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NEWS IN BRIEF

Thrapston Plaza Opera Auditions: 'La Vie Parisienne' – Sunday 5th July

Following the hugely successful production of 'Madam Butterfly' in February, open auditions for the lighted hearted Offenbach operetta will take place from 1.30pm on 5th July in The Thrapston Plaza, Cosy Nook, Thrapston NN14 4PS.

Singers and actors with experience, and those with none, are most welcome to attend. There will be a 'warm-up sing-along' to start and tea and biscuits will be served.

The production will be staged in February 2016. Tuesday evening rehearsals begin in September. For further details contact Music Director Vince Davy: 01832 733586, vincedavy@hotmail.com, thrapstonplazaopera.vpweb.co.uk

Free Family Fishing Day at Barnwell Country Park

The Angling Trust's Family Fishing initiative comes to Northamptonshire on Sunday 28th June.

Family Fishing at Barnwell Country Park is a fantastic opportunity for new people to get hooked on angling, for lapsed anglers to rediscover their love for the sport, or for existing anglers to learn some new skills.

For more information on the event visit www.facebook.com/familyfishingEM for regular updates & details.

Young footballer signs two-year contract with Premier League club



Freddie Craven

After a promising season as Leicester City's U12 goalkeeper, Oundle School pupil Freddie Craven (12) has recently signed a two-year contract with the club.

Freddie started with Lincoln City as their U11 goalkeeper, moving to Leicester City last year as their U12 goalkeeper on a one-year contract. He trains on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings at Leicester's training ground in Belvoir Drive, with matches on a Sunday.

"Playing for the team I support is a dream come true. I do my homework at lunchtimes in the library and catch up any lessons I miss as soon as I can in order to train," commented Freddie. "Missing the lunchtime football with my friends is difficult but I realise I have to make choices so that I can go to Leicester to train with my squad."

Highlights this year include a Premier League

tournament in Ypres and playing Chelsea and Liverpool away. Freddie, who admires Leicester's goalkeeper Kasper Schmeichel, also enjoyed playing his last match of the season at The King Power Stadium, home to Leicester City, arriving by the players' entrance, using the first team changing rooms and playing on the pitch.

"We have improved over the season and played some great football. However, at the moment, it is all about our continued development. Only the first team needs to win," added Freddie.

Freddie's tutor and Deputy Housemaster, Mark Sanderson commented: "I have been continually impressed with both Freddie's determination and level of organisation. Juggling his extensive footballing commitments with the significant demands of his schoolwork is no mean feat and I cannot commend Freddie highly enough."

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Fun Days for people living with a disability

Aspirations Wellbeing have organised two Fun Days at the Pemberton Centre, Rushden, for people living with a disability.

The Fun Days will place on Thursday 6th August and Thursday 13th August, 9.30am to

3.30pm and cost £10 per person per day (Free for parent/carer/siblings). There are numerous activities available on both days such as art workshops, a sensory area, giant Lego, Wii games projected onto a large screen, karate,

inflatables, archery, dance and a gaming zone.

Both days also offer a number of different activities. Included on Thursday 6th August is wheelchair basketball, cricket, boccia, trampolining and table tennis.

On Thursday 13th August there will be fencing, football, short tennis, a didicard grand prix and a magic show!

Parents/carers can relax in the social area whilst their charges enjoy a full day of fun,

fun and more fun.

Equipment will be changed throughout both days, offering a variety of activities, to cater for the different needs of people attending. Ramps will be available for use by wheelchair users with boccia and skittles.

Contact Jackie Ackroyd on 01933 352981 or jackie.ackroyd@aspirationswellbeing.org.uk for more information and to book your place(s).

Funding pots up for grabs

East Northamptonshire Council has announced that its funding scheme for community projects has reopened.

Each district councillor has been allocated £1,000 per year for small community-based projects which are managed by parish/town councils, community groups, voluntary organisations and charities working in the district.

The programme supports community events, sports equipment and activities, environmental enhancements, local facility improvements, equipment for youth groups and projects that promote safer communities.

Since the scheme began in June 2011, communities have benefited from over £130,000 of grant funding to support their community-based projects including:

- Speed activated signs to improve road safety in Denford
- Trees and equipment for the Stanwick Pocket Park community orchard
- Refurbishment of toilet facilities at Thrapston Sports Club

- A community notice board for Newton Road, Rushden
- Damp proofing and redecoration of the King's Cliffe Underground youth centre
- Creation of a basketball and football area at Thurning Village Hall
- Security timers for residents in the Oundle area
- A PA system for Waterloo Drummers and Performing Arts group

Steven North, Leader of East Northamptonshire Council says: "We have a lot of can-do communities in this district who just need a bit of financial help to make their projects a reality. That's where councillors can help, with their Member Empowerment Fund. If you have a community project in mind that fits the criteria, have a chat with your local councillor to see if they can help."

Find out more about the Member Empowerment Fund, visit www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/mef or speak to your local district councillor, details can be found at www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/councillors

Letters to the editor

If you would like to submit a letter to the editor please send it to news@nenevalleynews.co.uk for consideration. The maximum word count is 200 words.

TREE PRESERVATION

Many Oundle residents will be aware that a large limb fell from the beech tree in front of Oundle School's SciTec building a couple of weeks ago. The limb was rotten and we had a professional survey carried out on the tree as a result. The survey found that the tree was in a serious state of decay and posed a potentially serious risk to passers-by. Following discussions with the ENC Tree Officer the decision was taken to fell the tree and replace it with three new trees.

It is always sad to remove a tree and this beech tree was particularly old and impressive. However, it had come to the end of its natural life and, when it was cut down, it was found that the extent of decay was indeed even more advanced than expected. The risk of a large

limb, or the tree itself, falling onto a person on the footpath was a very real one and the consequence of such an incident would be significant. It is particularly unfortunate as the new entrance to the SciTec campus was carefully designed around this tree, with every effort made to protect it for the future.

The School benefits from having many trees of different varieties on its land and these help to enhance the surroundings that we live and work in. We care greatly about this environment and are doing our best to manage the large number of trees on the School estate. Although some trees may be lost to development and others to disease, we are constantly planting new trees. In the last twelve months, over 2,000 trees have been planted by the School and, whilst the three new trees planted for this particularly fine and very old beech tree can't actually replace it, they will at least provide compensation for its sad loss.

*Richard Tremellen
Deputy Bursar (Estates), Oundle School*

Genealogy jottings

Hello all. Last time, I mentioned photographs and these can be an absolute goldmine for getting people to talk about past relatives.

Do you remember those small cardboard suitcases that used to be popular back in the 1940s? Well, one day, my father presented me with one that had been knocking about in his garage saying, "I wonder if any of this would help." Help? It was wonderful, an Aladdin's cave!

I sat him down and we went through it together, as I did not know who half the people were. There were photographs of my great grandparents in there, which I had never seen before. My great grandfather died five years before I was born and my great grandmother four years, so I never knew them. There was also a newspaper cutting in there of the funeral of another great grandmother, which listed all of the people who attended as well as from whom all of the floral tributes were sent. This sent me

off on another trail of finding out about my grandmother's siblings and their spouses.

The thing to remember about this time (1936) is that married women were often referred to by their husband's initials, so Mary Smith, who was married to George, would be referred to as Mrs G Smith and not Mrs M Smith, as is common nowadays.

Well, you have been reading my random jottings for a few weeks now but is there anything specific that you would like me to cover? You can contact me via the Nene Valley News (news@nenevalleynews.co.uk) or by visiting my family history forum at <http://www.genealogy-specialists.com/> and clicking on the contact button at the bottom of the page. Of course, not everyone is linked up to the internet so letters are also very welcome. Please write to me c/o Nene Valley News, 9 Checkpoint Court, Sadler Road, Lincoln. LN6 3PW.

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Social media campaign proves a hit for school librarian

Prince William School, Oundle, Librarian Elaine Galer has launched a successful Twitter appeal for school reading books.

In September, the school will move from three to two tier and will take pupils from Years 7 and 8. In a campaign to improve literacy levels, 500 books are needed to provide every new student with a reading book for use in class tutor sessions.

Elaine decided to tweet an appeal to authors,

publishers and booksellers asking them to donate a book to the school.

The hashtag #1book was read 71,426 times in the first week of posting. Bestselling author Neil Gaiman retweeted the post and to date 330 books have been sent from places as far as California, Texas, New York and all over the UK. Authors such as R.L. Stine (Goosebumps) and Darren Shan have sent signed copies of their books. Elaine has been

overwhelmed with the support and generosity of those who have responded to her drive to bring the library into the classroom. One of the donations has arrived all the way from Peterborough – in the United States.

“Toad Stool bookstore in New Hampshire sent us their bestselling book for middle school aged pupils,” Elaine explained, “and promised to look the school up if they were ever near our UK Peterborough.”

