

# Nene Valley

## news

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## New police and fire community hub for Oundle #Futures

The historic Fletton House building, which was built as an infirmary in 1900 but is now owned by Oundle Town Council, has recently undergone a major refurbishment programme and now provides a home for a wide range of community groups as well as the police and fire officers.

The police and fire hub

inside the building was officially opened by Assistant Chief Constable Rachel Swann and the former High Sheriff of Northamptonshire, Anne Burnett.

ACC Swann said: "This new facility gives the people of Oundle wonderful access to the police and fire services in a building which is also home to a number of other facilities and agencies, such

**A police and fire service hub for the community of Oundle had its official opening on Friday 6th November.**

as Oundle Town Council and East Northamptonshire Council.

"It will bring officers right into the heart of the community.

"I am particularly pleased about that as we had to

close the front counter at Oundle Police Station in April. This new facility will mean that, despite this, we'll still be able to meet with the public and listen to their concerns and problems."

As well as the public sector organisations, Fletton House also has meeting rooms, a dance studio, an arts and crafts room, a nursery, a youth club and a cafe.

The former High Sheriff of Northamptonshire, Anne Burnett, who lives close to Oundle, welcomed the police's move into the building.

She said: "This will certainly allay people's concerns that there would be no police presence in Oundle following the closure of the front desk in April.



"By having an office in Fletton House, the police will be able to engage well with the community. It's a positive move for Oundle."

The creation of the police and fire hub inside Fletton House came as a result of work under the Futures Programme, an intensive study to find out how policing should work in Northamptonshire in the future.

Fletton House is also opposite the existing Oundle police station, which will remain an operational base for officers in the town.



### In Brief

#### Santa's Christmas Concert

Come and enjoy some festive cheer. The Rotary Club of Oundle will be hosting Santa's Christmas Concert at St Peter's Church, Oundle on Friday 4th December at 7.45pm. Tickets are £10 each are available at Oundle Book Shop, Oundle Post Office and Green Man Antiques or by contacting Sheila on 01832 275776.

The Club is raising funds for Rainbow Trust Children's Hospice and Rotary Charities. The music will be provided by Peterborough Salvation Army Band and solo artists.

#### Rushden Sea Cadet Corps T.S. Diamond supports Poppy Day

It was a proud day for PO Coleman when Rushden's Sea Cadets pounded the streets of the town raising money for the Royal British Legion's major annual fundraiser.

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A selection of menu items, other options  
including the grill and specials available



# Letters to the editor

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

Dear Editor,  
Woodford Wolves football team was formed this year and plays at Woodford Community & Sports Club in the Northants Combination League, Division 2 – a countywide league. The players are all from the local area and have to be 16 and over; training is on Tuesday nights at the ground from 7 till 9pm and anyone wanting to join our club will be more than welcome. Bengal Brasserie from Thrapston sponsor our playing kit, and Easitill Retail Solutions from Brixworth sponsor our training tops; their support

is crucial in running grassroots football as nationwide it is on the decline. Fundraising from within the club is also important to pay for referees, pitch hire and kit washing; the players also pay match day subs. This month the players are taking part in 'Movember' to raise money for the charity, raising awareness of men's health.

Keith 07584 864933

Dear Editor,  
Rushden and District Lions Club recently held their annual charity clay shoot with this year's selected charity being the Brain Tumour Charity. A total of £1,319 was raised, this being rounded up to £1,500 by the Lions and presented to the charity's representative Vajiha Hameed by Lions President Geoff Hollis and his wife Lion

Marion at a club meeting at Rushden Conservative Club. Also presented on the night to the same charity was a cheque for £117.17 raised during a charity weekend event at Rushden station by the Rushden

Historical Transport Society.

Any would-be Lions wishing to help out with their work are asked to ring 01933 355281.

Geoff Hollis

## Genealogy jottings

**D**o you remember last time that I mentioned websites such as Ancestry and Find My Past? A word of caution: the indexes for these websites have been transcribed and the original could be open to misinterpretation. Therefore, a badly written name on the original might be transcribed as a 'best guess' by the transcriber. Even if you are making notes from originals in a Record Office, it is possible to become unstuck. Years ago, I was in the Suffolk RO in Ipswich, happily noting down masses of baptisms, marriages and burials from the Theberton Parish Registers. Then it dawned on me: there were far too many names for there to be just one family – the gaps between

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births were unrealistic, for instance. Going back over the originals, I realised that the handwriting of the Parish Clerk back in the 1700s was not as clear as I first thought. I was researching the surname 'Bailey'. However, there was also a family by the name of 'Barley' and the records showed a very rushed letter 'r' so that it looked just like an 'i' but without the dot over it. Back to the beginning I went...

So, bearing this in mind, if you are looking for an ancestor online, but cannot find them, it is always worth using 'wildcards'. This is

where you insert a \* in place of a letter, or series of letters. Even on a first name, things might not be as you thought. An ancestor named Louise might be recorded as Louisa, and so not appear when you search for her under Louise. Using this as an example, you could then try Louis\*.

Over time, you learn these tricks but the key is to think laterally and not have the blinkers on. People read things differently and, if you take a peek at the 'Ask the Experts' section of my forum you will see that quite often a second opinion is sought.

## Editor's notes

**A**s you will know, the Nene Valley News concentrates on local stories of interest, we hope, to the people of East Northamptonshire and even in that restricted sphere it's all too easy to run into difficulty because of conflicting interests, particularly when politics is involved. However, it's difficult to ignore the events of the past few days across the Channel in Paris which bring the upheaval in the Middle East that much closer, again, to the UK's doorstep. Here's a situation apparently mired in political and religious conflict which, on a whole number of levels, seems to defy the values of rightness, common sense and logic, which most of us might try to bring to any sort of analysis. Apologies then for taking the easy option and burrowing back to the local level.

Notwithstanding the turmoil elsewhere, I continue to be pleasantly surprised by the number of people doing good works in their communities. Charities are of course a high profile example but there is much more going on, particularly at this time of year. We would like to hear about what's happening, especially from anyone who has received help from an unexpected quarter; so please let us have a letter if you have story related to this subject. One plea while on the subject of letters: please use a computer if at all possible – while we don't refuse to publish handwritten letters, they have to be transcribed into a form which the publishers can deal with and that takes

time.

Turning to a more mundane issue, have you started the Christmas shopping yet? Only five weeks to go now but I'm sure the well organised among you will have got the job underway, if not finished! For most, the angst of last year's last-minute rush doubtless caused an early New Year's resolution to do better this time; however, hanging onto that thought is difficult when it seems there are so many other things to be done. We shall be taking some of the Christmas and New Year load off ourselves this year because we won't be publishing a Nene Valley News on 2nd January 2016 and the last edition of 2015 will be 19th December.

We would really like to hear your views – please send these to the Editor at [news@nenevalleynews.co.uk](mailto:news@nenevalleynews.co.uk)

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Children can meet their favourite Frozen characters, with the opportunity to have their photograph taken with them at the end of November and throughout December to help get them

in the Christmas spirit.

The Frozen characters will be on flying visits so families are being urged to get their skates on and head to Nene Court on the following dates this festive season!

