

**CHURCH NOTICES**

On 15th February St Denys Ravensthorpe will welcome bellringers to ring a peal.

Please may we politely remind those who have placed Christmas wreaths on their loved one's grave stones to remove them as soon as possible. Thank you.

St Denys Ravensthorpe will be hosting the next Group Service of Holy Communion on February 8th at 10.00 am.

There will be no Youth Church during half term - 14th and 21st inclusive

Anyone who is a member of The Church of England may be included on The Electoral Roll and forms are available in church.

**CHURCH CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

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

**CHURCH SERVICES: RAVENSTHORPE & UPLANDS GROUP OF CHURCHES—FEBRUARY 2026**

	Location	Service Type	Time	Flowers
<b>Sunday 1 February</b>	<b>Ravensthorpe</b>	<b>BCP Communion</b>	<b>8.30am</b>	
	Other Churches/ Services	Cottesbrooke (11.00am BCP Communion); Creaton (9.30am BCP Communion); Guilsborough (11.00am CW Communion); Spratton (11.00am Worship for All); Thornby (9.30am BCP Communion).		
<b>Sunday 8 February</b>	<b>Ravensthorpe</b>	<b>Group Service</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	
	Other Churches/ Services	Guilsborough (3.00pm Songs of Praise)		
<b>Sunday 15 February</b>	<b>Ravensthorpe</b>	<b>CW Communion</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	
	Other Churches/ Services	Creaton (9.30am CW Communion); Guilsborough (11.00am Brunch@11; 6.00pm Even-song); Spratton (8.30am BCP Communion).		
<b>Wednesday 18 February</b>	<b>Guilsborough: Group Service 9.00am</b>			
<b>Sunday 22 February</b>	<b>Ravensthorpe</b>	<b>Worship For All</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	
	Other Churches/ Services	Cold Ashby (9.30am BCP Communion); Guilsborough (9.30am CW Communion); Hollowell (11.00am CW Communion); Spratton (11.00am CW Communion).		
<b>Sunday 1 March</b>	<b>Ravensthorpe</b>	<b>BCP Communion</b>	<b>8.30am</b>	
	Other Churches/ Services	Cottesbrooke (11.00am BCP Communion); Creaton (9.30am BCP Communion); Guilsborough (11.00am CW Communion); Spratton (11.00am Worship for All); Thornby (9.30am BCP Communion).		

## RAVENSTHORPE & COTON PARISH COUNCIL

We have just been through the budget-setting exercise for the 26-27 financial year. Having trundled along on an even keel for quite a few years, our small budget was hit by the expense of dealing with the beech tree which collapsed last summer. That led to us having a professional survey of the trees the PC is responsible for, and budgeting more for maintenance work over the coming months. There will be a small increase on what we take from the Council tax, but we've trimmed lines of expenditure as much as is reasonable to keep the increase to a minimum.

The Annual Village Meeting will be held on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April** in the Village Hall. This is your opportunity to hear from the PC, and other village organisations and groups, and offer your input. Coffee and cake will be free.

Diane Hayes  
Chair of the Parish Council

### COMMUNITY BUS SERVICE

The bus from West Haddon to Daventry via Guilsborough, Coton, Ravensthorpe and Long Buckby (No 52) picks up in Ravensthorpe at the bus shelter and at the bottom of the West Haddon Rd at approx 9.45am. It runs every 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in each month.

The Haddon Hopper normally runs to Rugby (Elliott's Field or town centre) on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month departing from the village at approximately 9.30am. Other destinations, such as Rushden Lakes, are added to the programme from time to time.

The website <https://cmbus.org/shopper-hopper/> For all trips the bus returns after approximately 2 hours. This service is run by a social enterprise - CommMiniBus and administered by volunteers. The service is free to anyone with a bus pass. There is a charge per single journey for anyone without a pass, I think it's currently £3. Passengers need to register to use the service - ring 0333 188 0591 or email [bookings@cmbus.org](mailto:bookings@cmbus.org) You must book for each trip. Ravensthorpe contact Di Hayes 01604 770482.

