

NEWSLETTER

Local News from Ravensthorpe, Coton & Toton

CHURCH NOTICES

Mothering Sunday - There will be a Group Service on Mothering Sunday (10 March) at Guilsborough at 10.00 am. There will be some pots of primulas in the porch of St Denys, Ravensthorpe, so please help yourselves to give to Mothers, Grandmothers etc!

Palm Sunday is also a Group Service at Hollowell at 10.00.

St Denys Ravensthorpe will be hosting the **Good Friday Service 'Stations of the Cross'** at 2.00 pm.

All Benefice services can be seen on the Service Schedule.

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 (07902 299 768)

PARISH COUNCIL: ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting will take a different form this year. It will be held on Saturday morning 27th April with refreshments. We are hoping that a more informal social setting will encourage attendance and prove an interesting session informing you about the organisations in the village and what goes on.

ANNUAL VILLAGE LITTER PICK: SATURDAY MORNING 16 MARCH—all welcome! (see over)

RAVENSTHORPE VILLAGE HALL

13th March 2024

12-2pm



SOUP LENT LUNCH

Also Cake & Coffee

Adults £7, children free

(at the door)

Your kind donations of tinned & dried food will be collected for the Food Bank.

ALL WELCOME

CHURCH CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Rev'd Allison Twigg 01604 846099 revallisontwigg@gmail.com; Associate Priest: Rev'd Caroline Burnett 01604 28629 caroline_burnett@btinternet.com; Assistant Curate: Rev'd Clare Glover 07912 88359 revclare@icloud.com The Uplands Group Office: uplandsgroupoffice@gmail.com; Web site: www.uplandsgroupchurches.org.uk

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

	Location	Service Type	Time	Flowers
Sunday 3 March	Ravensthorpe	BCP Communion	8.30am	
	Other Churches/ Services	Cottesbrooke (11.00am BCP Communion); Coton (9.30am BCP Communion); Guilsborough (11.00am C/W Communion); Spratton (11.00am Worship for All); Thornby (9.30am BCP Communion).		
Sunday 10 March	Guilsborough	Group Service: 10.00am		
Sunday 17 March	Ravensthorpe	C/W Communion	9.30am	
	Other Churches/ Services	Coton (9.30am C/W Communion); Guilsborough (Brunch@11, Village Hall; 5.00pm Evensong); Spratton (8.30am BCP Communion).		
Sunday 24 March Palm Sunday	Hollowell	Group Service: 10.00am		
Thursday 28 March Maundy Thursday	Coton	7.30pm Group Service, Holy Communion		
Friday 29 March Good Friday	Ravensthorpe	2.00pm Group Service—Stations of the Cross.		
Sunday 31 March Easter Day	Ravensthorpe	11.00am: Holy Communion & Celebration of Easter.		
	Other Church Services	6.00am: Spratton—Dawn Service with First Fire of Easter, followed by cooked breakfast. 9.30am: Holy Communion & Celebration of Easter: Cold Ashby, Coton, Guilsborough, Thornby. 11.00am: Holy Communion & Celebration of Easter: Cottesbrooke, Hollowell, Spratton.		

Playing Field lottery

Winners for February: Karen & Dave Hastie (£50); Tony Phillips (£20); The Chequers Voucher: Simon Cooper.

Thank you all for your support. .



The Percival Guildhouse: Adult Education & Arts

NEVER TOO EARLY....FOR LEARNING FOR FUN

Too early to think about Summer? Surely not! Planning is in full swing at The Percival Guildhouse for summer term courses, day-schools and summer schools, with the term starting on 8th April.

Some new courses will be on offer alongside the usual languages, art and wellbeing courses. These include two new art classes on Pencil Portraits and Landscape Sketching, plus Crochet for Beginners and a new beginners French class.

Saturday day-schools will be held in both May and June, with May offering an enticing mix of art and craft, including book-making, a Matisse-inspired Summer Painting Workshop, Digital Photography for Beginners and Ukulele for Beginners.

Full details of all courses will be available on the Guildhouse website – www.percival-guildhouse.co.uk by mid-March or you can pick up a printed brochure from the Guildhouse in St Matthew's Street, Rugby (just next to the library) or call on: 01788 542467.

The Percival Guildhouse is the only independent non-vocational centre for adult education and the arts in Warwickshire.

Help with Mobility Issues

Helen Nottingham has very helpfully provided the following information:

There are a number of non-means tested (ie where your personal income is not assessed) help schemes for those with mobility issues which are sometimes overlooked.

1. Attendance allowance at either £68.10 or £101.75 a week to spend as you like towards personal support for those over state retirement age. To qualify you must need frequent help or supervision. The help does not have to be paid for, eg in some cases family members may already provide this. The higher amount can be claimed if 24 hour assistance is needed or in the final 12 months of life. Claims cannot be backdated, so the situation should be reviewed.
2. A blue badge can be claimed if you are blind or have mobility issues. This has the advantage of easier parking with wide spaces, often allocated at entrances to hospitals, shops etc, sometimes with free parking. The badge costs £10 for 3 years and can be used in any vehicle only when it is being used to transport the person shown on the badge.
3. The council can assess your home and install/mend free equipment, to make life easier eg grab rails, bathroom equipment, perches, chair raisers, walkers (including rollators which include a seat which can be useful when going short distances outside.)

