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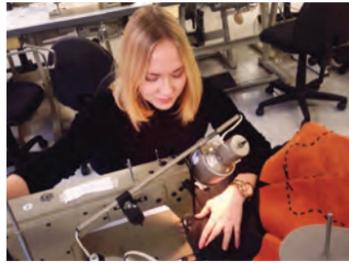
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## In Brief

**Community Funding Day – coming soon**

East Northamptonshire Council will be running another Community Funding Day on 18th March 2016.

A record number of funders will be there to talk you through funding opportunities in East Northamptonshire.

The Community Funding Day will take place at the council offices in Thrapston across two sessions, 10.30am-12.30pm and 1-3pm. Please book a space to avoid long queues at this very popular event.

For more information and/or to book a space please call Su Davies on 01832 742191.

## Higham Ferrers WI

Higham Ferrers WI's next meeting is on Monday 15th February, at the Adult School Westfield Terrace, Higham Ferrers. The subject will be Beauty and Wellbeing. New members are most welcome. Please contact, Olga Earl. 01933 412848.

## Lent Lunches

Homemade soup, bread and cheese served every Thursday in Lent (Feb 11th-Mar 24th incl) between 12 noon and 1.30pm in Oundle Methodist Church. All welcome. No fixed charge – donations to Christian Aid.

# Figures show increase in county road deaths

**Motorists are being urged to take care on the county's roads following an increase in fatalities in 2015.**

By the end of December 2015, a total of 32 people had died on Northamptonshire's roads, 11 more than the previous year.

Although there has been an increase in the number

of people who have died in collisions in the last year, the total number of people killed or seriously injured is at the lowest level since records were first introduced in 1960, with the total number

of people losing their life reduced from an average of 90 per year in the 1970s.

Mark Ainge, head of the Joint Prevention and Community Protection Department for

Northamptonshire Police and Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service, said: "To see the number of people who died on Northamptonshire's roads increase in 2015 is a tremendous disappointment for us, especially as we know that behind every one of those figures is a tragedy which will have affected the lives of countless others.

"We and our partners work tirelessly to try and make our roads the safest in the country by both policing bad driving and educating road users on ways to prevent collisions.

"The last 20 years have seen more and more vehicles on our roads but a steady drop in the number of collisions and fatalities and we want to see this reduction continue."

Throughout 2015, there were fatal collisions in the county every month apart from February. Across 30 incidents, a total of 13 drivers lost their lives, along with two passengers, eight pedestrians, six motorcyclists and three cyclists.

Mr Ainge said that although the number of collisions has reduced significantly over the years it is still imperative that motorists take responsibility for their own and their passengers' safety.

He said: "It is vital that people keep to the speed limits and wear seatbelts while driving and make sure all their passengers have their belts on too. Motorists should also avoid alcohol before taking to the roads and people should never use mobile phones while driving.

"If people are following this advice and drive in a manner which is appropriate to the weather conditions, I would hope that in 12 months' time we will see a reduction in the number of people killed and seriously injured on our roads."

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## Editor's notes

The content in this issue of Nene Valley News offers more opportunities for the volunteering which I mentioned in the first edition of the year. These include: the "Befriending Service" which offers support for elderly and frail adults; St Peter's Church in Raunds, which is looking for help with project work and the Northampton Male Voice Choir need more voices! Also, if you live in Rushden or the surrounding villages, don't miss out on the offer of funding from the town's Rock Foundation.

Our publication date this time coincides with the 160th anniversary of the introduction of the Victoria Cross, established of course by Queen Victoria to recognise acts of valour by British military personnel during the Crimean War. Since 1856, the medal has been awarded 1,358 times to 1,355 individual recipients. Only 15 medals have been awarded since the Second World War, 11 to members of the British Army and four to the Australian

Army. It is traditionally claimed that the medals are struck from metal that derives from Russian cannons captured at the Siege of Sevastopol. However, some research suggests a variety of origins for the material making up the medals, including metal from two Chinese cannons captured from the Russians in 1855. Because of its rarity, the VC is highly prized by collectors. Individual examples have been sold for over £400,000 at auction.

The disparity between the numbers of medals awarded and the number of recipients is intriguing. It's accounted for by the fact that three people have been awarded the VC and Bar, the bar representing a second award of the VC. They are: Noel Chavasse and Arthur Martin-Leake, both doctors in the Royal Army Medical Corps, for rescuing wounded under fire; and New Zealander Charles Upham, an infantryman, for combat actions. Upham remains the only combatant soldier to have received a double award.

## Genealogy jottings

Have your ancestors moved around the country or have they always lived in Northamptonshire as far as you are aware? There is a very interesting website at <http://gbnames.publicprofler.org/> where you can compare the locations of your research names in 1881 with those in 1998. Now, I know that there were Beesley families living in Aldwinckle at the turn of the 20th century, but the above website shows that the name in 1881 was more prevalent in Oxfordshire, Coventry and parts of Lancashire. By 1998, the name was still very strong in those areas but had also widened as transport links improved and people moved around the country to find work. One of my research names, Milsted, shows up mainly in Kent in 1881, but by 1998 had spread to Yorkshire and Northumberland!

Do you remember that I mentioned the website GENUKI the other week? Well, one of the links therein will take you to the Northamptonshire Surnames list at <http://www.kellner.eclipse.co.uk/genuki/NTH/Surnames/> As well as Northamptonshire names being listed, there are links to other

**By Jan Pearson**  
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people who are researching those names. Click on their name and it will take you through to their contact details. You never know, you may find a long-lost cousin!

Don't forget: if you join a forum (such as the one listed under my name) there is usually a Research Names section where you can post the names that you are delving into. You would be surprised at the number of people who throw a name into Google and a link pops up to a list on a forum! Also, there is GOONS – the wonderful acronym for the Guild of One Name Studies (<http://one-name.org/>). It may well be worth seeing if your name has been registered with them or if not, register it with them for others to contact you.

Remember, chances are that there could be someone else out there in the world who is also researching your family but from a different angle.

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## The drivers' numbers game

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of repairing our roads. However 17 out of 23 County Councils are now concentrating on resurfacing roads rather than filling in potholes.

1.6 The legal tyre tread depth is 1.6mm but with wetter, snowy weather being the norm at this time of year we would recommend a depth of 3mm. The pattern on the tyre not only provides grip in good weather but disperses water from under the tyre preventing aquaplaning. Aquaplaning can still occur when travelling too fast in very wet weather. Slow down if this is likely to occur.

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12. In early 2015 it was estimated that £12 billion was required to clear the backlog

## Pitsford School ranked first in Northamptonshire in league tables

A total of 47% of pupils at Pitsford School scored grades AAB or higher in at least two 'facilitating' A Level subjects according to the Department for Education's School and College Performance Tables. These results rank the school first in Northamptonshire and second within the East Midlands region.

The proportion of Sixth Form pupils achieving at least two A grades and one B grade at A Level in facilitating subjects is an important measure of achievement as this is the usual minimum for many of the top universities.

It is this level of achievement which enables most of Pitsford School's pupils to go onto their first choice university. Facilitating subjects are the key academic subjects most valued by universities, including English literature, Maths and further maths and Physics.

Mr Noel Toone, Headmaster, commented: "I am very proud of our pupils, and am delighted to be able to celebrate their success, not only academic, but in all aspects of their education, be it musical, sporting, public speaking or wherever their talents lie. My thanks are due to our teachers who give their time tirelessly in order to maximise opportunities for the pupils."

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# Council takes another fly tipper to court

A Wellingborough resident was fined over £1,000 this month for fly tipping in East Northamptonshire.

In July 2015, the waste team at East Northamptonshire Council received a report of a very large pile of cardboard and wood, which could have easily been recycled, that had been fly tipped on the B645 between Chelveston and Hargrave.

An investigation found that some Wellingborough residents had knowingly allowed their rubbish to be removed by an unlicensed individual and so had committed an offence under

the Control of Pollution Act. As a result, they were offered the opportunity to pay a fixed penalty notice of £300 each. Jason Chalmers refused to accept the penalty so the matter was referred to Northampton Magistrates Court.

On 5th January 2016, Mr Chalmers was found guilty of failing to provide proof that he had used a registered waste carrier and was fined a total of £1,260.

Steven North, Leader of

East Northamptonshire Council said: "It's important for residents to understand that we are all responsible for our own waste. If someone offers to remove your household rubbish for you, always check that they are a registered waste carrier. If they dispose of the waste illegally, you as the householder will still be liable and will face prosecution."

East Northamptonshire Council's Waste Manager,

Charlotte Tompkins, explained how to avoid a hefty fine: "Legitimate waste collectors will be happy to provide you with their full name, address, phone number and Waste Carrier Licence. You can ask where they will take your waste and request a headed receipt for the work provided. Finally, take a note of the registration number of the vehicle that removes your waste."

If you see somebody fly tipping, report it online [www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/flytipping](http://www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/flytipping) or call 01832 742026. If you can, please include:

- The time and date of the incident
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incident

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- A description of the vehicle used (registration number, make and model,

colour)

- A description of the waste being fly tipped (quantity and type of waste)

The more information you can give the better chance ENC has of prosecuting.

## New children's lunch service to start in Raunds

Free school meals make a huge difference to almost 2 million children in the UK but when schools are closed so are the kitchens. School holidays are not just a break from the classroom. For many, they are also a break from hot meals.

This February half-term will see the opening of a new service in Raunds, Kidz Lunch, part of the national MakeLunch network of schemes that provide free, hot and nutritious meals for children during school holidays. Kidz Lunch will take place on Monday 15th

February between 11.30am and 1.15pm at the Methodist Church, Brook St, Raunds NN9 6LP. There will be activities including our crafts and games. Siblings and parents are more than welcome to go along too.

