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### In Brief

**An evening with economist Justin Urquhart Stewart**

On Thursday 17th March John Whites Golf Club, Rushden will play host to Justin Urquhart Stewart. There will be plenty of humorous adjuncts about the world economic situation and the likely impact on the UK and the future.

Entry is £25 per person including roast lamb dinner followed by lemon cheesecake/coffee. Local businesses and friends welcome. To reserve your places please contact the secretary of Rushden Rotary Club [h.lipczak@btinternet.com](mailto:h.lipczak@btinternet.com) or Sidey Design Architecture on 01933 317967 or [admin@sideydesign.co.uk](mailto:admin@sideydesign.co.uk)

### Learn flower arranging in Rushden

Meetings are held at The Full Gospel Church Hall, 60 High Street, South Rushden next to McCarthy & Stone.

New members are welcome to attend these very entertaining club sessions, with professional demonstrations from NAFAS.

The next meeting is on Thursday 25th February at 7pm (for 7.30pm) when there will be a flower demonstration by Linda Seabrookes. Members £30 per year, Visitors £6 very welcome.

Chairman 01933 410280, Secretary 01933 388434.

# RAF Air Cadets join forces for 75th anniversary parade

The sound of drums could be heard right across Rushden on Sunday 7th February, as cadets from neighbouring squadrons joined together to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Air Training Corps.

Over 50 cadets and adult staff from Rushden's 858 Squadron and 378 (Mannock) Squadron, which is based at Spring Gardens in Wellingborough, joined together to mark ATC Sunday, an annual anniversary event celebrated right across the country.

Leading the parade was Flight Lieutenant Colin Harmer,

Commanding Officer at 858 Squadron, based on Victoria Road in Rushden.

Fit Lt Harmer said: "Bringing the two squadrons together to mark ATC Sunday gives us the opportunity to show just how committed and passionate our cadets are, as well as how we cooperate locally as an organisation. I would like to say thank you to the people of Rushden for

taking the time to watch our cadets parade through their town and for continuing to support the work of the Air Training Corps locally."

Following the parade through Rushden, the cadets, along with their volunteer staff, and local parishioners, gathered at the Mission Church on Wellingborough Road where the Squadron Chaplain, Rev Ian Fall, led a service marking ATC Sunday.

Flying Officer Philip Warr, Officer in Charge at 378 (Mannock) Squadron, said: "As well as the 75th anniversary of the Corps as a whole, this is an exciting year for Mannock Squadron as we celebrate our 75th anniversary too.

"For the last 75 years the RAF Air Cadets has worked with and supported many young people. We are incredibly proud of our history and the organisation will be hosting a series of events and activities over the year to officially mark it."

The Air Training Corps was formed by Royal Warrant on 5th February 1941. Initially the ATC was only open to boys, but this changed in the 1980s and now the RAF Air Cadets, which also incorporates the RAF sections of the Combined Cadet Force, is open to boys and girls aged from 12 to 17. In December last year HRH The Duchess of Cambridge became the ATC's new patron and honorary Air Commodore-in-Chief, a role previously held by HRH The Duke of Edinburgh for over 60 years.

Young people interested in learning more about the RAF Air Cadets in Rushden or Wellingborough can visit their local unit, search online, or email [378@aircadets.org](mailto:378@aircadets.org) for more information.



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## Editor's notes

Life at our house has recently been far too heavily influenced by visits or non-visits to hospitals, obviously a feature of advancing age. There is one particular piece of wisdom to be had from these activities and it concerns someone who has lost just about all the sight in one eye because of a small and apparently otherwise almost imperceptible, stroke. Without being alarmist, it seems that the best way to deal with such an incident, where the obvious symptom is at least a partial loss of sight, is immediate attendance at hospital A&E to take advantage of the so called "Golden Hour", the period during which some injuries can cause a patient to deteriorate extremely rapidly; if the delay between injury and treatment can be kept to a bare minimum, which has come to be specified as no more than 60 minutes, apparently the survival rate is significantly improved.

Our piece on page 8 about the Business Start-Up course is worth consideration by those contemplating striking out on their own,

particularly relevant bearing in mind the recent spate of redundancies in the local area; the course offers the opportunity to learn from others who have already been down the same path, successfully or otherwise, at minimal cost.