- Sunday 29th November at 1pm – 1.45pm
- Sunday 6th December at 3.15pm – 4pm
- Sunday 13th December at 11.15am – 12pm
- Saturday 19th December

at 12pm – 12.45pm

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- Saturday 5th December - Victorian Market & Hart Brewery Beer festival (with live music 11am-8pm)
- Thursday 10th December and Thursday 17th December – Late night shopping until 8.30pm
- 10th December - Hart brewery's "Beer and Carols," fundraiser for the Air Ambulance.
- And finally, if you've got a wish you want to come true this Christmas, visit Bestbuys from 28th November – 20th December you can pick up a gift tag and create your special Christmas wish to hang on the beautiful Christmas tree for all to see!

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For more information on Christmas at Nene Court please go to [www.nenecourt.com](http://www.nenecourt.com)

December. Runners up prizes include a Lightsaber and Olaf toy, plus each child who takes part successfully will win a chocolate Santa.

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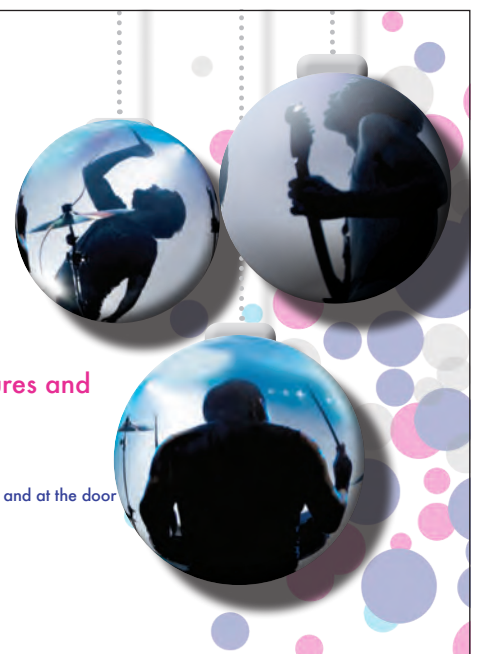
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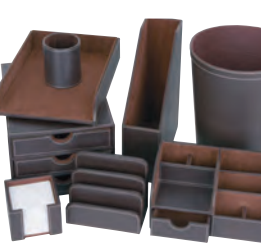


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# Councillors debate health, sport and wellbeing in East Northamptonshire

Healthy and active lifestyles were the key subjects at a recent Issues Debate at East Northamptonshire Council. The meeting was a great opportunity for members of the council to debate the future of health, sport and wellbeing in the district.

Opening the debate, Cllr Steven North, Leader of the Council, outlined the projects and strategies that will drive East

Northamptonshire to be a healthier and more active place to live.

With the upcoming procurement of a new leisure management contract, councillors talked at length about the partnerships that will be built to ensure East Northamptonshire leads the way with active recreation.

Keen to emphasise that the debate was not just about sport, Cllr North added: "This is not just

about sport and leisure; it is more about supporting active lifestyles. This is an opportunity to support our residents up and down the district in the long and short term, either through outreach work, grants or different facilities.

"The Leisure and Procurement Working Party will now meet to discuss the key points from this Issues Debate and set the scene for the future."

## Ensure a safe and peaceful festive season this year

Present wrapping, Christmas lists and ordering a turkey are the priorities for many families as the festive season approaches. But Christmas is no time to forget crime and fire prevention messages. To help people ensure they have a happy, peaceful and safe celebration, the Prevention and Community Protection Department for Northamptonshire Police and Fire has released some seasonal safety messages.

### Festive fire safety

Ensure you have a working smoke alarm installed on all levels of your home. Test your smoke alarms weekly.

Never leave cooking unattended and do not cook under the influence of alcohol. Always turn off kitchen appliances when you have finished cooking.

Never leave candles unattended, and remember to keep decorations, cards and wrapping paper away from candles, fires, lights and heaters.

Make sure fairy lights are switched off before you go to bed or leave the house. Also, do not use old and

worn sets of fairy lights.

Check that they confirm to the British Standard (BS EN 60598).

Don't overload sockets; ensure there is only one plug per socket. Always turn off plugs when they are not in use, except those that are designed to be left on, like freezers.

Make sure you and any visitors know the agreed escape plan for your home, in case of fire.

### Shop safely

When Christmas shopping, be aware of how much you are carrying with you. iPods, digital cameras, mobile phones and extra cash to buy presents mean you could be a target for thieves.

When out and about at Christmas, don't leave your bag unattended. Keep your purse safe in an internal pocket and don't carry your pin number with you.

### Seasonal socialising

Don't leave your drink unattended. It takes a matter of seconds for someone to tamper with your drink.

Carry a personal safety alarm and make sure you

plan your journey home. If you use a taxi, ensure it is registered. If you have to walk home, walk with a friend and stick to well-lit, busy streets. Make sure someone knows the route you are taking.

### Prevent burglaries

Keep presents out of plain view of windows. They will draw attention to your house and its contents.

Be cautious when using social media such as Facebook – you could be advertising that your home is empty if you post holiday pictures or a countdown to a holiday.

Invest in a timer to open and close curtains or turn on lights. Alternatively, ask a trusted family member or neighbour to pop in and do this if you are away.

Dispose of boxes and rubbish discreetly, as discarded boxes can alert people to the fact that there are new and valuable items in the house.

Finally, please remember to check on older relatives and neighbours this Christmas, to ensure their safety at this time of year.

## The Mayor of Higham Ferrers Award 2016

The Mayor, Councillor Richard Gell is seeking nominations for The Mayor's Award for Services to the Community.

The Mayor's Award is to be given to an individual volunteer for their work and commitment within the community of Higham Ferrers over a number of years. (Group nominations will not be eligible for an award).

Please submit the name and address of nominees, together with details of the reason for their nomination, to the Town Clerk at Higham Ferrers Town Council.

Town Hall, Market Square, Higham Ferrers NN10 8BT or email us at [info@highamferrers-tc.gov.uk](mailto:info@highamferrers-tc.gov.uk)

All nominations should be received by Friday 4th March 2016.



## Nursery opens new play area

Small Wonders Nursery, on the East Road Estate in Oundle, are very pleased to announce the opening of the new outdoor play area. We wanted to create an amazing space, twice the size of the existing space that not only met all of the Ofsted requirements but also offered every child of every age group a space where they could learn through play and most importantly have fun.

We have worked with ESP Play, experts in designing inspired outdoor spaces. We chose this company because of their accreditations and case studies. In addition, our Project Manager and lead designer was a fully qualified teacher.

A few weeks ago, we invited the children to come outside and investigate their new



space. Their feedback was amazing but the smiles and laughter said it all. Please do come and visit.

During October we added another activity to our schedule. We are now including free swimming lessons for all children aged three and over. The children have their lessons at Oundle Pool and have the whole pool to themselves. They have a half hour lesson

in their groups of four children or less every week. This is in addition to the Pre-School team and a lifeguard. We are aware how difficult it is for working parents to be able to get children into the limited swimming lesson spaces available at the weekends. The children have really enjoyed their first few weeks of lessons and we will be continuing with these every week.