Eligible families are invited to join the holiday scheme and can register by contacting Nick Amis on 07979 366654 or email [nickamis@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:nickamis@yahoo.co.uk). If your family would like to attend Kidz Lunch it would be helpful if you could register although booking is not essential.

## Volunteer Befrienders needed

Nene Valley Community Action is appealing for volunteers to help them with their "Befriending Service".

Supported by Northamptonshire Community Foundation, NVCA are looking for people to visit elderly and frail adults in their own homes who may be isolated from the community.

Volunteers would need to have a sympathetic ear and a caring nature, be able to maintain client confidentiality and

be reliable. The minimum commitment would be approximately two hours per week. NVCA would provide initial training for the volunteer, ongoing back up and travel expenses.

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# Local marina announces trio of open weekends

**White Mills Marina on the River Nene at Earls Barton in Northamptonshire has announced a trio of Open Weekends for this spring.**

The new 141-berth marina, which can accommodate wide beams, narrowboats and



cruisers, will be hosting the weekends to give boaters the opportunity to visit and see for themselves exactly what the new bespoke facility at Lock 9 on the River Nene has to offer.

Marina Manager Chris Dixon, who took up his role in September, said: "Last year, we held several Open Weekends before the cut through to join the River Nene, but some people found it difficult to envisage how the marina would look once it was full of water. With White Mills

now nearing completion, we have organised some more Open Weekends to give boating enthusiasts the chance to come and take a look at what we have to offer, and of course reserve a berth whilst we have a good selection available."

The Open Weekends will be held between 10am and 4pm on 27th & 28th February, 2nd & 3rd April and 7th & 8th May.

With Chris now working onsite from his boat Bees Knees, White Mills has already begun to accept boats for moorings. Further information about White Mills Marina is available from [www.whitemillsmarina.co.uk](http://www.whitemillsmarina.co.uk) or by calling Chris on 07802 890874.



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join the group.

A variety of walks are offered five days each week, from four miles to 16 miles in length, ensuring something for everybody. Tuesday walks are more suited to those that require an 'entry level' option, which tend to be shorter and walked at a leisurely pace, whilst those requiring a longer 'walkout' are able to take advantage of the longer 'Pioneer' Thursday walks, navigated directly from the map and usually walked in a different geographical area.

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## Music Makers going from strength to strength

A funky music and movement group for 0-5 years is going from strength to strength in East Northants and beyond.

Music Makers, a 45-minute, fun-packed and stimulating session including singing, dancing, parachute, bubbles, instruments, sensory lighting and more, is now coming to Thrapston, after successfully running in Titchmarsh and Oundle for a number of years.

The Thrapston group will take place at the Nene Centre, in Cedar Drive, every Friday during term time. It starts on February 26th but the 1.45pm-2.30pm session is already full so bookings are now being taken for a 12.45pm-1.30pm group.

A FREE taster session will take place on Friday 5th February but prior booking is essential.

Music Makers' Owner, Naomi Cooper, who lives in Titchmarsh, said: "Music Makers is all about fun. We don't take ourselves too seriously and we find the parents, grandparents and childminders love it just as much as the children, and we have all made

some lovely friends through the group."

As well as the Thrapston group on a Friday, Music Makers also takes place at Titchmarsh Pavilion on a Thursday at 9.15am and Oundle's Joan Strong Centre on a Thursday at 11am. There are also groups in Grafton Underwood on a Monday at 11am, Kettering on a Tuesday and Friday at 10am, Mawsley on a Wednesday at 10am and Barton Seagrave on a Wednesday at 1.45pm.

The cost is £4 per child and £2 for siblings with everyone welcome to a FREE taster session.

Naomi also offers Music Makers Birthday Parties for 1-5 years and Frozen-themed Snowstorm Parties, Pirate Parties, Princess Parties and Disco Parties for 3-8 years.

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## MAYOR'S AWARDS 2015-2016

Rushden Town Council is seeking nominations for the Mayor's Awards for Services to the Community for the year 2015/2016. The Mayor's Award is given to an individual for their work and commitment within the community of Rushden 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 Rushden Town Council, Rushden Hall, Hall Park, Rushden, Northants, NN10 9NG. All nominations should be received by **Friday 4th March 2016.**



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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

**15/02277/FUL and 15/02278/LBC (20/02/2016) (LB/CA) (LBRegs)** Erection of 6 bungalows (4 Number 2 bedroom and 2 Number 3 bedroom) within walled garden at Ashton Wold House and associated site works at Potting Sheds Ashton Wold Ashton

**16/00034/FUL (13/02/2016) (Info)** Erection of stable building/implement shed (in lieu of field shelter approved under 14/01978/FUL) at Chapel Farm Barns The Green Ashton

### Benefield

**16/00006/VAR (20/02/2016) (LB/CA) (Art8)** Variation of condition 2 - plans - pursuant to application 14/00518/FUL - Conversion and extensions of existing buildings to create four new dwellings with works to existing farmhouse and associated outbuildings to include some demolition of existing structures at Middle Farm House Main Street Upper Benefield PE8 5AN

**16/00007/VAR (20/02/2016) (LBRegs)** Variation of condition 2 - plans - pursuant to application 14/00519/LBC - Alterations and extensions of existing buildings to create four new dwellings with works to existing farmhouse (as described on Schedule of Works received 25/3/14) at Middle Farm House Main Street Upper Benefield PE8 5AN

### Brigstock

**15/02276/FUL (13/02/2016) (Info)** Dwelling with off-road parking for both new and existing dwellings. Alterations to elevations to existing dwelling at 10 Sandlands Avenue Brigstock NN14 3HJ

### Chelveston-cum-Caldecott

**15/02271/FUL (20/02/2016) (Art8)** Construction of B2 manufacturing building with ancillary storage/office/facilities accommodation (B1), staff parking and associated hardstanding /HGV parking/turning area at Chelveston Renewable Energy Park The Airfield Chelveston Northants NN9 6AR

### Easton-on-the-Hill

**15/02230/FUL (20/02/2016) (LB/CA)** Demolition of existing garage/rear utility room, erection of new garage, dressing room, en-suite, utility room to left-hand side of property at 3 Orchard Way Easton On The Hill

### Fotheringhay

**15/02065/FUL (13/02/2016) (Info)** Conversion of single storey agricultural building to domestic use, construction of glazed link structure adjoining main house to form covered access. at Willowbrook Barn Woodnewton Road Fotheringhay Northants PE8 5HY

### Glaphorn

**16/00025/FUL (13/02/2016) (Info)** Proposed rear first floor extension and a single storey extension. at Finewell House Main Street Glaphorn PE8 5BE

### Higham Ferrers

**16/00080/FUL (13/02/2016) (Info)** Raise roof and pitch forming loft floor with front and rear dormers at 46 Ullswater Close Higham Ferrers Northants NN10 8NP

### Irthlingborough

**15/02263/FUL (13/02/2016) (Info)** To convert one garage/utility to a utility room and second w.c. / shower room, erection of a detached garage and to lower the sill of one window on the rear elevation of the house at 23 Meadow Way Irthlingborough Northants NN9 5RS

### Kings Cliffe

**16/00003/FUL (20/02/2016) (LB/CA)** Single storey rear extension to dwelling at 4 Park Street Kings Cliffe Northants PE8 6XN

**16/00004/LBC (20/02/2016) (LBRegs)** Internal alterations to install new staircase; relocate kitchen; remove first floor partitions and create bedroom with ensuite; enlarge door opening to proposed kitchen area; install five new conservation roof lights; and single storey rear extension to dwelling at 4 Park Street Kings Cliffe Northants PE8 6XN

### Laxton

**15/02184/FUL (20/02/2016) (LB/CA)** Replacement single storey rear extension at Church Barn Bulwick Road Laxton Northants NN17 3AX

### Lilford cum Wigsthorpe and Thorpe Achurch

**15/02149/FUL and 15/02150/LBC (20/02/2016) (LB/CA) (LBRegs)** Change of use from horticultural and garden centre to ash burial and memorial gardens at Lilford Park Lilford Hall Lilford Northants

### Lowick And Slipton

**15/02171/FUL (13/02/2016) (Info)** Proposed installation of oak cart shed garage doors, and French doors to front elevation, removal of existing front door canopy, erection of a first floor extension over an existing single storey extension, and erection of two single storey rear extensions, including chimney to rear at Rose Cottage Main Street Slipton Northants NN14 3AS

### Newton Bromswold

**16/00020/FUL and 16/00021/LBC (20/02/2016) (LB/CA) (LBRegs)** Five bar gate, fence, oak framed cart lodge and extend driveway at 10 Church Lane Newton Bromswold Northants NN10 0SR

### Oundle

**15/01967/FUL (20/02/2016) (LB/CA)** Renovation of existing semi derelict and uninhabitable cottage to provide a single dwelling. Conversion and change of use of disused buildings (comprising a brewery, stables, kiln, cartshed and cowshed) into six dwellings. Retrospective application to demolish firebox in brewery and to construct a wall at bottom of garden of 15 Mill Road Oundle at 15 Mill Road Oundle

**16/00068/FUL (13/02/2016) (Info)** Two storey side extension at 22 Monson Way Oundle PE8 4QG

**16/00069/OUT (20/02/2016) (Info) (LB/CA)** Outline: Change of use to four residential units (all matters reserved except access) at 38 West Street Oundle Northants

**16/00082/FUL and 16/00083/LBC (20/02/2016) (LB/CA) (LBRegs)** Demolish existing flat roof single storey kitchen and outhouse, construct two storey extension with ground floor kitchen access as existing and first floor bathroom accessed through gable from master bedroom at 4 Mill Road Oundle PE8 4BW