Having been heavily involved with the development of the Oundle Neighbourhood Plan (hopefully more of that in the next edition) it's good to hear that Higham Ferrers are holding the referendum on their Plan on 18th February. I do urge all the affected residents to get out and use their vote, hopefully to support the Plan; it follows that you will need to have studied the Plan's contents to understand just what's being proposed but this is a real opportunity to influence local planning which should not be missed.

Finally, there are more opportunities to engage in voluntary work in this edition. For instance, the Beanstalk charity is seeking help with their literacy programme for youngsters who are falling behind with their reading; go for it!

## Genealogy jottings

What did your ancestors do for a living? Were they agricultural labourers (Ag Labs) as many of our forebears were or did they have other skills? During the latter part of the 18th century and into the 19th, the number of those involved in the transport industry increased dramatically. Not only was this the time of the railways blossoming but canals also played a large part in transportation. Although the canal system had been in existence for many years, the River Nene also played an important part, linking Northamptonshire to the Wash, where goods could be unloaded onto ships.

Of course, with Northampton being at the heart of the shoemaking business, many cottage industries sprung up with people working from their homes and earning money for piecework. By 1850, nearly 15% of the male population were employed as shoemakers. Other areas of the clothing industry were also coming into being. Have you ever come across the term 'slop maker'? No, it is not someone who prepares food for animals, but a 'slop' was a cheap, readymade piece of clothing. Materials

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were cut out, often by machine, and people (mainly women) would sew them together to make 'off the peg' clothes as opposed to the expensive, tailored outfits that were beyond the reach of most people. Again, workers were paid 'piece' rates for work completed, and these rates were notoriously bad.

However, there were many other trades and occupations that our forefathers undertook: blacksmith, butcher, baker, carpenter etc – the list goes on forever! One thing to look out for though, is the occupation of dressmaker or seamstress. Usually it is what is says: a person who makes clothes. However, sometimes, especially if you find a number of women in the same house in a census with this occupation, it may be a euphemism for prostitute, as that is the term that many women used in order to disguise their 'trade'!

What is the most unusual occupation that you have found in your family so far?

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## Rick Shortle is back in the race seat after a 20 year lay off

Shortle has been coaxed back to competitive motor racing. In the 80's and 90's Rick was a top flight race driver, competing in many formulas, single-seaters, saloon and sports cars. He is known as a legend around Brands Hatch for his results and superb driving.

After all these years, Rick is relishing the challenge. Shortle, obviously not in his first flush of youth, will be racing for the team where it all began. It's the small but highly professional team known as Getem G.D. Racing, spearheaded by Martin Down. Rick raced for Getem Racing for several seasons, giving the team many wins and podiums.

Martin has decided to slow down

somewhat, and just enter a few selected races. Several of these will be at Brands Hatch, with others (finance permitting) at circuits nearer Rick's home, such as Rockingham, Silverstone and Donington.

Rick has already secured some of the budget, enough to do 4 test sessions, which should hopefully get him competitive, and a few races as well.

Getem and Rick are looking forward to the challenge, and although it's for a bit of fun, there will be a serious element to it as well. To follow Rick's progress visit his website. [www.rickshortle.co.uk](http://www.rickshortle.co.uk)

Rick has also written a book, an autobiography called Full Circle, more details can be found on his website.

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# Feathered family fun at Stanwick Lakes

Families can enjoy a week of bird themed activities this February half term and learn about why the nature reserve at Stanwick Lakes is such an important haven for wildlife.

The Rockingham Forest Trust looks after the habitats on the site to make it the perfect home for birds such as oystercatchers, reed buntings and pintails. But it's not just nature reserves that can look after wild birds; everyone can play their part by making their garden a haven for our feathered friends.

Visit Stanwick Lakes during the half term, on Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th February between 1pm and 4pm, and you can build a bird box or a bird feeder to take home to your garden. Natural nest sites for birds such as holes in trees or old buildings are disappearing fast as gardens are tidied up and old houses are repaired. Making a bird box and putting it up in your garden will play an important part in bird conservation, whilst also giving you the pleasure of watching the

birds that are attracted to your bird box.