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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:

### Apethorpe

**15/01914/LBC (12/12/2015) (LBRegs)**  
Creation of new entrance to rear of property, minor relocation of existing windows to accommodate new door and portico, minor alterations to existing fabric to provide entrance lobby space, internal door from entrance lobby to side room, and relocation of cloakroom enclosed with new wall at The Lodge Lodge Farm Lane Apethorpe PE8 5DE

### Barnwell

**15/01960/FUL (05/12/2015) (Info)** Two storey rear extension at 26 Main Street Barnwell PE8 5PZ

### Benefield

**15/01715/FUL (12/12/2015) (LB/CA)** Erection of two storey detached garage building with storage area on first floor and incorporating plant room for ground source heat pump: removing existing retaining walls, regarding of land and erection of new retaining walls and French drain: creation of new vehicular access: and installation of ground source heat pump at 15 Main Street Lower Benefield  
**15/01716/LBC (12/12/2015) (LBRegs)** Removal of concrete pathway abutting property and installation of French drain at 15 Main Street Lower Benefield PE8 5AF

### Chelveston-cum-Caldecott

**15/01940/FUL (05/12/2015) (Info)** Erection of a booster pumping station kiosk, a metering kiosk and telemetry mast - within a post and rail fence compound at Pumping Station SP 99404 67123 Upper Higham Lane  
**15/01992/FUL (05/12/2015) (Info)** Proposed manege and change of use to equestrian at Manor Farm Buildings Bidwell Lane Caldecott Chelveston NN9 6AR

### Collyweston

**15/01969/FUL (05/12/2015) (Info)** New access to highway at 48 Main Road Collyweston PE9 3PQ

### Denford

**15/01964/FUL (12/12/2015) (LB/CA)** Installation of two velux windows to roof on rear elevation at Debdale Cottage Church Lane Denford NN14 4ED  
**15/01965/LBC (12/12/2015) (LB/CA) (LBRegs)** Internal remodelling of first floor bedroom, bathroom and hobby room and installation of new velux windows to roof on rear elevation at Debdale Cottage Church Lane Denford

### Easton-on-the-Hill

**15/01961/FUL (05/12/2015) (Info)** Proposed pair of semi detached houses at 17 Westfields Easton On The Hill PE9 3LY

### Irthlingborough

**15/01980/FUL (05/12/2015) (Info)** Two storey side extension at 118 Addington Road Irthlingborough NN9 5UP  
**15/02011/VAR (12/12/2015) (LB/CA)** Variation of Condition 3 to increase opening hours pursuant to Application 09/01749/FUL: Change of use to class A5 hot food takeaway and new shop front at ground floor level with first floor flat dated 12.03.10 at 33 High Street Irthlingborough NN9 5TE

### Islip

**15/01973/FUL (05/12/2015) (Info)** Additional housing for the high voltage (HV) metering unit and a smaller housing for electrical switchgear as joining the existing electricity substation as necessary to be able to control and switch the 10% renewables electricity generation from the distribution centre roof mounted photo voltaic panels back into the National Grid at Vehicle Depot And Adjacent Land Kettering Road Islip

### Laxton

**15/01975/FUL (05/12/2015) (Info)** Refurbishment of existing garage and new adjoining oak framed car port with external staircase to storage room. Bin store to come off existing garage at The Old Threshing Barn Main Street Laxton NN17 3AT

### Little Addington

**15/01963/LBC (12/12/2015) (LBRegs) (LB/CA)** Location of gas cylinders to rear of property and internal alterations at Surrenden House The Green Little Addington NN14 4BB

### Lowick And Slipton

**15/01997/FUL (12/12/2015) (LB/CA)** Single and two storey rear extensions at 16B Main Street Lowick NN14 3BH

### Lutton

**15/02033/PDU (05/12/2015) (Info)** Change of use from agricultural barn to children's play barn and associated cafe at Woodbine Farm Oundle Road Lutton PE8 5ND

### Nassington

**15/01987/VAR (12/12/2015) (LB/CA)** Variation of condition 2 and 3 - to raise height of proposed outbuilding pursuant to planning permission 15/00968/FUL dated 17.7.15 - Demolition of existing garage and erection of two storey rear extension and detached outbuilding at 47 Church Street Nassington

### Oundle

**15/01880/FUL (05/12/2015) (Info)** Proposed construction of 3 dwellings, detached garages and associated access / landscaping at 24B East Road Oundle PE8 4BX

### Raunds

**15/01951/FUL (05/12/2015) (Info)** Conservatory to rear of property at 29 Langham Road Raunds  
**15/01971/FUL (05/12/2015) (Info)** Change of use of agriculture building to B1 use at Mere Farm Shelton Road Hargrave NN9 6BB  
**15/01983/FUL (05/12/2015) (Info)** Two storey side extension and internal remodelling at 51 Langham Road Raunds NN9 6LB

### Ringstead

**15/01996/OUT (05/12/2015) (Info)** Outline: Construction of a community

centre with associated parking (all matters reserved) at former 18 High Street Ringstead

### Rushden

**15/01976/VAR (12/12/2015) (LB/CA) (LBRegs)** Variation of condition 19 - windows in the retained facades to be replaced with window details to be agreed pursuant to planning permission 14/00683/FUL dated 21.10.15 - Erection of forty seven dwellings with associated access road including demolition of extensions and sheds to the rear of listed building at Grenson Shoes Ltd Queen Street Rushden NN10 0AB  
**15/02000/ADV (05/12/2015) (Info)** 2no. internally illuminated built logos and letters 1 No. non illuminated post sign 2 No. fret cut perspex telephone numbers 9 No. frosted digital printed window graphics at 163 - 165A Wellingborough Road Rushden  
**15/02024/FUL (05/12/2015) (Info)** Proposed front single storey extension and second floor dormer at 3 Fuchsia Way Rushden NN10 0XF  
**15/01920/FUL (05/12/2015) (Info)** Proposed erection of 4 No. detached dwellings (3 No. with integrated garages and 1 No. with detached garage) and associated access works at land adjacent Chestnut Close Rushden

### Stanwick

**15/01952/FUL (05/12/2015) (Info)** Cheesery to process milk from 100 head goat herd at Redlands Farm West Street Stanwick NN9 6QZ

### Tansor

**15/01959/FUL (05/12/2015) (Info)** Two storey side extension and increase in garage roof height at Jasmine Cottage Main Street Tansor PE8 5HS

### Thrapston

**15/00939/FUL (12/12/2015) (LB/CA)** Demolition of car port of 15a Chancery Lane and part of wall, and erection of five dwellings with garages, parking, access and

landscaping at The Corner House 15 Chancery Lane Thrapston NN14 4JL  
**15/01933/FUL (05/12/2015) (Info)** Single storey side extension to provide a bedroom and wet room for disabled person at Jonwyn Winding Way Thrapston NN14 4NW  
**15/01972/VAR (05/12/2015) (Info)** Variation of condition 2 - plans, pursuant to application 14/01506/FUL - Demolition of 15 No. flats and replacement with 3 No. 2 bed bungalows and 4 No. 2 bed flats, associated parking, access and landscaping at Home Court Sackville Street Thrapston NN14 4NZ

### Wadenhoe

**15/01970/FUL (12/12/2015) (LB/CA)** Conversion of three barns into four dwellings at Dovecote Pilton Road Wadenhoe  
**15/01998/LBC (12/12/2015) (LB/CA) (LBRegs)** Convert outbuilding into one residential unit at Dovecote Pilton Road Wadenhoe

### Warmington

**15/01927/FUL (05/12/2015) (Info)** Refurbishment of property including the erection of a two storey rear extension, insertion of windows to side elevations, loft conversion with dormer windows to front, canopy/porch to front and extension and new pitched roof to existing garage at 27 Big Green Warmington

**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.**

**Sharn Matthews, Executive Director**  
**Dated 21 November 2015**

Consultation deadlines will differ for each application. Please go to [www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/planningapplications](http://www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/planningapplications) for details.

