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In Brief

School's Christmas Fayre

Pitsford School Junior Christmas Fayre and Christmas Market takes place on Friday 27th November between 4pm and 6pm. There will be a raffle, tombola, Santa's grotto together with an opportunity to purchase Christmas gifts and enjoy a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie. Everyone is welcome at this fantastic festive evening. www.pitsfordschool.com

Young readers to have their say

Young people are being invited to give their views about library services in Northamptonshire. The county council is asking young readers to take part in a survey to find out what they think about their local library and what could make it better. The countywide survey is aimed at seven to 16-year-olds and runs in libraries until Sunday 1st November. Anyone who would like to take part can do so by visiting any Northamptonshire library.

Kings Cliffe Active awarded £74,015 of funding from Sport England Facilities fund

Since 2011, Inspired Facilities has been helping breathe new life into developing community sports facilities into venues suitable for grassroots sport.

KC Active is proposing to build 2 netball / 3 tennis floodlit and fenced courts to cater for the newly formed Kings Cliffe Back to Netball group and a large number of local residents who have expressed an interest in tennis, including improving opportunities for local children and young people to play, linking particularly with the Kings Cliffe Endowed School

Sport England Property Director, Charles Johnston, said: "The Inspired Facilities Fund has had a huge impact on grassroots sport across the country. Since 2011, we've invested £94 million into more than 1,800 projects to improve and refurbish sports clubs and transform non-sporting venues into

Local sports charity Kings Cliffe & Area Community Sports Project, known as KC Active is among 148 local sports projects to secure a share of £10 million of National Lottery funding from Sport England's Inspired Facilities fund.

vibrant community sports clubs. "It's great to see Kings Cliffe Active join the long list of successful clubs to benefit from this fund."

Vice Chairman of the charity Trustees Simon Fairhall, said: "We are delighted to have secured this investment, which together with the funds secured through East Northamptonshire Council means that we are so close to our target and we very much hope and expect to have new facilities in place by next summer, which will be a fantastic addition to our site providing more opportunities for more people from north east Northamptonshire to play sport in their local area. It also means we can turn our attention to our next planned

development!" Local MP, Tom Pursglove, said: "I was delighted to hear that Sport England are to invest in sporting facilities in Kings Cliffe. In the Chamber of the House of Commons, I have regularly stressed the importance of people of all ages being able to participate in sporting activities in their local area. This grant will make this a reality for the residents of Kings Cliffe and I am sure it will benefit the

wider Northamptonshire community too. I congratulate all those who worked so hard to secure this investment and I look forward to visiting in the near future.'

This Inspired Facilities Award complements the one received from East Northamptonshire Council whose Leader, Steven North, said: "We were very happy

to financially support this project with money from our Community Facilities Fund. I am sure the new courts at Kings Cliffe Active will make an important contribution to local people's health and wellbeing. It's these kinds of projects which help communities grow and thrive and I look forward to seeing you all enjoying the new facilities."

For more details about the project, please contact Simon Fairhall on 07767 390516 or simon.fairhall@btinternet.com



SPORT ENGLAND

RAUNDS NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN (RNDP)

Raunds Town Council has now launched its consultation on the Neighbourhood Plan. The consultation will run from 19th October-1st December 2015 and we would welcome your comments on the plan!

The plan deals with issues such as housing types, protecting our open space, improving our High Street, defining the main employment areas and designates community buildings and heritage sites in the town.

Please have your say on the important issues that affect Raunds. The plan can be downloaded from http://raunds-tc.gov.uk/Neighbourhood_Plan.aspx or you can call into the Town Council Offices or the library for a hard copy.

The RNDP, when complete, will form part of the statutory development plan for East Northamptonshire.

This will give the community real power over the future planning of the area and will be used to promote and guide what goes where; and, importantly, will be used to help determine planning applications in Raunds.

After the 6 week consultation period the council will consider all the comments made and make any amendments, the plan will then be submitted to East Northamptonshire Council for further consultation and will then be subject to an independent examination prior to a referendum and adoption of the plan.

So **PLEASE** do take part in the consultation it really will make a difference to your area.

Kate Houlihan, Town Clerk
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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.

Dear Editor,
Just a little email regarding 10th October issue of Nene Valley News.

I wanted to say I always read your Editor's notes (and the rest of the paper) and agree it must have been most disheartening not to hear from your readers.

I'm sure, like me, the majority love receiving this local area news rag. It is always full of interesting articles and tidbits, which would not be known so widely were it not for this free publication.

Unfortunately my life is very ordinary,

I retired earlier this year after working at Ravensden Plc, Rushden as PA to the managing director for over 40 years.

I would like to mention an over 55 singles group I joined on retirement. They are called "Great Companions" and meet up the first Tuesday evening of the month at 7pm at Rushden Bowls Club.

I have now become involved in theatre/concert trips, coffee mornings, lunches, games nights, bowling, dances, holidays the list goes on and is endless. The Committee work very hard to organise fresh and original events but also ask members for their input in what / where they would like included, so there is something of interest for everyone.

I have met some wonderful people and had good times and laughs with them. The "oldies" men and women really know how to

enjoy themselves and now I am with them. I'm not sure this is the "news" you are hoping to hear, for which I apologise, but I know they are always looking for new members and I have to say it is a group well worth the time to join (£5 annual membership). If you think this would apply to any of your readers they could just come along and find out for themselves.

It would be nice if "Great Companions" could be given a mention, if not, obviously no harm done in asking the question.

So there we have it, I've done my bit, but mostly to say keep up the great inventive newspaper which I am sure is appreciated by your many readers, definitely by me.

Diane

New appointments at Rushden Academy

Rushden Academy are pleased to announce the appointment of Head Boy and Head Girl. Regan De-Branco and Sofia Keilholz are taking on these prestigious roles after undergoing a rigorous selection procedure which involved 18 students who put themselves forward to lead the school in this way.

Jay Davenport, newly appointed Principal at Rushden Academy said "The interviews were a real joy as our students conducted themselves with such maturity and thoughtfulness. The final choice was particularly difficult as each and every student who applied for Head Boy and Girl had so much to offer to



the role. It's exciting times at Rushden Academy which Regan and Sofia, as well as all of our students, will be a part of as we continue our journey to become a great school"

Living up to the successes of the last year's Head Boy

and Girl will be a tall order but Sofia is confident they can do it, "I am delighted to be Head Girl and I'm excited to give the students more support and guidance. I look forward to the upcoming challenges that face me" she said.

Editor's notes

Since this is the last edition of NVN ahead of 5th November, I make no excuses for adding to the perception of "Nanny State" levels of advice about Bonfire Night; we carry an article containing sensible rather than restrictive advice about keeping safe while enjoying the spectacle of fireworks and a bonfire. The same piece has further advice about getting the best from Halloween – an American import which now seems firmly ensconced in the UK calendar. Fingers crossed for fine weather for both events.

We all recall the connection to Guy Fawkes and the plan to blow up the House of Lords during the State Opening of England's Parliament on 5th November 1605; this was to be the prelude to a popular revolt in the

Midlands, not far from Northampton, during which King James's 9 year-old daughter, Princess Elizabeth, was to be installed as the Catholic head of state. However, after a tip-off, Fawkes was discovered guarding 36 barrels of gunpowder which was enough to reduce the House of Lords to rubble; he was arrested and later executed, in the grisly style of the period, for his troubles along with a number of other members of the plot.

It's worth taking a moment to reflect on the international nature of the use of bonfires in celebrations commemorating noteworthy events. These take place on different dates across the world, for

instance Walpurgis Night celebrated variously in April and May in several Northern Europe countries; Saint Walpurga was an English missionary who became associated with May Day celebrations linked to the advent of summer but other versions of similar events on that date are related to sorcerers and the burning of witches – a link to the celebration of Halloween!

Whether or not we're in for a hard winter remains to be seen but it's certain that there will be challenging weather conditions over the coming months. With this in mind, we also have some advice for drivers in this edition; with a little careful planning winter can be a more enjoyable experience.

We would really like to hear your views – please send these to the Editor at news@nenevalleynews.co.uk

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Corby's free firework display set to go off with a bang!



It's nearly time to enjoy the biggest free bonfire night around as Corby Borough Council gets ready to set things off with a bang on Thursday 5th November at Corby Boating Lake, Cottingham Road.

From 6.30pm you can join the Torchlight Procession which will be assembling at the Corby East Midlands International Pool car park entrance and will set off at 6.45pm, led by the piper to light the bonfire

at 7pm. The main event will then take place at 7.30pm as the sky is lit with Corby's amazing firework display.

Please note that the fireworks will be set off on Westcott Way, opposite the bonfire.

Please do not park by the roadside or on the verges near the Boating Lake and remember to wrap up warm and wear suitable clothing and footwear. Also the area is dark so you may want to bring a torch along with

you.

As usual, this event is completely free, but there will be a bucket collection on the night, all donations are very much appreciated and will go to the Mayor's charities The Air Ambulance & Teamwork Trust.

Corby Borough Council's Lead Member for Community, Cllr John McGhee, said: "We are very lucky here in Corby that we have such an amazing

bonfire night that is free for all to attend. We simply couldn't do it without the support of our fantastic sponsors which this year are Barratt Homes, Pilz and David Wilson Homes. I am also pleased to be able to

support the event myself along with fellow county councillors, Mary Butcher, Julie Brookfield and Bob Scott.

"We look forward to seeing thousands of you enjoying the night".

For more information, please contact Corby Borough Council's Culture and Leisure Department on 01536 464042.

Thrapston children discover the Nene Valley Romans

Children from Thrapston Primary School have been exploring the history of the Nene Valley, thanks to the Trading Places heritage project.

The Trading Places project, which is managed by the Rockingham Forest Trust, has

been funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund and The Ernest Cook Trust to breathe new life into the traditional crafts of the Nene Valley and connect communities with their local history.

Pupils from Year 4 at Thrapston Primary School

recently went on an exciting journey back in time to discover the Romans of the Nene Valley. The children visited Stanwick Lakes where a Roman villa was excavated in the 1980s and became mini archaeologists as they dug for Roman pottery in the replica dig pit. They also saw the mosaic from the villa, and got their hands on history as they handled tesserae and made their own mini mosaics. In the afternoon the class moved onto Wellingborough Museum to make clay pots and see some of the Roman artefacts found along the valley, including items from the nearby Roman town at

Chester Farm.

Class teacher Cheryl Hopper said "The children had an amazing time and they were talking about it all the way home. It was lovely to actually do some hands on history and I feel they learnt a lot. Thank you so much to the staff and volunteers of Stanwick Lakes and Wellingborough Museum for their kindness and support. We would love to do the trip again!"

To find out more about what Trading Places has been up to, visit Facebook/Trading Places Nene Valley.



A traditional bonfire party with a spectacular twist

Barnwell has been running a large bonfire party for over 20 years. They have moved on to providing a professional spectacular firework display while retaining the friendly village atmosphere with toffee apples, hot toddies and a quality barbeque.

For the last two years they tried something almost unique in this area.

Barnwell has one of the earliest Norman castles so faced with the usual mountain of unwanted pallets a few locals set about building a castle complete with drawbridge, turrets and flags. The effect was

magical and remained a talking point throughout the year.

Lat year the construction was even more lavish and was based on the great fire of London. (51 years after the gunpowder plot.)

What will they think of next? The organisers are keeping the subject of the installation a closely guarded secret.

To find out more and view the spectacle, come to the bonfire party at Barnwell village hall on Thursday November 5th. Don't miss the lighting of the fire at around 6:30pm.

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Enjoy the health benefits of outdoors, indoors this autumn

Get a better night's sleep by making the most of the autumn sunshine and spending more time in a conservatory or garden room that allows the natural light to flood in, bringing numerous health benefits with it.

As the days grow shorter this is the ideal time to try and catch those extra rays of sunshine. Natural daylight impacts on our body clocks and if we're not exposed to enough natural light our brains find it hard to work out how much sleep we should be getting. A study* revealed that people who spend their days in naturally

lit environments get 46 extra minutes sleep per night.

Also, the body creates Vitamin D when exposed to natural light, which aids maintenance of normal blood levels of calcium and phosphorus within the body. This improves our moods and prevents seasonal affective disorder (SAD), so it is definitely worth spending that extra time in your garden room or conservatory.

