be **Thursday 23 March**. Contributions to ravensthorpenewsletter@gmail.com. Queries to 07801 051 402. Many thanks! Ed.

RAVENSTHORPE VILLAGE HALL: WHAT'S ON IN MARCH?

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| Wed 1 | 10.30am | MORNING COFFEE | All welcome! | Wed 22 | 2.00pm | Short Mat Bowling | Lin 07557 396627 |
| | 2.00pm | Short Mat Bowling | Lin 07557 396627 | Thursday 23 | 9.30am | Pilates with Sophie | 07764 586990 |
| Thursday 2 | 9.30am | Pilates with Sophie | 07764 586990 | | 6pm-7pm | Shotokan Karate Juniors | Andy 07891 132675 |
| | 2.15-4pm | "CRAFTERNOON" | Call Di 770482, Pauline 770634 | Friday 24 | 9.30am | "Raven Tots" | Email alina@cooperbio |
| | 6pm-7pm | Shotokan Karate Juniors | Andy 07891 132675 | Sunday 26 | 9.30am | Shotokan Karate Seniors | Andy 07891 132675 |
| Sunday 5 | 9.30am | Shotokan Karate Seniors | Andy 07891 132675 | Monday 27 | 9.30am | Elizabeth Reader Pilates | 07810 235258 |
| Monday 6 | 9.30am | Elizabeth Reader Pilates | 07810 235258 | Tuesday 28 | 2pm | Afternoon Bridge Club | Bernadette 770424 |
| | 2.00pm | Art of Scandinavia; Presented by Pro Artium | Mo Cobbe Fully Booked. | Wed 29 | 2.00pm | Short Mat Bowling | Lin 07557 396627 |
| Tuesday 7 | 2pm | Afternoon Bridge Club | Bernadette 770424 | Thursday 30 | 9.30am | Pilates with Sophie | 07764 586990 |
| | 7pm | Village Cinema presents: <i>The Outfit</i> . See box. | | | 2.15-4pm | "CRAFTERNOON" | Call Di 770482, Pauline 770634 |
| Wed 8 | 2.00pm | Short Mat Bowling | Lin 07557 396627 | | 6pm-7pm | Shotokan Karate Juniors | Andy 07891 132675 |
| Thurs 9 | 9.30am | Pilates with Sophie | 07764 586990 | | 7.15 | Speakers Corner presents Dr Izabella Robinson: <i>Northampton's Victorian Philanthropists</i> . See Box | |
| | 12.00-2.00 | Lent Lunch (see Church Notices) | | <div style="text-align: center;">  <h3>QUIZ AND CURRY NIGHT</h3> <p>Friday March 10th From 7pm. Quizmaster: Bob Armstrong</p> <p>Ticket £10 per person* Curry Supper included. Licensed Bar.</p> <p>A fun night out with Quiz & Curry for teams of 4 to 8. For further info & team registration, contact Chrissie: 07507 895 383 or bookings@rvhall.online</p> </div> | | | |
| | 2.15-4pm | "CRAFTERNOON" | Call Di 770482, Pauline 770634 | | | | |
| | 6pm-7pm | Shotokan Karate Juniors | Andy 07891 132675 | | | | |
| Friday 10 | 7.00pm | Quiz & Curry Night (see box) | Call Chrissie 07507895383 | | | | |
| Sunday 12 | 9.30am | Shotokan Karate Seniors | Andy 07891132675 | | | | |
| Monday 13 | 9.30am | Elizabeth Reader Pilates | 07810 235258 | | | | |
| | 2.00pm | Art of Scandinavia; Presented by Pro Artium | Mo Cobbe 01604 328822 Fully Booked. | | | | |
| Tuesday 14 | 2pm | Afternoon Bridge Club | Bernadette 770424 | | | | |
| Wed 15 | 10.30am | MORNING COFFEE | All welcome! | | | | |
| | 2.00pm | Short Mat Bowling | Lin 07557 396627 | | | | |
| | 7.30pm | Ravensthorpe Parish Council | | <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>ON Thursday 30th March at 7.45pm Dr Izabela Robinson will talk about Two of Northampton's important Victorian philanthropists Lady Wantage and Alfred Cockerill. Ravensthorpe Village Hall £6 a ticket Tea/Coffee and bar open Book at www.rvhall.online or ring 01604 7770482</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div> </div> | | | |
| 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 | W/L AGM | | | | | |
| Sunday 19 | 9.30am | Shotokan Karate Seniors | Andy 07891132675 | | | | |
| Monday 20 | 9.30am | Elizabeth Reader Pilates | 07810 235258 | | | | |
| | 2.00pm | The Art of Scandinavia—a course presented by Pro Artium. Mo Cobbe 01604 328822 | | | | | |
| Tuesday 21 | 2pm | Afternoon Bridge Club | Bernadette 770424 | | | | |
| | 7pm | Village Cinema presents: <i>Decision to Leave</i> (see box). | | | | | |