Professor Jeff Ollerton (University of Northampton and Northants Local Nature Partnership) commented: "Birds are such a familiar aspect of our everyday wildlife that we often take them for granted. But formerly common species such as starling and house sparrow have suffered serious declines in numbers over the past few years and need all the help we can give them. Events such as this are great for raising awareness of bird conservation amongst children and their families, and are warmly welcomed by the Northants Local Nature Partnership."

The bird boxes can be easily made by children and adults without any previous woodwork experience and friendly volunteers will be on hand to help. Once you

have made your bird box, drop into the visitor centre to meet owls, thanks to bird rescuers Owls to Behold.

There will also be other fun, family, bird-themed activities at Stanwick Lakes during the half term holiday. On Monday 15th February, between 1pm and 4pm you can make a bottled bird out of recycled materials and throughout the week, 11am-4pm, follow the Birdy Trail around the visitor centre lake to win a prize. It will cost £1.50 to make a bottle bird and £1.50 to follow the Birdy Trail. For more information, contact the Visitor Centre 01933 625522 or visit [www.stanwicklakes.org.uk](http://www.stanwicklakes.org.uk) or the Stanwick Lakes Facebook page. Normal parking charges apply.



## New event at Thrapston Baptist Church

Starting in February, on the last Sunday evening of each month, Thrapston Baptist Church will be hosting an informal event, Sunday@6.

Neil Mathieson, one of the church's leaders, said: "We're trying something new this year - it's a long way from a traditional Sunday evening service,

it will be relaxed and informal with a varied content which will include chats, music, drama, multimedia, or all of the above!"

The first event will be on 28th February and will feature the church's new minister, Mat Hussain. Mat has an exciting story to tell. Born into a Muslim home in Yorkshire, at the age

of 16 he was forced into an arranged marriage, kidnapped and removed to Pakistan. Entitled "Escaping from captivity, my story to freedom" Mat will tell of how it happened and how he managed to escape.

The event starts at 6pm, admission is free and refreshments will be provided.

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# Council supports food hygiene campaign

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The campaign, called 'Where's The Sticker?', encourages customers to look for the green and black Food Hygiene Rating Scheme (FHRS) stickers at food outlets and reminds food businesses to make sure their

stickers are on show.

The FHRS provides information about the food hygiene standards found by the local authority's food safety officers when they inspect food outlets. Officers check businesses are meeting

food hygiene law, which is in place to protect people's health.

Many businesses that already display their rating say it has made a huge difference by improving reputation, increasing customer confidence and attracting more customers.

One East Northamptonshire food business that proudly displays its sticker is Eastern Spices in Oundle. The owners achieved the top award of

level 5 under the FHRS in December 2015. Shakeel Arif and Safdar Hussain have owned the business for the last eight years and during this time have worked closely with the Environmental Health department at ENC to maintain standards of hygiene and undertake structural improvements to their business.

Shakeel explained: "We recognise how important it is to maintain good food hygiene standards to protect the health of our customers. We have recently benefitted from attending a food safety course at ENC along with a workshop on new legislation on key food allergens."

Steven North, Leader of East Northamptonshire Council, added: "A good rating is good for business. It's something to be proud of, so please display your sticker and don't leave potential customers guessing how seriously you take food hygiene, or worse, assuming



that you have something to hide. If you'd like to improve your rating, speak to one of our food safety officers who are on hand to offer advice and support. They are happy to share information on specific issues or more general council services

which may benefit your business."

If you run a food business and would like to discuss your rating or how to improve food safety in your business, phone 01832 742055 to speak to one of ENC's officers, available Monday to Friday 9am - 5pm.

For more information on FSA's campaign, follow @foodgov and check out #WheresTheSticker on Twitter. To find out the food hygiene standards of a restaurant, takeaway or food shop visit [www.food.gov.uk](http://www.food.gov.uk)



## Ferrers School opens new sports pitch

The Ferrers School is delighted that it is now able to offer its students use of a fantastic new facility – an all-weather sports pitch with a FIFA 1 quality certification. Head Teacher, Jonathan Giles, comments: "We were fortunate enough to be offered the former training pitch of Premiership club Chelsea FC and we jumped at the chance. Our students have been able to take their PE lessons on the "EasigrassTM" surface since January and, in the future, we hope that it will

become a true community asset."