To achieve that outdoors feeling indoors, a great start point is a chunky piece of organic furniture. Natural or woven materials like wicker or rattan are perfect for marrying modern or

traditional designs with beautiful materials. You can extend your home through your conservatory and reach out to your garden by using floral prints. Soft greens can keep that natural feeling, while yellow or orange shades can bring the sunshine in.

Northampton-based Daro, the leading name for cane, rattan and all-weather outdoor furniture for your conservatory and garden, is encouraging homeowners to use their conservatory or garden room for longer as it is actually good for your health.

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Laura Ashley, the timeless and iconic British interiors brand, to produce a stylish and homely range of conservatory furniture. Laura Ashley's effortless style compliments the handmade natural frames in the collection.

By combining nature and style in your conservatory furniture, you can bring the outdoors in and enjoy the feel-good sunshine and reap the health benefits in your home this autumn.

James Brown, Daro director said: "We know how



much our customers love the outdoor lifestyle and that is why we want to encourage continued use of garden rooms and conservatories even though we are now into autumn. Everyone feels better when they are out in the sunshine and that is why spending time in your bright conservatory can be beneficial to your health. Our

furnishings are sumptuous and comfortable to add to your enjoyment of your outdoor space indoors. The more comfortable you are the more time you will want to spend there enjoying the environment and its benefits."

* Source: 2013 study conducted by Chicago's Northwestern University.

Game on!

Pigeon with hedgerow sauce

Now is the time of year to find locally sourced game in your butcher's, confident in the knowledge that it will have lived a truly free range, organic life!

Although it may seem a little daunting if you've not cooked game before, you can broadly treat birds as chicken and wild venison as beef. Your butcher can advise you on cooking times and methods for the birds/cuts they have.

As I'd not cooked pigeon before I thought I'd give it a try, but the hedgerow sauce will complement most game, so just use what's available.

For the bird:

1 pigeon per person – there really isn't much meat on them!
3 to 4 rashers of streaky bacon per bird
A quarter of an apple
Sprig of rosemary

Put the apple in the cavity to help prevent the flesh drying out, and add the rosemary as well. Stretch the bacon with the back of a knife to avoid shrinkage during cooking. Wrap the bird completely in the bacon.

Roast at a medium heat for 30 to 40 minutes or until cooked through. Be careful not to overcook as game does dry out quite easily.

For the hedgerow sauce (serves 4):

1 onion
2 cloves garlic
Butter
150ml port
50ml sloe gin or red wine
200ml stock
1 firm fleshed apple – finely sliced
2 tbsps bramble jelly or similar
A couple of handfuls of blackberries
Pinch of mixed spice, cinnamon and a grate of

nutmeg

Seasoning to taste

Sweat the onion and garlic in butter until soft. Pour in the port, sloe gin or wine, stock, jelly, spices, seasoning and apple. Simmer over a high heat until reduced by about half. Check the flavour and adjust seasoning, and if necessary, reduce a little further if not intense enough or add water if it's become too strong. As you'll be eating this with other foods, err on the side of making it quite intense. Add the blackberries and heat them through.

Serve the bird whole with the sauce and seasonal vegetables.

By Catherine Burbage



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East Northamptonshire Council funds sponsor Higham Ferrers history

The Trustees of The Friends of St Mary's Church, Higham Ferrers have launched a research project into the background of Dr Richard Hacon and the reported typhoid deaths as witnessed in the churchyard. Trustee Brenda Lofthouse has already put in hours of research into the Jolley family memorial 'unearthed' there and a pamphlet detailing the individual lives of members of the Jolley family is now available from the Trustees and from the Church.

Thanks must go to Councillor Anna Sauntson whose East Northamptonshire Council Empowerment Fund has sponsored

the printing of the pamphlet. Further research is being carried out on the other memorials in the Churchyard.



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Genealogy jottings

Talking of maps, which I was last time, have you ever come across a place that you had not heard of? Or maybe you had but could not pinpoint where it was. One of the best resources on the internet for this is GENUKI (<http://www.genuki.org.uk/>) Not only does it list virtually every town and parish in the UK, but it gives a potted history about each place plus where you can find the relevant records. The name comes from GENealogy in the UK and Ireland and I reckon that it should be bookmarked on every family historian's computer! Although not all places have links to further information, at least you would be able to find out in which county a place might be. Some of them have historical details – did you know that the first written mention of Fotheringhay was in 1060, and it is listed in the Domesday Book in 1086 as 'Fodringea'? Others have gazetteers that show how close

neighbouring villages are. I have ancestors from Castle Camps in Cambridgeshire and was rather bemused to discover that my great-grandfather travelled to work in Essex each day. That was, until I discovered that he lived on the Essex/Cambridgeshire border and walked no further than

three miles each way! What is also rather helpful is that GENUKI also provides details of where not only parish records might be found, but in some cases, who holds those for Non-Conformists. It may be that your ancestor was a Wesleyan or Baptist for instance – you

will not find those baptisms in the Parish Registers! GENUKI also uses Chapman codes. These were created by Dr Colin Chapman in the 1970s. Rather than writing Northamptonshire or Northants in your records, you can use the code – in this case, NTH. You will

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find that many resources refer to these codes and so it is as well to be aware of them. A full list may be found on the GENUKI

website – or in the Articles on my forum – the address of which is under my name. Until next time – don't get lost!

Classic Tyneside group's story retold by former members

Former members of the iconic Tyneside group Lindisfarne will be performing hits from the band's history in the special two-man acoustic show the The Lindisfarne Story on Thursday 29th October at The Core at Corby Cube.

Lindisfarne exploded onto the UK music scene in 1970 achieving international success with songs such as Lady Eleanor, Meet Me On The Corner, Fog On The Tyne and Run For Home and their music is still

ever-present on UK radio today.

Join Billy Mitchell and Ray Laidlaw for this entertaining show as they tell The Lindisfarne Story from the very beginning, featuring acoustic versions of the classic, unforgettable songs, brought to life with 'behind the scenes' stories, personal archive photos and video.

This is a show not to be missed by long-time fans or anyone who enjoys UK rock groups and the music of the '60s and '70s.

The Lindisfarne Story comes to The Core stage on Thursday 29th October at 7.30pm. Tickets are priced at £19* and can be booked by calling Ticket Office on 01536 470 470 or visiting www.thecorecorby.com.

* A transaction fee of £1 applies to telephone and website bookings only. Does not apply in person, or to groups, and is per-transaction, not per-ticket.

The Corby Cube

New fashion store opens in Kettering

Kettering finally has its own dedicated prom and evening wear boutique offering gorgeous prom and evening wear dresses from designers around the world.

Aimée's, located on Victoria Street in Kettering, is a family-run business and held a grand opening event on 1st October, welcoming shoppers from both the local area and across the country. The shop is the only stockist of Jovani, Faviana, Papparazzi Prom by Mori Lee, Intrigue by Blush Prom and Prom Frocks in the county.

Company director Amy said "It was great that so many people joined us to celebrate

our opening event, which was a resounding success. I look forward to welcoming new customers in the future."

Amy further commented, "We will only be selling one dress of each style to any event, to ensure that there will be no-one wearing the same dress as you, so make sure you come early to avoid the disappointment of missing out on your dream dress! New dresses arrive frequently, so make sure you "like" our Facebook page to receive regular updates on new arrivals. The link to our Facebook page can be found on our website www.aimeesdresses.co.uk"



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Notice of planning applications received

Notice is given that the following applications have been received together with the last date for making representations:

Ashton

15/01787/FUL (14/11/2015) (LB/CA) Works to Green Farm House involving conversion of former cart store to formal accommodation and link extension back to Farm House. New family kitchen extension with single storey link back to main house and outbuilding at Green Farm 21 The Green

15/01788/LBC (14/11/2015) (LBRegs) Works to Green Farm House involving conversion of former cart store to formal accommodation and link extension back to Farm House. Minor internal alterations including re opening of earlier door openings and creation of en suite bathrooms. New family kitchen extension with single storey link back to main house and outbuilding at Green Farm 21 The Green

15/01791/FUL and 15/01792/LBC (19/11/2015) (LB/CA) Change of use of farm yard buildings and land to ancillary residential use and change of use to paddock land. Works to the site and outbuildings involving:

reconfiguring of site layout with revisions to hardstanding and driveways, gates to farmhouse entrance, alterations to garaging, conversion of single storey outbuildings to pool changing rooms, conversion of barns to gym and home spa, changing threshing barn to function barn (ancillary residential), demolition of asbestos grain store and creation of paddock enclosure with associated fencing and gates. Removal of perimeter bunds and vegetation and replanting. Formation of hard standing tennis court with fencing at Green Farm 21 The Green Ashton PE8 5LD

Brigstock

15/01735/FUL (14/11/2015) (LB/CA) Conversion of single dwelling into two dwellings including internal and external alterations at 6 Stable Hill Brigstock NN14 3HN

15/01736/LBC (14/11/2015) (LB/CA)

(LBRegs) Residential conversion of one dwelling into two dwellings, infill of internal ground and first floor openings between two buildings, reinstate front ground floor window, form new rear door, form new first floor window, form ground floor door in existing window opening, increase width of existing windows, install rooflight and form new bathroom and ensuite bathroom, create new kitchen in existing lounge, raise ground floor level of lounge to brick building and create new bedroom in brick building at 6 Stable Hill Brigstock NN14 3HN

Denford

15/01797/FUL (07/11/2015) (Info) Cladding to South, West and East elevation of house (retrospective) at South Reach High Street Denford NN14 4EQ

Higham Ferrers

15/01803/FUL and 15/01804/LBC (14/11/2015) (LB/CA) Replacement extract flue at The Griffin Inn High Street Higham Ferrers NN10 8BN

Irthlingborough

15/00990/FUL (14/11/2015) (Art8) Erection of 2No. retail units (1No. class A1 retail unit of 930 square metres and 1No. mixed use class A1/A3 unit of 130.55 square metres) and 20No. two storey dwellings with associated access, parking and landscaping at Former Factory Site Church Street Irthlingborough

15/01820/FUL (07/11/2015) (Info) Garage conversion and single storey rear extension at 5 Elizabeth Way Irthlingborough NN9 5LE

Kings Cliffe

15/01767/FUL and 15/01768/LBC (07/11/2015) (Info) Conversion and subdivision to four dwelling units at Huskissons Lodge Farm Buildings Wansford Road Kings Cliffe

Lutton

15/01852/LBC (14/11/2015) (LBRegs) Strengthening works to existing cottage and consequent repairs to building fabric at Church Cottage Main Street Lutton PE8 5ND

Nassington

15/01860/FUL (07/11/2015) (Info) Erection of summerhouse in north west corner of rear garden at The Brambles 30 Woodnewton Road Nassington PE8 6QQ

Oundle

15/01032/ADV (14/11/2015) (LB/CA) Three window mounted signs one in each window and one above the door at 2 West Street Oundle PE8 4EF

15/01608/LBC (14/11/2015) (LBRegs) Relocation of boiler from ground floor kitchen to top floor airing cupboard and external Flue Pipe to South facing wall at 5 Fotheringhay Mews Oundle PE8 4NH

15/01638/LBC (14/11/2015) (LB/CA) Minor internal alterations to Grade II Listed Building. Re establish doorways, replacement plumbing and drainwater pipe to first floor to unite dwellings at East Jericho (42) and North Jericho(42A) at East Jericho 42 Market Place Oundle PE8 4AJ

Rushden

15/01637/FUL (07/11/2015) (Info) To change the use of strip of land to domestic use, in addition to move existing six foot fence to edge of boundary at 66 Coltsfoot Road Rushden NN10 0GE

15/01758/FUL (07/11/2015) (Info) Erection of detached two bedroomed bungalow and garage at 4 St James Close Rushden NN10 6DR

15/01801/FUL (14/11/2015) (LB/CA) Demolition and redevelopment of site to form residential scheme with 9 no. two bedroom units and car parking at Former Garage High Street South Rushden

15/01828/FUL (07/11/2015) (Info) Erection of four dwellings and access at 65 Northampton Road Rushden NN10

15/01843/FUL (14/11/2015) (Art8) Erection of

2.4 metre galvanised steel palisade fencing to existing site at Warehouse 1 Sanders Lodge Industrial Estate Rushden NN10 6BQ

15/01847/FUL (07/11/2015) (Info) Proposed extension to living room to provide kitchen/dining area, utility room and garage at 15 Harvey Road Rushden NN10 9JY

15/01857/FUL (07/11/2015) (Info) Demolition of single storey detached garage at side of house and erection of single storey attached garage at side of house with toilet and shower room at 48 Farnham Drive Rushden

Southwick

15/01550/FUL (14/11/2015) (LB/CA) Two storey extension and building on top of the existing single storey extension at Stone House Main Street Southwick PE8 5BL

Titchmarsh

15/01794/FUL (14/11/2015) (LB/CA) Two storey rear extension at 14 Polopit Titchmarsh NN14 3DL

Wadenhoe

15/01798/FUL (14/11/2015) (LB/CA) Erection of non habitable storage shed on paddock land at Paddock Barn 1A Mill Lane Wadenhoe PE8 5XD

15/01861/FUL (07/11/2015) (Info) Installation of a hydropower generation scheme, a channel from the Mill Leat to the scheme plus hut to cover generator, gearbox and control system at Land Next To River Nene Wadenhoe Church Street Wadenhoe

Woodnewton

15/01866/FUL (07/11/2015) (Info) Two and single storey rear extension, first floor extension over existing single storey rear element and replacement porch at Cherryholt Farm 4 Orchard Lane Woodnewton PE8 5EE

Yarwell

15/01814/FUL (14/11/2015) (Art8) New storage building (Class B8) with hard standing, car parking and portakabins at Site 32 Oil Depot Wansford Road Kings Cliffe

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
- commercial/industrial development of 1ha or over if floor area not known
- would, in the council's opinion, alter the overall character of the locality by means of scale, use or visual appearance
- 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/dcnofication

The reason for applications being advertised is as follows :

Part3 - Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 2015.