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



## HOLDENBY

The Magic Of Easter at Holdenby House 5<sup>th</sup> April - 6<sup>th</sup> April 2026  
Holdenby's **Magic of Easter** is the perfect family day out and has become one of the county's favourite ways to celebrate the Easter holidays — and this year it's even more magical!

Easter Egg Hunt with amazing £200 prize!  
Easter Market Stalls  
Icarus Falconry and Wildlife Displays  
Magician  
Alice in Wonderland Characters  
Lawn Games  
Children's crafts  
Face painting

Food court and Old Stable Tea Room  
**Open Sunday & Monday 11am-4pm**

**House open: Monday 12-3pm (last entry 2.30pm)**

To book tickets or for more information please visit our website:  
[www.holdenby.com](http://www.holdenby.com)



### CONCERNS REGARDING VILLAGE DEFIBRILLATOR



The village is at risk of losing its main defibrillator, located at the Chequers. Instigated by Martin Wilkes and the First Responders in 2017. It is quite possible that this will go out of commission early in April, as the company that made it has now ceased production for this model and its batteries and pads. As batteries and pads can't be sourced, the unit will be removed from the national database used by the ambulance service, once they expire in April.

Whilst there is another defibrillator at the Playing Field, callers to the ambulance service will only be directed to fetch a unit within 500 metres of the emergency. Another unit is located at Torquemeters but this is only showing as available during their office hours.

One suggestion is that the village can fund-raise to purchase a replacement - there will be further updates on this proposal soon..

### West Haddon Players Present *Look Behind the Curtain*

Discover what goes into putting on a play and try it yourself.

West Haddon Village Hall, The Green NN6 7AN

Admission free. Licensed Bar. One complimentary drink. Doors open from 7.00pm. 7.30pm start.

[www.ticketsource.co.uk/wessthaddon-players](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/wessthaddon-players)

Or contact Katie 07748 772847

## RAVENSTHORPE VILLAGE HALL

### WHAT'S ON IN FEBRUARY?

For more information visit [www.rvhall.online.co.uk](http://www.rvhall.online.co.uk)

ACE COURSES	<i>Impressionism &amp; Mid-Century Modernism. Mondays 2-4.</i>	
ARTS & CRAFTS	<b>CRAFTERNOON:</b> 2.15pm every Thursday.	Call Di 770482 or Pauline 770634.
BOWLING	<b>SHORT-MAT BOWLING</b> 2pm every Wednesday (except Wed 4th Feb.).	Call Lin 07557 396627
BRIDGE CLUB	2pm every Tuesday.	Call Bernadette 01604 770424
CINEMA	Tuesday 3rd & 17th. 7.30pm	See Box, right.
COFFEE MORNINGS	Wednesday Coffee Morning. 10.30—12.00 February 4th & 18th. All welcome.	
GAMING CLUB	Saturday 7 February. 7pm Raven Loonies Table-Top Gaming Club. For more visit <a href="https://ravenloonies.com">https://ravenloonies.com</a>	
NATIONAL THEATRE LIVE	Friday 27th February. <i>The Audience</i> . See Cinema box (right).	
PARISH COUNCIL	<b>RAVENSTHORPE &amp; COTON PARISH COUNCIL</b> Wednesday 18 February at 7.30pm	
PILATES	Paula Edmunds Pilates. 9.30am Every Monday.	Paula 07799 798424
	Pilates with Sophie: Every Thursday at 9.30am (except Nov 6th).	Call Sophie 07764 586990
SHOTOKAN KARATE	Every Sunday at 9.30 (Seniors); Every Thursday at 6pm (Juniors).	Call Andy 07891 132675
TABLE TENNIS	Mondays at 7pm; & Fridays at 2pm.	Call/ text 07710 813069
WI	Thursday 19 February at 7.45pm. See box. All welcome	Tricia 770855 Gill 770541



**TABLE TENNIS GROUP**  
RAVENSTHORPE VILLAGE HALL  
Over 18s only  
Call or message Andy:  
07725 746727

Every Monday 7pm-9pm  
Every Friday 2pm-4pm  
Free tea, coffee, biscuits  
Great social atmosphere  
All abilities welcome! - come and give it a try!  
Have fun, make friends and get active!