Books are still arriving daily at the school, and it’s hoped the 500 target will soon be reached.

If anyone is interested in donating to the appeal, please address your book to Elaine Galer, Librarian, Prince William School, Herne Road, Oundle, Peterborough PE8 4BS.



Springfield Garden blossoms

A new neighbourhood garden is springing up at the junction of Rock Road and Springfield Road in Oundle.

Members of the Springfield Garden steering committee negotiated the land from the owners Spire Homes, who also contributed a grant of £2,000 to assist with the development of the garden.

Ownership of the plot was transferred to Oundle Town Council, which has permitted the creation of

the garden by residents of, and hopes it will ‘be of great benefit to the community’.

The plan was to make a small oasis, boasting a profusion of flowers, shrubs, and a selection of fruit trees including plum, pear, apple and cherry.

The group hopes that more residents will be encouraged to initiate similar projects throughout Oundle.

As well as OTC and Spire Homes, support and advice has also been

provided by Transition Oundle, landscape artist Charles Clay, who provided the plans, landscape gardener Garry Kruger, who carried out the ground work and WREN who provided a further grant.

Interested in becoming part of the Neighbourhood Garden Group?

Email Dorrie Baxter: baxterbrunston@aol.com

The garden will be officially launched on Sunday 12th July 2–6pm as part of the Oundle Open Gardens Day.

Be a local scooperhero!

East Northamptonshire Council is supporting the Dogs Trust and Keep Britain Tidy in their latest dog fouling campaign, which reminds owners to pick up after their pooch.

The UK’s largest dog welfare charity, the Dogs Trust, and Keep Britain Tidy, who work to keep the country clean, have launched the Big Scoop campaign.

The Big Scoop (until 21st June) is a reminder that every dog owner needs to ‘bag it and bin it.’

Together, the groups are encouraging people across East Northants to be a ‘scooperhero’ with their

dogs. It’s really easy, just follow these four easy steps:

1. BRING BAGS with you before you set off on your walk
2. BAG THE MESS if your dog has fouled, but be careful to not get any on your hands
3. BIN THE BAG in any public bin
4. CLEAN YOUR HANDS using water or hand sanitizer

Steven North, Leader of East Northamptonshire Council, said: “While the vast majority of dog owners are responsible and pick up after their pets, a small minority refuse to do the right thing. This means that our pavements and parks

can be scattered with dog mess, which is offensive and potentially dangerous. It is unpleasant to see it lying around and it’s even more unpleasant to step in! I’m pleased to support this campaign to ensure this mess ends up safely in the bin.”

The East Northamptonshire Council Dog Warden patrols the district five days a week and will fine any member of the canine community who is seen not picking up after their pooch.

To find out more and to report dog fouling online, please visit www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/dogfouling

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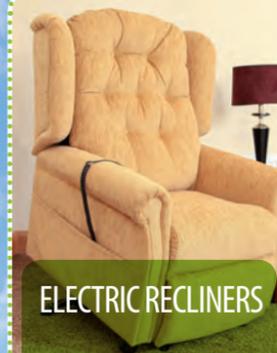
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New school nature and sensory garden opens

Friday 5th June was a special day for children at Tennyson Road Infant School in Rushden.

What was once part of a drab car park within the school grounds has now been transformed into a nature and sensory garden which was funded by the National Lottery.

The project itself has taken five months to complete, with teacher Mrs Amanda Brown at the helm and much support from staff, governors, parents and children who all came together to develop, build and plant in the garden.

The garden itself will enable

children to support their learning, development and knowledge and teach them how to care and look after their environment and living things.

On a fabulously sunny day the school choir started proceedings by performing their well-rehearsed songs. The Mayor of Rushden, Councillor Kaye Rawlins, then cut the ribbon to officially open the school's new garden for all to enjoy. A fun time was had by all that attended.

Donations for the garden were gratefully received from Spendlove Contracting and www.gardenparadise.net.



Tennyson Road Infant School

Magic, music and laughter in Oundle

What's not to enjoy at the Oundle International Festival?

The countdown to the Oundle International Festival has started. The festivities commence on Friday 10th July with live outdoor family theatre, The Sorcerer's Apprentice, including amazing magic tricks and illusions in Barnwell Country Park.

The festival finishes on Saturday 18th July with The Party at The Wharf, a great opportunity to enjoy a night out with a picnic and friends, with a fantastic array of live bands and an incredible laser show for the grand finale.

Tickets for all 23 events are selling quickly with some of the annual favourites looking like they'll sell out!

This summer's programme is so varied musically that there really

is something for everyone, from the historic with the Tudor Partbooks, to the mystical Gaelic and bluegrass of The Shee, or the sultry Tango with The Deco Ensemble.

The Nene will be 'alive with the sound of music' on Sunday 12th July when you can experience an evening of feelgood fun with friends at the Sing-a-long-a Sound Of Music on its 50th anniversary tour (dressing up is optional for this one!).

And, by popular demand, this year the festival is featuring stand-up comedy with 'Sex...with Pete Searles' at The Stahl Theatre.

The performances are not limited to the evenings either, with a lunchtime recital programmed every day from 13th-18th July in local venues: St Peter's

Church, Oundle School Chapel and All Saints Church Fotheringhay. Why not take in lunch in town or a picnic in one of the many beautiful spots around Oundle before unwinding at one of these recitals?

The Food Festival will be back on the final Saturday of the Festival with such a selection of delicious artisan stalls that you'll be able to stock up for the Party at The Wharf that evening.

Please visit www.oundlefestival.org.uk to view further information about all the performers, concerts, Open Gardens, Oundle Food Festival and Party at The Wharf. You can even listen to some samples on the festival website, so that you can 'try before you buy'.

You can be talked through the programme in person at

the festival office at 4 New Street, Oundle (opposite The Talbot Hotel).

You can also buy tickets for Oundle Cinema, the

Oundle Literature Festival and some Stahl Theatre events to name but a few at The Box Office. Follow the festival on Facebook and

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15/00897/FUL (04/07/2015) (Info)
Proposed new house and double garage to include loft conversion to main house, addition of porch and other alterations at 12 Cross Lane Aldwinckle NN14 3EG

Benefield

15/00828/LBC (11/07/2015) (LBRegs)
To replace the single-glazed windows with double-glazed wooden windows with same profile and match the existing versions at Ashley Farm House Main Street Upper Benefield PE8 5AN

Brigstock

15/00986/VAR (11/07/2015) (LB/CA)
Variation of condition 5 to amend the internal layouts, external appearance and orientation of proposed dwellings in order to improve the outlook of plots 4 and 5 and flexibility relationships between spaces to plot 1-7 pursuant to planning permission 12/01862/FUL dated 26.9.13 – 'Demolition of existing building to the rear, conversion of buildings and new buildings to form 8 no. dwellings' at 43 High Street Brigstock NN14 3HA
15/01013/FUL (11/07/2015) (LB/CA)
Replacement of an existing garage with a larger alternative allowing for the parking of four cars at Cherry Orchard 23 Park Walk Brigstock NN14 3HH

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15/00976/OUT (11/07/2015) (Art8)
Outline application for the development of an employment park comprising up to 121,703 sqm (gross) floorspace in use classes B2 (general industrial) and B8 (storage and distribution) (all matters reserved) at Car Park And Land Rockingham Motor Speedway Mitchell Road Corby

Higham Ferrers

15/01045/FUL (04/07/2015) (Info)
Demolition of commercial buildings and erection of two semi-detached residential houses at 24 Saffron Road Higham Ferrers NN10 8ED

Irthlingborough

15/00999/FUL (04/07/2015) (Info) Change of use from D1 to D2 at 29 Allen Road Irthlingborough
15/01068/FUL (04/07/2015) (Info)
Ground floor side extension at 42 Drayton Road Irthlingborough NN9 5TB

Little Addington

15/00941/OUT (04/07/2015) (Info)
Outline: Demolition of existing barn and erection of one and a half storey three bedroom dwelling and detached double garage (all matters reserved) at Chudleigh House High Street Little Addington NN14 4BD

Nassington

15/00968/FUL (11/07/2015) (LB/CA)
Demolition of existing garage and erection of two storey rear extension and detached

outbuilding at 47 Church Street Nassington PE8 6QG
15/01066/FUL (11/07/2015) (LB/CA)
Demolish existing bungalow and garage and build new dwelling with detached car port and workshop at 4 Station Road Nassington PE8 6QB