Part16 - Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 2015.

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.

David Reed

Head of Planning Services
Dated 24 October 2015

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

We all help each other – that's community!

The Oundle International Festival was successful in a recent funding application to The Northamptonshire Community Foundation to upgrade its IT. This has enabled the Oundle-based, non-profit Music Trust to extend its services to sell tickets on behalf of a much wider range of venues whilst maintaining data security.

Communications Manager, Frances said, "We're so reliant on IT that without this funding we were in danger of missing vital opportunities to work with other Arts organisations. This would have had a cultural impact in Oundle. "As it is, we now not only support and promote events in Oundle and the surrounding villages but also Peterborough Cathedral, Rutland Sinfonia and other visiting companies and thanks to our links in social media we can now advertise for them and they for us."

The Oundle International Festival's very existence

depends on donations and generous sponsors plus the invaluable voluntary support of many local residents throughout the year. Consequently those associated with it are keenly aware of how important charity is. So, with that in mind the team wanted to share half of the combined proceeds from the raffle ticket sales this summer and the Food Festival Park and Ride initiative with two other charities; one was Nordoff Robins, a music therapy charity reaching out to vulnerable people and the other was Oundle Community First Responders. Kenneth

Richardson, Artistic Director for Oundle International Festival, met staff and visitors of Nordoff Robins at the centre in London where he presented the cheque.

The Oundle International Festival's Music in Quiet Places autumn series ends on 30th October at 7.30pm at Elton Church with Project Jam Sandwich, a highly acclaimed folk fusion quintet who played recently at The BBC Proms. Project Jam Sandwich, who are widely regarded as the rising stars in their field, play music from around the world and are renowned for their exhilarating improvisations.



The next film presented by Oundle Cinema is Still Alice (12A), 7.45pm Sunday 8th November, starring Julianne Moore and Alec Baldwin, which deals with the subject of early onset Alzheimer's. Julianne Moore won Best Actress Oscar for her performance in this powerful drama. Tickets are £5 adult/£3 under 18. www.oundlefestival.org.uk, Box Office, 4 New St, Oundle PE8 4ED, T: 01832 274734.

Keep safe during autumn

For anyone who loves a party, Halloween and Bonfire Night are fantastic opportunities for a bit of revelry.

But there are always risks, so Northamptonshire Police and Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service would like to use this opportunity to pass on some vital messages to keep people safe, whether they are celebrating at home or with other people.

At Halloween:

- Children should refrain from knocking on doors where a 'no trick or treat' sign has been posted.
- Children should always go trick or treating with an adult.
- Trick or treating routes should be planned beforehand, to only include houses where the residents are known.
- Trick or treat groups should remain in areas that are well lit with streetlights.
- Trick or treat visitors should not talk to strangers in the street and should not enter any house they visit, but should remain on the doorstep.

- Although Halloween is supposed to be spooky, anyone taking part in a trick or treat should be careful not to frighten vulnerable people.
- All Halloween costumes, whether homemade or purchased, should be kept away from candles or other naked flames.
- Avoid creating homemade lanterns using candles, hollowed pumpkins, plastic bottles or other containers as these can be hazardous. There is always the risk of a candle setting light to other materials such as costumes, furniture or curtains.
- Make sure any Halloween costumes worn are marked as flame resistant.
- Do not use flammable materials to make homemade costumes.
- Any candles used in the home should be extinguished completely at night and kept away from children.
- Make sure children do not

go trick or treating equipped with eggs and flour.

On Bonfire Night:

- Fireworks cannot be purchased by anyone under the age of 18.
- Anyone who lets fireworks off between 11pm and 7am is breaking the law, except on Bonfire Night when the time is extended to midnight.
- Pets can be easily frightened by fireworks so they should be kept indoors on Bonfire Night.
- Don't drink alcohol when setting off fireworks.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions on each firework. Read them by torchlight - NEVER a naked flame.
- Light fireworks at arm's length, using a safety firework lighter or fuse wick.
- Never go back to a firework once lit - it may go off in your face.
- Never put fireworks in your pocket or throw them.
- Keep a bucket of water handy.

- Used fireworks should be collected after the display with care. Douse them with water, dispose of them properly in a metal container.
- Wear a protective hat, gloves and eye protection, such as goggles.
- Sparklers are often viewed as a less harmful firework,

but experts say that they can get six times as hot as a pan of cooking oil. They burn fiercely and are not suitable for children under the age of five.

- If your clothing catches fire 'Stop, Drop and Roll'.
- Do you know what to do with a burn or scald?

Follow the link below for further advice. <http://www.sja.org.uk/sja/first-aid-advice.aspx>

- For downloadable resources relating to Halloween and Bonfire Night, see <https://www.northants.police.uk/#!/Events/2795>



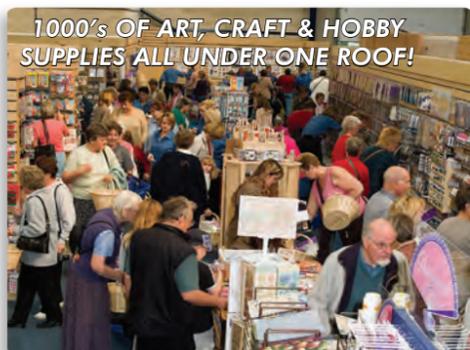
Hereward Carpets of Mancetter Square Peterborough ran a Macmillan Coffee Morning and raised £105 on the day by selling homemade cakes, holding a faked or baked competition and other games. Hereward Carpets doubled this amount to

make a total of £210. It's the second year the company has supported this charity and manager Mark Pullen would like to thank those who came into the store to help raise funds for this amazing cause. Tel: 01733 669000, Email: info@herewardcarpets.co.uk



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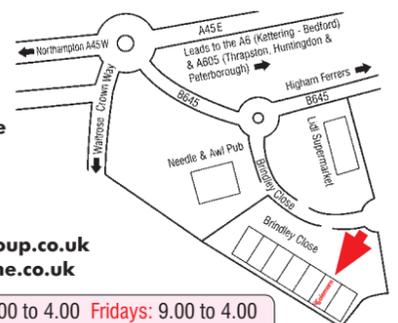


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Brass and Sunshine

Schools taking part were; Aldwickbury, Beachborough, Bilton Grange, Beeston Hall, Heath Mount, Kingshott, Laxton Junior School, Spratton Hall and St Faiths.

Head of Brass and Percussion at Oundle School and co-ordinator of the event Adele Hudson commented, "The day began with the formation of four ensembles catering for every level from pre-grade

1 to grade 6. Four large mixed brass ensembles were made up of Pre-grade 1, grades 1-2, grades 3-4 and grades 5-6. The pupils were a delight to work with, engaged throughout all rehearsals and enjoyed listening to the lunchtime concert in the Great Hall."

Participants were then entertained by the School's advanced brass players in the form of a Senior mixed brass ensemble,

soloists, trombone quartet, tuba quartet, horn quartet, trumpet trio and soloists – Ian Ostojic (trumpet), Henry Cripps (trumpet) and Bethany Peck (trombone).

James Gorick, Director of Music at St Faith's School, commented, "We'll definitely be coming again next year. Thank you to you and the team for giving us and the children such a fabulous day".

Alison Eales, Director of

Another successful Brass Prep Day took place on a very sunny Friday 2nd October in Oundle School's Great Hall with pupils aged between 9 and 14 coming together to play, listen and perform, coached by the brass staff of Oundle.

Music at Kingshott School, commented, "Thank you so much for the highly enjoyable Brass Day at Oundle. The pupils and staff thoroughly enjoyed themselves and I was impressed by the standard of the final performances. It was good to hear Ian Ostojic play so well once again too."

Matt Jelf, Director of Music at Aldwickbury School, commented, "As ever, thank you very much Adele and Oundle staff for hosting our Aldwickbury boys today. Good fun and it gives the boys a real sense of belonging to something outside of their single school context."

Mark Penrose, Director of Music at Bilton Grange, commented, "You were incredibly welcoming and

I was impressed with the superb standard of Brass at Oundle. You should rightly feel very proud of what you have accomplished!"

Judith Dunkley, Director of Music at Beachborough, commented, "Many thanks for a wonderful day last Friday. The children always get so much out of it – playing in a massed band and seeing older pupils perform, not to mention the pastoral side of things – meeting children from other schools; chatting to different teachers etc. All in all a very worthwhile event – we look forward to next year."

The day finished with the prep schools performing the repertoire worked on earlier to each other as well as a wider audience of parents and staff.

Adele concluded, "The day was a huge success and I couldn't have been more pleased with the response I had from the children and staff from these prep schools. Bringing all these young brass players together was a joy. Their enthusiasm and performance were delightful and all concerned are looking forward to returning in 2016."

Choral, Instrumental and Organ Scholarships at Oundle School are available at 11+, 13+ and 16+. For further details contact the Director of Music, Quentin Thomas on 01832 277132 or email music@oundleschool.org.uk

Raunds Town Cricket Club

As many of you will be aware, the club is situated off Marshalls Road in Raunds (and some of you may not!) and celebrated its 150th anniversary in 2013. Sir David Frost is one of the club's distinguished former players and many have started their careers at the club before moving on to greater things!

The 2015 season has been possibly the best in the club's history, with

both the 1st & 2nd teams gaining promotion from their respective leagues, the first team winning Division 4 of the Northants County League by 75 points from their nearest rivals! The club also currently runs 2 junior teams (Under 11 and Under 13 ages) and the club

There is a function room available for hire for private parties, for more details on this or if you or your child is interested in playing cricket please call 01933 625167 or email raundstowncc@gmail.com

is always looking for new players for both the adult and junior teams.

The club's annual beer festival is in August, now in its 7th year, this very popular annual event raised over £1000 for this year's chosen charity the Stroke Association.

Rogue trader jailed after conning victims out of thousands of pounds

A fraudster who tricked schools, health centres, community centres and churches into paying for unnecessary highways work has been jailed for 16 months.

Leslie Smith would cold call on victims, claiming he was working on behalf of the Local Authority's Highways Team on roads nearby and had paint leftover.

Smith would offer a price to mark out white lines in car parks, often claiming there was a legal requirement for this work to be done. The work was usually of poor quality and the costs often hugely inflated. Some victims refused to pay, but others handed over between £400 to over £1,000.

Among the 30 victims was St Edward's Church in Kettering, which Leslie attempted to charge £4,980 for some line painting in its car park.

Smith, of Minsterworth, Gloucestershire, was convicted of fraudulent trading and sentenced at Bristol Crown Court on September 30th after a lengthy investigation led by Trading Standards South West.

Sentencing, Judge Cotter said: "This was an ongoing operation for over four-and-a-half years showing deep-seated and pervasive

dishonesty.

"You preyed on the good nature of religious organisations, schools and doctors surgeries and the effect on the community is obvious."

Smith conned his victims out of more than £57,000 using bogus trading names including Ringwood Traffic Management and Traffic Management Solutions.