### Raunds

**16/00046/FUL (13/02/2016) (Info)** Construction of four three bedroom semi-detached houses and four one bedroom flats at Amenity Area Smithfield Court Smithfield Place Raunds Northants

**16/00064/ADV (13/02/2016) (Info)** Two fascia signs and two totem poles at Land Off A45 London Road Raunds Northants

**16/00081/FUL (13/02/2016) (Info)** New substation (relocation of position from previously approved scheme - 14/01854/FUL) (part retrospective) at Avenue Agricultural Enterprise Road Raunds Northants NN9 6JE

### Ringstead

**15/02064/FUL (13/02/2016) (Info)** Porch to front of property at 1 Middlefield Close Ringstead Northants NN14 4FH

**16/00026/FUL (13/02/2016) (Info)** Change flat roof on outhouse to side of dwelling to pitched roof and erection of single storey extension to rear at 24 Back Lane Ringstead Northants NN14 4DR

### Rushden

**15/02223/FUL (13/02/2016) (Info)** Demolition of existing petrol filling station, associated kiosk, garage service station and car wash area to be replaced by new petrol filling station, forecourt, kiosk with external storage area, retail concession (1000 sq ft), ATM, jet wash, five customer parking bays (including one disabled parking bay), air and water unit, vac unit, replacement fuel tanks, lighting, CCTV and boundary treatments. At The Bridge Service Station Higham Road Northants NN10 6DZ

**15/02252/FUL (13/02/2016) (Info)** Proposed extension of commercial premises at No 52 and single storey extension to 52A and two storey rear extensions to 52B and 52C with rooms in roof to 52C at 52 Station Road Rushden

**15/02264/OUT (13/02/2016) (Info)** Three/Four bedroom 1.5 storey detached dwelling - Plot 2 at The Croft Alexandra Road Rushden Northants NN10 0HY

**15/02265/OUT (13/02/2016) (Info)** Three/Four bedroom 1.5 storey detached dwelling - Plot 1 at The Croft Alexandra Road Rushden Northants NN10 0HY

**16/00024/FUL (13/02/2016) (Info)** Part conversion of garage into habitable room. Original garage door to be retained and faux window to front of dwelling to be opened up at 6 Avon Rise Rushden Northants NN10 0GR

**16/00027/ADV (20/02/2016) (LBRegs)** Display of three fascia signs and 54 other signs (Wall and window vinyl graphics; Car park post signs; Wall sign; Window manifestation) at Asda Store 161 High Street Rushden Northants

**16/00029/FUL (13/02/2016) (Info)** Convert garage to living room (Retrospective) at 1 Rye Close Rushden Northants NN10

**16/00036/FUL (13/02/2016) (Info)** Erection of 2 bedroom 2 storey dwelling and single garage at land adjacent 4 St James Close Rushden Northants

**16/00042/FUL (20/02/2016) (Art8)** Reinstate track for use as heritage railway line (on previous route of track), creation of platform and pedestrian crossing and erection at Old Railway Station Station Approach Rushden Northants NN10 0AW

**16/00047/ADV (13/02/2016) (Info)** Four fascia signs, one projecting sign and one aluminium panel at Units 3 and 4 7 High Street, Rushden Northants

### Titchmarsh

**16/00037/LBC (20/02/2016) (LBRegs)** To carry out repair and strengthening works to the workshop at the side on the main dwelling. The works to include replacing lintel over the door opening and crack stitching to the rear corner where cracks have appeared at 39 High Street Titchmarsh Northants NN14 3DF

### Yarwell

**15/02014/FUL (20/02/2016) (Art8)** Change of use from off-road motor activity use to outdoor activity park and operational development to include formation of activity courses and tracks, embankments, fencing, entrance gates, vehicle wash area and tank, siting of containers and cabins and associated works at Andrews Quarry Sulehay Road Yarwell PE8 6PW

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.**

### 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](http://www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/dcnofication)

Paul Bland, Head Of Planning Services  
Dated 30 January 2016

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.

# Don't just sit there watching badgers on Springwatch, somewhere miles away!

There are badgers right here on your doorstep (quite literally, on occasion).

The North Northants Badger Group has been caring for local badgers since 1994, and during that time we've done quite a bit more than just watch them. We've returned 69 badgers back to the wild, have been involved in the placement of three sets of roadside warning signs, and advised on the location of numerous badger tunnels when new roads have been constructed.

And although we can't stop building developments from affecting badgers, information from our records has ensured that badgers' needs have been taken into account and measures put in place to help them survive.

We've answered hundreds of calls from

the public when they've been concerned about badgers in one way or another – perhaps when injured badgers have been seen at the roadside, or if badgers have caused damage in gardens.

But now we need more people to assist us. Just a few more active volunteers would make such a difference. Do you think you could get involved?

We'd be really glad of help with a variety of jobs, both outdoors and in:

**BADGER RESCUE** – responding to calls from the public about badgers, injured or in difficulty. Maybe three or four times a year a badger can be rehabilitated, and then you could help release it back into the wild – and a badger going home is a wonderful sight!

**PUBLIC LIAISON** – responding to calls about badgers causing problems or damage, most often in people's gardens, and again, perhaps three or four times a

year. Could you visit, sympathise and offer advice?

Training for both these jobs would be given – and you'd go with experienced members of the Group when they respond to a call for help, so that you'd soon know what to do.

Then there's the 'indoors' stuff:

**SECRETARIAL HELPER** – general help is needed, but the main task would be taking notes at our informal Working Group meetings, 10 times per year, then circulating them by email.

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR** – our short Newsletter is currently produced three times a year and takes about 2-3 hours to research and prepare, but it's time for a change, so new ideas would be welcome.

Do these jobs sound like something you might like to try? If you're interested do get in touch – we'd be happy to tell you more.

So don't just sit there!



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# Raunds church restoration project wins Heritage Lottery support

St Peter's Church in Raunds, Northamptonshire has received initial support from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) for the 'Great Past, Greater Future project.' The project aims to restore and refurbish this magnificent building and deliver an exciting programme of activities and events based on its rich heritage.

Development funding of £40,500 has been awarded to help St Peter's Church, Raunds progress their plans to apply for a full grant at a later date. If that application is successful it is hoped that the restoration and refurbishment works will begin later in 2016.

The project aims to underpin part of the building and restore to their full glory important stained glass windows as well as a series of rare and fascinating medieval wall paintings. There will be activities and events for visitors of all ages, including for schools, to discover more about the history of St Peter's, its art and architecture. There will also be opportunities for

people to develop conservation skills and for volunteers to train to help deliver the activity programme.

Commenting on the award, Maureen Windust, Churchwarden said: "We're delighted that the Heritage Lottery Fund has given us this support. This wonderful building has been at the heart of its community for 800 years and it's great to know that we are a step closer to ensuring that St Peter's not only has a great past but an even greater future."

Jonathan Platt, Head of Heritage Lottery Fund East Midlands said: "Having stood in this community for so many years, St Peter's Church provides a great starting point for people to

explore the varied heritage of Raunds and the surrounding area. Thanks to National Lottery players, I'm delighted that this fascinating building with its rare features will now be fully restored for future generations to enjoy."

**Volunteers' Open Day – Saturday 13th February 10.30am to 2.30pm.**

This will be an opportunity for potential volunteers to meet members of the project team, see how the restoration work is progressing and find out more about the volunteering roles available. These roles include reception staff, tour guides and activity leaders, as well as a volunteer coordinator and

administrator.

A training scheme for volunteers is in place and people from any age group

– faith or non-faith – will be welcome, whether you have just a couple of hours a week or more time to spare.

Light refreshments will be provided at the Open Day

and anyone who would like to express an interest in attending on 13th February is invited to contact the organisers in order to assist them in ordering refreshments.

Please contact Maureen Windust:  
E: [Maureen.windust308@btinternet.com](mailto:Maureen.windust308@btinternet.com)  
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## Auction of prizes and promises

Pizzeria Venezia, Church Street, Rushden  
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Two-course meal with coffee and an auction of prizes and promises including singing from soloist Ellie McAspurn.

Unlike a normal auction, this will not just be the auctioning of prizes. There will also be an auction of promises. On the day of the auction people bid on the promise and the highest bid pays the value. You then

provide the promise to the winner at a mutually convenient date.

Some examples of prizes and promises that will be up for auction:

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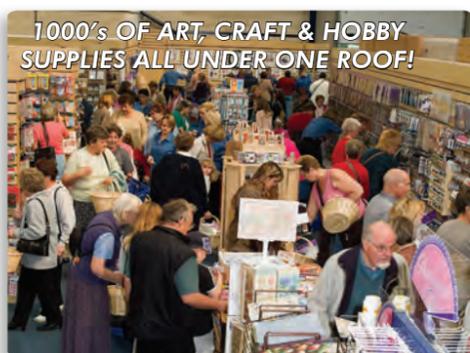
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**Our next Big Craft Day is on Saturday 6th February & will feature the following demonstrators:-**

**Donna Ratcliff** will be demonstrating two stamp & die ranges from **Sheena Douglass, Homelife & Country Cottage**. Donna will also be incorporating **Spectrum Noir AquaTint Inks, Markers & accessories**.

**Michelle Wood** from **Hobby House** will be showing us their new range of papercraft kits.

**Trish Ablett** is going to show us a range of sewing projects with a 'Heart' theme.

**Helen Jennings** will be hosting a **FREE Make & Take**, using a range of dies & embossing folders to create a beautiful card.

**Some comments from our visitors' book:-**

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# Student designer to showcase work at London Fashion Week

A young fashion student from Raunds in Northamptonshire has been selected to showcase her designs at London Fashion Week next month, as a finalist of the 2016 FAD Competition.