Oundle

15/00841/OUT (11/07/2015) (LB/CA)
Outline: Demolition of existing buildings and redevelopment for six town houses (only landscaping and appearance matters reserved) at 38 West Street Oundle PE8
15/00883/FUL (11/07/2015) (LB/CA)
Renovation of semi derelict, uninhabitable cottage to provide a single dwelling. Conversion of disused buildings comprising a brewery, maltings, stables, kiln and cartshed and cowshed into eight dwellings at 15 Mill Road Oundle PE8 4BW
15/00964/FUL (04/07/2015) (Info) Single storey rear extension, replacement of existing garage and front porch and alteration to access at 34 Bellamy Road Oundle PE8 4NB
15/00995/FUL (04/07/2015) (Info) Erection of a single three bedroom dwelling house together with associated parking at Land Adj 23 Herne Road Oundle
15/01034/LBC (11/07/2015) (LBRegs) (LB/CA) Emergency roof repairs and addition of two conservation roof lights at 14 Market Place Oundle PE8 4BQ

Pilton

15/00774/LBC (11/07/2015) (LBRegs)
Raise existing chimney height by 60cm, remove extractor fan outlet at front elevation and make good, fit extractor fan outlet to rear elevation. Fit 28mm exit pipe at ground level, rear of house, to serve installation of AGA at The Stone Barn Pilton Manor Main Street Pilton

Raunds

15/01051/VAR (11/07/2015) (Art8)
Variation of condition 13 – to increase floorspace limits – pursuant to planning permission 11/00700/OUT Outline: Demolition of existing buildings, development of employment park including A3/4/5, B1b and c, B8, C1, D1 and D2 uses together with access, parking areas and open space (all matters reserved except for access) at Phase 2 Warth Park Way Raunds

Ringstead

15/01025/OUT (04/07/2015) (Info)
Erection of three bedroom, two storey house plus detached double garage (all matters reserved except access) (Resubmission of application 11/00512/OUT dated 25.05.11) at Land Opposite 5 Spencer Street Ringstead

Rushden

15/00790/FUL (24/06/2015) (LB/CA)
Change of use from dental practice to A5 hot food takeaway at 57 High Street South Rushden NN10 0QX
15/00950/FUL (04/07/2015) (Info)
Single storey front porch extension at 12 Yarrow Close Rushden NN10 0XL
15/00972/FUL (04/07/2015) (Info)
Demolition of shed and construction of five two bedroom terrace starter homes with front courtyard and off road parking to rear at Land Adjacent Hayden Walk Hayden Road Rushden

15/00973/FUL (04/07/2015) (Info)

Garage conversion into habitable room at 57 Clover Drive Rushden NN10 0UE

15/00985/FUL (04/07/2015) (Info)

Demolition of existing prefab garage and erection of extension to provide utility room and garage at 52 Silverdale Grove Rushden NN10 6UG

15/00996/ADV (04/07/2015) (Info)

Display external signs at Storefirst Northampton Brindley Close Rushden NN10

15/01011/FUL (04/07/2015) (Info)

Change of use to domestic garden 195.5 sq.m of land only at 78 Avenue Road Rushden NN10 0SJ

15/01019/REM (11/07/2015) (Art8)

Reserved matters: access, appearance, scale and layout for plots 17 plots 10-20 & 117-122 (resubmission of 14/02213/REM) pursuant to 10/01017/OUT Outline: Erection of a NHS Resource Centre, creation of up to 125 dwellings with associated open space, space for educational use by South End Infant School, removal of four trees covered by TPO, new access roads and alterations to existing internal road layout (All matters reserved) at Rushden Hospital The Drive Rushden

15/01040/FUL (04/07/2015) (Info) Erection of a two storey rear extension (resubmission of planning permission 11/01491/FUL) at 112 Higham Road Rushden NN10 6DT

15/01052/FUL (04/07/2015) (Info)

Single storey side extension with pitched roof at Bencroft Grange 322 Bedford Road Rushden NN10 0SE

Stanwick

15/01005/LBC (11/07/2015) (LB/CA)
Conversion of barns to 2 no attached dwellings at Dove House Including Part Of Former Farm Building Higham Road Stanwick

Sudborough

15/01038/FUL (11/07/2015) (LB/CA)
Two storey rear extension at The Old Granary Main Street Sudborough NN14 3BX

Thrapston

15/00966/FUL (11/07/2015) (Art8)
Industrial unit for B1c and B8 uses with associated service yard and car parking at Unit 1B Haldens Parkway Thrapston

15/01008/FUL (04/07/2015) (Info)

Demolish existing garage and build new wider garage at 20 Grebe Close Thrapston NN14 4JG

15/01012/LBC (11/07/2015) (LBRegs)

Demolition of part of garden wall at The Corner House 15 Chancery Lane Thrapston NN14 4JL

Warmington

15/00947/FUL (04/07/2015) (Info)
Demolition of former working mens club and proposed residential development of 9 no. dwellings at 18-20 Chapel Street Warmington PE8 6TR

15/01026/FUL (04/07/2015) (Info) Single storey rear extension and relocation of existing conservatory at 15 Chapel Street Warmington PE8 6TR

Woodford

15/00988/VAR (11/07/2015) (LB/CA)
Variation of condition 14 – garage to be raised up and house and garage to be moved 1.5m east pursuant to planning permission 15/00027/VAR: 'Removal of condition 3 (garage door construction) and variation of condition 15 (permitted plan condition) of 12/00198/RWL to amend the approved drawings to include, increased external wall thickness of dwelling (affecting footprint), alterations to fenestration, addition of canopy to front door and revised garage design' pursuant to planning permission 08/01228/FUL: 'Construction of detached two storey dwelling and detached garage, and footpath to Club Lane. Reconstruction of stone wall behind footpath at 3A De Capel Close (Resubmission of 07/02405/FUL)' at 3A De Capel Close Woodford

Yarwell

15/00798/FUL (11/07/2015) (LB/CA)(Art8)
Demolition of 2 no. existing 20th century extensions to the side and rear of the Mill building (retrospective). Conversion of the existing unused Mill building into a restaurant and one residential unit, erection of 2 no. replacement extensions in the same footprint as those being demolished, alterations to fenestration, insertion of rooflights, formation of balcony to the rear elevation. Formation of car park to include erection of fence and erection of wall at Yarwell Mill

The reason for applications being advertised is as follows:

Art8 – Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995.

Info – Non-statutory – included for information only.

LB/CA – Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas Act 1990.

LBRegs – Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990.

Significant applications

All "significant" applications are highlighted in green. These are defined in the 2006 Statement of Community Involvement as those for:

- 100 dwellings and over
- residential development of 3ha or over if number of dwellings not known
- 1000 square metres of floor space or over
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- would, in the council's opinion, be sensitive due to substantial demolition in a conservation area
- would, in the council's opinion, be sensitive due to development next to a listed building

For more information on "significant" planning applications, visit www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/dcnotification

David Reed, Head of Planning Services
Dated 20 June 2015

Consultation deadlines will differ for each application. Please go to www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/planningapplications for details.

Seafood at its best

Loch Fyne

Venturing to the most northern part of the district, I was invited to Loch Fyne in Elton. For those of you who have not been to Elton before, the village is picturesque with traditional stone built cottages.

Elton Hall and Gardens dominates the village, and has been owned by the Proby family for over 350 years. The Hall sits on an estate which is over 3,800 acres and includes woodland, commercial property, residential property and much more. The Old Dairy Barn, which is on the outskirts of the village is home to the Loch Fyne restaurant, which serves a fantastic array of seafood and shellfish, most of which comes from Loch Fyne on the West Coast of Scotland.

Loch Fyne Elton has been in its current location for twenty-four years, and has transformed **Pan fried chilli and garlic prawns (right) and Lobster Spaghetti (below)**



what was the Old Dairy Barn in to a stylish and comfortable restaurant. Making the most of the original features, including the stone work over the windows and majestic beams which run the length of the restaurant, it nevertheless has a contemporary feel. The courtyard at the rear has recently had a make-over and for those of you who are planning a visit during the summer months I would highly recommend sitting outside and making the most of the views.

Although we visited on the warmest day of the year, we opted to sit inside and indulge ourselves in one of the booths. My guest Lisa and I had worked up an appetite on our way to the restaurant and were excited to arrive and see what was on offer.

When we arrived we were shown to our seats and offered the a la carte menu, set menu and the day's specials to choose from. I always get excited when fish is used with chilli and the two starters that immediately caught my attention were the squid tempura with chilli jam and the pan fried chilli and garlic king prawns.

After much procrastination, I finally decided on the prawns and

was so glad I had chosen them once they arrived. The heat was perfect, and the prawns were juicy and tender, and very large. They were cooked beautifully, piping hot both in temperature and heat from the chillies.

Lisa, being Scottish, didn't find her decision as hard to make once she saw haggis and seared Scottish scallops with a lemon beurre blanc and caramelised pear listed. I was lucky enough to try the scallops and they melted in my mouth, they were absolutely delicious. Lisa was extremely happy with her choice too. I understand haggis is quite a delicacy north of the border, and not always easy to recreate down south. But the Loch Fyne offering was cooked beautifully.