His offences spanned the country, including Cheshire, Derbyshire, Northamptonshire, Essex, Humberside, Kent and Bedfordshire.

Northamptonshire County Council cabinet member Cllr André Gonzalez de Savage said: "Unfortunately there are many rogue traders out there operating in a similar way to Leslie Smith and we would encourage anyone who may have been approached by a fraudulent company to report it to us by calling Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 03454 04 05 06.

Anyone who is thinking of having work carried out at their home or business can find a Trading Standards-approved trader through our 'Buy With Confidence' scheme at www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/approvedtraders.

Ringstead Church on the map

BC Northampton Radio presenter Annabel Amos put churchwarden Rosemarie Coles and St Mary's Church Ringstead on the map, when Ringstead featured on her popular 'Treasure Quest' programme last Saturday.

Annabel and her team arrived at St Mary's just as Rosemarie and her group were setting up their monthly fund raising coffee morning.

Rosemarie knew the answer to the first clue, and she then invited Annabel and her chauffeur Mark to a cup of coffee and to sample their 'specialty of the house'

cheese and mushroom toasties which both Annabel and Mark declared delicious. After chatting

with everyone the visitors were off to the next venue, and resolving the rest of the programme's quest clues.



Church warden Rosemarie Coles tells Northampton Radio presenter Anabel Amos the answer to the first Treasure Quest clue

The Chairman's charity talent contest

The Chairman of East Northamptonshire Council, Cllr Marika Hillson, and her team Cllr Caroline Cross, Sue Walker and Paul Hudson are working hard to produce the first district charity talent show to be held in East Northants. It will take place on 14th November 2015 at 7.30pm at Huxlow School, Irthlingborough. Come along for a great night out and support your town.

Announcing the acts for the talent contest - drum roll, please!

- The Mayor for Irthlingborough, Cllr Alan Short, has nominated singer Tracey Barker
- The Mayor for Raunds, Cllr Helen Howell, has nominated the band The Fallen Mavericks
- The Mayor for Oundle, Cllr Paul King, has nominated The Tap & Sync and Bathwater Band
- The Mayor of Thrapston, Cllr Valerie Carter, has nominated singer Sophie Waring
- The Mayor of Rushden, Cllr Kaye Rawlins,

has nominated street dancer Tristan Knott The winner will receive a prize of £200.00, sponsored by Spire Homes.

Comparing the show and performing a surprise number will be Reverend Richard Coles from the Communards.

A celebrity raffle will be held with prizes donated by well known stars.

On the night there will also be a licensed bar, olde fashioned sweet shop, ice cream parlour and other food stalls.

Tickets cost £10 for adults, £8 for OAPs and £5 for children. There is a smart dress code for all guests. All proceeds will be donated to the Chairman's charities; Royal British Legion and the Skylark Children's Ward at Kettering General Hospital for a phototherapy unit for jaundiced babies.

Tickets are for sale from Louise Tyers, PA to the Chairman, East Northamptonshire Council, Cedar Drive, Thrapston, NN14 4LZ. Telephone: 01832 742198. Email: lyers@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk

Oundle Cadets take on challenging heights and terrain



This year's Oundle School Combined Cadet Force Adventure Training (AT) Camp was stationed in Capel Curig, Wales, where cadets and staff were able to experience some stunning scenery within an excellent open environment for testing their AT skills.

Anthony Orr (16) commented, "Some cadets only had three afternoons of training before the camp, so most of us were excited but perhaps a little nervous."

The pupils started off the weekend with some mountain biking across challenging terrain; most were negotiating hills with significantly more ease by the end of the

session. During the navigation exercise, Lower Sixth Formers demonstrated to the younger cadets the skills they had learned in previous years and during the steeper sections of the navigation, all cadets were able to practice their mountain safety.

Day Two involved outdoor climbing in an area with a variety of difficult routes up to the top.

Anthony added, "This meant we had to apply many of the different techniques we learned indoors on the climbing wall. By the end of the session, even the most challenging routes were being scaled with ease by climbers who were less confident to

begin with. Overall, the weekend was an absolute success, and sets up the AT section well for future adventures, both in Oundle and beyond."

Trip organiser Walter Holmstrom commented, "The purpose of the trip was to introduce/re-familiarise cadets with more advanced Adventure Training skills than is possible to experience on a weekly basis in Oundle. They had to apply themselves over a period of days rather than hours; enabling them to experience a more remote and mountainous area and more meteorologically challenging climate than is normally encountered in Northamptonshire."

20 years on and still 'in the swim'!

On 2nd November 1995 Irthlingborough Methodist Church opened its doors to the very first session of 'Little Fishes at The Wesley Centre' a group for pre-school children and (of course) babies accompanied by a parent, grandparent, childminder or carer.

Our group has gone from strength to strength with an average attendance of 26 children plus carers and is run by volunteers from the church on Thursday mornings during Term Time 9am to 11am.

It's just great to see babies thrive and grow as each

individual personality develops through playing, interacting and joining in with dancing and songs at the end of each session.

A very warm welcome awaits everyone and the kettle is always on! Juice and snacks are readily available (and all for £1 per adult). We have plenty of toys, games and puzzles and our chapel is warm in winter and a cool retreat in summertime.

On Sunday, 1st November we will be sharing in a great Celebration of 20 wonderful years of Little Fishes. Do come along and join in the fun!! Starting at 10.30am at the Methodist Church, College

Street, Irthlingborough. (You will need to be early to claim a seat and a parking space! Although the town centre car park is only a three minute walk away).

If you have been a part of the group sometime in the past 20 years we would love to see you there. It promises to be a lively morning! A bring and share lunch will follow the service of celebration.

If you would like to know more please contact Ruth on 07981233435 or 01933 652410 or come along on Thursday mornings during term time from 9am.

Raunds Business Forum

The Raunds Business Forum meeting was held on 6th October 2015 at Saxon Hall with thirteen Raunds businesses present.

There were Presentations from:

- The Town Mayor, Cllr Helen Howell, and Town Clerk, Kate Houlihan, who presented News from the Town Council covering Benchmarking, The Square and other projects.

- Kath Meredith gave a presentation on the work of CandoCare and
- Nigel Ogden gave a presentation on his business, A&R Print Solutions.

Lee Wilkes drew the Forum's attention to free business training sessions being offered by the Northamptonshire Growth Hub.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 10th November 2015



Popular Disability & Additional Needs Sessions at Corby Pool extended

Further Disability and Additional Needs Sessions for youngsters have been organised at Corby East Midlands International Pool following the success of trial sessions organised by two local mothers of children with additional needs earlier in the year.

The sessions are open for families with children with disabilities to come along and enjoy the pool in a fun and relaxed group.

The next session will take place from 5-6pm on Saturday 21st November. The sessions take

advantage of the fun pool, floats, as well as the aquatube and learner pool subject to their availability.

The session costs just £1 per person (with one carer attending free) and siblings are more than welcome to come along and join in the fun.

Jaine King and Carly Cook set up the group. Both of the ladies have children with additional needs and decided that they wanted to bring families in the same situation together for a bit of support and fun.

Corby Borough Council's Lead

Member for Community, Cllr John McGhee, said: "We are very pleased that these sessions have been widely used by the community and that they are continuing at our facility. We understand that the first session had around 25 attendees and grew to around 40 over the next month, we hope to see this trend continuing and for more youngsters to enjoy the sessions."

For more information on the sessions please contact Corby East Midlands International Pool on 01536 464643.

Stamp of approval

Oundle Post Office has snatched up an opportunity to help children score top marks in school English exams. Mick and Kam Patel, who run the Post Office recently met with Oundle School pupil, Crawford Johnston to arrange to stock his Creative Writing Magic Money Cards which help nine-15 year-olds across a broad range of ability groups.

Mick remarked, "Our Post Office has seen first-hand how many parents are ordering these Creative Writing Cards. We have been sending them out every day all around the country. It's astonishing. So we were delighted when Crawford asked if we might wish to

sell them. Our decision was instant."

Crawford is in his fourth year of business and his idea has won the support of famous authors like Alexander McCall Smith and Joanna Trollope. His method uniquely allows children to measure and score the improvement in their writing ability. But there is no age limit to this advantageous concept.

Kam added, "We have arranged with Crawford a special offer for buying directly from us."

To read parents' positive feedback about Crawford's cards visit his website www.creativewritingmmc.co.uk.

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Funded places available, please call to check availability

We offer an award winning purpose built day nursery and out of school club

- ★ We are now offering a limited number of term-time only places at the nursery.
- ★ Caring team members who are both highly experienced and qualified.
- ★ Full-time qualified teacher.
- ★ Focused activity room - Ofsted states "Children are superbly prepared for school, they benefit hugely from time spent in the focused activity room where they learn skills that help them make a successful transition to their formal learning".
- ★ Close links with all local schools including Laxton Junior School and Oundle Primary School
- ★ Forest School included in fees throughout the year.
- ★ Music Bugs
- ★ State-of-the-art equipment
- ★ Nurturing environment for all children
- ★ Brand new expanded outdoor area

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.

NDNA



Angel Inn



Not recognised as a food led pub, however highly regarded by those who have discovered us. Simple menu, well executed. All food freshly prepared and cooked by us on the premises. The best burger in town by all accounts and proper old fashioned chips. Food served Thursday to Sunday. Tea/Coffee and cake always available. Contact: David and Wendy Hamel-Cooke.

📍: 4 St Osyths Lane, Oundle, PE8 4BG
 ☎: 01832 273767
 ✉: david.cooke666@gmail.com

Café Solar Stanwick Lakes



Receive a warm welcome at our family-friendly, lakeside café with beautiful views. Good value, freshly cooked food, including homemade bakes, served daily. Sample our new autumn menu and delicious specials now, or plan ahead for Christmas and book a lunch from £14.95 for two courses for groups of 12-30 people. The 750 acre setting is just perfect for working up an appetite.

📍: Café Solar, Stanwick Lakes, Stanwick, NN9 6GY
 ☎: 01933 625522
 🌐: www.stanwicklakes.org.uk

The Shuckburgh Arms



A popular and welcoming 16th Century Pub situated in the picturesque village of Stoke Doyle, serving wholesome home cooked food of a high standard. Lunchtime/Evening we offer 2 courses for £14.50/£15.50 per head. Thursday we offer 2 x 10oz quality Sirloin Steak plus a bottle of House Wine for just £32!. Large family garden with play area and accommodation available.

📍: Wadenhoe Road, Stoke Doyle, PE8 5TG
 ☎: 01832 272 339
 ✉: fran@shuckburgh-arms.co.uk
 🌐: www.shuckburgh-arms.co.uk

Holiday Inn

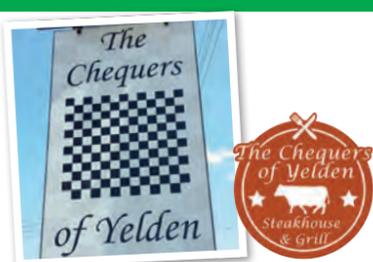


- 6 well appointed meeting rooms
- Licensed for civil ceremonies
- Wedding Packages
- Christmas Parties
- Christmas Day Lunch

Call us now for more details.

📍: Holiday Inn, Bedford Road, Northampton, NN4 7YF
 ☎: 01604 622777
 ✉: events.hinorthampton@kewgreen.co.uk
 🌐: www.holidayinn.com/northampton

The Chequers of Yelden



Situated in the picturesque and tranquil village of Yelden, Bedfordshire, The Chequers dates back to 1739 and combines local heritage with a menu that fuses the freshest seasonal ingredients cooked with emphasis on taste, with a modern presentation.

📍: The Chequers of Yelden, High Street, Yelden, Beds MK44 1AW, Simon or Lisa Pressland
 ✉: landscaterers@hotmail.com
 🌐: www.facebook.com/thechequersofyelden

Hare & Hounds



Mon-Thurs 5pm-11pm Fri-Sun 12pm-12am.
 Tuesday – Pie Night, homemade pie and a pint only £10. Thursday – Steak night, 2 Steaks and a bottle of wine £25. Friday – Fish and Chips, Fish and Chips and a pint for only £8. Homemade good honest pub food, locally sourced ingredients.

📍: Hare & Hounds, Country Pub & Restaurant
 Gt. Addington, NN14 4BJ
 ☎: 01536 330174
 🌐: www.hareandhoundspub.net

Cafe Bar @ No. 4



If you're looking for a coffee shop that offers a warm welcome to you and your 4 legged friends and serves good food then look no further than Cafe Bar @ No. 4. Our delicious menu comprises of homemade soup, quiche and a wide selection of home baked cakes and scones, some of which are gluten free. So whether you fancy a cup of coffee or a glass of wine we look forward to seeing you soon.