On Monday 22nd February, Mary Maggs (21) will join 16 other shortlisted designers from universities across the UK to compete for £1,000 and the attention of key industry and fashion press.

This year's FAD Competition challenged students to 'slow down' and 'say goodbye to Google' – to 'discover the extraordinary and the fantastic in the everyday'. Over 100 entrants from 40 UK colleges and universities took part, with just 17 selected for the final show.

Maggs, who is currently studying Fashion Design at UCA Epsom, was inspired by the Buckinghamshire landscape and discovering the 1920s 'back-to-the-land movement' Kibbo Kift in her entry. Talking about the FAD Competition brief she said:

"I thought the brief was really exciting and open to creative ideas which could explore 'a sense of place.' It allowed a personal connection and I liked the idea of incorporating crafting techniques into my designs."

She has until the end of this month to create two garments for the catwalk.

Prior to the show the finalist's work will be judged by a panel of industry experts, who will select one overall winner and two runners-up.

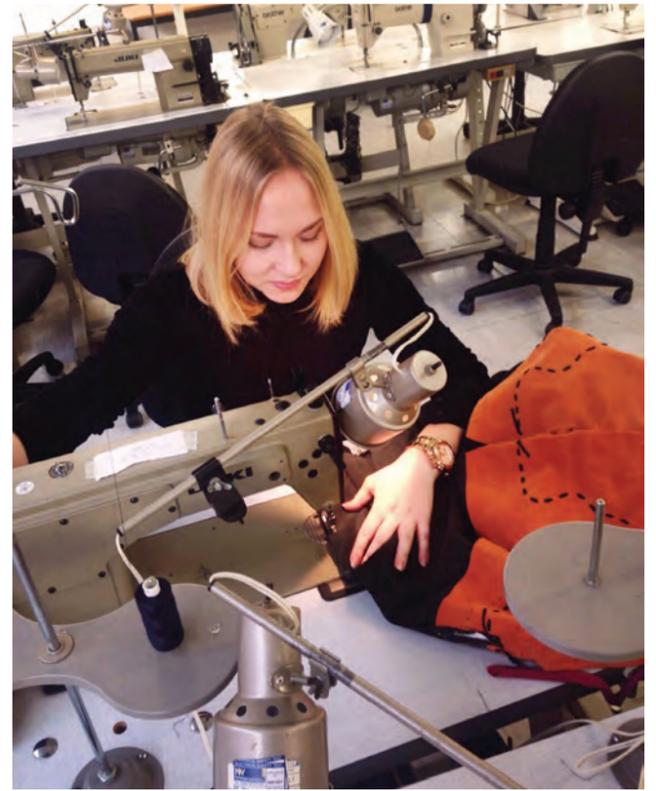
The 2016 jury panel will include Jacquie Annesley, Editor of The Times Style Magazine; Julian Fuller, Head of Design at Debenhams; Jane Kellock, Founder & Creative Director at Unique Style Platform; Professor Clare Johnston, Former Head of Textiles at the RCA and 2015 FAD Competition finalist, and

one-to-watch, Olivia Overton.

Now in its 15th year the FAD Competition continues to challenge fashion students to think outside the commercial box; encouraging them to look to art, culture and wider social trends for inspiration.

The 2016 FAD Competition final will take place at Fashion Scout in the Freemason's Hall, Covent Garden as part of their official schedule for London Fashion Week.

See the finalist's entries on the FAD website: [http://www.fad.org.uk/archives/41402016\\_finalists/index.php](http://www.fad.org.uk/archives/41402016_finalists/index.php)



## Feathered fun with the Wildlife Trust this February half term

Explore the bird life of the Nene Valley through fun-filled crafts and games at a half term event organised by the Wildlife Trust this half term. 'Brilliant Birds' will celebrate the birds that come to visit the Nene Valley for the winter months, as well as highlighting how everyone can help the birds that visit their gardens too. The event will be held on Friday 19th February, 10.30am–12.30pm at St Peter's Church in Irthlingborough.

Louise Tuffin, Education and Community Manager for the Wildlife Trust, says: "The Nene Valley is internationally important for its bird populations, and winter is when our wetlands truly come alive, with all kinds of

migrant birds spending the season here. Our event encourages families to come along and find out more about the birds of the area, and also have a go at some activities to help their own garden birds too, such as making a bird feeder to take home. We hope that lots of people will be able to join us!"

The event costs £2.50 per person or £6 per family to attend; it is a drop-in session and no pre-booking is required. For more information please contact Louise on 01604 774043, email [louise.tuffin@wildlifebcn.org](mailto:louise.tuffin@wildlifebcn.org) or visit [www.wildlifebcn.org](http://www.wildlifebcn.org)



## Students visit National Football Centre

Students from Manor School Sports College's football academy visited St George's Park Football Centre on Wednesday 6th January.

Set in 330 acres of Staffordshire countryside, the £105m facility is the home of England's 24 national teams. With 12 outdoor pitches, including a replica of the Wembley surface, a full-size indoor 3G pitch, a suite of rehabilitation and sports science areas, and an indoor Futsal sports hall, St. George's Park provides world-class facilities for all England teams ahead of international fixtures.

Students were given a tour of the centre and also took part in a variety of themed training sessions led by ex-professionals. The students had a thoroughly enjoyable

day and even had the opportunity to have lunch with Gareth Southgate who is the current England Under-21s manager.

Manor School has been running a football academy in partnership with Peterborough United FC for two years, providing Year 12 and 13 students with professional football coaching in addition to studying for A Level and BTEC qualifications.

The academy will be holding an open trial on Monday 15th February from 11am until 1pm for current Year 11 students who are interested in joining the programme. For full details and to register for the trial please email [sam.gaughran@manorschool.northants.sch.uk](mailto:sam.gaughran@manorschool.northants.sch.uk)



## Cold callers plead guilty to conning victims

Two cold callers who carried out unnecessary, poor quality home repairs and overcharged victims for the work have appeared in court following a Northamptonshire County Council Trading Standards investigation.

Sean Lowther and James Delaney called at homes in Northampton and Wellingborough and told residents that work needed to be carried out on their property.

In most cases, the two men would then carry out further work increasing the cost to the homeowner. As part of the subsequent investigation, surveyors said the work carried

out was to such a poor standard it had no value.

Victims lost between £560 and £6,000, and in one case the victim was taken to a cashpoint by Lowther to withdraw more money.

Lowther and Delaney, both of Northampton at the time of the offences, carried out the work between January and December 2014, and gave false names to the victims to hide their true identities.

The pair admitted a charge of being party to a fraudulent business contrary to Section 9 of the Fraud Act when they appeared at Northampton Crown Court on Friday 8th

January.

Cllr André Gonzalez de Savage, County Council cabinet member public protection, strategic infrastructure and economic growth, said: "In this case, Lowther and Delaney took advantage of homeowners to carry out unnecessary, poor quality work and then inflated their prices. In one incident, Lowther even drove the victim to a cashpoint in order to get more money from them.

"Our advice to residents about cold callers is simple – just say no. If you think you need some work doing around your home, you can find a trusted, reputable trader through our

Buy With Confidence scheme by visiting [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/approvedtraders](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/approvedtraders)."

Liam Condon, Chief Executive of Age UK Northamptonshire, said: "There's no shame or embarrassment in falling victim to a scam – it happens to lots of people. If you report it, it may help to prevent others from experiencing the same thing."

The Trading Standards investigation related to five incidents, all of which Lowther was involved with and four of which Delaney played a part in.

The men are due to be sentenced on 5th February.

## Tea for 10 at Bozeat Primary School



It has been an exciting start to the term for 10 pupils at Bozeat Primary School and Nursery as they were invited to a Tea Party as a reward for excellent work during the autumn term.

The treats included waitress service from the headteacher and a homemade chocolate cake, baked by one of the staff members.

Ms Virk, Headteacher commented: "As we start a new term and a new year, and as Bozeat Primary continues to thrive and grow we have been reflecting on our

successes so that we may build on them further. We dare children to be excellent and the children invited to the tea party worked really hard during the autumn term with examples of excellent work and so have been rewarded accordingly. I look forward to more children taking on our challenge of being excellent during 2016."

## Band on winning streak

Rushden Town Band have been enjoying a winning streak recently in the Second Section of the brass banding world.

In March last year they came 2nd in the Midlands Area Brass Band Contest and earned entry into the National Brass Band Championships, in September, at Cheltenham. There, they came 7th out of 16 bands from across the whole country. In November, the band achieved a 1st place in the Leicestershire Brass Band Association Open Contest.

On Saturday 16th January, the band travelled to chilly Skegness to take

part in the Butlin's Open Mineworkers Championships competing against 23 other bands. Performing 'Fire in the Blood' by Paul Lovatt Cooper, the band came an amazing 3rd against bands from across the country. Their next outing will be to the Midlands Area Contest again where they are hoping to continue their run of success.

Anybody wishing to hire or contact the band can do so by contacting the secretary on 01933 665420 or by using the band's website page [www.rushdentownband.org/contact.htm](http://www.rushdentownband.org/contact.htm).

## Charity secretary steps down after 50 years' service

The Rock Foundation Youth Club has been supporting the young people of Rushden and the surrounding villages for many years and throughout that time Mrs Joy Palmer has acted as Secretary to the Trustees as well as being a Trustee of the charity. She has recently decided to take a rest from her secretarial duties but fortunately will remain as a Trustee.

The charity was founded by Tom and Ethel 'Jane' Young following the purchase in 1960 of the old

Baptist Chapel in Little Street, Rushden. Initially used for youth activities, the building was sold in 2000 with sale proceeds being invested to further the Trust's objective of helping and educating young people who live in the local area. To date in excess of £30,000 has been distributed in awards to support young people locally.