## RAVENSTHORPE VILLAGE HALL



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VILLAGE CINEMA

Tickets £7. Go to: [rvhall.online/cinema](http://rvhall.online/cinema);  
email: [cinema@rvhall.online](mailto:cinema@rvhall.online); or telephone  
Mike & Mo Cobbe 01604 328822

### Mainstream Feature Film

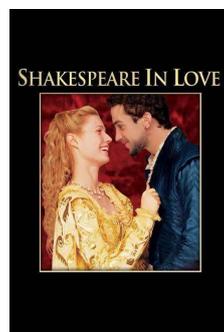
Tuesday 3 February 7.30-9.30pm

### Sir Tom Stoppard Tribute: *Shakespeare in Love*

Showing the inventiveness and wit of the late Tom Stoppard, this star-studded and seven Oscar winning comedy drama received overwhelming critical acclaim.

"Acclaimed as the wittiest romantic farce since "All's Well That Ends Well", and garlanded with Golden Globe awards, "Shakespeare In Love" has all the bases covered." (The Guardian)

"Endlessly witty, visually rapturous, and sweetly romantic, "Shakespeare in Love" is a delightful romantic comedy that succeeds on nearly every level." (Rotten Tomatoes Critics Consensus).



### Cinephile screening:

Tuesday 17 February 7.30pm

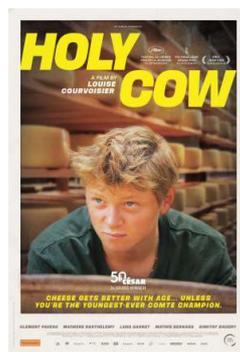
### *Holy Cow*

This is an affectionate look at the hardscrabble life of French agriculture in more remote communities. It is simultaneously a moving and funny love story which beat the Oscar heavyweights at the French box office.

In French with sub-titles.

"An 18-year-old from a family of comté-makers is left alone to look after his little sister in Louise Courvoisier's warm-hearted and optimistic drama" (The Guardian)

"Heartwarming, authentic and far from cheesy - the French loved this charming celebration of young love and artisanal cheese-making." (The Times)



Friday 27th  
February  
7.30pm

National  
Theatre  
Live

### *The Audience*

Returning to cinemas for the first time in over a decade, Helen Mirren plays Queen Elizabeth II in the Olivier and Tony Award-winning hit production, directed by Stephen Daldry.

Tickets are available at [www.rvhall.online](http://www.rvhall.online): £12.





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

## Update from Buckby Library & Hub

At the end of 2025, Buckby Library & Hub was presented with a **national award** from the **Community Managed Libraries National Peer Network** for its promotion of health and wellbeing, which has been led by our manager, Sam Holst, and volunteers. We were delighted!

### 2026 is the National Year of Reading

It's free to join the library. Come along and see what we have – both for you and for your children.

Join a book club! We have an afternoon and an evening one, both monthly. The afternoon group is seeking new members. Come and find out more.

Do you know we have an amazing collection of jigsaws? You can join the jigsaw swap scheme or simply buy one for £2.

### Our special events in February

**Art exhibitions:** in February, we have a photographic exhibition of wildlife, **Through the Lens**, from **Sue Ebbage**. She says: "I am constantly astounded by the diversity of creatures ... and have travelled extensively to capture as many of the flora and fauna as possible within the UK." Come and see these lovely photographs!