Update from Buckby Library & Hub

World Book Day is Thursday March 2nd. As well as RhymeTime (10.30-11.00), there will be a Story and Craft session from 3.45-4.30pm. You need to book for Story and Craft (see our contact details below). Both sessions invite a £1 donation per child; all ages welcome. We're also launching our children's loyalty scheme – a sticker on a special bookmark each time children come to the library; with 5 stickers, they can choose a book to keep!

International Women's Day: We're holding a celebratory event with inspirational women working in business, health and education from Long Buckby and beyond. Come and hear them in our refreshment area on Saturday March 4th between 10am-12.30pm. The event is free; donations welcomed and refreshments will be available. You need to book, as space is limited. Please see our contact details.

New for March: Art & Craft Drop In! As well as the growing weekly Art Club on Tuesday afternoons (2-4pm), new for March onwards is a monthly drop-in session starting on Saturday March 11th and thereafter on the second Saturday of the month (except April/Easter). Have fun being creative, either doing your own thing with your own materials or joining an activity! Children are welcome with an accompanying adult. £5 per participant.

More art: In March, there will be an exhibition of paintings by Long Buckby artist, Anna Langton. The artist will also be selling her pictures – come along and see.

Films in March and April: March's film is *The Lost King* on Tuesday 28th. Doors open 7-7.30. Our final film in the autumn-winter series is on April 11th when we are showing *Dream Horse*. This will be at the later time of 8pm (doors open 7.30). All films are £6; refreshments available.

Long Buckby Ukulele Group: this popular group will be providing an evening of musical entertainment on Thursday, March 30th, 7.30-9pm. Come along for a relaxing evening. It's free but donations welcomed. Refreshments available. **Space is limited so please contact us to reserve your place – details below.**

Quiet times at the library: do you like a little peace and quiet just to browse and read? Our new quiet time is Thursday 1-3pm. Come and give yourself a break!

w: <https://buckbylibraryhub.org>; t: 01327 842591;
e: info@buckbylibraryhub.org

Crabtree Pit Pocket Park Pocket Park Wildlife Session

Sat 4 March - 2pm to 4pm

Snowdrop splitting, finishing woodland work, strimming wood glade and clear around hedgerow saplings.

Gender is on the agenda

It's the time of year for trees to start to flower. Many typical plants, as you'll remember from school biology days, have male and female parts within one flower, anthers and stigma. However, many people aren't aware that some plants like nettles, and trees such as holly, yew, black poplar and ash* are 'dioecious' i.e. trees have either male flowers or female flowers. Also some trees have male and female flower parts that are on separate places on the same tree. These are known as 'monoecious'. For example, in hazels the male flowers are catkins releasing pollen in the wind and the female flowers are tiny red like sea anemones on the twigs and branches. Other trees that are similar are alder, oak, beech, and birch.

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

Platinum Jubilee funds

After our celebrations last June there was a surplus left over after all costs had been met. The volunteers discussed spending this on something that "would provide a lasting memory for the village". One thing that was very popular was planting some trees to add to the Queen's Green Canopy Scheme.

On Saturday 18th February an *Acer Campestre* Queen Elizabeth was planted at the bottom of the West Haddon Road. Two more trees will be planted during March - a *Pyrus* "Chanticleer" will be planted behind the memorial bench dedicated to Eric Hickman, on the corner of Scott Close, and a *Hornbeam* will be planted at the top of the East Haddon Road not far from the bench just below Long Lane. If anyone, particularly children, would like to help with the planting of the *Pyrus*, please leave a text message on my phone with contact details and I will respond once a date has been agreed - 07873 271126

We also plan to install a bench in memory of the Jubilee and within the next couple of months the booklet "Ravensthorpe 1952-2022" should be available for purchase.

Thank you
Di Hayes



*Pictured are three generations of the Rolls/Douglas family (with Jean & Richard Wiseman) helping to get our Jubilee tree planting under way. An *Acer Campestre* Queen Elizabeth now graces the verge at the end of West Haddon Road. Hazel and Douglas Rolls were our able helpers and did a grand job". (Jean)*

Easter Eggs & More

Good Friday (7th April)

Guilsborough Village Hall 10am to 12 noon (drop in anytime)

Easter crafts & activities for adults & children.

Easter Story & Songs

Hot cross buns, children's snacks, & hot & cold drinks



Run jointly by the MMM and Uplands Group Churches teams