# Charity to host shopping day

**Corby care charity invites you to a fabulous Christmas shopping event in beautiful relaxed surroundings with over 30 wonderful stalls.**

The Friends of Corby Urgent Care Centre are inviting you to their fundraising event at Pipewell Hall, Pipewell, near Kettering, NN14 1QZ.

The preview evening is on Wednesday 25th November from 6.30pm to 9pm, with champagne and canapes. tickets are £20 and booking is required. The shopping day is on Thursday 26th November from 9.30am to 4pm and admission is £5; all proceeds will go to the Friends of Corby Urgent Care Centre (Registered Charity 1163807).

For tickets and more details email: [theusefulteam@gmail.com](mailto:theusefulteam@gmail.com) or pay £20 per ticket via PayPal [PayPal.me/patsyvalentin](http://PayPal.me/patsyvalentin)

The Corby Urgent Care Centre is on the Willowbrook Health Complex, Cottingham Road, Corby. No appointment is necessary, and patients will be seen in order of clinical priority. The Centre is open between 8am and 8pm every day of the year and offers a single point of access to urgent care services, reducing the need for patients to travel to A&E. There is a range of diagnostic facilities including an x-ray department with extended opening hours and short-term observation bays. The Centre's aim is to initially assess more than 95% of patients in less than 15 minutes.

You will be seen by a doctor or senior clinical



nurse practitioner after being initially assessed by a nurse to establish how urgent your complaint is. The more urgent the condition, the faster you will be

seen. Some people will be monitored in the observation bays before deciding on an appropriate care plan which may involve other treatment and further tests.

### FAQ:

**Who can access the service?** Anyone can use this service.

**What's it for?** Any illness needing urgent attention, including injuries and fractures.

**Where is it?** Willowbrook Health Campus opposite the Boating Lake in Corby (Bus Route 1), postcode NN17 2UR.

## Barnwell pie and pint night with auction

The Barnwell Community Group is holding a Pie and Pint event with the added attraction of an Auction of Promises at the Village Hall on Sunday 6th December, starting at 1230pm. The admission price, £8 for adults and £4 for children, covers the pie and mash and a dessert.

The fabulous auction lots include: a day as a beekeeper/private chef, photography lessons, making wine at a vineyard, 3 men and a quad bike, outside beanbags/iPad lessons, a day's fishing and much more!

Tickets are on sale in advance at the Barnwell Post Office.





# Oundle pupils experience old traditions and new trends during special school trip to China

Over the October Exeat, a group of Oundle School pupils who are studying Mandarin visited China, providing them with the opportunity to observe and experience both the traditional culture and the modern life of China – from dragons, lanterns and chopsticks to the many bright signs and shining lights, skyscrapers, shimmering smartphones and an everlasting rush hour!

The pupils spent the first five days of the trip in a primary school in Meishan,

teaching English to pupils from Grade 1 to Grade 5.

Head of Chinese, Hua Yan commented: "The most interesting finding, according to all the Oundle participants, was that all the Chinese pupils were especially attentive and had an unbelievable memory to retain the English they were taught compared to Oundle pupils own when it came to retaining Chinese words."

During the first week, pupils stayed with host families. Apart from offering their host buddies private English tuition in the evenings, they also

attended workshops which included traditional Chinese calligraphy and paper cutting. In addition, the pupils had a few afternoons off to explore the city and its culture with their host families.

What impressed the pupils most during their homestay was the generosity and kindness of their host families. After an emotional farewell with the host families, they headed for the skyscrapers and bright lights of Chengdu, the capital city of Sichuan Province, for the last four days of the trip which

consisted of travelling and sightseeing.

The first day there was spent visiting gardens and the Temple for Zhuge Liang, a strategist of Three Kingdoms, and the Cottage of Du Fu, a Tang Dynasty poet. Pupils found themselves in breathtaking forest type gardens where they walked through brooks and bamboos whilst taking in the scent of flowers, and hearing Chinese music in the distance. The evening ended with souvenir shopping at a traditional street market, and watching Sichuan Opera where the

performers changed their face in a blink.

The second day was spent enjoying private tours of two Chinese companies, exploring China's business world and technology.

The last full day in Chengdu began with visiting a giant panda breeding base, and ended with shopping at the world's biggest shopping mall, which also had two 5 star hotels and its own beach!

Pupil, George Garber (15) commented: "I can confidently say that with every day that passed all

the speaking around us started to become clear and towards the end of the week, I could understand longer and longer chunks of a sentence. The trip turned out to be so much more than just about learning the Chinese language though. It made me realise how diverse the world is. How amazing it is to see that a few time zones away and ten hours on a plane could lead you to a completely different world. The way of life, the culture and the social understanding are simply so different from ours."



## Christians Together in Oundle

Did you know that members of all the Christian church groups in Oundle meet regularly to discuss aspects of the life of the town and community? Have you been to Carols in the Market Place on Christmas Eve, or received a churches Christmas or Easter card? Perhaps your children have been to the Chattabox Holiday Club, held each summer, or

dropped into West Porch Café in St Peter's on a Wednesday afternoon? The members of the Christian communities working together have initiated these and many other events.

Christians Together in Oundle would like to hear from you if there are other areas of town or community life that you feel they should address. Or perhaps there

are issues of global concern – such as the current refugee crisis – that you are passionate about, and would like some action taken. Perhaps you, too, would like to get involved or to know more. If so, do contact CTO with your ideas or questions via [stpetersoundle@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:stpetersoundle@yahoo.co.uk) (tel: 01832 275675) or [office@oundlebaptist.org.uk](mailto:office@oundlebaptist.org.uk) (tel: 01832 770010).

  
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Our next Big Craft Day is on **Saturday 5th December** & will feature the following demonstrators:-

**Helen Jennings** will be creating some fabulous cards using the new range of stamps & dies from **DO Crafts**.

**Sherry Calvert** is here to show us how to create beautiful jewellery pieces with seed beads.

**Jennie Rayment** will be with us to share her amazing sewing skills and introduce us to her range of Patchwork kits. Jennie will also be signing copies of her new book "Stitch Bits".

### Make Your Own Christmas Cards & Decorations!

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## Craft workshops

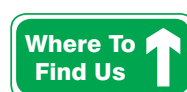
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For details of our Craft Workshops please visit our Website ([www.colemans-online.co.uk](http://www.colemans-online.co.uk)) or ask for a leaflet at The Craft Warehouse or any Colemans Branch.

**Special Craft Warehouse Christmas Evening**  
**Wednesday 9th December 6 to 8.30pm**  
Get in the Christmas spirit with a **glass of mulled wine & a mince pie** - all are welcome to this **FREE** event.



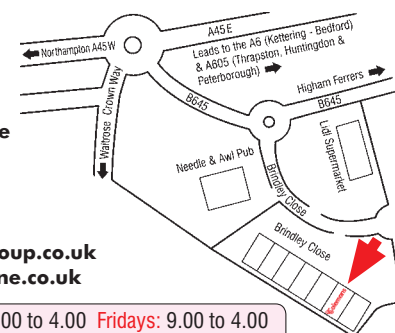
**Christmas Jumper Day**  
**Friday 18th December 9am to 4pm**  
Join us (preferably in your Christmas Jumper!) to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support, Make A Wish & Save The Children.  
Trish will be demonstrating ideas for Christmas tableware. There will be an adult & child's prize for the best Christmas Jumper. We will also be running a tombola & there will be refreshments & mince pies (all proceeds to the charities).



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# From the East Northants Chairman

It is my pleasure to once more report that the last few weeks have been very busy, involving charity events, civic services and much more.