The Trust is now preparing to make awards for the current financial year. These may be awarded to individuals aged between 11 and 21 who live in Rushden

or one of the surrounding villages and who require specific support for their personal development. Grant applications are also welcomed from organisations which have projects they wish to undertake in support of young people in the 11-21 age range. Mrs Carol Church has taken on Joy's secretarial duties and can be contacted via email @ [rockfoundationrushden@btinternet.com](mailto:rockfoundationrushden@btinternet.com). Application forms are also available from local libraries.

## Male choir to host open evening

The Northampton Male Voice Choir (NMVC) is looking forward to an exciting 2016 following a hugely successful 2015.

- Last year's highlights included:
- Celebrating 1st place in the Open Section at the Northampton Music Festival
  - Performing in the Deragate Theatre, Northampton with over 300 male singers and the ladies' brass band Boobs and Brass to raise money for the Breast Cancer Campaign.
  - Achieving 1st place in the Male Voice Open section and winning the Rose Bowl trophy for best artistic interpretation of the day at the Oundle Festival.
  - A tour in the South West singing at Bristol and Exeter Cathedrals and performing

with local choirs at other venues.

- Performing with the Virtuosi GUS Brass Band and Faryl Smith at the Deco Theatre, Northampton raising money for the Cynthia Spencer Hospice.

If you are interested in finding out more about the choir, they will be holding an Open Evening from 7.30pm on Tuesday 16th February at Kingsley Park Methodists Church Rooms, Milton Street, Northampton NN2 7JF. So, why not go along and meet them, and see what NMVC is all about?

For further information call: 01604 740031 or 07749 111171, or email: [info@nmvc.co.uk](mailto:info@nmvc.co.uk). Please visit our website <http://www.nmvc.co.uk>

## Referendum for Higham Ferrers

East Northamptonshire Council's first Neighbourhood Plan referendum will take place on 18th February for Higham Ferrers.

A Neighbourhood Plan is a planning document, created by local people, which

guides and shapes development in the local area.

The Higham Ferrers Neighbourhood Plan Project Group produced a Neighbourhood Plan, sponsored by the Town Council, which is now at the

referendum stage.

The question will be: "Do you want East Northamptonshire District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Higham Ferrers to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?"

To vote in the referendum you must live in the Higham Ferrers area and be registered to vote. The deadline to register for this referendum is 2nd February. Visit [www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote) to register or update your details.

For more information about the referendum please visit [www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/HFNP](http://www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/HFNP) or call 01832 742119.

Don't live in Higham Ferrers? Go to [www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplanning](http://www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplanning) to find out about other town and parish councils preparing Neighbourhood Plans.

## Food waste collection reminder

East Northamptonshire residents are reminded that food waste bins are currently being emptied at a different time to other waste, so please wait until after 3pm to report non-collection of food waste. You can report a missed collection on our website at [www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/missedcollection](http://www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/missedcollection)



### Warners Holidays

All Warners Holidays are Half Board 5 Days and include Excursions  
Great food, great nightly entertainment & daily events

22-26th Feb, **Bodelwyddan Castle**, North Wales (refurbished in 2015)  
£229 per person sharing

13th-17th June, **Holme Lacey** (Herefordshire)  
£369 per person sharing

21st-25th November, **Alvaston Hall** (Cheshire)  
Turkey & Tinsel  
£309 per person sharing. Single supplements apply

All Holidays are Half Board & include excursions

### Bognor Regis

13th-17th April Royal Norfolk Hotel  
Includes lunch & one free drink with dinner  
£219 per person sharing

### Scotland - Winock Hotel, Drymen

22nd-26th April £359  
Visit The Falkirk Wheel, enjoy afternoon cream tea on the Bo'ness & Kinell Railway also afternoon tea on the Maid of Loch Steamship - Loch Lomond

### Weston Super Mare - 3rd - 9th July (7 Days)

Anchor Hotel - £359 per person

### Harrogate 22nd-26th August (5 Days)

Majestic Hotel - £299 per person

### Tenby, 30th October (5 Days)

Turkey & Tinsel - Cliffe Norton Hotel - £259

### Sidmouth, 9th December (5 Days)

Turkey & Tinsel - Royal York & Faulkner Hotel - £299

### Weekend Breaks

Friday to Monday (4 Days)

### Fanastic Value

**Blackpool Cabaret Weekend**  
18th-21st March Queens Hotel (Half Board)  
Live Cabaret each night, free drink with dinner  
Excursion to Southport  
£139 per person no single supplement

### Potters - Stars of Dance Weekend

4th- 7th March Potters, Hopton on Sea. Full Board  
Includes Strictly Come Dancing Stars  
Gordana Grandosek & Trent Whiddon  
supported by the Potters Resident Entertainment team  
Morning excursion to Yarmouth & Southwold  
Standard bungalow £289 per person

European Holidays include full package of excursions

### Italian & French Riviera

17th-25th May (9 Days)  
Overnight stop each way  
Palace Hotel, Diana Marina  
Excursion to Monaco, Monte Carlo (with guide) and coastline tour  
£659 per person

### Switzerland - 6th-13th August (8 Days)

Overnight stop each way  
Hotel Central Residence, Leysin  
includes ride on Swiss Chocolate Train  
Excursions to Basel, Lake Geneva, Chamonix

### Christmas in Spain Dec 22nd - 3rd Jan 2017 (13 Days)

Hotel Volga - Callella  
Fantastic value includes 2 gala dinners plus much more  
£699 per person

For full brochure please ring  
01832 720524 (Wadenhoe) or 01933 624497 (Raunds)  
Local Pick-ups through East Northants, Kettering and Wellingborough.

# From the East Northants Chairman

## My thanks

I would like to thank everyone who supported and attended my civic service held on 13th December at St Peter's in Irthlingborough. What a great atmosphere there was in the beautiful candlelit church, which was full to capacity.

As this was the first time an Irthlingborough district councillor had been elected as Chairman of East Northants Council, the service was of special significance.

The service was led by Rector Rev Canon John Hall and was supported by over 40 dignitaries, including the Bishop of Peterborough, Revd Donald Allister, the Lord Lieutenant David Laing and both MPs Tom Purglove and Peter Bone who represent the district.

I took this special opportunity to involve as much of the local community as possible, which included Huxlow Science College, St Peter's Church Choir, the Irthlingborough Junior School children who took part in the nativity scene, Tracey Barker who sang a beautiful version of Silent Night, the scouts, the Royal British Legion, heads of various local organisations, the town, district and county councillors, the local Royal Mail and an open invitation was made to all the residents which packed the church.

During the service I was assisted by the Lord Lieutenant David Laing, head boy Thomas Betts and head girl Jade Thurston of Huxlow Science College to present 10 community awards to the following nominees:

- Mrs Jane McCready for raising over £25,000 for the charity Cystic Fibrosis in memory of her son Ben.
- Mr Keith Parsons for over 50 years' voluntary work supporting the Irthlingborough Cricket Club.
- Mrs Janet Morris and Mrs Gill Briddon on behalf of the Irthlingborough Townswomen's Guild for decades of voluntary work and being instrumental in keeping the Guild active.
- Mrs Ann Kadiri for her work with the British Legion improving the quality of life for our local war veterans.
- Cllr John Farrar for over 50 years of community service.
- Mrs Lindsey Burch for decades of community service to the town of Thrapston.

- Mr Peter Childs for decades of voluntary work at the Old People's Association, College Street, Irthlingborough.
- Mr Robert Harvison or "Postie Bob" for going the extra mile and making a difference to the residents he serves.
- Four Generations of the Saunders family – Alice Bailey, Georgina, Gemma, Jodie, Ryan and Lily Mai – for decades of voluntary work keeping the Irthlingborough Carnival alive.
- Mrs Susan Drake for 40 years of service to education, for 14 of which she was Headteacher at Irthlingborough Junior School. Happy retirement!

On 19th December I had the honour of opening IGrows Christmas on the Green in Irthlingborough at Parsons Green. It was a great success with food and entertainment, which all the visitors thoroughly enjoyed, especially the children. The evening was topped off with a spectacular visit by Father Christmas and his reindeer, which children and adults alike welcomed most enthusiastically. Well done to the members of IGrow.

On 28th December, Tony and I had the pleasure of attending the Swivel Club Charity Abba Revival Tribute Night which was a great success and was attended by over 400 people. The music was fabulous and everybody was up and dancing, including me, having a great time. I want to thank the Chairman Colin Wright and the hard working committee members of the Swivel Club who have raised an amazing £68,505 to date which has been donated to local community charities and causes. This is an amazing achievement and thank you for also donating to my charities: the Royal British Legion and money towards equipment for the Skylark Children's Ward, Kettering General Hospital.

## Everybody loves a wedding

Tony and I have the great pleasure of announcing our next charity event which will be a Valentine's Dinner and Dance to be held on 13th February at the fabulous newly refurbished Saxon Hall in Raunds.

Here's an opportunity for you to get out those old wedding outfits, wedding dresses, groom outfits, bridesmaid dresses, mother of the bride outfits, wedding guest ensembles, vicar's costumes, in fact anything to do with a wedding reception. This



event is not only for couples but for singletons too. Here's your chance to dig out that expensive wedding outfit stuck at the back of your wardrobe, raise money for charity and have a great night out.

The entertainment will be the superb Mid Sensation Soul Band and disco. There will also be a multi-choice menu, licensed bar, raffle and other delights all for amazing price of £18.50 for adults and £16.50 for OAPs per ticket.