📍: 4 North Street, Oundle, PE8 4AL
 ☎: 01832 270011
 ✉: cafebaratno4@gmail.com

Crown Inn



A family friendly country Inn with excellent home cooked food and a selection of real ales and local beers. Enjoy a light lunch in the bar, a delicious 3 course meal in the restaurant or simply relax with a drink outside.

📍: Crown Inn, Elton, PE8 6RQ
 ☎: 01832 280 232
 ✉: inncrown@googlegmail.com
 🌐: www.thecrowninn.org

Pisces Fish & Chips



An award-winning Fish & Chip restaurant and take-away, boasting the best in Northamptonshire for the second year running. The family name which started in the early 50's prides itself on its high quality foods which include many homemade items. Their cod and chips are also 94.3% fat free. Natural food at its best.

📍: 21 High St, Thrapston NN14 4JJ
 ☎: 01832 733303
 🌐: facebook.com/piscesthrapston

The Snooty Fox



Under new management, The Snooty Fox is always warm and ready to offer it's friendly service and best quality home cooked food in an ambience you'll easily get familiar with. Opened Mondays to Sundays to offer you a fish night on Monday, steak night on Wednesday, Italian night last Thursday of each month and even alcoholic/non alcoholic cocktails.

📍: 16 Main Street, Lowick, NN14 3BH
 ☎: 01832 733434
 ✉: info@thesnootyfoxlowick.com
 🌐: www.thesnootyfoxlowick.com

Pheasant at Keyston



Beautiful, thatched inn 12 miles west of Huntingdon; oak beams, open fires, simple wooden furniture, airy garden room with patio garden. Chef Patron Simon Cadge achieved Bib Gourmand; Cambridgeshire Dining Pub of the Year 14/16. A venue not only for special occasions, a full menu and snacks every day Tue-Sun lunch - daily set menu 2 course £14.95, 3 course £19.95. 'Steak-nights' 1st Thu each month £15.95; Oct/Nov Burger night Fri evenings £13.95. Booking essential.

📍: Pheasant at Keyston, Loop Road, PE28 0RE
 ☎: 01832 710241
 ✉: info@thepheasant-keyston.co.uk
 🌐: www.thepheasant-keyston.co.uk

The Kings Arms



A quaint town pub with plenty of character with its traditional bar downstairs and a chic gorgeous restaurant on the first floor, there is something for everyone. The excellent food is all homemade and prepared from scratch! Everything except the bread is made on site! Whether you fancy a quick Bar Snack or a gorgeous À La Carte Dining Experience, you really will be spoilt for choice!

📍: The Kings Arms Pub & Restaurant, Thrapston
 ☎: 01832 733911
 ✉: info@kingsarmsthrapston.co.uk
 🌐: www.kingsarmsthrapston.co.uk

The Courtyard Hotel



The Garden restaurant at The Courtyard serving Breakfast, Lunch, Coffees, Afternoon Tea and À La Carte evening meals. The restaurant and bar are open to both residents and non-residents. The restaurant takes its name from the beautiful gardens that it overlooks, in its conservatory setting. We serve Modern British Cuisine, using fresh local ingredients where possible in our specially developed menus.

📍: West Street, Stanwick NN9 6QY
 ☎: 01933 622233
 🌐: www.courtyardstanwick.co.uk
 www.facebook.com/thecourtyardhotel

The Old Barn Wadenhoe



At The Old Barn we offer breakfast, home made cakes, daily specials lunches like steak and kidney pudding, beetroot and aubergine curry and good old fashioned puddings like treacle tart. Our special offer in October/November a 2 course lunch for £9.95. Bookings now being taken for Christmas lunches and Christmas luxury afternoon tea.

📍: The Old Barn Wadenhoe,
 Church Street, Wadenhoe PE8 5ST
 ☎: 01832 721129
 🌐: www.theoldbarnwadenhoe.com

The Ship Inn



Serving excellent home cooked food for 30 years. Daily specials: Wednesday steak night, Friday fish night, Christmas menu from 1st December. Function and accommodation rooms available for hire. Join us for our 30th anniversary party on Thursday 19th November from 7pm. Free buffet, band and disco with Nautical theme Fancy Dress.

📍: The Ship Inn, 18 West Street,
 Oundle PE8 4EF
 ☎: 01832 273918
 ✉: theshipinn18@btconnect.com

Rotary News

The Whitechapel Mission

Earlier this month Rushden Chichele Club hosted a special speaker in Tony Packham who spoke to the Club about his involvement with the Whitechapel Mission which has been open since 1876. The title of his talk was "Homelessness" and Tony gave an indication of the size and nature of the problem of homelessness

while giving an account of his personal involvement - one day a week - at the Mission in the East End of London where his particular task is to cook between 150 and 350 full English breakfasts for the homeless people who come through the doors. No one is turned away and everyone is fed. Those who turn up are offered facilities to shower, wash and

shave, fresh clothing, and the opportunity to be educated or trained for work. There is hassle-free shelter with no questions asked and no paperwork involved.

Tony explained how close so many people are to becoming homeless - not through fecklessness but through a run of bad luck, often involving the loss of their job, family breakdown, inability to pay the rent etc. There are people in this kind of need in Rushden at the Women's Refuge and the Night Shelter which are causes also supported by the Chichele Club.

The Mission's coffers benefited from a cheque presented to Tony in support of its good works.

Rushden Chichele supports the British Heart Foundation

President of Rushden Chichele Rotary Club, David Kendrick, holds the British Heart Foundation close to his heart and both he and his wife Carol are deeply committed to it and

the BHF shop in Rushden. He is passionate about saving lives and giving ordinary people the knowledge to help in emergency situations.

With an annual income of £133 million a year, the BHF invests massively in education, research, prevention and care of our hearts. Last year it trained three million people in CPR. Their 750 shops are manned by 20,000 volunteers and they want to expand this fund-raising initiative. David's wife, Carol, was invited to a Rotary meeting and do two things; talk about the work of the BHF and to give them practical training in CPR. CPR can save lives but nowadays it is recommended to give 30 compressions in a row. Several Rotarians had a go and learned the procedure of assessing the situation, calling for help and doing the CPR. Better than CPR alone is a defibrillator and the Club has indicated that they would like to install one locally if an effective place can be found.



The drivers' numbers game

Driving tips supplied by your local Advanced Motorists Group.

- 2 Eyes and ears. You should use all your senses when driving. Observe 360 degrees using your mirrors to check the rear and side of your position. In towns and car parks, wind down your window. You may hear something which you may not yet be able to see. Have your eyesight and hearing checked regularly.
- 3 Points on your licence can easily accumulate on our heavily regulated roads. The Highway Code will tell which advice therein is also covered by Traffic Law. Abide by the laws and rules and you will keep a clean licence.
- 4 Tyres should be kept in good order especially coming into the winter months. The tread is designed to sweep water away but once it gets below approx. 3mm they are less effective and need changing. Keep them at their correct pressures to prevent premature wear.

For more information visit www.corby-advancedmotorists.org, Facebook: [corbyadvancedmotorists](https://www.facebook.com/corbyadvancedmotorists) or on Twitter: [@corbyadvanced](https://twitter.com/corbyadvanced)



The gift of 5 stars this Christmas

Food businesses in the district are being encouraged by East Northamptonshire Council (ENC) to work hard to achieve and maintain a five star rating this Christmas.

Whatever type of food business you are, from corner shop to restaurant, make sure you display your Food Hygiene Rating sticker to show your customers that you take food hygiene seriously.

The Food Hygiene Rating Scheme is designed so that most food businesses, no matter how small, can achieve the top rating.

Steven North, Leader of East Northamptonshire Council, said: "This is an important time for local businesses. A good food hygiene rating is something to be proud of, so we are reminding all food businesses in East Northamptonshire to display their rating and have a prosperous

festive season."

Need to improve your rating? Have you thought about attending ENC's food safety training course? It's designed for anyone working with or around food and leads to a nationally recognised qualification (Chartered Institute of Environmental Health Level 2 Award in Food Safety in catering). Not only is the course interesting and delivered in an interactive way, it also provides the opportunity to network with other local businesses.

The next course will be on 12th November, shortly followed by another on 20th January 2015. For more information about what the course covers and for booking details, visit: www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/foodsafetytraining

If you run a food business and would like to discuss your rating or would like some tips on how to improve food safety in your business, phone 01832 742055 to speak to one of ENC's officers. They are on hand Monday to Friday 9-5 to offer advice and support.

One Man Breaking Bad – The Unauthorised Parody

Following sell-out runs at comedy festivals in Melbourne and Edinburgh, a first UK tour this spring and a sell-out run at the Edinburgh Festival, the hilarious One Man Breaking Bad – The Unauthorised Parody comes to The Core at Corby Cube, on Friday 30th October.

With sixty awesome episodes condensed into one awesome one-man show, LA actor Miles Allen takes audiences on a rip-roaring ride through one of the greatest television shows ever made.

Miles Allen smacks the senses with his super-charged, hilariously accurate renditions of all the iconic characters, including Walter White, Jesse, Saul, Skyler, Hank, Walt Junior, Mike and Gus Fring.

Allen's incredible impersonations break all five seasons down into one, exhilarating,

and uproarious tour-de-force parody performance.

Miles Allen said: "This show is a love letter for all the fans who lived through the blood, meth, and tears of the greatest television show ever made."

One Man Breaking Bad storms onto the stage at The Core at Corby Cube on Friday 30th October, starting at 7.30pm. Tickets – price £19* – can be booked by calling the Ticket Office on 01536 470 470 or online at www.thecorecorby.com. This performance is recommended for ages 14 and over.

* A transaction fee of £1 applies to telephone and website bookings only. Does not apply in person, or to groups, and is per-transaction, not per-ticket.



Tennis! Tennis! Tennis!

Come and play tennis during Half Term week, between 10 am and 3pm, Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October.

- Free sessions
- No time limit
- Free tennis tips
- Qualified coach on hand

Rackets/ balls available to borrow At Rushden Academy off Spencer Road, Rushden. Access near Spencer Park. Bring a drink. Come and have some FUN!

Contact Dorothy Maxwell Cllr, for further details – 01933 353301.



OUNDLER CURTAINS

OPENING ON

**SATURDAY 31ST
OCTOBER 2015
at 10am**

Why not join us for a glass of Champagne and take a look at our stunning range of fabrics for ready made and made to measure curtains and blinds. We also have many accessories including tie backs, cushions, poles and tracks, including Swish, in fact everything you need for your windows. Along with expert advice and personal service...
You'll have everything covered

SPECIAL OPENING OFFERS

Hotels, restaurants, residential homes and offices. Ask about our extensive range of curtains, blinds and fabrics for the commercial market.

COME AND SEE US AT

Units 4/6 Eastwood Road, Oundle, PE8 4DF
T. 01832 275009

Opening Times Monday to Friday 10am-5.30pm
Saturday 10am to 4.30pm or please book
an appointment.

Oundle Carpets welcomes Oundle Curtains into the fold

Hi to all – I'm Trudie. I've been making curtains and blinds for the past 20 years and have been self-employed for 15 years. I now have the opportunity to share my knowledge and experience with a new company opening in the area, Oundle Curtains, which is an extension of Oundle Carpets.

The service we will be offering to all is bespoke made to measure curtains, Roman blinds, roller blinds, cushions, seat pads, tie-backs etc. All will be finished by hand and fitted by the team that will be working closely with me from either the showroom or from our workshop and all curtains, blinds etc will be made by myself and very experienced curtain makers in our own workrooms.

We have a lovely range of fabrics from cottons to silks, linens to velvets with an extensive range of patterns including embroidered fabrics which come in a variety of colours to suit all tastes and budgets. To complement the different styles of fabrics, we have a range of wooden painted, natural or metal poles in a variety of colours with a choice of finials. All poles come in a variety of styles and sizes to suit all windows.

We will also be stocking a range of Swish curtain tracks, roller blinds, ready-made curtains in different styles including eyelets plus a variety of cushions to complement the curtains which will be available to purchase from our showroom.