Last month Fr John Hall and I held a church service for the Syrian refugees. The service was attended by heads of five churches and also many civic leaders and members of the local community.

Dr Omar Abarra, from the charity Hand in Hand with Syria, came and presented the work they're carrying out in Syria, which was well received by the congregation.

A considerable amount of aid was brought to the church and was blessed by Fr John. The donations filled a transit van, which we took to the collection point the following week.

Money is still being donated and I'll let you know how much was raised

in my next report.

I want to thank everyone who supported and donated to this cause, especially as these desperate refugees will be facing the winter in terrible situations.

Also a huge thanks to everyone who came to my charity district talent contest last weekend to support their town's act. It was a great night out.

Rev Coles from the Communards compered and many well-known stars contributed to the celebrity

raffle, including Sir Michael Caine, Colin Firth, Sir Tom Jones and Barbara Windsor.

All proceeds will be split between the Royal British Legion and the Children's Skylark Ward at Kettering General Hospital.

I look forward to revealing the grand total as soon as possible.

Wishing you all the very best.

*Cllr Marika Hillson  
Chairman of East  
Northamptonshire Council*



*The donations collected at the Chairman's special church service*



*Marika Hillson and Fr John Hall with members of the congregation at St Peter's Church, Irthlingborough*

## Seek free guidance on pension freedoms six months on

October marked six months of freedom and choice for pensions and Central and East Northants Citizens Advice is encouraging eligible people in Northamptonshire and Bedfordshire to seek free guidance with Pension Wise, to make sure they understand their options.

The new pension freedoms, introduced in April, mean people over 55 who have a defined contribution pension now have the option to take their pension savings as an annuity, cash lump sum or flexibly over time.

Alongside these changes the government launched Pension Wise – a free, impartial service to help people approaching retirement understand their options, so they can make informed decisions about their pension pot.

Local face-to-face Pension Wise appointments are available in Northampton, Wellingborough, Towcester, Daventry,

Bedford, Kettering and Corby. Since the service's launch six months ago, it has been helping people understand the range of options now available.

Martin Lord, Chief Executive at Central and East Northants Citizens Advice, said: "Pension Wise helps people make sense of their pension options. In the last six months, we have had a range of different questions about the new freedoms: from cashing in 25% of a pension pot tax-free to how a decision might affect any benefits someone already receives.

"Pensions can be confusing. Pension Wise offers people an opportunity to seek guidance to understand their options before they make any final decisions. We encourage people to visit us to book a free guidance session."

To book a Pension Wise appointment, call the local team at Central and East Northants Citizens Advice on 0300 323 9940.



## Squids in for a 20-minute feast – Quick stuffed squid

We're coming to a really busy time of year when everyday cooking can become a chore; you just want to be able to put food on the table quickly and you don't want it to cost too much either. With even more stress and coughs and colds around than usual, it's important to eat good food too, so stir fries, omelettes or meat and roasted veg are all easy choices. But if you get bored with having the same old things, you can still try new things without spending more time or money.

Squid is the same price or cheaper than chicken and beef cuts, is quick and easy to prepare and cook, can go in the freezer until you need it and certainly makes a change! Soft cooking chorizo adds a spicy earthiness to any dish, so tuck some away in the fridge for when you need it. Black pudding is a cheap way to add nutritional value to this meal, but if you don't like it just use more chorizo or add some bacon.

Quick stuffed squid – serves 2  
1 onion – diced

2 cloves garlic – peeled and diced  
Butter for frying  
5cm to 10cm piece of spicy chorizo\*  
Optional: 50g to 100g black pudding\*  
Handful of boiled new potatoes\*  
\*Chop these items to a similar size – you're going to stuff them in the squid, so make them small enough to fit  
Chilli – fresh or dried flakes  
100g or more of prepared kale  
2 large or 4 smaller squid with tentacles  
Squeeze of lemon

Soften the onion in butter, then add the garlic, chorizo, black pudding, new potatoes and chilli to the pan and fry until the potatoes are coloured and the chorizo browning. Make sure you take the tentacles



**By Catherine Burbage**

out of the squid, and then spoon some of the chorizo and potato mixture into each squid. Push the rest of the mixture to one side of the pan, add some more butter and fry the squid and tentacles briefly on all sides to add some colour. Then remove the squid from the pan, put in an ovenproof dish and put them in a medium oven whilst you finish. Add the kale to the remaining mixture in the pan, turn the heat down and put a lid on to wilt the kale – this will take about 5 minutes. Check the seasoning – add more chilli if you like. Dish the kale mixture onto warm plates and place the squid on top. Finish with a good squeeze of lemon.

If this recipe is a cephalopod too far for you, just put a fried egg or two on top the kale mixture instead.



If you'd like to see a particular recipe or food featured in this column, please email me: [nenevalleyfood@btinternet.com](mailto:nenevalleyfood@btinternet.com)



# Icons of Northamptonshire book celebrates its first birthday

**A book celebrating the unique treasures of Northamptonshire is celebrating its first anniversary.**

Icons of Northamptonshire is published jointly by Northamptonshire County Council and the Northamptonshire branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE Northamptonshire).

The County Council presented CPRE Northamptonshire with a cheque for £2,000 – a proportion of the profits raised from book sales since it was launched in October 2014.

Cllr Jim Harker, Leader of the County Council, said: "This is a wonderful record of the many, many things for which the county is renowned and I'm delighted that they have been brought together in this compilation.

"One of the attractions of the county is that we have so many unheralded treasures, that many people feel a genuine sense of discovery when they encounter what we have to offer.

"I take terrific pride in being Northamptonshire born and bred and I feel this volume is a fitting tribute to our wonderful county."

Sir Paul Hayter, chairman of CPRE

Northamptonshire and editor of the book, received the cheque and said: "This joint venture with Northamptonshire County Council has been a great pleasure. We share a deep love of the county, and the sale proceeds of the book will support CPRE's work to protect its countryside for the benefit of all."

In the book 70 contributors – including broadcaster Sir Terry Wogan, explorer Sir Ranulph Fiennes, and parish priest Richard Coles – pay homage to their favourite iconic places, buildings and events in the county.

Broadcaster Sir Terry Wogan writes about the Express Lifts Tower, the landmark he dubbed the Northampton Lighthouse, while Sir Ranulph Fiennes writes about Ashby St Ledgers and its links to the Gunpowder Plot.

The Revd Richard Coles writes about St Peter's Church, Lowick; Lady Heseltine explains the history of her 18th century Georgian home, Thenford House and the Lord-Lieutenant of the county, David Laing, writes about a skateboard alley in Corby.

Other entries include details of:

- the annual Conker Festival near Oundle which sees men, women and children compete for the title of World Conker Champion
- the bronze head of the Roman emperor Marcus Aurelius (AD 161-180) discovered near Brackley
- Silverstone circuit, the home of British

motorsport

- Boughton House, one of Britain's grandest and best-preserved stately homes known as the Versailles of England because of its elegant grandeur.

The book is on sale in Northamptonshire's county libraries, price £17.50.

## Remembrance in Raunds

Said to be the largest afternoon

Remembrance Day parade in Northamptonshire, young and old walked shoulder to shoulder through the Town Centre. Organised by the Royal British Legion and the Town Council, the parade was ably managed by Parade Master David Thoday and led by the Raunds Temperance Band, from the Council offices to the Raunds War Memorial at St Peter's Church where a short service was held.