**Films:** Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February is **Roofman**. "Based on an unbelievable true story, a charismatic criminal, while on the run from the police, hides in a hidden space of a toy store. There, he adopts a new identity and becomes involved with an employee..." All films start at 7.30pm (doors open at 7.00); refreshments available. Tickets are £7.50 from the library or the Peephole in the High Street.

### Friends and Trustees needed

To become a **Friend** of Buckby Library & Hub, please see the information on our website <https://buckbylibraryhub.org/friends/> or pop in to see us.

If you would be interested in becoming a **Trustee**, please get in touch with [sam.holst@buckbylibraryhub.org](mailto:sam.holst@buckbylibraryhub.org) for an initial chat and further information.

<https://buckbylibraryhub.org>; <https://buckbylibraryhub.org/calendar/>;  
email: [sam.holst@buckbylibraryhub.org](mailto:sam.holst@buckbylibraryhub.org); 01327 842591.

### Playing Field Lottery winners:

**December:** Emma Hall & Colin Durrant £50; Jonathon Lloyd (£20).

**January:** Jane Calvert-Lee (£50); Jason Carter (£20).

**Xmas draw £100:**  
J&B Gill



**Ravensthorpe**  
Memorial Playing Field

**March Newsletter:** the deadline for the March Newsletter is Monday 23 February. Any queries to Alan Worthington, 07801 051402 (text or phone), and contributions to [ravensthorpenewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:ravensthorpenewsletter@gmail.com).

## CRABTREE PIT POCKET PARK

All are welcome to the next public volunteer session on Sunday 22nd February 10 to 12noon including refreshments at 11.40am. We're particularly keen to welcome new volunteers.

Nick Roberts from Long Buckby Green Spaces is kindly coming to lay a section of the old hedge. This restorative action will breathe new life into this habitat. You're welcome to watch, but please don't come close as he works at this traditional craft.

Maurice Fitch will also be working on the trees in the lane at some point this month so be aware that the park might have restricted access on some days.

Why not start a new tradition and help us maintain this important wildlife park.

Ruth and Natalie at [crabtreepit@gmail.com](mailto:crabtreepit@gmail.com).



## NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

Ladies, if you've ever thought about joining the W.I., we would really love to welcome you.

Our meetings are friendly and inclusive and this year have included craft demonstrations and talks on a wide range of subjects from the Natural World to Heraldry. Some of us go to Daventry Arc Cinema as a group to see live streamed performances from the Royal Opera House. The wider organisation also organises walks, competitions, outings, craft sessions and online courses in a huge variety of fields.

You would be more than welcome to come as a visitor - the charge is £5, to include refreshments - and experience what we have to offer for yourself. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, 19th February at 7.45 p.m. at the Village Hall when our speaker will be Fay Tennet, giving a view from the police front line. (Sorry this speaker was listed in last month's newsletter by mistake.) Hope to see you soon..

Contacts: Gill Douglas 770541; Tricia Freeman 770855.

## A DAY WITH A DIFFERENCE

What a difference a day makes – for the good!  
That's the aim of The Percival Guildhouse's February Saturday workshops in Rugby.



The choices on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February range from **Oil Pastel Painting** to **Book Making** where you can learn how to make your own notebooks and sketchbooks using simple binding and stitching techniques.

There's a workshop on **Shadow Puppetry** where you will learn how to make your own shadow puppets, create a story, and how to perform and record a short shadow puppet piece. For those needing to restore some balance and calm in their lives there's **Chakra Harmony**, while others may prefer the fascination of learning how to research their **Family History** effectively using key records and archives.

Or if ballet and choreography is where your interests lie there's **Even More Ballet Hoo**, an expert-led illustrated and entertaining look at the world of dance.

Places are limited. Find out more and book at [www.percival-guildhouse.co.uk](http://www.percival-guildhouse.co.uk) or call us **01788 565316**.