Whilst not yet available for private hire, several local sports clubs are making use of the all-weather pitch for their winter training. James Sharp, Youth Development Officer at Higham Town Football Club, has booked sessions for teams across various age groups: "The school has worked with

the Club to help us make a smooth transition from various regional 3G pitches to a central venue within our own community. We welcomed the opportunity to provide feedback at an early stage and will continue to work with the school in any capacity we can. A big pat on the back to The Ferrers School for their hard work in bringing this facility to the area."

For further information, please contact Vivienne Barnard, Administration Team Leader, The Ferrers School – 01933 313411.

## Drivers wanted for home to school transport service

Taxi and minibus drivers who are interested in Home to School Transport contracts with Northamptonshire County Council can go along to an information roadshow this month.

The council is about to establish a new 'transport framework' which is an approved list of drivers and businesses contracted by the council to complete journeys.

Once the framework list is established, other firms and drivers are unable to join the register until it is renewed.

Having been established

in June 2013, the current transport framework is due to expire in June this year.

Cllr Michael Clarke, county council cabinet member for transport, highways and environment, said: "We want to invite operators and drivers to come and meet us and talk to us about the opportunities available.

"The roadshow is so people can understand the extent of our provision, our pride in the service and to ensure our priority of customer safety is achieved in every journey we make."

Events will take place on:

- Monday, February 15th in Wellingborough, (10.30am to 2pm)
  - Tuesday, February 16th in Kettering (10.30am to 2pm)
  - Wednesday, February 17th in Thrapston (10.30am to 2pm)
  - Thursday, February 18th in Norton near Daventry (12.30pm to 2pm)
- Operatives can register by calling 01604 364435 or by emailing: [attend@kierwsp.co.uk](mailto:attend@kierwsp.co.uk) (operatives will need to include their preferred date/location, name and what company they represent).

## Rushden Unit of the Maritime Volunteer Service

For members of the Rushden Unit of the Maritime Volunteer Service, 2016 began with a navigation exercise across Charnwood Forest and Bradgate Park in north Leicestershire that blew the holiday cobwebs away with lashing rain and howling wind in early January and continued with flood and water rescue training on the River Nene. On Saturday morning 30th January those out jogging or dog-walking along the embankment at Wellingborough would have noticed a group of strangely-dressed people clad in orange dry-suits, helmets, buoyancy aids and draped with ropes practising their specialist water and flood rescue drills. Rushden Maritime Volunteer Service is a voluntary member unit of the County Council's 'Northants Emergency Response Corps' (NERC) and joins other volunteer groups in supporting the professional emergency services in their rescue and resilience duties. Volunteer Chief Petty Officer Paul Mills, Rushden MVS's Water Rescue Technician and Trainer oversaw members of the unit engaged in rescue raft practice, survival

swimming, setting up rescue rope rigs and rescue techniques using throw-bags and ropes. Although good exercise and fun, this training had a serious purpose as members of the unit honed their specialist skills in providing an essential service to the local community. Unit commander, Volunteer Officer Andy Smith, reported that: "I'm very pleased with the skills which the members of the unit are developing and the weather doesn't put us off either; however, the river is cold and we've been in and out of it all morning so we're all looking forward to bacon sarnies and gallons of hot tea now!"

The coming year for the Rushden MVS includes further water/flood rescue exercises, search-and-rescue

activities, emergency/first aid, powerboat and safety boat training, formal parades, an annual visit to Ypres in Belgium to take part in the remembrance services at the Menin Gate and attendance at Rushden's Armed Forces Day on Saturday 18th June.

If you are over 18 and interested in things nautical and/or inland water based and would like to join a group of like minded individuals please feel free to contact us by email [mvsrushden@hotmail.com](mailto:mvsrushden@hotmail.com) We meet on Wednesday evenings from 7pm to 9pm at the Nene Valley Volunteer Centre, Rushden.