Many local uniformed and community groups were joined by families, local residents, serving soldiers, veterans, local businesses

and civic dignitaries to place poppy wreaths. East Northants MP Tom Pursglove attended, as did Raunds

Town Cllr Mayor Helen Howell and Major Sherrie Graham from RAF Alconbury.



## Relocated Register Office in Northampton will benefit more customers

Customers will soon be able to register a birth or death or give notice of a marriage or civil partnership at the library instead of at the Guildhall.

Marriage and civil partnership ceremonies, naming ceremonies and renewals of vows will continue to be held at the Guildhall, as well as at a range of venues across the county. Citizenship ceremonies will continue to be held at County Hall.

New state-of-the-art offices, with private areas for more sensitive appointments such as registering a death, are now being built in Central Library.

Relocating to the library means that the Registration Service will be able to offer appointments on Saturdays for the first time.

The move follows the recent successful relocation of Corby, Oundle and Towcester Register Offices to their respective libraries, where customers registering births are now introduced to library staff who explain the benefits of joining their baby to the

**Northamptonshire Register Office is moving to Northampton's Central Library to make it easier for people to access a range of wellbeing services.**

library and the children's services on offer there.

County Council Cabinet Member for Public Health and Wellbeing Cllr Robin Brown said: "Libraries in Northamptonshire are increasingly becoming a hub for a wide range of community services.

"Moving registration offices in Northampton from the Guildhall to Central Library will make it easier for people to access those services and customers will benefit from the extended opening hours at our libraries.

"By bringing the services together, parents who want

to register a birth, for example, can then find out about library membership and children's centre services – all in one place.

"If the model continues to be a success, we will look to relocate the remaining three offices in Kettering, Wellingborough and Daventry in due course."

Central Library will be the statutory register office for the county and the venue for marriage and civil partnership registrations. It will also display the notices for all upcoming marriages and civil partnerships in the county for the statutory period.

All registrations are by appointment only, which can be booked by visiting [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/appointments](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/appointments). Customers can register their events at any office in the county.

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# Networking is good for you

**As hopefully you know, word of mouth is the most powerful form of referral for your business. Therefore networking with like-minded business owners is one of the best ways to promote your business and should certainly be part of your marketing efforts.**

However, there are a few things to consider to get the most out of networking.

Firstly, it is not a short term win – networking requires an investment of your time in order for it to be successful for you. People that you meet need to get to know you, like you and trust you before they are confident enough to do business with you directly or refer you to one of their connections. Don't expect to visit a couple of networking events and get results; ideally, depending on how often a group meets, you should be looking for at least a 3-6 month commitment before you can expect results. Of course this depends on the nature of your business and how easy or hard it is for people to understand it and provide

you with an appropriate lead.

Secondly, as networking is about developing relationships and building rapport, don't go to a meeting in "sales mode". The majority will not have come to buy anything and you stand a high chance of turning people off and having the opposite effect that you desire if you are trying to push your product or service onto unsuspecting attendees.

Do, however, educate people about your business, share knowledge, help people and present yourself as the expert in your field, so that people are drawn towards you; recognising your skills, talents and services, building up your credibility in the process and increasing your chances of a successful business lead.

Remember the old

adage that you have two ears and one mouth – you should use them in that proportion; listening and learning about other businesses and how you might benefit from a relationship with that particular person.

Be prepared when you go networking: have business cards and marketing material, know your elevator pitch (your introduction) – this should focus on the benefits of doing business with you as you are trying to

establish your credibility, have a plan of who you ideally want to meet at a given meeting and if possible, go along with some referrals for other attendees. The best way of encouraging people to refer your business is to lead by example and refer

others.

Also don't commit the cardinal sin of not following up on leads that you are given – this is a sure way to turn people off giving you any future referrals if they know you didn't bother getting in touch.

Paul Green, NN coNNect - Northants' No. 1 Business Community, t: 01933 375 300, m: 07949 703 137, e: [paul@nn-connect.co.uk](mailto:paul@nn-connect.co.uk), w: [www.nn-connect.co.uk](http://www.nn-connect.co.uk)

## Corby anniversary meet

On Saturday 31st October, 23 swimmers from Rushden Swimming Club competed in Corby's 50th Anniversary Long Course Meet.

RSC swimmers swam fantastically and came away with 41 long course PBs and 10 new PBs. On top of that, they won 30 medals between them.

14 swimmers qualified for the 50m freestyle and

100m freestyle finals with some great results. Mollie Chapman 2nd in 10yrs 50 free and 100 free; Freya Cole 1st in 13/14 yrs 50m free and 2nd in 100 free; Amber Bales 3rd in 13/14 yrs 50m free; Molly Britchford 1st in 15/16 yrs 50m and 100m free; Alice Thorncroft 3rd in 17+ 50m free and 2nd in 100 free; Marcus Eaton 1st in 17+ 50m and 100m free; Jamie Hooks 2nd in 17+ 50m free and 3rd in 100m

free; Harris Hoyte 3rd in 15/16yrs 50m free.

Other medals that were gained during the day included: Harris Hoyte 1st 15/16 yrs 50 fly; Marcus Eaton 1st in 17+ 50m fly; backstroke and breaststroke; Philipa Kabi 1st 13/14 yrs 50m back; Molly Britchford 1st 15/16 yrs 50m back and fly and 2nd 50m breaststroke; Mollie Chapman 3rd 10 yrs 50m fly; Alice Thorncroft 3rd 17+ 50m

fly and 2nd 50m back; Ryan Prott-Gibbs 3rd 10yrs 50m back; Jack Chapman 3rd 13/14 yrs 50m back; Jamie Hooks 2nd 17+ 50m back; Freya Cole 1st 13/14 yrs 50m breaststroke and Amber Bales 3rd in 13/14 yrs 50m breaststroke.

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**Eventide – Music for an  
Autumn Evening with St  
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All Saints and St James Church, King's Cliffe PE8 6XQ  
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**Sat 21st & Sun 22nd  
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**Advance bookings for  
Santa Specials**

The Ticket Office, Rushden Station (or online at [www.rhts.co.uk](http://www.rhts.co.uk))  
12noon–2pm  
Admission: Adults £6 – Train ride, drink and mince pie; Children £9 (Under 1 £4) – Present from Santa, train ride, juice and biscuit.  
Advance bookings being taken for the Santa Specials on Sat/Sun 12th/13th December.

**Sunday 22nd November  
Christmas Craft Fair**

Stanwick Village Hall  
10am–3pm  
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**Monday 23rd November  
Harry Graham's 90th  
Birthday Celebration  
Concert**

St Peter's Church, Midland Road, Rushden NN10 9UJ  
2pm–4pm  
Ticket £5 includes tea/coffee and cake  
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**Thu 26th–Sat 28th  
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**Fri 27th & Sun 29th  
November**

**Advance bookings for  
Santa Specials**

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Admission: Adults £6 – Train ride, drink and mince pie; Children £9 (Under 1 £4) – Present from Santa, train ride, juice and biscuit.  
Advance bookings being taken for the Santa Specials on Sat/Sun 12th/13th December.

**Friday 27th November  
Elton Chapel Roof Fund:  
Auction of Promises**

Highgate Hall, Elton  
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**Saturday 28th November  
Thrapston Christmas  
Lights Festival**

Thrapston High Street  
3pm–6.30pm  
Fair Rides, Christmas Market, Rodeo Rudolf, Carols, Food, Street Entertainment. Free entry. Lights switch on at 6pm.

