

Church Notices

Church Yard - Now that Christmas is over, please may we request that all Christmas floral arrangements be removed from the grave spaces.

Soup Lunch - Date for the diary - there will be a soup lunch in the Village Hall on 13th March from 12.00 - 2.00. We will also be collecting dry goods for the Food Bank so any contributions will be much appreciated.



Worship for All is an informal, all-age service which has plenty for children to get involved in, and which always starts with coffee & homemade cake.

**11 am Sunday February 25
Ravensthorpe Church**



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CHURCH SERVICES: RAVENSTHORPE & UPLANDS GROUP OF CHURCHES — FEBRUARY 2024

	Location	Service Type	Time	Flowers
Sunday 4 February 2nd before lent	Ravensthorpe	BCP Communion	8.30am	
	Other Churches/ Services	Cottesbrooke (11.00am BCP Communion); Coton (9.30am BCP Communion); Guilsborough (11.00am CW Communion); Spratton (11.00am Worship for All); Thornby (9.30am BCP Communion).		
Sunday 11 February Sunday before lent	Cottesbrooke	Group Service: 10.00am		
Wednesday 14 Feb Ash Wednesday	Guilsborough	Group Service: 9.30am. Holy Communion.		
Sunday 18 February	Ravensthorpe	CW Communion	9.30am	
	Other Churches/ Services	Coton (9.30am CW Communion); Guilsborough (Brunch@11, Village Hall; 5.00pm BCP Evensong); Spratton (8.30am BCP Communion).		
Sunday 25 February	Ravensthorpe	Worship for All	11.00am	
	Other Church Services	Cold Ashby (9.30am BCP Communion); Guilsborough (9.30am CW Communion); Hollowell (11.00am CW Communion); Spratton (11.00am CW Communion). . .		
Sunday 3 March	Ravensthorpe	BCP Communion	8.30am	
	Other Churches/ Services	Cottesbrooke (11.00am BCP Communion); Coton (9.30am BCP Communion); Guilsborough (11.00am CW Communion); Spratton (11.00am Worship for All); Thornby (9.30am BCP Communion).		

March Newsletter: the deadline is Friday, February 23rd. Contributions to ravensthorpenewsletter@gmail.com. For any queries, please contact Alan Worthington, 07801 051 402.

Playing Field lottery

Winners for December: Sally & Richard Marsh (£50); Georgina Ellis (£20). **January winners:** Mark Taylor (£50); Sarah Given (£20). **Xmas Jackpot winners (£100):** Hilary & Mark Bent.

Thank you all for your support. .



**The Percival Guildhouse:
Adult Education & Arts**

A DAY WITH A DIFFERENCE

Can a day in your life make a difference for the good? Well, there's every chance if you explore the inviting Saturday dayschools being run at The Percival Guildhouse in Rugby in March.

These days social media is alive with stories of women artists who've gone unnamed and unrecognised for centuries. So, David Price's Women Writers, Artists and Musicians in the Shadows in the 19th century dayschool is really timely.

Also on offer on 9th March are courses on Tracing Your Irish Ancestry, Letter Carving in Wood, Crochet, Italian Culture (no language knowledge necessary), and an Introduction to Modern Calligraphy.

For full details of all courses, plus timings and cost, please visit: www.percival-guildhouse.co.uk or phone 01788 542467.

The Percival Guildhouse is the only Independent Centre for Adult Education & the Arts in Warwickshire and is a self-supporting charity.



Valentine's Menu

There will be a special Valentine's menu available for Wednesday 14th February —to enquire or reserve a table, telephone 01604 770379 or email: pubchequers@gmail.com.

The team at the Chequers would like to thank everyone for supporting us a Christmas & New Year.



The 'Chequers Crew' celebrating New Year 2024!



Thursday 15th February 7.45pm
Ravensthorpe Village Hall

Northants Search & Rescue

Thursday February 15th our talk will be on the work of **NORTHANTS SEARCH AND RESCUE**. They are a voluntary group who assist the police to locate a missing person. The meeting opens at 7.45pm and the talk 'Between Sea and Mountains' will be given by John Brown and Ally Grant (emergency permitting!) Visitors are welcome and pay £5 to include refreshments.

Maggie Lewis



**RAVENSTHORPE
VILLAGE CINEMA**

Tickets £7. Go to: rvhall.onlinecinema;
email: cinema@rvhall.online; or telephone Mike & Mo Cobbe
01604 328822

Mainstream Tuesday 6th February: 7.30pm Doors Open 7.00pm:

Oppenheimer

Christopher Nolan's film's focus is the theoretical physicist who "fathered" the atomic bomb. He is played by Cillian Murphy (*Peaky Blinders*, *The Wind that Shakes the Barley*) The film covers the distinct periods of his development from a student to celebrated physicist, his recruitment in 1943 by Lt Gen Leslie Groves (Matt Damon) to lead the Manhattan Project (the creation of the bomb), and his post-war attempts to curb the nuclear arms race, which led the US Atomic Energy Commission to investigate his alleged communist leanings.