We didn't have long to wait for our mains to arrive after the starters had been cleared. I opted for the salmon fillet from the specials menu which was served in a Provencal sauce with new potatoes. I have to admit salmon is probably my favourite dish, and I have been to plenty of restaurants that aren't able to cook it properly, so I was very impressed with what was served.



The Courtyard

As salmon should be, it was flaky, and the chef had managed to get a lovely crust to the skin which worked really well. My only issue with this dish was the potatoes. I felt the new potatoes could have done with

some seasoning to enhance them. That being said, the dish didn't really need them and it certainly wouldn't put me off having it again.

Lisa chose the lobster spaghetti, which is as the title describes. The lobster was rich and full of flavour, and the whole dish was cooked perfectly. The presentation had clearly been thought out carefully as well. Making a pasta dish look appealing can be a challenge but by leaving the shell of the lobster on the plate they made it look much more appealing.

One thing we noted throughout our meal was the portion sizes. Both our starter

and main course were just right. They were filling, but not to the point where you feel too full. They also left room for us to try a dessert each. There are a few staples which I always enjoy including crême brulee and any dessert with containing chocolate.

As Lisa chose the crême brulee I opted for the Chocolate Ashet, which consisted of hazelnut brownie, chocolate parfait, salted caramel ice cream and hot chocolate. To say this was indulgent would be an understatement. The brownie was warm and melted in my mouth and the salted caramel ice cream was decadent. I was in chocolate heaven by the end of it.

The crême brulee was also a hit with Lisa, after she managed to make the first crack of the sugar. We finished our desserts off with a coffee before heading home.

This was my first experience of a Loch Fyne restaurant, and I must admit I had not heard of the chain before, but I will be visiting again. Our experience from start to finish was excellent.

Small Wonders rated 'Outstanding' after Ofsted inspection

Since First For Childcare Ltd acquired Small Wonders Day Nursery & Out of School Club in 2013 we had not had an Ofsted inspection. The setting at that point was rated as 'Good' by Ofsted.

Unlike schools which get prior warning, the Early Years settings in the UK do not receive any notice

at all. I personally support this as it means that they are reviewing a 'normal' day.

We have an amazing team at Small Wonders, Oundle, and when the day of the inspection came, this was led by Juliet Varey, who is in charge of quality and standards for the Group, Helen Selby and Chelsea Scott. They were very

capably supported by the whole team.

I am very proud to say that the hard work paid off and the team were awarded 'Outstanding' in all areas by the Inspector. This was very much a team effort and the whole team performed to their normal amazing standard. The children are obviously a major part

of the inspection too and they were all, as always, wonderful on the day!

<http://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/index.php?q=filedownloading/&id=2475235&type=1&refer=0>

This means that all nurseries at the first Ofsted inspection after acquisition have achieved 'Outstanding' status.

I am also pleased to say that we have our planning permission through for the outdoor area, after lots of negotiating. We worked with a consultant who responded to all objections that were sent in. We are very excited as we are now almost doubling the size of the outdoor area and replacing all of the equipment and also the fencing.

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New outdoor area summer 2015

We would really welcome the opportunity to show you around our Nursery so please call us or email at smallwondersnursery@firstforchildcare.com to arrange a visit. We look forward to your call.

Busy start to year for maritime volunteers

This year has been a busy one year so far for the Rushden branch of the Maritime Volunteer Service, the national organisation's only inland unit.

Since February it has been carefully navigating and mapping the River Nene from Wellingborough to Thrapston, by foot, bicycle and canoe. Its water rescue training continues and the service has recently become a full volunteer member of the Northamptonshire Emergency Response Corp (NERC).

Founding head of unit Maurice Weight has now stepped down from command in order to concentrate on major projects and has passed the baton of command to the previous unit second in command, Volunteer Officer Andy Smith.

In early May the unit enjoyed a day in London calling in at the Royal Naval Reserves Headquarters at HMS President, followed by a River Thames trip on a fast patrol boat to the Royal Naval College

and Maritime Museum/Royal Observatory in Greenwich.

Members of the unit have recently returned from Ypres in Belgium after joining in the 100km annual walking event and after parading and laying a wreath at the Menin Gate ceremony. Leading Volunteer Sarah Smith was chosen to lay the MVS wreath in commemoration of all those who fell in the Great War of 1914–1918.

June has also seen the volunteers undertaking power boat training and sailing at the Priory Sailing Club in Bedford and rope work and water rescue practice on and around the River Nene.

If you are over 18 and interested in things nautical and/or inland water based and would like to join a group of like minded individuals contact the Rushden Maritime Volunteer Service by email at mvsrushden@hotmail.com You can find Rushden MVS on Facebook, and more details about the Maritime Volunteer Service can be found at www.mvs.org.uk



MVS Members in Ypres

A feast of activities planned for Oundle Food Festival 2015

Friday 10th to Saturday 18th July

This year the Oundle Food Festival has joined with the Oundle International Festival and The Fringe Festival to bring you a day not to be missed.

The Street Market on Saturday 18th July is the centrepiece of the Food Festival, when around 70 stalls will provide an amazing diversity of produce and producers. One of the most popular dates in regional gastronomes' diaries, the Street Market gathers together those who grow, produce and sell some of the country's finest foods. Stalls, street food as well as street theatre performances will keep your feet tapping and add to the carnival atmosphere.

The line-up from The Fringe will be performing during the day, including: Five String Thing, English traditional music and song; a feast of Appalachian dance from Tap and Sync, Oundle; Cricket on the Hearth, Harrogate; Kickstart, Warwick; West Deeping English Cloggers; Rockingham Rapper and Step dancers; Paul Eady Band, traditional English and French song and music.

And in the evening it's the turn of the Oundle International Festival to entertain you at their Party at the Wharf.

With a fantastic line-up of bands this is the place to picnic (make sure you've bought it at the Street Market!) and dance the night away with the Los Palmas 6, who are probably the best and most accurate Madness Tribute band in the world, 'JACK' with their very special blend of R&B and local Oundle rock, pop and indie band Disarray.

The whole day will be rounded off in

style with a spectacular laser show!

Festival sponsors Aga Peterborough will be running cookery demonstrations during the Festival week and Brewbabu's Tea Master will be coming to Oundle to talk about the various different teas and tastes.

There will be some very special Food Festival menus to sample, and to celebrate Oundle International Festival a number of Oundle Restaurants will be open for pre-concert dinners.

For children Barnwell Park will once again be putting on its very popular Teddy Bear's Picnic on Wednesday 15th July! Bring your teddy and join them for a Teddy Bear's Picnic with lots of fun and games including teddy bear den building, craft activities and storytelling.

See the website for full details www.oundlefoodfestival.co.uk

DIARY OF EVENTS:

- **Tuesday 14th July 12noon–2pm.** A Spanish Lunch at Aga Warmington with the 'Kings Arms' Polebrook
 - **Wednesday 15th July 11am–12noon or 2pm to 3pm.** First Taste of AGA with professional AGA demonstrator Mady Gooden
 - **Wednesday 15th July 11.30am–2.30pm** Teddy Bear's Picnic, Barnwell Park
 - **Thursday 16th July 5.30pm–7.30pm** Tea Tasting at Brewbabu
 - **Saturday 18th July 9am–4pm** Street Market in Oundle Town Centre Free Event with Park and Ride
- For more information and photographs contact Alison 01832 274991 or email alisonnewcomb@oundlefoodfestival.co.uk

Ringstead Village Social Club to host Jay Harrison fundraising weekend

Friday 3rd to Sunday 5th July

In April, Jay Harrison, a talented 18-year-old resident of Ringstead, passed away from Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma.

During the last six months of his life Jay was always positive about his future and said that when he was better he was determined to organise a weekend of events at Ringstead Village Social Club to raise much needed funds for CLIC Sargent for children with cancer and the Teenage Cancer Trust charities.

Both of these charities need funds in order to provide those children, who are in hospital, and their families with financial support. They help to fund specialist staff in specific hospitals where children with cancer are being treated. Ward 27 at Leicester Royal Infirmary was Jay's home for many months.

Up to seven young people a day are diagnosed with cancer. Visit these links for more information about the charities: www.clicsargent.org.uk and www.teenagecancertrust.org

Jay's wish to organise a fundraising event has now been taken up by his family and members

of the Social Club. They have organised a full programme of events over the 3rd–5th July weekend.

Friday starts off at 7.30pm with a Family Race Night. Entry is just £1 and the organisers are encouraging racegoers to fill in a race sheet (£2 per horse) at their place of work and then be there on the night to cheer on their horse/s. Winning horse owners get £10.