**Charity Xmas Fayre**

Aldwinkle Village Hall  
10am–4pm  
Xmas decorations, presents, homemade produce, plants. Everything you need for that traditional Xmas plus tombola, bric-à-brac and fun!

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Admission: Adults 50p, Children free  
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**Choir Advent Concert**

St Mary the Virgin Church, Higham Ferrers  
7.30pm  
Admission: £10 includes glass of wine and a mince pie  
01933 356546  
Extracts from Bach's Christmas Oratorio and Handel's Messiah with soloists. Community Christmas Carol singing.

**Advent Fair**

St Peter's Church, Irthlingborough  
12noon–3pm  
Christmas gifts and decorations, Jewellery, Bottle Stall, Crafts, Cakes, Books, Bric-a-Brac, Tombola  
Grand Raffle – 1st prize: Luxury Hamper donated by Central Garage of Irthlingborough. Plus an early visit from Santa!

**Christmas Craft  
Workshop: Christmas  
Wreath**

Oundle Library  
11am  
Admission £25, includes materials and tuition. Visit Oundle Library to book your place.  
Make a Christmas wreath, decorate with seasonal foliage, fruits, pine cones and baubles.

**Mother Goose Pantomime**

Woodford Club, Highfield NN14 4HD  
6pm  
Admission: £6 single ticket, £20 family of 4 ticket  
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**Baby/Children's Nearly  
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Group**

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**Christmas Craft  
Workshop: Christmas  
Wreath**

Oundle Library  
1pm  
Admission: £25, includes materials and tuition. Visit Oundle Library to book your place.  
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**Wednesday 2nd December  
Talk on Tips, Tricks and  
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Methodist Church hall, Drummingwell Lane, Oundle PE8 4AA  
7.45pm  
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**Thursday 3rd December  
Lunchtime Concert:  
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St Peter's Church, Oundle  
1.15pm  
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**Friday 4th December  
Christmas Cracker Dinner  
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**Fri 4th & Sat 5th December  
Advance bookings for  
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The Ticket Office, Rushden Station (or online at [www.rhts.co.uk](http://www.rhts.co.uk))  
Fri: 2.30pm–5.30pm; Sat 12noon–2pm  
Admission: Adults £6 – Train ride, drink and mince pie; Children £9 (Under 1 £4) – Present from Santa, train ride, juice and biscuit.  
Advance bookings being taken for the Santa Specials on Sat/Sun 12th/13th December.

**Saturday 5th December  
'Christmas with Faryl' with  
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The Salvation Army Church Street, Rushden  
7pm  
Admission: £7  
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**Christingle Service**

St Mary's Church, Rushden  
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**St Mary's Church and the  
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2pm–4pm  
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**Sunday 6th December  
First Sunday Event with  
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Free admission  
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Prior to this event, refreshments free in the Community Centre.

**Christingle Service**

St Peter's Church, Newton Bromswold  
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**Festive Food Market,**  
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**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**  
**- SECTION 14**  
**THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
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**(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH**  
**TRAFFIC) ORDER 2015**  
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**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 -**  
**SECTION 14**  
**THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
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# Chess Corner

Rushden A and Rushden B were both in action in Northants SKL Division I. Rushden B played the Steel Men of Corby at home with Rushden A facing a tough away fixture against Chess Mates A.

Corby were probably still smarting from their recent defeat by Rushden A and in no mood for another beating by a Rushden team, they showed steely determination in what was a close fight. Nik Puryer did well to draw against the much higher graded Robert Taylor and new boy Richard Ellis continues to show promise, by holding Corby's Tony Blott to a draw. Captain Bob will have been disappointed to lose against the lower graded Michael McColgan. McColgan is having a run of good form, having beaten Rushden's Saj Ganger in Corby's previous encounter against Rushden A. Jeff Owen put Rushden back on track with victory over the unfortunate Robert Douglas who was on the back foot after going a Bishop down and finally lost the race to promote his pawn, leaving Jeff with a simple Checkmate. This just left Keith Bristow and John Sawiak slugging it out on board 2 in a winner-takes-all game. Unfortunately Keith spent too long pondering and got caught out as the sands of time ran down. He was finally beaten by the clock in a game he should have won, leaving Corby to celebrate a last gasp victory.

It was a different story for Rushden A, who were undoubtedly apprehensive on their trip down the A45 to Northampton to face Chess Mates elite. The match was evenly balanced after Hugh Murphy and Alan Lewis agreed draws with their respective Northampton opponents. James Gardner then put Rushden in the lead with a well worked victory over the higher graded Frank Kamau. The game was finally settled in Rushden's favour, when Saj managed to manoeuvre his Rooks into a winning position after an endgame blunder by the higher graded Eva. This just left Nik and Tim fighting it out on board 3, a fight in which the higher graded Tim finally prevailed to provide some consolation to the losing team.

## Northants SKL Division I

### Mon Nov 2nd, Rushden B 2 – 3 Corby

Bd1: Nik Puryer (144) ½ Robert Taylor (172)  
Bd2: Keith Bristow 0-1 John Sawiak (119)  
Bd3: Richard Ellis (U) ½ Tony Blott (112)  
Bd4: Bob Ellam (108) 0-1  
Michael McColgan (89)



By Derrick Sims

Bd5: Jeff Owen (101) 1-0  
Robert Douglas (U)

### Tue Nov 3rd, Chess Mates A 2 – 3 Rushden A

Bd1: Chris Ross (201) ½  
Hugh Murphy (197)  
Bd2: Frank Kamau (168) 0-1  
James Gardner (153)  
Bd3: Tim Lawson (161) 1-0 Nik Puryer (144)  
Bd4: Eva Ressel (137) 0-1  
Sajan Ganger (128)  
Bd5: Dave Curran (112) ½ Alan Lewis (130)

## Northants SKL Division II

### Tue Nov 10th, Chess Mates C 5-0 Rushden C

Bd1: John Warnes (130) 1-0  
James Wicks (64)  
Bd2: Dave Curran (112) 1-0 Tom Murts (61)  
Bd3: Saif Uddin (U) 1-0  
Eddie Francolini (33)  
Bd4: Ian Revitt (97) 1-0 Nigel Wren (U)  
Bd5: Tim Broad (74) 1-0 Sarah Collins (U)

In the meantime Rushden C travelled to Northampton to play Chess Mates C team, although a sat nav malfunction meant a slightly delayed entrance for some of the Rushden players. After the excitement of battling with the Northampton traffic, the players had to quickly get brains back into gear for the match ahead. James Wicks seems to have been put off his stride by the journey and was soundly beaten by the much higher graded John Warnes. Nigel Wren put up a good show against Ian Revitt and they both agreed in the post-game analysis that if Nigel hadn't missed a killer move Ian would have been in serious problems. There was no need for Eddie to analyse his game, having been caught by an early checkmate from Saif. Tom and Sarah both put up good fights against excellent opponents but in the end were unable to overcome the Northampton players.



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>.

# Trophy haul for Corby

Corby Tennis Centre took the majority of honours at the East Northants Tennis prize presentation evening. Dave Johnson received the trophy for Men's Division One and Craig Haworth accepted the cup for Mixed Division while wife Juliette collected the Ladies Division crown. In the absence of

Dermot Bailey, who was away gaining his fourth wheelchair Futures success, vice-captain Nicki Helbick stepped in to receive the trophy for Kettering C in Men's Division Two. The Mixed Division Two fell to Ferrers & Rushden who beat long-time leaders Oundle to claim a well-deserved victory.