These episodes are interspersed with scenes from his relationship with Jean Tatlock (Florence Pugh) and his marriage to long-suffering Kitty (Emily Blunt) as well as his difficult relationship with the resentful head of the Atomic Energy Commission Lewis Strauss (Robert Downey Jr).

"A masterfully constructed character study from a great director operating on a whole new level." (Empire).

Cinephile: Tuesday 20th February 7.30pm Doors Open 7.00pm:

Past Lives

Korean-Canadian writer-director Celine Song's tremendous feature debut is a wistful drama of longing and human connection between childhood sweethearts separated by fate and thousands of miles.



After years apart, Nora (Greta Lee), a South Korean woman now living in New York reconnects online with the man, Hae Sung (Teo Yoo), who was once her closest childhood friend. Twenty years after their separation, when Nora is married to a Jewish New Yorker and successful writer, Arthur (John Magaro), they are reunited for one fateful week as they confront notions of love and destiny and Nora wrestles with the competing emotions of her Korean and American selves.

In English and Korean with sub-titles

"A transcendent debut for South Korean-Canadian filmmaker Celine Song, this romantic drama is a masterclass in slow, simmering storytelling." (Empire)

"Oscar-tipped drama is original, wry and hauntingly tender" (Evening Standard)

RAVENSTHORPE VILLAGE HALL: WHAT'S ON IN FEBRUARY?

For more information visit

www.rvhallonline.co.uk

Thursday 1	9.30am	Pilates with Sophie	07764586990	Wed 21	10.30am	MORNING COFFEE	All welcome!
	2.15-4pm	"CRAFTERNOON"	Call Di 770482, Pauline 770634		2pm	Short Mat Bowling	Lin 07557 396627
	6pm-7pm	Shotokan Karate Juniors	Andy 07891 132675		7.30pm	Ravensthorpe Parish Council	
Sunday 4	9.30am	Shotokan Karate Seniors	Andy 07891 132675	Thursday 22	9.30am	Pilates with Sophie	07764 586990
Monday 5	9.30am	Elizabeth Reader Pilates	07810 235258		2.15-4pm	"CRAFTERNOON"	Call Di 770482, Pauline 770634
	2pm	ACE Course: <i>History of Medicine</i>	01604 328822		6pm-7pm	Shotokan Karate Juniors	Andy 07891 132675
Tuesday 6	2pm	Afternoon Bridge Club	Bernadette 770424	Sunday 25	9.30am	Shotokan Karate Seniors	Andy 07891 132675
	7pm	Village Cinema: <i>Oppenheimer</i> (See box).		Monday 26	9.30am	Elizabeth Reader Pilates	07810 235258
Wed 7	10.30am	MORNING COFFEE—All welcome!			2pm	ACE Course: <i>History of Medicine</i>	See Box.
	2pm	Short Mat Bowling	Lin 07557 396627	Tuesday 27	2pm	Afternoon Bridge Club	Bernadette 770424
Thursday 8	9.30am	Pilates with Sophie	07764 586990	Wednes 28	2pm	Short Mat Bowling	Lin 07557 396627
	2.15-4pm	"CRAFTERNOON"	Call Di 770482, Pauline 770634	Thursday 29	9.30am	Pilates with Sophie	07764 586990
	6pm-7pm	Shotokan Karate Juniors	Andy 07891 132675		2.15-4pm	"CRAFTERNOON"	Call Di 770482, Pauline 770634
Sunday 11	9.30am	Shotokan Karate Seniors	Andy 07891132675		6pm-7pm	Shotokan Karate Juniors	Andy 07891 132675
Monday 12	9.30am	Elizabeth Reader Pilates	07810 235258				
Tuesday 13	2pm	Afternoon Bridge Club	Bernadette 770424				
Wed 14	2pm	Short Mat Bowling	Lin 07557 396627				
Thursday 15	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	WI: Northants Search & Rescue	Tricia 01604 770855				
Sunday 18	9.30am	Shotokan Karate Seniors	Andy 07891132675				
Monday 19	9.30am	Elizabeth Reader Pilates	07810 235258				
	2pm	ACE Course: <i>History of Medicine</i>	01604 328822				
Tuesday 20	2pm	Afternoon Bridge Club	Bernadette 770424				
	7pm	Village Cinema: <i>Past Lives</i>	See Box.				