I have handmade curtain samples for the showroom to show the various

styles of finishes for curtains like Pinch pleat, Goblet pleat, Double and Single pleat. You will be able to choose from the luxurious interlined curtains for warmth and luxury. If you're not a fan of bright mornings or you have young ones who need their sleep they can have curtains or blinds made using blackout lining. Or if you would just like to have a lovely pair of lined curtains finished to a high standard, the choice of finish is yours.

Having had 20 years' experience in soft furnishings I've also been able to make fitted bedspreads, fitted covers for sofas and headboards. I will spend as much time with the customer as they need either in the showroom, or if preferred at their home, as it's important to the company to help them choose all the furnishings they will need to finish their home. Whether it's large patio doors or a small bedroom window having the perfect finish is so important to us.

Oundle Curtains opening day is Saturday 31st October at 10 o'clock – come down and have a look, have a chat. I look forward to seeing everyone.

Trudie



Let us design your perfect carpet

Bespoke carpets at High Street prices



OUNDLE CARPET WEAVERS
Manufacturers of Fine Carpets

New 42oz Oundle Carpet Weavers Wool Twist

4 and 5 metres

**12 Plain and
Heather Colours**

**£18 per
square metre**

Don't forget we sell beds and mattresses

WHERE TO FIND US Units 4/6
Eastwood Road, Oundle PE8 4DF
T. 01832 275009

OPENING TIMES Monday to Saturday
8.30am-5.30pm or please
book an appointment

www.oundlecarpetweavers.com
ocweavers@gmail.com

**Saturday 24th October
Baby/Children's Nearly
New Sale**

The Pemberton Centre, H E Bates Way, Rushden NN10 9YP
10am-12noon
£1, children admitted free
karen_aves@hotmail.co.uk
Come and pick up great preloved bargains!
For a stall (£8) email Karen_aves@hotmail.co.uk

**Monday 26th October &
Monday 9th November
Stitchat**

No.1 St. Osyth's Lane Oundle
1pm-4pm
Free 01832 770011
Friendly Stitching group. Bring your own project or learn a new skill. Drink and biscuits free.

**Thursday 29th October &
Friday 30th October
Elton Chapel Thrift Shop
Returns**

Thursday 10-4pm and Friday 10-1pm Highgate Hall, Elton.
Free entry. Teas and coffees, wonderful bargains.
Contact Madeline Stewart
01832 273867.

**Friday 30th October
Autism Concern Halloween
quiz night**

7.30pm, The Windmill Club, Rushden
Tickets £5 including nibbles
Vix_ads@yahoo.co.uk for more details. There will be prizes for best Halloween costumes.

**Music in Quiet Places,
Project Jam Sandwich**

All Saints Church, Elton
7.30pm
£14, £12 concessions, £4 under 18s. Special offer buy tickets to any three concerts at the same time and save £1 per ticket (applies to full price and concessions only)
In person: Oundle Box Office, 4 New Street, Oundle PE8 4ED
01832 274734
Opening hours: 10am-1pm
www.oundlefestival.org.uk
They concoct a captivating set of exhilarating improvisations and beautiful melody around the world.

**Saturday 31st October
Halloween Special**

Rushden Station
Station Approach, Rushden
Northants NN10 0AW
www.rhts.co.uk
First train – 16.30
Last train – 20.00
Fares apply
John Sugars, 01933 353111
Come and ride the Halloween Ghost train.

**The Swivel Club presents
Counterfiet Quo with Bill
Burton Disco**

The Rushden Bowls Club
Northampton Road Rushden
NN10 6AN
8pm-11.30pm
£10
Tickets available online at www.swivelclub.org.uk or 07738 080470 or at Rushden Bowls Club 01933 312680
Licensed Bar and Food available The Swivel Club is a registered charity no. 1138750.

Ramblers (Kettering Area)

Chelveston
9.50am

no charge. 7 mile walk, park on road near pub.

**Sunday 1st November
First Sunday Event**

Rushden Salvation Army,
Church Street, Rushden
6pm
Admission Free
Gill Valentine 01933 353528
Guest Rev Paul Needle
BBC Radio Northampton
and Praise Chorus plus complimentary refreshments at 5pm.

**Higham Ferrers
Footpath Group**

Saffron Road car park Higham
Ferrers for car sharing
9.30am
Free
01933 387991
6 mile walk from Bozeat.

Morning walk 7.5 miles

Lubbenham meet Rushes
Lane near the Green
10am Free
01536 205260 T Rodger
Via Foxton and Marston
Trussell.

**Whitefriars Church –
Morning Worship**

Whitefriars Church at
Whitefriars Junior School,
Boughton Drive, Rushden
NN10 9HX
10.15am
Chris Youngman 01933
551769
An informal church service
open to anyone of any age.

**Monday 2nd November
I loved You and I loved You**

The Stahl Theatre
7.45pm
£12 Adults, £10 Concessions
True story of the young
composer Morfydd Owen.
Her extraordinary story told
through dance and a play.

**Wednesday 4th November
Talk on the Golden Rules
of Gardening by Adam
Pasco**

Methodist Hall Drummingswell
Lane Oundle PE8 4AA
19:45
£2 patrons, £3 visitors
David Wilkinson 01832
272623
Talk by Adam Pasco who
edited BBC Gardeners
World Magazine, free light
refreshments, all welcome

**Thursday 5th November
Lunchtime Concert –
Pianist**

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.

**Lecture by Dr Johanna
Jarvis, The Open
University "Twinkle,
Twinkle Little Star, How I
Wonder..."**

Sudborough Village Hall, Main
Street, Sudborough, Kettering
NN14 3BX at 8pm Steve
Williams on 01933 650331
or chilernastro@yahoo.
co.uk or Mrs Peta Jellis on
01933 356914 or email: pej@
petaj26.me.uk This talk will
explain stellar evolution and
look at unusual examples of
the common star.

**Thrapston Firework
Display**

Sports Field Chancery Lane
6.45pm for 7pm start

Free event, Charitable
Donations for Cransley
Hospice
Sue Morrison, Clerk to the
Council
Thrapston Town Council
presents a Free Firework
Display by Kimbolton
Fireworks. Refreshments
available.

**Friday 6th November
String Day with RCM,
Oundle Strings and Prep
Schools**

Great Hall, Oundle School
12noon-7pm with concert at
6pm
All welcome. Tickets required
free of charge. Register
by emailing music@
oundleschool.org.uk
Young string players
welcome to join Oundle's
string orchestras and the
RCM String Quartet for a
tremendous line-up.

French Conversation Group

Bridge Hotel, Bridge Street,
Thrapston.
7pm-10pm.
Free.
tonibell418@hotmail.com
Small group, mixed abilities
who meet for French chat/
socialising. Delighted to
welcome new members!

Annual Winter Tasting

St. Peter's Church, Church
Street, Oundle, PE8 4EE
4pm-9pm
Free
Taste around 100 wines
perfect for the festive season.
Try before you buy!

**Whitefriars Church
Retirees' Group: An
afternoon of poetry, with
Glenda Dodds**

The Bridge Community Office
at Whitefriars Junior School,
Boughton Drive, Rushden,
NN10 9HX
1.30-3pm
Free
John & Celia Underwood
01933 676989
A friendly group to which all of
retirement age are welcome.

**Saturday 7th November
Morning walk**

Kettering meet Conference
Centre (formerly Leisure
Village) 10am Free Wendy
Hann 01536 790454 Via
Broughton and Cransley.

Coffee Morning

St Peter's Church Hall,
Midland Road, Rushden
10am-11.30am
50p Admission.

Firework Fiesta

Peterborough Arena, East of
England Showground
5pm-9pm
Advance purchase tickets are
£3 for children aged under
15 (under 2 years are free);
£7 for adults. Tickets are also
available on the gate at £5
(child) and £10 (adult).
For more details
www.fireworkfiesta.co.uk
Spectacular fireworks
display, live music and family
entertainment. Free car
parking.

**Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th
November**

**Advance bookings for
Santa Specials**
The Ticket Office, Rushden
Station

12:00 to 14:00
Adults £6.00 - Train ride,
drink & mince pie; Children
£9 (Under 1 - £4) - Present
from Santa, train ride, juice &
biscuit
Contact information: John
Sugars
Advance bookings being
taken for the Santa Specials
on Sat/Sun 12th/13th
December

**Saturday 7th-Saturday
21st November**

**Textile Art Exhibition by
Facets Group**
Yarrow Gallery, Glapthorn Rd,
nr the Great Hall, Oundle PE8
4JF
Mon-Sat 10.30-13.00 + 14.30-
17.00, Sun 14.30-17.00
Free
01604 882274 Ilze Smith (a
member of Facets), email
facets@hotmail.co.uk
New textile art work by Facets
interpreting the theme of
'Hanging by a Thread'.

**Sunday 8th November
Morning walk 7 miles**

East Carlton Country Park
near Corby
10am
Free
Brian Henderson 01536
233153
Via Ashley and Brampton Ash.

**Classics Central's Classic
Car Auction**

The Bedford Autodrome,
Thurleigh
11am.
£10 on the door, or call for a
free catalog which admits two!
0800 122 3335
Come on down to The
Bedford Autodrome for your
slice of the classic car action!

Whitefriars breakfast

Whitefriars Junior School,
Boughton Drive, Rushden,
NN10 9HX
10.15am
Free
Simon King 01933 356871
very informal church – come
and share a second breakfast
with us, and relax whilst the
kids play.

**Whitefriars Church Silver
Service**

The Bridge Community Office
at Whitefriars Junior School,
Boughton Drive, Rushden.
NN10 9HX
10.30am
Melvyn Hunter 01933 222910
a traditional church service
open to anyone of any age.

Brigstock Bonfire

The Meadow Brigstock
Gates open 5.30. Bonfire 6pm
Fireworks 6.30pm. Tickets in
advance from PO or 01536
373478 or 373579. £3 adult
£2 child On the gate, £4 adult
£2.50 child.
Refreshments available.
Please do not bring fireworks
or sparklers.

**Whitefriars Church,
Rushden, Countryside
Walk – A Ditchford Dawdle**

meet in the small car park off
Ditchford Lane NN8 1RR
10.30am
Andrew Presland 01933
316927
a two to three-mile walk on
footpaths near the River Nene

Remembrance Service
St. Peter's Church, Newton
Bromswold

3pm
Contact Helen Lines

**Remembrance Sunday
Parade**

Oundle War Memorial
2.30pm. (Form up 2.15pm.)
Parade Marshal - Wayne
Palmer (07950 277328) Any
serving or ex-services wishing
to parade please contact
Wayne Palmer.

**Every Monday
Headway East**

Northants Craft Club
The Baptist Chapel, Meeting
Lane, Irthlingborough
1.30pm-3.30pm
£1 admission
Claire Phillips 01933 652311,
claire.phillips@head
wayeastnorthants.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
Julie Bubbles 01536 726858
or email bubbles.folksinger@
hotmail.com
Country dancing from the
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**Oundle Ladies
Running Group**

Oundle pool car park
6.45pm
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 Monday
01933 650195
Experienced teacher, all
abilities welcome.

**First Monday of the month
Oundle Wives**

Methodist Church, Oundle
7.45pm
01832 272178
£3 for refreshments and raffle.
New members very welcome.
Friendly, social group.

**Second Monday
of the month**

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

**Once a month on a
Monday evening**

Woodturning Club
Hardwick Village, Nr
Wellingborough NN9 5AL
7pm-10pm
Paul Lawman 01933 674260
Friendly woodturning
club, established in 2000
to promote and develop
wood turning skills in
Wellingborough, Kettering and
surrounding areas.

**Every Tuesday
Coffee Stop
Rushden Mission Church,**
Wellingborough Road
NN10 9TA

10am-12.30pm
Alan Richardson 01933
355302
A warm welcome awaits all,
for a drink, snack and chat.

**East Northants Classic
Motorcycle Club**

The Crown public house,
Wellingborough
Meet around 7.30pm
No fee, just an interest in
classic motorcycles. A warm
welcome awaits.

**Every other Tuesday
Hidden History: Talk,
Coach Trip & Walks**

Start from Raunds Library at
11am
Pick-up at Stanwick and
Higham from 11.45am
Free coach, small charge for
exclusive maps.
Return to Raunds by 2.15pm.
Booking Advised.
Susan 01933 461480
Suitable for all ages.

**Second Tuesday of the
month**

Tea Dance
Pemberton Centre, Rushden
Dancing to 'Music Box'
2pm-4pm
£3 per person including Tea/
Coffee & Cake

**Higham Ferrers
Guided Tour**

Groups of 6-24 people.
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optional extra
01933 411191
Irene Hawkins – Tourism
Book a guided tour of this
historic town.