Pictured left to right: Nicki Helbick (Kettering B) Craig Haworth (Corby Mixed) Juliette Haworth (Corby Ladies) Tracey O'Reilly (Ferrers & Rushden) Dave Johnson (Corby A) and League President Brian Foster

# Windmill Academy awarded the coveted School Games Mark Award



Windmill Academy, Raunds, has been awarded the coveted School Games Silver Mark for 2014/15 in recognition of its engagement and commitment to the School Games programme.

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The Mark was created by the Department of Culture, Media and Sport and launched in June 2012. The criteria are set by Sport England and the Youth Sports Trust to assess participation, competition, workforce and clubs. It is an annual award and must be re-applied for each year.



# Diamonds diary



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## Under 16's Derby Day

The 15th of November saw our two Under 16 teams go head to head at Kennedy's playing fields in Finedon. I had heard from one of the Galaxy players that all the lads love playing in this fixture each year and were all up for it. The teams ply their trade in the same division in the league and were separated by just a point at the start of the game. Cosmos were the home team for this fixture but it was Galaxy who emerged victors on the day – Adamason, Cottis, Gilson and Martin taking one chance each to put Cosmos to the sword.

Another age group in which we have two teams competing, the Under 13's both had disappointing outcomes in their games. Blues fought hard against a good Corby side, losing out to two late goals. Blues coach Darren Fisher was nevertheless full of praise: "Another good team performance today from the Blues. I'm really pleased with the spirit in the team; everyone's working hard, the defence put in some great challenges keeping Corby out. We conceded two goals late in game. We had a few chances ourselves, we were unlucky not to get something from the game. We need to work on our finishing next week, but at least we are creating chances. I'm very pleased, and well done to Josh on his m.o.m performance. Keep up the good work everyone."

The Whites also went down when they came up against a very strong Soccer Stars team, crashing out of the NTFA cup 9-1. There's still solace for them when they turn back to the league though, as they top their division by two points, having played a game less than Corby Kingswood in second.

Although our Under 8's results are not published there was some great praise directed their way by their coach, Rushden & Diamonds stalwart Mark Gibbs, who reported to our community Facebook page: "Two good wins this morning for the under 8s, Fury playing first and remaining unbeaten and what a performance from everyone of them. At times you can't believe they're 7/8. The passing and work rate makes it all worth while and certainly our best performance this season. Then Dynamos put in a good shift and won. After leading the game we let them back in it and made the last two minutes a bit nervy but the boys dug deep and held on. Dynamos have only lost once and that was against their teammates, so up to now it's been a very positive start to the season. Well done boys."

It is great to see the pride our coaches have in their players, whether they win or lose. If the effort is there, we will always back their corner.

I talk a lot about our younger teams, but don't forget our over 50's – come and join them if you like, fill out the contact form on our website for details. [www.afcdiamondsyouth.com](http://www.afcdiamondsyouth.com)

See you next time.

Mark Cullen

AFC Rushden & Diamonds Youth

## Diamond Days:

Senior team action from the last 2 weeks

31/10/2015

## Taking pride in reaching the FA Cup 1st round draw and refocusing on the league.

306 people watched Diamonds grind out another league victory. AFC Rushden & Diamonds produced a workmanlike performance to defeat mid-table Barton Rovers on a clear afternoon at Sharpenhoe Road on Saturday afternoon.

After goalkeeper Matt Finlay had produced a sharp save to deny a back-post volley from home striker Connor Vincent, Diamonds took the lead in the 21st minute, as Claudiu Hoban cut in from the right and drilled a left-footed effort in at the near post. Dan Quigley hit the post shortly after with a flicked header and Tommy Berwick failed to capitalise on Rovers' goalkeeper Kyle Forster being out of his goal as Rushden went into the half-time break a goal to the good.

It was from this set-piece that the Diamonds were able to double their lead. With six men in the box for Hoban to aim at, his near-post delivery found the perfectly-timed run of defender Liam Dolman to powerfully flick home his third goal in his last three games.

They didn't have to wait much longer to wrap up the three points though, as the clock ticked just past the regulation 90 minutes, and it was substitute Tom Liversedge who was the creator. The ball was headed forward to the ex-Belper man after a throw-in by the home side had been won by the Diamonds, and he was able to turn and attempt to lay the ball off to the sprinting Dan Quigley. The ball was slightly deflected into his path, and his resultant shot took a much larger deflection to take the ball up and over the dive of Forster to seal the victory.

With the two FA Cup exits in the last two seasons leading to league defeats in the next fixture, it was pleasing to see the Diamonds break this sequence, record a deserved victory and move up to second in the Southern League Division One Central table. The performances of the two wingers Claudiu Hoban and Andy Hall were eye-catching and provided the away side with consistent energy and pace throughout the afternoon, and though it wasn't a sparkling performance on the whole, the old cliché 'getting the job done' was achieved against a bright and purposeful Barton Rovers side.

**Final Score: Barton Rovers 1 AFC Rushden & Diamonds 3**

Match Summary: Ollie Mortimer

03/11/2015

## NFA Hiller Cup action

### 123 people watched Diamonds Edge it on penalties.

Cup progression: On we go... who's next? AFC Rushden & Diamonds won an exciting penalty shoot-out to beat UCL side Desborough Town in the quarter-finals of the NFA Hillier Cup on Tuesday night. The game finished 2-2 after 90 minutes and Diamonds ran out 6-5 winners on penalties.

Manager Andy Peaks picked a strong side, utilising the same 16 who beat Barton Rovers on Saturday afternoon. They got off to a dominant start and took



the lead on 17 minutes as Tom Liversedge swept home Claudio Hoban's squared pass. Desborough equalised on 30 a little against the run of play as full-back Bradshaw swept the ball past Matt Finlay, after a great run and one two on the edge of the area.

Desborough continued the higher intensity of their play in the early stages of the second half, pressing the home side at every opportunity. Play became disjointed and error strewn though as neither side built up any momentum. Charlie Butt did have one great run into the area surging past his man and firing his cross through the six-yard box to be picked up by Scott Joseph beyond the far post but he could only fire over from 12 yards.

Tommy Berwick became Diamonds' first substitution and he made an immediate impact as he grabbed the vital second for Diamonds just two minutes later. Charlie Butt's long throw from the right was flicked on to Berwick on the far post for him to swivel and fire low and hard past Jones in the Desborough goal.

Diamonds appeared to be seeing the game out comfortably with Andy Hall coming close with a side footed lob that keeper Jones just held, but there was a final sting in the tail from the visitors. Dodci Agbenu picked up the ball 25 yards from goal and fired in a

speculative effort that found its way into the net off the left hand post.

Diamonds seemed to have to win this game three times, having dominated the opening stages only to be pegged back, taking a late lead only to be pegged back again, and then winning a penalty shoot-out when they faced a cup exit.

It was their first win in three attempts in the NFA Hiller Cup and they now progress to the semi-finals

**Final Score: AFC Rushden & Diamonds 2 – Desborough Town 2. Diamonds win 6-5 on penalties**

Match Summary: Paul Judd

## Upcoming Fixtures Home

Saturday 21st November v Beaconsfield SYCOB

3pm Kick off (League)

Tuesday 24th November v Leighton Town  
3pm Kick off (League)

We're sorry to hear about the fire at the home of AFC Rushden & Diamonds, the Dog and Duck, in London Road, Wellingborough. Sadly, the Club lost bar stock, television and audio equipment, club memorabilia and furniture in the fire and there has been smoke damage to the interior of the building.



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