Baby Jools & The Jazzaholics



"Undoubtedly the best jazz band around today" - *The Jazz Review.*

Founded by the dynamic young drummer Julian Aldridge, the Jazzaholics is one of the busiest and most exciting bands on the British club and festival circuit, featuring a stellar line up and providing some of the best in New Orleans jazz plus an entertaining segment on early blues and skiffle featuring guitar & banjo specialist Warren "Lonnie" James.

Ravensthorpe Village Hall - 8.00pm on 22nd March 2024

Admission £15—Tickets on sale from 23rd February

For details and booking go to

<https://www.rvhall.online/rvh-live-and-events/> or

Telephone Mike Cobbe 01604 328822 or Email rvhlive@rvhall.online



Update from Buckby Library & Hub

A Happy New Year to all! Many thanks for supporting your local community managed library during 2023 – we hope you will continue your support during 2024. All our regular library services and activities are on our website – please do have a browse.

Here are some of our forthcoming events.

Film nights: our next film is **The Miracle Club** on **Tuesday, February 27th**. "There's just one tantalising dream for the women of Ballygar to taste freedom: to win a pilgrimage to the sacred French town of Lourdes. Ballygar, Ireland, 1967. A hard-knocks community in outer Dublin marches to its own beat, rooted in traditions of loyalty, faith and togetherness. And with a little benevolent interference from their cheeky and rebellious priest, close friends Lily, Eileen, Dolly and Sheila are the 'lucky' few to win this ticket of a lifetime at their riotous local raffle night." Doors open 7pm for 7.30 start. Tickets £7 at the library or Peephole in the High Street in Long Buckby. Refreshments available.

WNC drop-in sessions: West Northants Council advisers come in once a month on a Friday morning at **10.30am** for members of the public to ask anything or raise any issues. The next session will be on **9th February**.

Future sessions are 8th March, 10th May and 14th June.

Booksale: We are having a book sale on **Saturday, March 2nd, 10am-2pm**. Come along and find all kinds of books whether fiction or non-fiction, for children or adults, at bargain prices!

International Women's Day: We will be holding a social event for International Women's Day on **Saturday, March 9th, 2-4.30pm**. The global theme this year is 'Inspire Inclusion'. Open to all, our event will focus on women's wellbeing. There will be presentations, information sessions, chats and demonstrations. We will also have a few tables selling good condition clothes, accessories and bric-a-brac. And there will be a raffle and refreshments, raising money for the library & hub. The full programme will be on our website and social media, as well as in the library. Free entry, no tickets needed but donations welcome. Just come along and enjoy the afternoon.

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

COMMUNITY BUS SERVICE FROM RAVENSTHORPE TO DAVENTRY OR RUGBY/ELLIOTT'S FIELD.

The service is free to anyone with a bus pass. Regular weekly services run in the mornings on Tuesdays to Daventry or on Thursday to Rugby (Elliott's Field or town centre). Pick-up starts at 9.30am. The bus returns after approximately 2 hours. This service is run by a social enterprise - CommMiniBus and administered by volunteers.

Passengers need to register to use the service - ring 0333 188 0591 or email bookings@cmibus.org if you want to use the service you must also book for each trip. Upcoming Journeys:

Daventry – Tues 6th, 13th and 20th February
Rugby/ Elliott's Field - Thurs 29th February
Ravensthorpe contact Di Hayes 01604 770482

It's a great service, with helpful drivers, so please support it and help to keep it going.

January ducks,
Ravensthorpe Reservoir.



**Brunch
@11**
More than just
good food

Sunday 18 February
Gulbsborough Village Hall



**Northampton
Hope Centre**

*Supporting those who
face hardship, hunger
and homelessness.*

Please donate:
telephone 01604 1430
www.northamptonhopecentre.org.uk



TOP ARDLES WOOD

The Woodland Trust are happy to announce that we have a new volunteer Woodland Warden for Top Ardles and would like to thank Andy Slack for taking on this role. Andy will be an extra pair of eyes and ears on the ground, regularly visiting the woodland and reporting anything back to myself. Andy has also kindly offered to act as a local representative and contact point for the woodland and has offered his number for anyone with questions or concerns (01604 770015). As Andy is new to the role, I ask that you please don't overwhelm him with an excess of comments to begin with, whilst he gets to know the woodland, the Woodland Trust procedures and our management plans. Any questions regarding management and such can still be directed at myself via the operations@woodlandtrust.org.uk address.

Additionally, many of you will notice that we have had some more coppicing take place on site. Our regular contractors have started with some more of the willow, both from a visitor safety perspective and to diversify the structure of the woodland and support increased wildlife. A local coppicing group will hopefully be beginning on the hazel in February. To find out more about the works planned and the benefits of coppicing to the woodland, society and wildlife, please refer to the September 2023 copy of this newsletter.

Matt George
Woodland Trust - Site Manager