Claims for the first 2 items can be done online, by yourself, family/friend or by helpers at the library. Further free help maybe available for those on low incomes.

Neighbourhood Watch & Police Liaison

Glyn Lewis is retiring as our NHW contact and Police Liaison rep:

"After over 10 years as NHW contact and lately PLR (police liaison rep) I think it's time to hang up my boots and devote more time to my dotage. I've informed the Parish Council that I will give up the post at the end of March.

"If anyone might be interested in taking on the role, feel free to talk about it with me or put your name forwards to Carol, the Parish Clerk.

Glyn Lewis 07872 910239 or 01604 770458.



RAVENSTHORPE

VILLAGE CINEMA

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

Mainstream Tuesday 12th March: 7.30pm. Doors Open 7.00pm: **One Life**

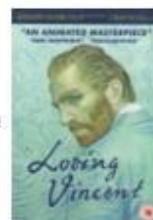
A stellar cast including Anthony Hopkins and Helena Bonham Carter pay tribute in this moving and dramatic film to the self-effacing 'British Schindler' who saved 669 Prague children from Hitler's forces.



Cineophile: Tuesday 26th March 7.30pm Doors Open 7.00pm:

Loving Vincent

This film is unique in using oil painted animation of scenes played by recognisable actors to bring to life famous paintings by Vincent van Gogh which are used to tell the story of a friend investigating the mystery of van Gogh's death. Not just a towering technical achievement but a visual feast.



"groundbreaking homage to Van Gogh - This animated biopic in oils captures every hue of the artist's maverick genius" (The Guardian)
"You get an indecently rich and visually sumptuous viewing experience that animates some of van Gogh's most famous paintings.
.....Just watch and enjoy." (The Times)

Ravensthorpe Village Hall Table Tennis Arrives March 8th



Would you like to play socially or competitively?
Senior or Junior, Expert or Novice.

On Friday 8th March, RVH will be open from
10am to Noon and 2pm to 5pm for a
"Table Tennis Introduction" Day.
All welcome.

Call 01604 771277

Email contact@rvhall.online

Txt 07710 813069

Newsletter deadline: the deadline for contributions to the April Newsletter is Saturday 23 March. Contributions to ravensthorpenewsletter@gmail.com or queries to Alan Worthington 07801 051402.

RAVENSTHORPE VILLAGE HALL: WHAT'S ON IN MARCH?

For more information visit

www.rvhallonline.co.uk

Sunday 3	9.30am	Shotokan Karate Seniors	Andy 07891 132675	Wed 20	7.30pm	Ravensthorpe Parish Council	
Monday 4	9.30am	Elizabeth Reader Pilates	07810 235258	Thursday 21	9.30am	Pilates with Sophie	07764 586990
	2pm	ACE Course: <i>History of Medicine</i>	01604 328822		2.15-4pm	"CRAFTERNOON"	Call Di 770482, Pauline 770634
Tuesday 5	2pm	Afternoon Bridge Club	Bernadette 770424		6pm-7pm	Shotokan Karate Juniors	Andy 07891 132675
Wed 6	10.30am	MORNING COFFEE—All welcome!			7.45pm	WI: AGM	Call Tricia 01604 770855
	2pm	Short Mat Bowling	Lin 07557 396627	Friday 22	2pm	NEW: Table Tennis	See box for more information
Thursday 7	9.30am	Pilates with Sophie	07764 586990		7pm	Jools & the Jazzaholics	See box
	2.15-4pm	"CRAFTERNOON"	Call Di 770482, Pauline 770634	Sunday 24	9.30am	Shotokan Karate Seniors	Andy 07891 132675
	6pm-7pm	Shotokan Karate Juniors	Andy 07891 132675	Monday 25	9.30am	Elizabeth Reader Pilates	07810 235258
Friday 8	2pm	NEW: Table Tennis	See box for more information		2pm	ACE Course: <i>History of Medicine</i>	See Box.
Sunday 10	9.30am	Shotokan Karate Seniors	Andy 07891132675	Tuesday 26	2pm	Afternoon Bridge Club	Bernadette 770424
Monday 11	9.30am	Elizabeth Reader Pilates	07810 235258		7pm	Village Cinema: <i>Loving Vincent</i>	See box.
Tuesday 12	2pm	Afternoon Bridge Club	Bernadette 770424	Wed 27	2pm	Short Mat Bowling	Lin 07557 396627
	7pm	Village Cinema: <i>One Life</i>	See box.	Thursday 28	9.30am	Pilates with Sophie	07764 586990
Wed 13	11am	LENT LUNCH	Call Gill 01604 770541		2.15-4pm	"CRAFTERNOON"	Call Di 770482, Pauline 770634
	2pm	Short Mat Bowling	Lin 07557 396627		6pm-7pm	Shotokan Karate Juniors	Andy 07891 132675
Thursday 14	9.30am	Pilates with Sophie	07764 586990	Friday 29	2pm	NEW: Table Tennis	See box for more
	2.15-4pm	"CRAFTERNOON"	Call Di 770482, Pauline 770634				
	6pm-7pm	Shotokan Karate Juniors	Andy 07891 132675				
Friday 15	2pm	NEW: Table Tennis	See box				
Sunday 17	9.30am	Shotokan Karate Seniors	Andy 07891132675				
Monday 18	9.30am	Elizabeth Reader Pilates	07810 235258				
	2pm	ACE Course: <i>History of Medicine</i>	01604 328822				
Tuesday 19	2pm	Afternoon Bridge Club	Bernadette 770424				
Wed. 20	10.30am	MORNING COFFEE All welcome!					
	2pm	Short Mat Bowling	Lin 07557 396627				