## Treat the other half to a great night out, order your tickets now!

Ticket application forms are available from:

- Saxon Hall Council Offices, Raunds
- Shops on Irthlingborough's High Street: Blue Moon Mortgages, Boutique 55, Though the Looking Glass hairdressers, Salvation Army shop, Cafe 25, Pet Shop, Library
- Louise Tyers PA to the Chairman. Email [ltyers@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk](mailto:ltyers@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk) or call 01832 742198 or write to East Northamptonshire Council, Cedar Drive, Thrapston, Northants, NN14 4LZ.

Kind regards to everyone

Cllr Marika Hillson

Chairman of East Northamptonshire Council

# Diamonds diary



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## The weather does its best to keep us indoors

The weather continues to have an impact on our teams' fixtures with five age groups having their fixtures postponed due to waterlogged pitches.

All those that did manage to get outdoor games managed to chalk up wins; the Under 11s putting weekly Rovers to the sword 3-1 away, the Under 12s putting four past Irchester at Wollaston School and the Under 16 Galaxy completing the triple of away wins by netting nine, with one in reply, in Corby against Hellenic.

The Under 10s played over at Kettering Science college on Sunday morning, meaning four hours of footy fun for me and my boy; the Magic worked so hard that they were like a vine of fresh tomatoes when they had finished the second of their back-to-back Futsal matches – great effort boys! The Dragons had yet another three-win week, being described by one Irchester manager as being "on fire!" Parents happy and most importantly, players happy – yes that's right, no matter how much we revelled in the way they played they were happiest with winning.

So what does that tell us? Well even at this young age they aspire

to win, achieve, and be the best they can. Not every one of them will want to put the work in to achieve such things and they may fall by the wayside but I think I'm lucky in that these Under 10s, in almost all cases, are willing to push themselves, fail, get up and push again in their effort to improve themselves as players – that toughness will come in handy in their future life as well as football career.

Quick mention: last year the mums of some of our players got together to put on a Mums v Mums match at the Dog & Duck. Now they're back and training starts soon! I'll keep you updated.

**MUMS V MUMS II  
THE RETURN**  
See you next time

Mark Cullen,  
AFC Rushden & Diamonds Youth

## Diamond Days:

Senior team action from the last two weeks

23/01/2016

473 people watched Diamonds win 4-2

League Position: 1st

AFC Rushden & Diamonds defeated play-off seeking Aylesbury in a hugely eventful affair at

Haywood Way on Saturday afternoon.

Diamonds started the game very brightly and after creating a number of opportunities, took the lead in the 23rd minute amidst contentious circumstances. The ball fell for Andy Hall after a corner wasn't fully cleared and his shot initially seemed to be tipped round the post for a corner. However, Diamonds players and fans behind the goal were adamant the ball had gone inside the far corner of the goal and passed through a hole in the netting. After deep discussion with his assistant the goal was awarded.

The lead was doubled in the 34th minute as Jon Stevenson fizzed home a brilliant effort from the edge of the box for his second goal in two games, though Aylesbury reduced the arrears shortly after with a fierce effort from Jamie Rudd. Delroy Gordon saw a header well saved from a right-wing corner and home goal scorer Rudd saw another shot superbly tipped round the post by Finlay in an action-packed and thrilling first period.

The second half was slightly quieter on the majority, though Rushden extended their advantage with the first opportunity of the period as Shawn Richards broke away and slotted home inside the



U10 Training 1

near post after he had tried to find Tom Lorraine. Aylesbury had a lot of possession and territory as the Diamonds sat deeper, and after hitting the post through top-scorer Brian Haule, they did score on the stroke of 90 minutes when the ball dropped for Haule in the area and he lofted a shot over Finlay.

Any nerves and tension were settled four minutes into added-on time when Lorraine latched onto an under hit back pass and squared for substitute Claudiu Hoban to score from a few yards out. Ben Stevens was then dismissed for an off-the-ball challenge on Finlay and for his part in the ensuing melee of players, but the whistle was blown

shortly after.

Considering Aylesbury's home form this season, this represented an impressive and potentially crucial victory come the end of the season as the Diamonds became only the second team to defeat the Moles at their home ground this season.

Match report: Ollie Mortimer

## Upcoming Fixtures

### Home

Tuesday 2nd February V Brackley Town 7.45pm Kick off - Hiller cup  
Saturday 6th February V Ware FC 3pm Kick off - League  
Tuesday 9th February V Arlesey Town 7.45pm Kick off - League

### Saturday 30th January An Introduction to Dru Yoga, Relaxation and Meditation for Sleep and Stress Management

Higham Ferrers Library,  
Midland Road, Higham  
Ferrers  
10.30am-12noon  
Free Admission but due to  
limited space pre-booking  
required.  
Diane@mbs-healthcare.co.uk  
Diane 07921 855 097  
Introducing techniques how to  
improve your sleep, ease  
anxiety, develop mindfulness.

### Discipleship in Action Day

Corby Business Academy,  
Gretton Road, Corby  
NN17 5EB  
10am-4pm  
Andrew Presland 01933  
316927  
How church members can  
serve their local community  
– three talks and a choice  
from 20 workshops.

### Sunday 31st January Whitefriars Church – Morning Service

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,  
with activities for young  
people.

### Talk by Nick Hill of Heritage England

Bede House, St Mary's  
Churchyard, Higham Ferrers  
2pm-3.30pm  
Admission: members £3,  
non-members £4  
Olwen Mayes 07904 014750  
Talk on Medieval Houses of  
East Leicestershire and  
Rutland with some  
Northamptonshire Houses  
and Hospitals.

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10.15am  
Chris Youngman 01933  
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An informal church service  
open to anyone of any age.

### Hepburn Final Concert

Oundle School  
7.30pm  
No tickets required  
Full programme available on  
[www.oundleschool.org.uk/](http://www.oundleschool.org.uk/)  
The-Arts-Music

### Tuesday 2nd February First Sunday Event

The Salvation Army, Church  
Street, Rushden  
6pm  
Admission Free  
Gill Valentine 01933 353528  
Visit of Kettering Salvation  
Army Songsters (Choir)  
presenting an evening of  
music.

### Wednesday 3rd February Filling Your Planters for Next Season

Methodist Church Hall,  
Drummingwell Lane Oundle  
PE8 4AA  
7.45pm  
£2 patrons, £3 visitors  
Sarah Ellwell 01832 272609  
A practical talk about filling

planters by Tandee Nurseries,  
free light refreshments, all  
welcome.

### Thursday 4th February Lunchtime Concert – Harps and OSPANS – Oundle Schools Steel Pans

St Peter's Church, Oundle  
1.15pm  
Admission Free/Lunch can be  
purchased  
Concerts in this beautiful  
church setting in Oundle.  
Lunch is provided for £3.50.

### Talk by Dave Eagle on Introduction to Astro-Photography

Sudborough Village Hall, Main  
Street, Sudborough, Kettering  
NN14 3BX  
8pm  
Visitors and Members  
welcome. £3 per person  
including tea/coffee and  
biscuits.  
Steve Williams on 01933  
650331 or [chilternastro@  
yahoo.co.uk](mailto:chilternastro@yahoo.co.uk) or Mrs Peta  
Jellis on 01933 356914 or  
[pej@petaj26.me.uk](mailto:pej@petaj26.me.uk)  
How to take images of the  
night sky by simple  
processing techniques.

### Simon Smith – Public Masterclass and Concert

Great Hall, Oundle School  
7.45pm  
No tickets required  
The evening concludes with  
Simon Smith and Angus  
Gibbon performing with the  
senior string orchestra  
accompanying.

### Discovery Walks: Thurning

Meet at Thurning Church  
2pm  
£1.50  
Contact 01780 782747  
4.5 mile walk

### Thursday 4th– Saturday 6th February UN Inspector (Oundle School Production)

The Stahl Theatre  
7.45pm  
Admission: £6  
Gogol's dark comic  
masterpiece 'The Government  
Inspector' has been beautifully  
updated by David Farr.

### Thursday 4th February Talk by Rev Adrian Holdstock on Christian Discipleship

St Peter's Church,  
Irthingborough NN9 5SG  
Time: 7 for 7.30pm  
Andrew Presland 01933  
316927  
Part of the meeting of Higham  
Deanery Synod – but all are  
welcome.

### Friday 5th February Whitefriars Church Retirees' Group: Janet Partridge – novelty tea pots

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

### Film: Far From The Madding Crowd

Ringstead Village Social Club  
Doors open 7.30pm, Film  
starts 7.45pm  
Tickets £5  
01933 460373 for details

The newest version of Thomas  
Hardy's romantic novel.

### Saturday 6th February Cocktails & Canapes

78 High Street, Irthingborough  
7.30pm-9.30pm  
Tickets £10 (all proceeds in aid  
of St Peter's Church)  
Margaret Bull 01933 651360  
Come and enjoy an evening of  
Cocktails & Canapes!

### Oundle Strollers

Leader John Cliff  
Glaphorne Road 12.30pm  
Walk Starts 1pm  
272000  
Leave The Hubb Fletton House  
Gretton Church  
Distance 5.5 miles.

### Sunday 7th February

**Film: Mr Holmes (PG)**  
Stahl Theatre, West Street  
Oundle Peterborough PE8  
4EJ  
7.45pm  
£5/£3 under 18s  
Oundle Festival, 4 West Street,  
Oundle PE8 4ED, tel.01832  
274734, [www.oundlefestival.  
org.uk](http://www.oundlefestival.org.uk), [information@  
oundlefestival.org.uk](mailto:information@<br/>oundlefestival.org.uk)  
McKellen – a rummager par  
excellence – goes to town like  
a one-man band playing his  
greatest hits.