There will also be a barbecue and a large raffle will be drawn.

From 8pm on Saturday the Club will host a 'J' Theme Fancy Dress Night, so put your thinking cap on and see which 'J' character you could go as? There will be a Hog Roast and a Grand Auction of Promises which include one week at a Spanish villa close to Malaga airport, a luxury painting class for up to 10 people, a two course Indian meal for six, handyman for a day to do all those little jobs around your home, a basket full of ironing, get your favourite photo cross-stitched plus many more.

To round the weekend off, on Sunday from noon families can do the 'Jaywalk', a leisurely stroll

around the village solving and picking up clues as you go – including separate clues for the kiddies. This is a walk for which you can get yourself sponsored so pick up a form from the Club. £2 per entry form, prizes for winners.

The afternoon will also see a variety of fun activities at the Club, with a Table Top Sale, various stalls, Bouncy Castle, Tombola, Cake Stall and barbecue, along with singers on the patio.

Finishing off the weekend at 5pm will be a 50/50 Fun Cash Bingo with a difference and at 6pm a Giant Raffle at which the total amount raised over the event will be announced.

Already £360 has been pledged. It is hoped a target of £5,000 will be reached so come along to these events and help us to raise this amount.

If you would like to support this event in any way either by donating prizes, donating and/or bidding for promises, booking a stall, pre-buying or sponsoring a horse and purchasing entry tickets please contact by email harrison.07@btinternet.com

Thrapston Charter Fair ahead

The Thrapston Charter Fair will be held on Saturday 27th June in Thrapston town centre.

The parade will be led by the Northampton Pipe Band and commences at The Bridge Hotel at 1.50pm.

The Fair will be opened by the President of the Charter Fair committee, Mr Bryn Wright at 2pm, in Market Square.

There will be plenty for visitors to see including stalls selling a multitude of products, and many local charities will be raising money for good causes.

McQueen Cars will be on display again. There will also be live music throughout

the day including 32/20 who will be playing for most of the afternoon, as well as performances from Thrapston Town Band, the Northampton Pipe Band and the winners of Thrapston's Got Talent.

The theme this year is 'Children's TV and Film, past and present', and there will be a competition for the attendee in the best fancy dress. The area outside the library will be a free play area with lots for children to do, including a Punch and Judy Show, and of course the Funfair will be open for all.

There will also be entertainment in the Plaza, so why not pop in, even if it's only to take the weight off your feet.

French Sauce Tomat / French tomato sauce

By José Ferdi Tavares – ferdis.kitchen@gmail.com

This is the fourth of five Southern European tomato sauce recipes. Each with its subtle difference in taste. You can use this on its own or as a base for other recipes. It's a great time-saver if prepared in bulk. You can freeze suitable-sized portions for later use and it makes for a quick and easy start to preparing a delicious meal. Halve or double the recipe as desired.

Steam or boil a variety of vegetables such as broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cauliflower, green beans, broad beans, mange tout etc until almost cooked. Add to the sauce and warm up until the vegetables are tender. Sprinkle with a little Pecorino or Parmesan cheese, chopped flat leaf parsley and a drizzle of extra virgin olive oil for a healthy and tasty vegetable dish.

INGREDIENTS

- 4 whole peeled plum tomatoes, (400g can – San Marzano are best)
- 1 tbsp butter
- 1tsp tomato paste
- 2 onions, diced
- 2 carrots, diced
- 2 celery sticks, diced
- 4 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 100g smoked lardons or smoked streaky bacon, diced
- 4 cups chicken stock
- ¼ cup olive oil
- 2 tbsp all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp sugar
- ½ tsp coarse sea salt
- ½ tsp black pepper

- 2 tbsp fresh rosemary, finely chopped
- 2 tbsp fresh thyme, finely chopped
- 1 tbsp sage leaves, finely chopped
- 2 fresh bay leaf, bruised
- 4 tbsp fresh flat leaf parsley, finely chopped

METHOD

- 1) Add the butter and olive oil to a large saucepan on medium heat. Sauté the bacon for 3–4 minutes until the fat is rendered. Add the onions, carrots, celery and garlic and sauté for 3 minutes or until onions are soft.
- 2) Add the flour and stir in until well incorporated. Continue on medium heat, stirring, until the flour is lightly browned.
- 3) Add the rest of the ingredients and stir well to combine. Increase the heat and bring to the boil whilst stirring.
- 4) Reduce the heat and



simmer on a medium-low heat, semi-covered with the lid, for 1 ½ hours. Stir every 20 minutes or so. Break up the tomatoes whilst stirring. If the sauce thickens too much, add a little stock or water and continue cooking. Remove from heat and taste for seasoning. Adjust with salt, pepper or a pinch of sugar if necessary. Allow to cool. Remove bay leaves.

Are you interested in cooking lessons/ demonstrations? Please email me with your comments, ideas or requests.



French Sauce Tomat / French tomato sauce

Enjoy a night of 'Notable Numbers'

Every June, Oundle Gilbert & Sullivan Players turn their backs on their traditional style of performance and offer their patrons a two-night summer concert comprising some 30 songs – and not a single G&S number in sight.

The theme for this year's Summer Concert is 'Notable Numbers', with a selection of songs including many popular hits such as 'One', 'You Make Me Feel So Young', 'Superstition', 'When I'm Sixty-Four' and many more.

The cast of 50 singers, once again directed by Gill Potts with musical accompaniment from Ben Smith, will perform at the Stahl

Theatre, West Street, Oundle (courtesy of Oundle School) on Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th June – curtain up at 7.30pm.

As usual there will be two intervals so audience members can stretch their legs and enjoy refreshments served from the wine bar.

Tickets are on sale to the general public at Oundle in Stitches, 5 Crown Court, Market Square, Oundle, Tel: 01832 274433. Oundle in Stitches is open from Monday to Saturday, but closed on Wednesday afternoon. Should a personal visit to Oundle in Stitches be a problem for you, please telephone Paul Weetman on 01832 273830 or you can email him at p.weetman@bopenworld.com.

Do you have a brave teddy bear?

You may recall the song about teddy bears having a picnic in the woods but today's teddy bears are much more daring.

At this year's Thrapston Charter Fair, teddy bears will have the opportunity to experience a zip wire ride from the window of St James' Church tower down into the churchyard.

So take your teddy bear along to this year's Charter Fair on Saturday 27th June. Take him/her into St James' Church and up to the launch platform in the tower. Register your teddy and leave him/her in the safe hands of the zip wire staff while you go back downstairs to enjoy the other activities in and around the church.

When it is the turn of your teddy, your name will be called and you will then see your teddy having a fun ride on the St James' Tower Teddy Zip Wire.

Your teddy will also receive a certificate of bravery.

Rides cost £1 per bear. Registration begins at 2.20pm and rides will start at 2.30pm. All proceeds will go to the St James bell fund. Photos and videos of bears are permitted.

All zip wire staff have been trained to follow the Teddy Zip Wire Health and Safety Rules:

There is no age restriction on bears.

All bears must agree to wear a safety harness and name tag.

All bears must follow the instructions of the zip wire staff.

Where possible all bears must ride the zip wire individually.

Tiny baby bears that are too small to wear their own harness will be allowed to ride inside the harness of a trained adult bear. (Trained adult bears will be available for this purpose).

Sorry but extra tall bears, taller than 60cm, (2ft) will not be allowed to ride at all due to teddy harness safety restrictions.

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Thrapston Farmers' Market donates funds to local causes

Launched in September 2014, Thrapston Farmers' Market has gone from strength to strength and has recently been busy donating proceeds to worthy local causes and projects in Thrapston – totalling £2,250 so far.

The market was set up and is managed by a voluntary team of local women whose objectives are simple: celebrate locally farmed products, put Thrapston on the map as a shopping destination, and donate the proceeds to the town.

In 2015 Thrapston Farmers' Market has so far donated £500 to the Bridge of Grace Food Bank at Thrapston Baptist Church, £250 towards renovating a dilapidated wall along High Street and £1,500 is being pledged to pay for a new community noticeboard in the town centre. The donations will keep coming as the market grows.

June Morton, who runs Bridge of Grace, was presented with the £500 cheque at the market on 6th June and says: "We are delighted with this donation, which will go a long way to help us provide a helping hand to Thrapston families who are going through challenging times."

Zoey Boon, Secretary of Thrapston Farmers' Market committee says: "Our team are keen to give back to a very local charity which relates to our market, and the Bridge of Grace is such a worthy recipient. None of us know when we may need that helping hand – one month we might be shopping on the Farmers' Market, and the next we may be in need of what Bridge of Grace has to offer, to keep our family fed."

Thrapston is a traditional market town long associated with farming thanks to its rural location

and its 145-year-old cattle market, which still takes place in the town every week.