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

SADLY ... the Jazzaholics on Friday 22nd March are SOLD OUT!!



Update from Buckby Library & Hub

There's a lot going on in March! All welcome.

Saturday, March 2nd: Find your bargain books at our **special book sale**, 10am-2pm.

Thursday, March 7th: it's **World Book Day!** You can find resources for families here: <https://www.worldbookday.com/families/>.

Saturday, March 9th: Come to a social event focusing on women's wellbeing for **International Women's Day** on Saturday, March 9th, 2-4.30pm (doors open 1.45pm), with presentations, informal sessions and chats with local practitioners. There will be a few table sales plus a raffle and refreshments, raising money for the library & hub. The full programme is on the website - <https://buckbylibraryhub.org/fascinating-event-coming-up-in-the-hub/> - and also available in the library. No tickets needed but donations welcome.

Thursday, March 21st 7.30-9pm: the popular **Long Buckby Ukulele Group** will provide musical entertainment at our café style event. Doors open from 7pm. Refreshments available. Space is limited so please reserve your seats at the library or through the contacts below. Donations welcome.

Tuesday, March 26th, film night, 7.30pm: we will be showing **Jules:** 'A funny, wildly inventive ride as three neighbours find meaning and connection later in life – thanks to an unlikely stranger. Milton (Ben Kingsley) lives a quiet life of routine in a small western Pennsylvania town, but finds his day upended when a UFO crash lands in his backyard. Before long, Milton develops a close relationship with "Jules" Doors open at 7pm. Tickets £7 from the library or the Peephole in the High Street. Refreshments available.

Saturday, March 30th: Buckby Library & Hub and the Community Centre are holding a **Spring Fayre** at the Community Centre. Please check our website for further information.

Our March art exhibition: come and see paintings by local artist, Anna Langton, during our opening hours. The exhibition will continue throughout the month.

Do check our website for all our regular activities, including all those for children as well as adults. You can find our calendar here: <https://buckbylibraryhub.org/calendar/>.

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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 - Comm MiniBus and administered by volunteers. Passengers need to register to use the service - ring 0333 188 0591 or email bookings@cmbus.org. If you want to use the service you must also book for each trip.

Upcoming Journeys:

Daventry – Tues 5, 12, 19 March

Rugby/ Elliott's Field - Thurs 23rd March

Ravensthorpe contact Di Hayes 01604 770482

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

CRABTREE PIT POCKET PARK

Pocket Park Update

The late winter and spring flowers exchange floral smiles as they take their turn on the green stage, in the sunny limelight. First has been crocus in the meadow scene, followed by the wild daffodil then the magical blanket of cowslips in April, only a month away. So save some time in your diary.

In the lane, act one was the aconites, sharing the stage briefly with the moon-like glow of the snowdrops. Patches of primroses, then maybe a stilt walking foxglove or two will follow, before the bluebells, stitchwort and yellow archangels sing in the April choir.

We've two work sessions on Sunday 3rd March and 21st April from 10am to 12noon, before the summer break. Please join us in the Green Room to help set the scenes and work the props. crabtreepit@gmail.com



Note from the Parish Council

The **Annual Village Litter Pick** will be on **Saturday morning 16th March** – volunteers welcome – see notice board.

West Northants District Council has increased the **finest for littering and fly tipping** up to £500.

Street lights – a pole was hit by a vehicle and damaged. This is costing a significant sum to repair – we will be claiming on our insurance. It is the first light as you turn into Dairy Fields. If anyone knows anything about who did this or if anyone has any photos of the pole immediately after it was damaged – we would be grateful to hear from you.

To remind you that **electrical items** you no longer want can be recycled with the black bin collection. Just put the item(s) in a separate bag with the bin on collection day.

Di Hayes Chairman (01604 770482)

GUILSBOROUGH MUSIC & DRAMA SOCIETY PRESENTS

HOUSE GUEST

By Francis Durbridge

21-23 MARCH 2024

GUILSBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL

Bar opens 7pm; Performance starts 7.30pm

"A gripping and intense tale of love, intrigue and murder. This dark and exciting thriller will keep you on the edge of your seat".

Tickets from £10, from Karen 07981 754852 or
www.wegotickets.com/GMADS