### Higham Ferrers Footpath Group

Saffron Road car park Higham  
Ferrers for car sharing  
9.30am  
Admission free  
01933 314831  
5.5 mile walk from Earl's  
Barton.

### Monday 8th February Oundle U3A Monthly Meeting

Queen Victoria Hall, West  
Street, Oundle  
Doors open 2pm  
Members £1,  
Non-members £2  
Contact 01832 275933  
'Satirist to insanity' –  
celebrating the life and works  
of James Gillray, with Ian  
Keable.

### What I Learned From Johnny Bevan

The Stahl Theatre  
7.45pm  
Admission: £12 Adults/£10  
Concessions  
A story of shattered friendship,  
class ceilings, and the hollow  
reality of the New Labour  
dream. Winner of Fringe First  
Award for new writing and The  
Stage Award for acting  
excellence.

### Wednesday 10th February Musical Opportunity Concert

Recital Room, Gascoigne,  
Oundle School  
6.15pm  
No tickets required  
Please join Oundle School's  
musicians run through new  
repertoire.

### Oundle Branch of the Northamptonshire Family History Society - Silhouettes

Oundle Methodist Church,  
Drummingwell Lane  
7.30pm  
Members free/ Visitors £2  
[www.northants-fhs.org/](http://www.northants-fhs.org/) Jenny  
01832 272061  
Sue Thomas shares her  
interest in silhouettes  
combined with census

information to give a family  
history twist.

### Thursday 11th February Lunchtime Concert – AS Musicians – Lower Sixth Form musicians

St Peter's Church, Oundle  
1.15pm  
Admission free/Lunch can be  
purchased  
Concerts in this beautiful  
church setting in Oundle.  
Lunch is provided for £3.50.

### Guitar Madness

Stahl Theatre  
7.45pm  
£10  
An evening of sizzling and  
eclectic offerings from soul to  
funk and ballads to rock.

### Raunds WI

The Saxon Hall, Raunds  
7.30pm  
£3.50 for Visitors  
Mary Harber 01933 624271  
Speaker: Ernie Almond on A  
Life Time of Children's  
Entertainment.

### Sunday 14th February Whitefriars Church – Morning Service

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  
with activities for young people.

### Whitefriars Breakfast

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

### Whitefriars Church, Rushden, Countryside Walk – Exploring from Emmaus

In the car park at Emmaus,  
School Lane, Carlton MK43  
7LQ  
10.30am  
Andrew Presland 01933  
316927  
Walk in the north Bedfordshire  
countryside, including the  
Emmaus Village near Carlton  
and Turvey.

### Every Monday Headway East Northants Craft Club

The Baptist Chapel, Meeting  
Lane, Irthingborough  
1.30pm-3.30pm  
£1 admission  
Claire Phillips 01933 652311,  
[claire.phillips@head  
wayeastnorthants.org.uk](mailto:claire.phillips@headwayeastnorthants.org.uk)  
Informal, friendly group  
making small items for  
fundraising purposes (knitting/  
crochet/cards). Materials can  
be provided.

### Titchmarsh Folk Dance Club

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



### Oundle Ladies Running Group

Oundle pool car park  
6.45pm  
Jane Walker 01832 272898,  
[janewalkercakes@icloud.com](mailto:janewalkercakes@icloud.com)  
All levels welcome. Come and  
give us a try, it's free.

### Wesley Centre Art Class

Irthingborough Methodist  
Church  
2pm-4pm Monday  
01933 650195  
Experienced teacher, all  
abilities welcome.

### Baggy pants Yoga

St Peter's Church Hall,  
Midland Road,  
Rushden 10am-11.10am  
£5 per session, no block  
booking commitment  
Carole Wyatt 01933 382837  
or email [carole.wyatt@  
virginmedia.com](mailto:carole.wyatt@virginmedia.com)  
Gentle yoga movements to  
start your week refreshed and  
relaxed. Hall is behind the  
church.

### 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.

### Second and fourth Mondays Stitchat

No. 1 St Osyth's Lane  
1pm-4pm  
Free  
Stephanie Bradley 01832  
770011 mornings  
[managemo.1@oundlebaptist.  
org.uk](mailto:managemo.1@oundlebaptist.org.uk)  
If you've never stitched, or  
love stitching. An inspiring  
and friendly group, free  
refreshments.

### 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 stills in

Wellingborough, Kettering  
and surrounding areas.

### Every Monday and Thursday Oundle Bridge Club

Fletton House, Fletton Way,  
Oundle PE8 4JA  
7pm Start  
Tel: 01832 273044

### 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

New Inn Public House,  
Wymington  
Meet around 7.30pm  
No fee, just an interest in  
classic motorcycles. A warm  
welcome awaits.

### Sling Walk

11am  
01933 410112  
First Tuesday of the month  
there will be Sling Library  
at 10am prior to the walk.  
Second Tuesday meet at  
Rushden CC Hayway instead  
of Higham Ferrers)  
One-hour walk with our  
kids in carriers. Bumps,  
buggies and walking siblings  
welcome, tea and coffee after  
the walk.

### 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.  
Trained guides  
Tea and cakes an optional  
extra  
01933 411191  
Irene Hawkins – Tourism  
Book a guided tour of this  
historic town.

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#### Wildlife Trust Little Bugs Club

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

#### 50+ Adventure Club

Tel: 01536 505548 for further information or visit: [www.fiftyplusnorthantsadventureclub.org.uk](http://www.fiftyplusnorthantsadventureclub.org.uk)  
Adventures and activities for the over fifties who want more from life. Informal pub evenings to find out what we do.

#### Every Tuesday and Thursday Health Walks

**Stanwick Lakes**  
10am-11am  
Free – normal car park charges apply.  
01933 625522  
[www.stanwicklakes.org.uk](http://www.stanwicklakes.org.uk)  
Regular walking can help improve your health. Join us in our regular walks.

#### Every Wednesday Dog Training and Socialisation and Ringcraft

Halefield, Woodnewton, near Oundle  
Classes from 6.45pm  
01832 293432,  
[oundledogs@aol.com](mailto:oundledogs@aol.com) or  
[www.oundledogs.co.uk](http://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](http://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.

#### Job Club

No.1 St Osyth's Lane, Oundle  
We can help with CV writing, Application forms, Mock Interviews, Career change.  
Call in or by appointment  
01832 770011.

#### 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 Thrapston Country Dancers

St Johns Ambulance Hall  
2pm-3.30pm  
[ghearnden@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:ghearnden@tiscali.co.uk)  
G Hearnden 01933 622827  
All are welcome including beginners. All dances are walked through and a partner is not required. Further details please contact 01933 622827.

#### 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](mailto:modelmaker@tiscali.co.uk)  
Social based model building club open to all ages and levels of experience.

#### Third Wednesday of the month Wellingborough Flower Arrangement Society

St Mary's Church Hall, Knox Road, Wellingborough NN8 1HU  
7.30pm  
£5  
Chairman 01933 222326 or Secretary 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.

#### Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays Free Counselling

No.1 St. Osyth's Lane Oundle  
By appointment  
01832 770011  
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#### 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  
Secretary Trevor Rhodes 01933 382790  
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#### Free guided walk around Oundle

Oundle  
11am  
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#### Move for Health

No. 1 St Osyth's Lane, Oundle  
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#### Market Drop-in

No. 1 St Osyth's Lane, Oundle  
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Free  
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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](mailto: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](mailto:musicmakersnorthants@gmail.com)  
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#### 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](mailto:musicmakersnorthants@gmail.com)  
Funky music and movement group for 0-5 years with parachute, balls, bubbles and more. FREE taster sessions up for grabs.

#### Move for Health

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2.15pm-3pm  
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#### 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](mailto: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 third Thursday of the month Ise & Nene Valley Turners

Hertford Rd Community Centre, Hertford Road, Kettering NN15 6LG  
7pm  
Admission fee: free for members £5 visitors  
Peter Bond 01933 741835,  
[peterjamesbond@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:peterjamesbond@tiscali.co.uk)  
A friendly club promoting woodturning within the community. We have something for everyone.

#### Every Thursday and Saturday (and Market Days in Oundle) Drop-In Cafe

No. 1 St Osyth's Lane  
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#### Every Friday 'Tea + Tots' Little Ducklings Pre-School

Barnwell  
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Come and enjoy a nice relaxing cup of tea whilst watching your children play.

#### Walk and Chat

Rushden Hall Park, Under Flag Pole  
10am  
Sue Mckay 07739 327022,  
[sue.mckay@groundwotr.org.uk](mailto:sue.mckay@groundwotr.org.uk)  
Join us at Hall Park for a 45-minute walk and chat then refreshments in the Hall – suitable for all abilities... a FREE Healthy Walk.

#### Music Makers

Nene Centre, Thrapston  
12.45pm-1.30pm and 1.45pm-2.30pm  
£4 per child, £2 for siblings with FREE taster sessions  
[musicmakersnorthants@gmail.com](mailto:musicmakersnorthants@gmail.com)  
Naomi Cooper 07815 293893  
Funky music and movement group with parachute, balls, puppets, bubbles, instruments and more!

#### 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](http://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 NN14 4PS  
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](http://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](http://www.thrapstonfarmersmarket.moonfruit.com)  
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](mailto: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](mailto: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  
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**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL  
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 -  
SECTION 14  
THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL  
(A43 STAMFORD ROAD, BLATHERWYCKE)  
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH  
TRAFFIC & PROHIBITION OF WAITING,  
LOADING & UNLOADING AT ANY TIME)  
ORDER 2016**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council intend, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit traffic from proceeding, waiting, loading and unloading along that length of the A43 Stamford Road, Blatherwycke as set out below.

**LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES:** That length of the A43 Stamford Road, Blatherwycke from Duddington Road to Laxton Road.