Charlotte Croser, Chair of Thrapston Farmers' Market says: "Almost every pound which we receive from stallholder rents is ploughed back into improving facilities in our community and town centre, with just a modest, necessary amount used for administering and promoting the market. Thrapston Farmers' Market is a market run by the community and for the benefit of the community, through and through."

An active traders' group in the town, Thrapston Independents Group, is embarking on a project to beautify the town centre and entrances to the town by adding new planters, upgrading and increasing the amount of seating, and providing new community and heritage noticeboards. A very generous £1500

donation to the project from the Farmers' Market will pay for a brand new noticeboard which will offer local groups and charities a prominent, central place to promote events and fundraisers in Thrapston. Repairs to an unsightly wall close to the market has also been replaced thanks in part to the market funds donated.

Thrapston Farmers' Market now boasts over 20 stalls, which attend monthly when in season, filling the length of High Street on the first Saturday of each month. The market has brought a real buzz to Thrapston and is fast becoming an integral part of the monthly calendar in the community.

Shoppers are enjoying the array of products on offer from fresh game, poultry and meat to locally made meat pies and sausages for every taste and dietary requirement. Manor Farm brings a

wonderful selection of fresh vegetables and fruit grown on its farm in Lincolnshire, many of which are hard to find in the supermarket and all having been farmed by the stallholder.

Thrapston Farmers' Market also boasts locally brewed beers from Brigstock and Rushden, and Fleurfields, a vineyard based in Brixworth, attends with its Northamptonshire wines. Find some unusual preserves, sauces and accompaniments, locally baked breads, cakes and treats from a range of stallholders. For those with special dietary requirements, Thrapston Farmers' Market has an all-gluten-free cakes and bakes stall, Carol's Bakes, plus Browns' Sausages which sells a range of gluten, dairy and meat free and vegan sausages. Eating during the market is popular too, with The Little Soup Company serving homemade soups

(during autumn and winter months), and all year round Mytton Meats cooks up its home reared and made sausages and burgers.

Regulated by FARMA, the industry regulating body, Thrapston Farmers' Market prides itself on only taking on stallholders which offer truly local products, made or grown by the stallholder and using locally sourced ingredients. The market organisers work hard to nurture the welcoming, sociable atmosphere at each market.

Lindsey Burch, Treasurer of the market committee says "Our stallholders are very positive about Thrapston Farmers' Market and for some it has already become one of their busiest. We have a queue of stalls wanting to join us. Shoppers are telling us that they look forward to the market each month, and some have made it a monthly social get-together with family and friends."



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Saturday 20th June
Harringworth Village Fete and Classic Car Display
 The Manor, Seaton Road, Harringworth Northants NN17 3AD
 2pm–5pm
 Free (voluntary donation on gate)
 Tel: Philippa 01572 747700 or visit www.harringworthvillage.org
 Enjoy Silver Band, cream teas, Pimm's, barbecue, various stalls, attractions and Classic Car display.

Table Top Sale and Open Garden
 Sudborough Village Hall
 11am–3pm
 Table Top £1 Open Garden £4
 Tel: 01832 730039
 Tables of many different items, refreshments and the Old Rectory Gardens open.

St Peter's Singers concert – Bach, Handel etc
 St Peter's Church, Aldwinckle
 7.30pm
 £10 tickets at door
 Tel: Jim Mynors 01832 720613
 Peterborough Chamber Choir connected with Cathedral.

Sunday 21st June
Learn to Paint – Free Open Day
 Ringstead Village Social Club, Back Lane NN14 4DA
 11am–4pm
 Free entrance
 Tel: 01933 460676 or email: plum54kinsey@btinternet.com
www.learntopaint.org.uk
 Free mini painting classes for adults. Children's Drawing Competition. Free tea & coffee.
 Preview classes for July, August & September.
 Discounts on art materials.

Afternoon Teas
 Kings Cliffe Village Hall (Pedestrian access via Eagle Lane off West Street; vehicle access via Orchard Lane and Church Walk at the west end of the village. Parking at rear of hall.)
 Open 2pm–4.30pm
 Pots of tea or coffee, homemade cakes and scones.

Sale of homemade preserves and Secondhand Book Corner.

5.5 mile Walk
 Meet Saffron Road car park Higham Ferrers
 9.15am
 Contact: Chris & Diane Hales 01933 314032
 Higham Ferrers Footpath Group.

Armed Forces Day Rushden Service of Remembrance
 The Heritage Chapel and Halls, Park Road, Rushden NN100RG
 10.30am
www.afdrushden.com
 Rev D Womersley, Armed Forces and British Legion representatives – the Church and Halls providing support during WWI and WWII.

Wednesday 24th June
4.5 miles Evening Walk
 Meet Irchester Road layby opp Knuston Hall turn-Knuston
 6.15pm
 Contact: Daphne Curran 01933 386839
 Higham Ferrers Footpath Group.

Thursday 25th June
Lunchtime Concert – Junior Strings, Chamber and Junior Choirs
 St Peter's Church, Oundle
 1.15pm
 Free / Lunch can be purchased
 Concerts in this beautiful church setting in Oundle. Lunch is provided for £3.

Discovery Walks
 Meet in Slipton Village
 2pm
 £1.50, no need to book.
 Tel: 01780 782747
www.weanorthamptonshire.org
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Saturday 27th June
Summer Fayre
 Alpha pre-school, Westfield Terrace, Higham Ferrers NN10 8BB
 11am–1pm
alphapreschool@hotmail.com

co.uk
 Raffle and tombola, games, bric-a-brac, homemade cake and more stalls. Free admission for all.

Barn Dance
 Hemington Lodge Farm, Hemington PE8 5QP
 7.30pm
 Adults £10 in advance or £15 on the door, Children under 12 £8 in advance £12 on the door, Children under 5 free
 Tel: John Gibson 01832 293 620 or hemingtonchurch@outlook.com
 In a real barn, live band and caller, hog roast supper included in ticket price.

Annual Strawberry Fayre
 The Shrubbery residential care home, 66 College Street, Higham Ferrers
 2.30pm–4.30pm
 Free
 Tel: 01933 317380
 All welcome. Variety of stalls wine and water, cakes, raffle, tombola, scentsy and Elsa from Frozen.

Imperial Court Fun Day
 Imperial Court, Duck Street opposite the Iceland Car Park, Rushden
 3.30pm–6.30pm
 Free
 Tel: Ray Fortuin on 01933 315116 or email: fortuin@extracare.org.uk
 Summer Fun day event with stalls, games and traditional races. Open to the local community.

Sunday 28th June
Laxton Midsummer Fayre
 2.30pm–4.30pm
 Laxton will be celebrating midsummer with a traditional village fete hosting stalls and games. Admission is free so come along and join in. Refreshments and cream teas will also be available so do come along and join in the fun with traditional stalls and games and a Vintage Tractor display. All in all a great summer Sunday afternoon out.

California Food & Drink Festival
 Amps Fine Wines, Oundle

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 12noon–4pm
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Fundraising Concert in aid of The Bethany Children's Trust
 St Peter's Church, Oundle
 3pm
 Adults £7.50 Children £2
 Refreshments included – tickets available on the door or from Oundle Bookshop.
 Email: carolyng@bethanychildrenstrust.org.uk
 Rutland Wind Ensemble are performing the concert, find out more about the Trust at www.bethanychildrenstrust.org.uk.

Hog Roast and Hair Donation in aid of Teenage Cancer Trust and Little Princess Trust
 The Cock Inn, Denford
 1pm
 £5 per hog roast ticket, £16 a family ticket (2 Adults, 2 Children)
 Email: rosemaryrobinson270@gmail.com
 Hog roast, live acoustic music and hair donation for Little Princess Trust.

Saturday 4th July
Newton Bromswold Village Fete
 Church Lane, Newton Bromswold
 2pm
 Tel: Helen Lines 01933 315864
 Stalls and games, Afternoon Teas, Rushden Mission Band, Alice in Wonderland Children's Fancy Dress competition.

Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th July
Exhibition of Islip Village
 History with Flowers
 St Nicholas Church Islip
 Saturday 10am–4.30pm, Sunday 12.30pm–4.30pm
 £1
 Tel: 01832 733758
 Exhibition in photographs, artefacts and flowers of Islip history. Refreshments served both days. Everyone welcome.

Art Exhibition by Patti Boness, Molly Scarborough and friends
 Chichele College, Higham Ferrers
 10am–4pm each day
 Free
www.highamferrerstourism.org.uk
 We all work in different media, subjects and styles. Come and see!

Sunday 5th July
The Marketplace at Titchmarsh Church
 1pm–4pm
 £5 for nearly new sellers; £8 for new.
 Prior booking of stalls essential.