**Wildlife Trust Little Bugs
Club**

10am-11.30am
£1 per child (adults are free)
Louise Tuffin – 01604 774043
Louise.tuffin@wildlifebcn.org
A fun monthly session for
under 5s and their parents to
discover local wildlife.

**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
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.
01933 625522
www.stanwicklakes.org.uk
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improve your health. Join us
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**Every Wednesday
Dog Training and
Socialisation and
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near Oundle
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01832 293432, oundledogs@
aol.com or 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.
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 (Term Time Only) Community ICT Classes
Needham Building, Oundle School SciTec, Glapthorn Road, Oundle
2.30pm–4pm
Free computer classes for everyone.

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
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.

First and third Wednesdays U3A Country Dancing
St James Church Hall, Thrapston
2pm–3.30pm
01933 622827,
ghearden@tiscali.co.uk
The U3A Country Dance Group meets on alternate Wednesdays. All are welcome. Non-U3A members are welcome for a taster.

Second Wednesday of the month Coffee Morning
Raunds Methodist Church
10am–12noon
01933 383378
A warm welcome to all for a drink, cake and friendly chat. Proceeds to church projects.

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
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
Chairman on 01933 222326 or Secretary on 01604 870275
Car park available.

Higham and Rushden U3A
Pemberton Centre, Rushden
2pm–4pm
£2 for visitors
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
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
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Market Drop-in
No. 1 St Osyth's Lane, Oundle
10am–2pm
Free
01832 770011
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Community Art Classes (Term Time Only)
Oundle School Art Department
7.30pm–8.30pm
Free Art Classes for people with a physical or learning disability.

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
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.

First Thursday of the month Raunds & District History Society
Saxon Hall, Raunds
7.30pm–9.30pm
£3 per visitor, includes refreshments
Secretary 01933 461480
raundshistory@btinternet.com
A variety of speakers.

Third Thursday of the month Painting Class with Nick Baldwin
St John Ambulance Hall, Raunds
10am–4pm
£15 per session
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
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.
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)
Mrs Wicks 01933 312623
Tea dance and raffle.

U3A Branch Meeting
The Plaza, Cosy Nook, Thrapston NN144PS
10am–12noon
Cover charge: £2 (Visitors) £1 (Members) includes refreshments
The U3A offers over 30 interest groups and social events to members. Visitors always welcome.



Third Friday of the month (recommend checking before travelling) Stanwick Stitchers
Stanwick Lakes
10.30am
Free entry – normal car park charges apply.
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
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
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
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.

Oundle Farmers' Market
Market Place, Oundle
8am–1.30pm
Oundle Town Council 01832 272055
30 stalls selling fresh

produce ranging from vegetables to fish to cup cakes.

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
Alan 01933 355302
All age family service with the Music Group and children's activities.
Morning Church Service
Rushden Heritage Chapel Hall, Park Rd, Rushden NN10 0RG
10.30am
Church service followed by refreshments and fellowship.

Church Service
The Heritage Chapel and Halls, Park Rd, Rushden NN10 0RW
10.30am
Cheryl 07969 603958 or email: cheze49@gmail.com
Church service in the Chapel followed by refreshments and fellowship in the main hall, all welcome.

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
Join us for our All Age Worship designed for people of all ages. Teas/coffees served after the service.

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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.
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Browse through tempting treats and gifts made and farmed by local businesses.

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
Derek Geater 01933 381848
Drawing and painting, mainly working in watercolour with some soft pastels.

To submit your event please contact us via our website in the following format:
Date, event, place, time, admission fee (if applicable), contact information, 15 word description.

Charity Concert – Youth Brass 2000

The Castle, Wellingborough

The stage of The Castle, Wellingborough was set alight by the 40 players of Youth Brass 2000 when they performed a Charity Concert on behalf of the Elizabeth Groome Music Charity recently.

Compered by Martyn Baker the programme was an eclectic mix of Opera classics, marches and film music all from a well-disciplined group of youngsters, aged from any age up to eighteen, who are the current National Youth Brass Band Champions.

Their conductor and artistic director, Lord Chris Jeans of Blaston, put together a programme which showcased soloist and ensemble performances which allowed individuals to shine; Adam Hebditch on cornet and Ben Smith on euphonium being two such soloists. Special mention should be made of the band's

three percussionists who demonstrated their wide range of skills on both tuned and untuned instruments.

The Elizabeth Groome Music Charity was formed to support local young musicians in the development, education and appreciation of music in all its aspects. Elizabeth Groome was, for many years, Head of Music at John Lea School in Wellingborough and outside of school, Elizabeth was involved with many local choirs and thespian groups. The John Lea Swing Band and Wind Band, formed by Elizabeth with the assistance of the Northampton School for Music, in many ways



laid down the foundation for the Northamptonshire Youth Big Band.

The purpose of the Music Charity is to enable the commitment of a very special teacher to reach out and encourage up and coming musicians of the future and help talented musicians fulfil their potential.

The concert was most generously sponsored by St Matthew's Healthcare who

specialise in old age care, dementia care and mental health care. They offer a range of services, staffed by compassionate, experienced dementia and mental health professionals providing expert, empathetic care. Their services provide a bright and positive space in their own right, where patients' comfort, safety and quality of life are the priority for every member of staff.

Applications for support should be addressed to the Trustees, c/o 20A Holdenby Rd., Spratton, Northampton, NN6 8JD.

Is your vehicle ready for winter?

The leaves are changing colour and falling from their branches and already the season is changing and temperatures are dropping. Before we know it winter will be upon us!

It's that time when we all should be making our vehicles as safe as we can, either ourselves or getting someone to cast an eye at a number of areas and taking action if needed. Just a few pointers;

Lights – Get someone to stand with you and the car to check that the lights are all working, sidelights, dipped headlights, main beam, indicators, reversing lights and fog lights.

Tyres – Make sure that the tyre pressures are set properly and inspect the tread depth on all of your tyres including the spare. Look at the tread depth across the whole face of the tyres to ensure even wear across the tyre. Uneven wear could indicate incorrect pressures or the need for the adjustment to the tracking.

Oil and Water – Check the levels of the fluids under the bonnet. Check the water level by looking at the header tank/reservoir this is normally transparent so that

you can see the level but you do need to have the level of antifreeze checked. This is a simple test that many local garages will do for you either free or for a small charge.

Check the oil when the engine is cold or has been turned off for a few minutes so the engine oil has drained into the sump. Pull the oil dipstick out, clean it with a rag or paper then put it back in, wait a second or two and remove it again to see the level of oil on the marked/hashed area on the stick.

As a guide, the marked area on the dipstick will represent a litre of oil.

Battery – Be warned! The cold weather seeks out ageing or wearing batteries!

Garages can test the state of your car battery with a simple test. It's much easier to have it changed in time rather than finding the car won't start on a cold morning.

Finally, if you are going on a journey and there is even a chance of snow, be like the older generation and take a shovel, a blanket, wellington boots, a drink, a hat and scarf and keep the car topped up with fuel, just in case.

Happy motoring and keep safe!

Vets' advice

Our Veterinary Surgery was established in the 1930s and the practice was taken over by Nick and Karen Park in 2003, with Natalie Sampson joining the partnership in 2013. The Thrapston surgery was opened in 2011 and in May this year a further surgery was opened in Corby.

The practice is traditionally owned rather than being part of a group and is run as very much being part of the community while retaining its friendly and caring approach. The aim at the surgeries is to provide high levels of clinical care and continuity care is essential to this approach, always endeavouring to give clients a consultation with a vet of their choice. Staff regularly attend continuing education courses so that along with the very latest equipment they can offer the most up to date treatment and advice. The team of experienced vets is supported by qualified veterinary nurses and very friendly receptionists.

Watch Out for these Winter Warnings:

Anti-freeze and windscreen wiper fluid containing methanol and ethylene glycol are extremely toxic for cats and dogs, with symptoms appearing very quickly, so if you suspect that your pet has ingested these chemicals take him or her to the vet as quickly as possible.

Christmas trees and

decorations such as ribbon, tinsel, glass baubles and even the needles from natural fir trees can be dangerous for your pets.

Plants such as holly, mistletoe and poinsettia are also poisonous for pets so plants are best kept out of the way of animals.

Christmas food such as raisins, chocolate, mince pies, nuts and alcohol are all toxic for pets; feeding left-overs to animals can upset their stomachs as our food is often too rich for them.

Often pets will play with children's toys and will chew through batteries which can cause severe chemical burns to their mouths and gastrointestinal tracts, often requiring surgery. For safety get your pet their own pet-friendly toys for Christmas.

Salt and grit can damage your pet's paws so, particularly for dogs, avoid areas which have been treated or get some booties!

It's important to remember that pets feel the cold just like we do; most dogs will need extra layers to keep warm outside in winter so you might want to invest in a fleece or coat to keep them warm.

Finally, you might want to check your car engine compartment before leaving the house as the warmth can attract cats which will curl up for a snooze; a good tip is to bang on the car bonnet before setting off.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE FEES & CHARGES

East Northamptonshire Council is proposing to introduce the following Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Fees and Charges from 9 November 2015. This change is a result of the Deregulation Act 2015 changes to licence periods and following a full charge review. The proposed charges are displayed below:

| Service | Proposed Charge |
|--|-----------------|
| Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers Licence (licence period now 3 years) | £235.00 |
| Private Hire Operators Licence (licence period is now 5 years) | £206.00 |

If you would like to make any comments on the proposed changes please write, by 6 November 2015, to Mr Mike Deacon, Head of Environmental Services, East Northamptonshire Council, East Northamptonshire House, Cedar Drive, Thrapston, Northamptonshire, NN14 4LZ or email: esadmin@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk

Chess corner

It has been a hectic couple of weeks here at Rushden Chess Club. Rushden's C Team has gone into battle twice, firstly against Kettering B and then against Chess Mates D. As well as this we also held our presentation evening to award trophies to the winners of championship battles that have raged over the last twelve months.



By Derrick Sims

The most significant result last year was Rushden B being crowned Silver King League II Champions. A-Team captain, Alan Lewis presented the champion's salver along with an individual trophy to B-Team captain, Bob Ellam. Trophies were also presented to all the players that helped to achieve this fantastic result as follows: - Derrick Sims, Tom Murts, James Wicks, Keith Bristow, Nik Puryer, Jeff Owen, Eddie Francolini & Phil Campbell.

The Ladies' Open competition was won convincingly by Sarah Collins with runner-up, Rachel O'Neil, collecting the Trophy on her behalf.

This year it was Nik Puryer's turn to complete a formidable 'triple whammy', winning the Blitz Open, Rapid Open & the D.R. Leslie Salver for most improved player.

This is the first time the Salver has been presented and Nik was a worthy winner having increased his grade from 134 to 144 (+10), narrowly beating Eddie Francolini who achieved a nine point grade improvement. Nik won all his games in the Blitz Open and narrowly beat Bob Ellam by half a point in the Rapid Open. Remarkably this is the first time that Nik has won a club award!

The Blitz Major Trophy was won by Phil Campbell who beat last year's winner, Peter Hann by 1 point. The Rapid Major was won by Bob Ellam who nicked it by half a point from Phil Campbell. The Standard Major was won by Jeff Owen who pipped Bob Ellam to it by half a point. Finally the Standard Open was won by last year's winner, James Gardner who finished a point ahead of Alan Lewis.

That was the happy news, now we come to the tragic event of Rushden C's first foray into the Silver King League. This was at home to Kettering B who went into the match with an

average grade advantage of 62 points, not surprisingly this proved to be a baptism of fire. Tom Murts gave Chris Keech a 'get out of jail free' card after playing himself into a winning position before snatching defeat from the jaws of victory. James Wicks lost a Rook early in the game and declined a Knight suspecting some devious motive behind Graham Arch's rash move, in spite of all this James put up a spirited fight but in the end Graham's piece advantage proved decisive. Nik Puryer was the last player to finish but his game was a story of wrong choices and missed opportunities with James being the better player on the night. Before we get too pessimistic it's worth remembering that Rushden B suffered a whitewash in the first League II match last season and went on to be league champions!