**REASONS FOR RESTRICTION:** The restriction is required for safety during carriageway patching, surface dressing and associated works.

**PERIOD OF CLOSURE:** The proposed Order will come into effect on 11th February 2016 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002.

**EXPECTED DURATION:** It is expected that the road will be restricted for up to five days.

**ALTERNATIVE ROUTES:** use A47, A6003 and A6116.

Dated this 30th day of January 2016  
QUENTIN BAKER,  
Director of LGSS Law  
PKG/T16/032

If you require any further information please contact Gary Thorp on 01604 883400.

**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL  
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 -  
SECTION 14  
THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL  
(VARIOUS ROADS, WAKERLEY & SEATON ROAD,  
HARRINGWORTH)  
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH  
TRAFFIC & PROHIBITION OF WAITING,  
LOADING & UNLOADING AT ANY TIME)  
ORDER 2016**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council intend, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit traffic from proceeding, waiting, loading and unloading along those lengths of the various roads in Wakerley and Seaton Road, Harringworth as specified in the Schedule.

**REASONS FOR RESTRICTION:** The restriction is required for safety during carriageway patching, micro asphalt, surface dressing and associated works.

**PERIOD OF CLOSURE:** The proposed Order will come into effect on 11th February 2016 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002.

**EXPECTED DURATION:** It is expected that the roads will be restricted for up to five days per road.

**ALTERNATIVE ROUTES:** As specified in the Schedule below.

Dated this 30th day of January 2016  
QUENTIN BAKER, Director of LGSS Law  
PKG/T16/035

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Location	Termination Points	Alternate Route
Main Street, Duddington Road and Harrington Road, Wakerley	Between 30mph Speed Restriction signs	Use A43, Laxton Road, Bulwick Road, Main Street, Laxton Road, Deene Road and Wakerley Road
Seaton Road, Harringworth	From Parish boundary to Wakerley Road	Use Wakerley Road, Harringworth Road, Main Street, Barrowden Road, Wakerley Road, Main Street and Seaton Road

**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL  
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 -  
SECTION 14  
THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL  
(VARIOUS ROADS, OUNDLE & MAIN STREET,  
FOTHERINGHAY)  
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH  
TRAFFIC & PROHIBITION OF WAITING, LOADING  
& UNLOADING AT ANY TIME) ORDER 2016**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council intend, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit traffic from proceeding, waiting, loading and unloading along those lengths of the various roads in Oundle and Main Street, Fotheringhay as specified in the Schedule.

**REASONS FOR RESTRICTION:** The restriction is required for safety during carriageway patching, micro asphalt, surface dressing and associated works.

**PERIOD OF CLOSURE:** The proposed Order will come into effect on 11th February 2016 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002.

**EXPECTED DURATION:** It is expected that the roads will be restricted for up to five days per road.

**ALTERNATIVE ROUTES:** As specified in the Schedule below.

Dated this 30th day of January 2016  
QUENTIN BAKER, Director of LGSS Law  
PKG/T16/034

If you require any further information please contact Gary Thorp on 01604 883400.

Location	Termination Points	Alternate Route
Ashton Road, Main Street and Lutton Road, Polebrook	from Main Street to entrance to Rectory Farm	use Tansor Road, Lutton Road, A605 and Oundle Road
West Street, Oundle	From Mill Road to New Street	Use A605, Huntingdon Road, High Street, Bridge Street, Kettering Road, A6116 and A43
Main Street, Fotheringhay	Between 30mph Speed Limit signs	Use Fotheringhay Road, Main Street, Cotterstock Road, Main Street and Woodnewton Road

**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL  
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 -  
SECTION 14  
THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL  
(HIGH STREET, STANION & STANION ROAD,  
HIGH STREET, BRIGSTOCK)  
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH  
TRAFFIC & PROHIBITION OF WAITING,  
LOADING & UNLOADING AT ANY TIME) ORDER  
2016**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council intend, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit traffic from proceeding, waiting, loading and unloading along those lengths of High Street, Stanion and Stanion Road, High Street, Brigstock as specified in the Schedule.

**REASONS FOR RESTRICTION:** The restriction is required for safety during carriageway patching, micro asphalt, surface dressing and associated works.

**PERIOD OF CLOSURE:** The proposed Order will come into effect on 11th February 2016 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002.

**EXPECTED DURATION:** It is expected that the roads will be restricted for up to five days per road.

**ALTERNATIVE ROUTES:** As specified in the Schedule below.

Dated this 30th day of January 2016  
QUENTIN BAKER, Director of LGSS Law  
PKG/T16/033

If you require any further information please contact Gary Thorp on 01604 883400.

Location	Termination Points	Alternate Route
High Street, Stanion	from Stamford Road to Corby Road	Use Stamford Road, Brigstock road and Corby Road
Stanion Road, Brigstock	From High Street to A6	Use A6, Sudborough Road, Hall Hill and High Street
High Street, Brigstock	From Stanion Road to Hall Hill	Use Hall Hill, Sudborough Road, A6 and Stanion Road

**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL  
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14  
THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL  
(MILL ROAD, OUNDLE & BARNWELL ROAD,  
BARNWELL)  
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH  
TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit traffic from proceeding along those lengths of Mill Road, Oundle and Barnwell Road, Barnwell as set out below.

**LENGTHS OF ROADS TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES:** Those lengths of Mill Road, Oundle and Barnwell Road, Barnwell from South Road for a distance of 380 metres southwards.

**REASONS FOR RESTRICTION:** The restriction is required for installation of a new main, sluice valves and associated works.

**PERIOD OF CLOSURE:** The proposed Order will come into effect on 9th February 2016 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002.

**EXPECTED DURATION:** It is expected that the roads will be restricted until 8th March 2016.

**ALTERNATIVE ROUTES:** use West Street, Market Place, North Street, Station Road and A605.

Dated this 30th day of January 2016  
QUENTIN BAKER, Director of LGSS Law  
PKG/T16/027

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David Carter 30/1/2016



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# Chess Corner



By Derrick Sims

Rushden C travelled to Kettering for their first league match of 2016 against Kettering's C team. With an average grade disadvantage of 37 points this was always going to be a mountain to climb for the Rushden team. The first game to conclude was on board 2 with James Wicks forced to resign when Kettering captain Ron Cooper launched a Queen attack against his King backed up by a Knight. This was followed in short order by Tom Murts who couldn't find an answer to Ian Andrews' attack and resigned after 33 moves.

I was playing against John Edmundson on board 3 and despite a 54 point grade deficit managed to get a piece ahead early on and maintained the advantage until John's resignation after 45 moves. This left Kettering a game ahead with Rushden needing to win the remaining 2 boards for the match. Eddie was up against Matthew Edwards on board 4 but proved unable to find an effective

defence against the Kettering man and following a steady attrition of his pieces finally resigned after 40 moves.

This just left Sarah Collins battling on board 5 against Julian Calley, an early piece advantage was maintained through to the endgame and Julian resigned after Sarah managed to get a clear run for her pawn making promotion inevitable. Congratulations are due to Sarah on her first league victory for the Club.

## Northants SKL Division II Match Monday 11th January, Kettering C 3 - 2 Rushden C

Bd1: Ian Andrews (109) 1-0 Tom Murts (61)  
Bd2: Ron Cooper (102) 1-0 James Wicks (64)  
Bd3 John Edmundson (103) 0-1 Derrick Sims (49)  
Bd4: Matthew Edwards (83) 1-0 Eddie Francolini (33)  
Bd5: Julian Calley (49) 0-1 Sarah Collins (U)

Rushden's A team was in action against Chess Mates D in the John Robinson Competition. Saj Ganger was up against Chess Mates' Mick Buswell on board 4 in a closely fought game. Mick missed a game changing error by Saj on move 29 and a draw was finally agreed in this finely balanced contest. James Gardner was playing against Jafta Jawi from the Northampton side who finally made one blunder too many on move 40 resigning three moves later. Despite this Jafta played some good chess and the game could easily have been drawn.

Briony showed her class with some



spirited attacking play against newly returned Phil Campbell on board 5. Fortunately she missed a potentially winning opportunity after 10 moves and shortly afterwards gave Phil a 'get out of jail free card' when she blundered a piece allowing Phil to claim the victory for Rushden.

Meanwhile two well-known Northamptonshire chessers were competing on board 3. Nigel Turner, who is reputed to have been playing since Adam was a lad, was up against the younger but no less well-known Nik Puryer. Maybe Nigel should have known better than to try his famous Grob opening against the savvy Nik who showed due reverence to the Northampton legend in his reply. A draw would have been a just result if Nigel hadn't made the wrong choice when he had the opportunity to exchange his Bishop for Nik's Knight, effectively putting Nik in the driving seat. Nigel resigned shortly afterwards. This result gave the match to Rushden with only Hugh Murphy and Nigel Young left fighting for supremacy on board 1. All was level pegging until Hugh offered his pawn as a sacrifice - Nigel thought Christmas must have lasted longer than normal and took the pawn from Santa Hugh, only to be mugged for his Bishop

shortly afterwards. It didn't take Nigel long to realise the game was up and he resigned after 38 moves. The victory now puts Rushden A into the quarter finals.

## John Robinson Knockout Cup Match Monday 18th January, Rushden A 4½ - ½ Chess Mates D

Bd1: Hugh Murphy (197) 1-0 Nigel Young (U)  
Bd2: James Gardner (153) 1-0 Jafta Jawi (U)  
Bd3: Nik Puryer (144) 1-0 Nigel Turner (119)  
Bd4: Sajjan Ganger (128) ½ Mick Buswell (105)  
Bd5: Phil Campbell (105) 1-0 Briony Tomkins (U)

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