Tel: Naomi 07815 293893.
 Free entrance on the day.
 Refreshments and children's activities. Everyone welcome.
 Organised by the Friends of Titchmarsh School.

Fotheringhay Food and Craft Fair
 Fotheringhay Village Hall
 11am–5.30pm
 Admission Free
 Tel: Caroline Kisby 01832 226268
 A selection of stalls selling textiles, preserves, jewellery and plants and delicious refreshments available.

8.5 mile Walk in Hatley St George area
 Saffron Road car park
 Higham Ferrers (car sharing)
 9am
 Tel: Richard Gell 01933 359237
 Higham Ferrers Footpath Group.

Every Monday
Headway East Northants Craft Club
 The Baptist Chapel, Meeting Lane, Irthlingborough
 1.30pm–3.30pm
 £1 admission
 Tel: Claire Phillips 01933 652311 E: claire.phillips@headwayeastnorthants.org.uk
 Informal, friendly group making small items for fundraising purposes (knitting/crochet/cards). Materials can be provided.

Titchmarsh Folk Dance Club
 The Club Room, High Street, Titchmarsh NN14 3DF
 8pm–10pm
 £1 inc tea/coffee
 Tel: Julie Bubbles 01536 726858
 or email bubbles.folksinger@hotmail.com
 Country dancing from the 1600s to the modern, sociable and fun. No partner needed.

Oundle Ladies Running Group
 Oundle pool car park
 6.45pm
 Tel: Jane Walker 01832 272898
janewalkercakes@icloud.com
 All levels welcome. Come and give us a try, it's free.

Wesley Centre Art Class
 Irthlingborough Methodist Church
 2pm–4pm
 Tel: 01933 650195
 Experienced teacher, all abilities welcome.

First Monday of the month
Oundle Wives
 Methodist Church, Oundle
 7.45pm
 Tel: 01832 272178
 £3 for refreshments and raffle.
 New members very welcome.
 Friendly, social group.

Wildlife Trust Little Bugs Club
 Irthlingborough Library
 1.30pm–3pm
 Free, donations welcome
 Tel: Louise Tuffin 01604 405285
louise.tuffin@wildlifebcn.org
 A fun monthly session for Under 5s and their parents to discover local wildlife.

Second Monday of the month
Royal British Legion
 Rushden Branch Monthly Meeting
 Rushden Football & Social Club, Hayden Road, Rushden
 7.15pm
 Annual Fee £15
 Tel: Jake Baker 07525 441267
 Not necessary to have served in the Armed Forces to be a member.

Every Tuesday
Coffee Stop
Rushden Mission Church,
 Wellingborough Road NN10 9TA
 10am–12.30pm
 Tel: Alan Richardson 01933 355302
 A warm welcome awaits all, for a drink, snack and chat.

Second Tuesday of the month
An Afternoon of Nostalgia
Dancing to the Sounds of David Hawkes
 Pemberton Centre, HE Bates Way, Rushden, Northants
 2pm–4pm
 £3 per person plus refreshments
 Tel: Diane Eaton 01933 315555
 Tea dance.

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Second and fourth Tuesday of the month
Social group for widows and widowers in their 50s and 60s
 Rushden Bowls Club, Northampton Road, Rushden
 7.30pm–9.30pm
 £1 per meeting
 Tel: Jayne 01933 315030 / Rose 01933 315756
 Social group for widows/widowers in their 50s and 60s. Meals out, day trips etc.

Every Tuesday and Thursday
Health Walks
Stanwick Lakes
 10am–11am
 Free – normal car park charges apply.
 Tel: 01933 625522
www.stanwicklakes.org.uk
 Regular walking can help improve your health. Join us in our regular walks.

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Every Wednesday Dog Training and Socialisation and Ringcraft

Halefield, Woodnewton, near Oundle
Classes from 6.45pm
Tel: 01832 293432
oundledogs@aol.com or website www.oundledogs.co.uk
Dog training classes following the KC Good Citizen Scheme and Ringcraft. New members always welcome.

Rainbow Cafe for Tots (aimed at up to age 5 and their adults)

Stanwick Lakes
10.30am–12noon
£2 per child – normal car park charges apply.
Tel: 01933 625522
www.stanwicklakes.org.uk
Make new and exciting crafts then join Lisa from Music and Movement to play, sing and dance.

Club Night

Apethorpe Tennis Club
From 6pm
All standards welcomed.

Every Wednesday (except school holidays) Allegra Singers – Three-part ladies choir

Music room at King John School, Thrapston
7.30pm–9.30pm
£3 per session
Tel: Veronica 01832 732611 or 07753 472225
If you enjoy singing, come and join us in singing modern/show songs. New members welcome.

First Wednesday of the month Raunds Ladies Group

The Saxon Hall, Raunds
8pm–10pm.
Visitors £3.50
Guest speaker, refreshments.

Alternate Wednesdays U3A Country Dancing

St James' Church Hall, Thrapston

2pm–3.30pm
Tel: 01933 622827
ghearnnden@tiscali.co.uk
The U3A Country Dance Group meets on alternate Wednesdays. All are welcome. Non-U3A members are welcome for a taster.

Second and fourth Wednesdays of the month Northants Model Makers

Windmill Primary School, Raunds NN9 6LA
Main meeting starts 7.30ish
First couple of meetings free
Tel: Bob Humpage 07960 054405 modelmaker@tiscali.co.uk
Social based model building club open to all ages and levels of experience.

Third Wednesday of each month Wellingborough Flower Arrangement Society

St Mary's Church Hall, Knox Road, Wellingborough NN8 1HU
7.30pm
£5
Tel: Chairman on 01933 222326 or Secretary on 01604 870275
Car park available.

Higham and Rushden U3A

Pemberton Centre, Rushden
2pm–4pm
£2 for visitors
Tel: Membership Secretary 01933 314425
Monthly speaker followed by beverages and mixing for social chat.

Every Thursday Rushden Folk Dance Club

St Mary's Church Hall, Rushden
8pm–10pm
First visit free, £2 per night thereafter
Tel: Val 01933 387327
Everyone will be made welcome, singles or couples.

The Silverfox Turners Club

Dale End Scout Headquarters, Croyland

Road, Wellingborough
10am–1pm
£2 all members
Tel: Secretary Trevor Rhodes 01933 382790
Newly formed wood turning club. Open to all levels of wood turners. Warm welcome guaranteed.

Free guided walk around Oundle

Oundle
11am
Admission free
Email: oundlib@northamptonshire.gov.uk or call 0300 126 1000
Explore Oundle on foot. Walks last 60–90 minutes. Booking essential.

Every Thursday during school term time Music Makers

Titchmarsh Pavilion
9.30am–10.15am
£4 per child and £2 per sibling.
Naomi Cooper on musicmakersnorthants@gmail.com
Funky music and movement group for 0–5 years with parachute, puppets, balls, bubbles and more.

Music Makers

Joan Strong Centre, Oundle
11.15am–12noon
£4 per child and £2 per sibling.
Naomi Cooper on musicmakersnorthants@gmail.com
Funky music and movement group for 0–5 years with parachute, puppets, balls, bubbles and more.

Little Treasures Tots Group

St Laurence's Church, Stanwick
9.30am–11am
Donations to cover costs
Tel: Nicki 01933 625658
For pre-schoolchildren and their adult carer – Bible story, song, craft and fun. All welcome.

Music Makers

Stanwick Village Hall
2pm–2.45pm
£4 per child and £2 per sibling
Naomi Cooper on musicmakersnorthants@gmail.com
Funky music and movement group for 0–5 years with parachute, balls, bubbles and more. FREE taster sessions up for grabs.

Third Thursday of the month Painting Class with Nick Baldwin

St John Ambulance Hall, Raunds
10am–4pm
£15 per session
Tel: Kathy Gyngell 01933 389936
Friendly class seeks new members to learn painting with mixed media. All abilities welcome.

Every Friday

'Tea + Tots'
Little Ducklings Pre-School, Barnwell
1.30pm–3pm
£1.50 per family
Tel: 01832 358085
Come and enjoy a nice relaxing cup of tea whilst watching your children play.

First Friday of the month (recommend checking before travelling) Craft Cafe

Stanwick Lakes
10.30am–1pm
Modest charges for some materials – normal car park charges apply.
Tel: 01933 625522
www.stanwicklakes.org.uk
Learn new craft skills, share your experience and meet up with crafty friends.

Third Friday of the month Raunds Tea Dance

Saxon Hall, Raunds
2pm–4.15pm
£3 (plus 50p for Raffle)
Tel: Mrs Wicks 01933 312623
Tea dance and raffle with music by Dave Hawkes.