Northants SKL Division II Match

| Mon Oct 5th, Rushden C | 0-5 | Kettering B |
|----------------------------|-----|---------------------|
| Bd1: Nik Puryer (144) | 0-1 | James Brutus (142) |
| Bd2: James Wicks (64) | 0-1 | Graham Arch (142) |
| Bd3: Tom Murts (61) | 0-1 | Chris Keech (151) |
| Bd4: Eddie Francolini (33) | 0-1 | Steve Walpole (130) |
| Bd5: Sarah Collins (U) | 0-1 | Keith Ball (121) |

| Tue Oct 13th, Chess Mates D | 0.5-4.5 | Rushden C |
|--------------------------------|---------|-------------------|
| Bd1: Mick Buswell (105) | 0-1 | Nik Puryer (144) |
| Bd2: Andy Reed (93) | 0-1 | Richard Ellis (U) |
| Bd3: Reg Tomalin (87) | ½ | Tom Murts (61) |
| Bd4: Tom Moloney (70) | 0-1 | Derrick Sims (49) |
| Bd5: Roland Coles (53) | 0-1 | Nigel Wren (U) |

What a difference a week makes, Rushden C's next match was away against Chess Mates D. First to finish was Nigel Wren after completing a demolition job on a stunned Roland Coles. Tom Murts felt his game was getting bogged down and agreed a draw with Reg Tomalin. Nik Puryer made up for his disappointing game against James Brutus the previous week with Mick Buswell facing the resulting backlash. The result was never in doubt with Nik in rampant mood. Your erstwhile reporter was up against it on board 4 with a 21 point grade deficit against Chess Mate's Tom Moloney. Tom's Goose was well and truly cooked when a check trap left his Queen exposed with no defence. He never recovered from losing his Queen although battled through until his position was helpless. Richard Ellis was last man standing for Rushden and patiently ground down Chess Mate's Andy Reed before finally prevailing. All in all an excellent result and some compensation for the previous week's thrashing.

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. The club opens most Mondays from 6pm for Junior players – for details please call the Club Secretary on 01933 625767, or visit the club website <http://rushdenchessclub.com> and for the NCA (County Association) it's <http://www.norchess.lloydbunday.co.uk>.

World Conker Championships 2015 Winners



Steve Prescott from West Sussex has been crowned the men's World Conker Champion at the World Conker Championships 2015 with Amy Farrow from London taking the ladies' title. This is Amy's 2nd title - she also won in 2008! Congratulations, Amy!

In the Team Competition, the Woodbeez' star player and World Champion Steve Prescott helped the team to their 3rd consecutive title! No team has ever achieved this feat and it's true to say that the team were delighted with this stunning achievement.

The warm and sunny weather was simply perfect for the 2015 World Conker

Championships, which was held in the picturesque village of Southwick, Northants. The conkers started cracking just after 11am and it was virtually non-stop action from then until just after

3.30pm when the final conker was smashed and Steve (men's champion) beat Amy (ladies' champion) to become the overall World Conker Champion 2015.

Huge thanks to an army of volunteers and especially to Roger and Helen who hosted the Championships at the village pub, the Shuckburgh Arms in Stoke Doyle.

2015 Results in Full

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|-------------------|------------------|
| Overall Winner | Steve Prescott |
| Men's Winner | Steve Prescott |
| Men's Runner Up | Ray Kellock |
| Ladies' Winner | Amy Farrow |
| Ladies' Runner Up | Kat Knecht (USA) |

2015 Junior Competition

| | |
|---------------------|------------------|
| Junior Winner | Peter Rogers |
| Junior Runner Up | Solomon Smart |
| Intermediate Winner | Isla Watson |
| Intermediate | |
| Runner Up | William Sansome |
| Young Adult Winner | Charlie Dathorne |
| Young Adult | |
| Runner Up | Kristien Warren |

2015 Team Competition

| | |
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| Team Winners | Woodbeez |
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Welly Runners go for Green at the Warwick Half Marathon in aid of Brain Trust

The 27th September saw a group of the Wellingborough Runners take on the Warwick Half Marathon to raise funds for Brain Trust.

Mat Hollis was amongst the group and for him, this half marathon was a real challenge. Mat entered the Warwick run back in April with the aim of achieving a sub two hour finishing time. Shortly afterwards, Mat was diagnosed with a brain tumour. Despite undergoing brain surgery and 6 weeks of chemotherapy and radiotherapy, Mat was still determined to go out and complete the Half Marathon challenge he had set himself. A number of close friends, and fellow Wellingborough Runners joined him, showing a fantastic example of teamwork.

Ann Phillips, close friend and fellow

coach at WDAC set the same challenge for herself back in April; "Matt and I were always due to run together. It didn't matter if it was a PB or just getting round in the end. It made it extra special that there was a whole gang of mates doing the same thing."

Nicola Manning describes the mood of the day brilliantly; "We didn't stop singing the whole way round. The theme song of the day was 'Lean on Me.' We got lots of cheers and chants of "GO WDAC" all the way round and apparently we were a sight to behold coming down that last mile in formation."

To make a donation to brain trust, please go online to <https://www.justgiving.com/Kimberley-Hollis1>

A well deserved refreshment!

President Rob Sadler and Lisa Heath from the Rotary Club of Oundle enjoyed a cool drink after the club had helped assist with the car parking at last weekend's World Conker Championship. Rob and the team parked over 400 cars during the morning. In return for their voluntary work Rotary received £200 for their efforts, which was donated to this year's nominated local charities.

Diamonds diary



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Our Pan-Disability open age team in action



245 Goals into 2015/2016

The season is now several weeks old and all our teams are well in the stride of things, I've seen almost all our age groups in match action this season, just the Under 12's to go as far as I can recall. I've seen some great team football as well as some great individual performances, most of all I have seen effort of the highest standards, something that will form the foundation of a good season for all our teams. Having scored 245 goals across our teams, they are definatley doing something right.

Two items on my agenda this week, our new under 18's and our Pan-disability teams.

Our Pan-disability teams have been plying their trade for several years now with some great success during that time, last season saw the Under 16's win the league while the open age team were pipped at the post on the final day of action, coming runners up to Aspire FC, they can however take solace in the fact that they were top scorers and meanest defence in the league, scoring 51 goals (18 more than anyone else) whilst only conceding 19 across their 24 games.

This season has started in a similar vein for the open age players, currently lying in second, 1 point behind Corby S&L.

I can tell you from personnel experience that watching the boys and girls in our Pan-Disability teams play and train is something you shouldn't miss, the passion they have for the game, the fun they have playing you really should try and get to watch them in action.

The details of their league are on the FA's full time website (link below) have a look and see if you can get to watch them at one of their upcoming festivals, I know you'll enjoy it.

<http://fulltime.thefa.com/Index.do?league=584507510> If you would like to get involved with our Pan-Disability teams, either playing or in any other capacity please get in touch with us through our website contact form at www.afcdiamondsyouth.com or by calling

Simon Barrett on 07719 472 039.

The next team on my radar are our new under 18's who have been put together from scratch this season by their manager Samson Nzanga.

They compete in the Midland Junior Premier league which sees them playing against some very good opposition from the greater midlands area, we knew it would be a tough ask of Samson and the boys and so it has proved, but slowly and surely they are getting to grips with what is expected of them and they have gone on to grab their first two wins of the season, back to back and both 'on the road', a tense 'could have gone either way' encounter with Wrens Nest (1-3) was followed up a free scoring 7-4 win at Midland FD, they have a little break now so have a couple of weeks to continue to work hard at becoming a team.

The aim of this team within the AFC Rushden & Diamonds set up is simple, to provide a route for players from the local area who haven't been picked up by scholarships or academies into our under 21's set up that feeds our first team. Both the under 18 and under 21's managers have been given the objective to develop the players under their stewardship so they can make the progress required to move through the set up and into our first team.

Do you have what it takes to make it in this team? Are you a late developer that others may have missed, are you a star player in a Sunday team that still has hopes of making it in football, we believe that we have the platform for you to develop to get the chance contact Samson on 07921 387 413 for a trial.

Samson is also looking for an assistant to help him develop his players, if you currently coach in the Nene Valley area and are interested in progressing players at this stage of their footballing lifes to be the best they can be? Call Samson on 07921 387 413.

One other thing on my mind, we aren't permitted to report results from age groups U11 and under, but

I do want to make a special mention this week for the boys in the Under 10's Magic team. These boys have shown over the last four weeks just what can be achieved through hard work, dedication, team work and resilience. You know who you are boys, each and every one of you deserves recognition for what you have done, you are awesome, simply awesome!

Here are the a mixture of our Under 10's teams (Magic and Dragons) at the community sponsors day at the Dog & Duck last Saturday.

See you next time.

Mark Cullen

AFC Rushden & Diamonds Youth

Diamond Days

Senior team action from the last two weeks.

03/10/2015

Another cup run on the cards? The FA trophy round one.

391 people watched Diamonds go down 1-3

Cup progress: Crash and burn AFC Rushden & Diamonds crashed out of the FA Trophy at the first time of asking after a 3-1 defeat to Nottinghamshire outfit Basford United in the Preliminary Round on Saturday afternoon.

Chances were at a slight premium in the first half, with Tom Lorraine forcing two diving saves from visiting goalkeeper Saul Deeney and also seeing a close-range shot trickle just wide of the far post. Basford also saw two efforts through midfielders Josh Thornton and Ben Hutchinson saved, though they deservedly took the lead on the stroke of half-time as substitute Reuben Wiggins-Thomas volleyed home a Thornton cross. Diamonds managed to grab an equaliser two minutes after the start of the second period as Lorraine flicked home a Tommy Berwick left-wing corner, though a very similar set-piece for the visitors saw them retake the lead via Rhys Myers' thumping header. Brad Harris put a

free header wide from another Berwick corner kick, and Basford sealed the game minutes later as winger Cory Grantham sprinted down the right channel and finished confidently at the near post.

This represented a disappointing setback for the Diamonds as not only was the chance of progression to further rounds missed out on, but the 31 game unbeaten run in all competitions dating back to January 10th came to an end as well. They simply struggled to click in attack and the midfield wasn't able to dominate the tempo and rhythm of the game as they have done so often in matches this season, but full credit must go to Martin Carruthers' Basford who defended strongly throughout, attacked with pace and movement and in the end fully deserved their victory.

Final Score: AFC Rushden & Diamonds 1 Basford Utd 3

Match Summary:
Ollie Mortimer

10/10/2015

FA Cup time again, could we put the FA Trophy defeat behind us?

630 people watched Diamonds 2-0 win

Cup progression: On we go... who's next?

AFC Rushden & Diamonds stunned Step 3 opponents Ashton United with a heroic and valiant display at the Dog & Duck on Saturday afternoon.

After goalkeeper Matt Finlay had made three early but relatively routine saves, the Diamonds took the lead in the 10th minute when Tommy Berwick's cross from the left was powerfully headed home by Scott Joseph. The advantage was doubled in the 28th minute when a Sam Brown long throw was flicked into his own net by visiting defender Stephen Mason via the underside of the crossbar, and despite the Northern Premier away side dominating possession in the opening period, Rushden headed into the break two goals to the good. Ashton held the majority of the

chances and the general play in the second half, with striker Martin Pilkington having a strike from the edge of the box narrowly deflected wide by Brad Harris and substitute Matty Chadwick stinging Finlay's hands with a flashing drive from the left side of the box. However, the hosts almost made it 3-0 just after the hour mark with Quigley charging down a defender's clearance and drawing a reactionary save from the visiting goalkeeper. Aside from a couple of half chances for the visitors being well blocked, the Diamonds defended manfully and stoically, especially in the last 30 minutes, to advance to the Fourth Qualifying Round for the first time in their history.

This result will perhaps go down as the best one achieved by any of the AFC Rushden & Diamonds senior team to date, and the sheer amount of hard-work, determination and application to the cause that was on show means huge credit should be given to everyone who helped contribute to it. Delroy Gordon, Liam Dolman, Richard Bunting and Tom Lorraine in particular played magnificently, and the entire back four defended heroically in the face of a strong and persistent threat from Ashton throughout the game, but especially in the second half. However, that does not take anything away from any of the other home players, and credit must also be given to Ashton who contributed to a great cup tie and always looked dangerous when going forward. This game will surely be talked about in years to come amongst many of the Diamonds faithful. Final Score: AFC Rushden & Diamonds 2 Ashton Utd 0

Match Summary:
Ollie Mortimer

Upcoming Fixtures

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v Leighton Town, 7.45pm Kick-off (League)
Tuesday 3rd October
v Desborough Town, 7.45pm Kick-off (NFA S.H. Cup)



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