Third Friday of the month (recommend checking before travelling) Stanwick Stitchers

Stanwick Lakes
10.30am
Free entry – normal car park charges apply.
Tel: 01933 625522 or Pauline on 01933 229817
www.stanwicklakes.org.uk
Come and join this informal friendly group of stitchers to chat, stitch and eat cake!

First Saturday of the month Coffee Morning

St Mary's Church, Ringstead
10am–12noon
Tel: 01933 624262 for details
A warm welcome to all, proceeds to church projects and charities.
Thrapston Farmers' Market
Thrapston High Street
9am–1pm
Free
www.thrapstonfarmersmarket.moonfruit.com
Every first Saturday of the month. Local meat, beer, cider, cheese, eggs, deli, preserves etc.

Second Saturday of the month (Same Saturday as Oundle Farmers' Market) Coffee 'n' Cakes

Oundle Methodist Church, Drummingwell Lane (behind the Talbot Hotel)
10am–12noon
Tel: John Hewitson 01832 272209
Filter coffee, tea, squash (free refills) homemade cakes. Warm welcome. Proceeds to various charities.

Second Saturday of the month WE Watch and Phoenix Group

Stanwick Lakes
For more information email wewatchstanwick@hotmail.co.uk
Tel: 01933 625522
Two clubs for keen young nature lovers. WE Watch for ages 8–13 and Phoenix for ages 13–18. Supported by RSPB and Wildlife Trust.

Every third Saturday of the month Messy Church

Rushden Salvation Army, Church Street, Rushden
4pm
Further details from Gill Valentine on 01933 353528
Messy Church – fun for all the family.

Last Saturday of the month except December Farmers' Market

Market Square, Higham Ferrers
9am–1pm
danielle@highamferrers-tc.gov.uk
Aberdeen Angus beef, organic eggs, vegetables, Italian peppers, organic pork and lamb, free range poultry, beer, pork in all its forms in addition to pickles, pies, herbs, fresh fish, fruit and honey, preserves, traditional bread, plants & cheese.

Every Sunday Morning Worship Rushden Mission Church

Wellingborough Road
10.45am
Tel: Alan 01933 355302
All age family service with the Music Group and children's activities.

Morning Church Service

The Cafe Church, The Heritage Chapel and Halls, Park Rd, Rushden NN100RG
10.30am
Church service followed by refreshments and fellowship.

First Sunday of the month Priceless – for young children and their families

St Laurence's Church, Stanwick
9.30am–10.15am
Join Tanya and Nicki for 45 minutes of fun, craft and prayer.

Third Sunday of the month All Age Worship

St Laurence's Church, Stanwick
9.30am
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Last Sunday of the month (recommend checking before travelling) Local Producers' and Farmers' Market

Stanwick Lakes
10am–2pm
Free entry to market – normal car park charges apply.
Tel: 01933 625522
www.stanwicklakes.org.uk
Browse through tempting treats and gifts made and farmed by local businesses.

Every Sunday during July, August and September Sunday teas

Fotheringhay Village Hall
3pm–5.30pm
Tea or coffee and cake £2.50
Tel: 07713 654385

Every Sunday in June, July and August House, Museum and Exhibition open

The Priests House, 38 West Street, Easton on the Hill, near Stamford, Northamptonshire PE9 3LS
2pm–4.30pm
Free. Donations welcome.
Contact: Paul Way 01780 762619 email: paulway39@hotmail.com
A delightful small 15th century building with a museum exploring Easton's industrial past including the local Collyweston slate mining industry which ended in the 1950s.

Ongoing Drawing and Painting Classes

Ecton Village Hall, Chelveston Village Hall, Warkton Village Hall, Kingsthorpe Community Centre
Various (see my website) dgartweb.sharepoint.com
£65 per term
Tel: Derek Geater 01933 381848
Drawing and painting, mainly working in watercolour with some soft pastels.



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You can read the accounts on our website at <http://www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/statementofaccounts> from 1 July 2015. For the year ending 31 March 2015, you can also read and make copies of the accounts to be audited and certain books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts relating to them at East Northamptonshire Council, Cedar Drive, Thrapston 9.15am - 4.45pm, Mondays to Fridays from 6 July to 31 July 2015. Copies of the accounts will also be available for inspection and copying at the Customer Service Centres on Newton Road, Rushden (Monday to Friday 9am - 4.30pm) and Oundle library, Glapthorn Road, Oundle (Monday to Saturday 10am - 1pm).
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The council's audit is being conducted under the provisions of the Audit Commission Act 1998, the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2011 and the Audit Commission's Code of Audit Practice. Details of your rights can be found in the Audit Commission document 'Council's Accounts - Your Rights' which is available via a link on our website at www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/CouncilsAccountsYourRights
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Chess corner

by Derrick Sims

I recently went to London's West End to watch the Mousetrap at St Martin's Theatre. The venue is just up the road from the British Museum, where I took the opportunity to view the displays relating to medieval Europe. Chess was a very popular game during that period and the pieces are recognisable today.

Modern chess pieces have lost some of the detail of old; an example is the Knight, whereby on a modern chess set it's represented by a horse's head shape. A medieval set would have shown a Knight riding a horse; this makes it much clearer why a Knight is so called.

In the middle ages chess was one of the accomplishments a young noblewoman was expected to learn. At that time relationships between men and women were formalised, with chess being one of the few opportunities to socialise and flirt with each other. I hasten to add that such behaviour is not a feature at Rushden Chess Club and new members needn't worry that they will be exposed to flirting of any sort!

Chessboards at that time were of a substantial nature and there is a story that the future King John clashed with Fulke FitzWarin over a game of chess, striking FitzWarin over the head with a board leading to John receiving a foot in his stomach causing him to smash his head into a wall. It's reported that both players became 'all weak and fainted' – hardly surprising.

Fulke later rebelled against King John over his familial right to Whittington Castle and was

declared an outlaw. King John was obviously not big into forgiving and forgetting. There are even reports of people being murdered with chessboards. They certainly took their chess seriously in those days. Chess is also recorded as being a game that laymen were allowed to play.

Like many players I was taught the game by my father and I assume that the game would have been taught and played similarly by previous Sims generations. I can imagine that my distant ancestor Simon, who was a servant in Rutland in 1377, may even have played the game against his master at that time.

Certainly chess pieces have been found that date from the 12th century so the game would have been widespread by the 14th century. A recent archaeological dig in Northampton found a 12th century, chess workshop with pieces manufactured from bones and antlers. This prompted one wag at Rushden Bowls Club to comment that he'd had to turn down a job at a chess factory because it was shift work and he couldn't do (K)nights – I rest my case your honour!

Chess is a game for people of all abilities, disabilities, and lifestyles. Rushden Chess Club loves welcoming new members, so do come along to a meeting if you're interested in playing chess in a very friendly environment – for details please call the Club Secretary on 07810 474969, or visit the club website <http://rushdenchessclub.com> and for the NCA (County Association) it's <http://www.norchess.lloydbunday.co.uk>.

East Northants Tennis

In the Ladies Division Corby A took a giant step in retaining their title with two impressive victories.

Against Ferrers & Rushden Karyn Slatter / Gee Farnsworth claimed a hard fought maximum, beating Val Horrell / Denise Sayer 6-3, 6-2 and Michelle Mainwaring / Joana Jones 7-5, 6-4. Carolyn Davis / Deb Briggs also defeated Horrell / Sayer but had to settle for a 6-3, 3-6 half with Mainwaring / Jones.

Next up was a visit to Oundle and the Corby quartet again produced a solid performance in gaining a 6-2 win. Slatter / Sam Chapman led the way, bagging a four-set haul with a 6-0, 7-6 win over Jo Porter / Camilla Sherwin and a 6-2, 6-1 victory against Janet Cracknell / Jane Cummins. Corrine Liobet / Deb Briggs scored a 6-0, 6-2 win against Cracknell / Cummins but found Oundle's Porter / Sherwin a much more difficult proposition and went down 6-1, 7-5.

Market Harborough's first ever foray into the East Northants League ended with a 6-2 win over Burton Latimer. Karen Westley / Katie Gillanders were in fine form beating Sue Hart /

Laura Cave 6-2, 6-4 and halving 4-6, 7-6 with Tina Cattle / Beth Ascott. Susan Roberts / Deb Bliss also chipped in with three sets defeating Cattle / Ascott 6-3, 7-6 and halving 2-6, 6-3 with Hart / Cave.

Thrapston A look to be Corby's main rivals as they secured their third win of the season by beating Oundle 7-1. Vanessa Woodhead / Rachel Wildman took all four sets while Lizzie Sloan / Kate Jones waded in with three. For Oundle, Jo Porter / Camilla Sherwin could feel a little unfortunate going down 7-5, 7-5 to Woodhead / Wildman before claiming a well deserved 7-5, 3-6 half against Sloan / Jones.

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Market Harborough	1	1	0	0	6
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