You can find Rushden MVS on facebook, but more details about the Maritime Volunteer Service can be found at [www.mvs.org.uk](http://www.mvs.org.uk)



# Aviva Women's Tour 2016 comes to Northampton and Kettering



**Northamptonshire will host the final stage of the 2016 Aviva Women's Tour, with the proposed route starting in Northampton town centre and finishing in Kettering.**

The last stage of the five-day international women's cycling event will take place in the county on Sunday 19th June and attract some of the world's best female riders.

Last year's race saw a massive 67,500 people line the streets to cheer on the cyclists and saw a £1 million boost to the local economy. The event also inspired 65% of spectators to cycle more often, according to an independent report.

Northamptonshire County Council deputy leader Cllr Heather Smith said: "I'm delighted to be able to announce today the start and finish points for the Northamptonshire stage of this summer's Aviva Women's Tour.

"Northampton and Kettering have both hosted the finish of the race before, Northampton in its first year in 2014 and Kettering last year, so we're very much looking forward to the prospect of working with them again.

"I would urge people across the county to come along and support the riders on what is sure to be a fantastic day – and hopefully the crowds will be inspired to get cycling too!"

Northampton Borough Council leader Cllr Mary Markham, said: "We are pleased to welcome the Aviva Women's Tour to Northampton which is a fantastic opportunity to not only encourage more women and girls into sport but also raise the profile of

Northampton and encourage visitors to the town."

Northamptonshire County Council will now work with event organisers SweetSpot to finalise the details for the route through the county.

Mick Bennett, Race Director of the Aviva Women's Tour, said: "Having hosted the first ever stage of the Aviva Women's Tour in 2014, it is fitting that Northamptonshire will now have the chance to host the final stage of this year's race.

"The final day will be an undulating stage taking in some new climb areas of Northamptonshire that we haven't visited with the previous two editions."

Northamptonshire rider Hannah Barnes, who will compete as part of Canyon SRAM Racing team, said: "I travel all over the world racing, so to be able to race along roads I train on is a privilege. All my friends and family can come and watch, which is a real treat."



Northamptonshire County Council has also agreed with SweetSpot that a stage of the Aviva Women's Tour will be held in the county next year.

As part of the agreement, SweetSpot will also hold a

mass-participation cycle event in the county this year and next year to encourage

people, in particular women and families, to become more active and get cycling.

For more information about the Aviva Women's Tour Northamptonshire stage and about cycling in the county, visit [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/womenstour](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/womenstour).

## Easter Family Fun Day and Craft Fair in aid of local charity Sue Ryder Thorpe Hall Hospice

Peterborough based family firm Rose Landscapes is supporting Sue Ryder Thorpe Hall Hospice by hosting Good Friday fun for all!

Visit Rose Landscapes' indoor patio, paving and decking superstore on Friday 25th March 10am-2pm for plenty of Easter family fun activities.

The main attraction of the day will be an Easter egg hunt for clues around the superstore. This will take you past all of the craft stalls around the centre, full of beautiful handmade crafts and designs from local artists.

There will also be a digger discovery zone, face painting, tombola and lucky dip. Refreshments and cakes will be available, plus there will be free juice for the children and free tea and coffee for the adults!

Rose Landscapes Marketing Manager, Rachel Mount said: "As part of a local family business that's been around for over 100 years we wanted to give something back to the community, so what better way than to have some family fun while raising funds for this special local charity".

Activities will have a minimal £1 charge and all event proceeds will go to Sue Ryder Thorpe Hall Hospice, which exists to provide residents with quality of life, giving every patient the palliative care and support they need so they can spend their time as they choose

So, whatever the weather this Good Friday, all the fun can be found at Rose Landscapes indoor superstore – find it next to Activity World on Padholme Road.



## Not a red rose or a satin heart... Valentine's day onion

This Valentine's day, inspired by the words of poet Carol Anne Duffy, I give you not a red rose or a satin heart, but an onion, a moon wrapped in brown paper...with a recipe which will blind you with tears as you make it and remind a loved one that you care... (add a steak on the side and you might get a fierce kiss too!).

Ingredients – serves 2  
2 large onions  
Butter  
Seasoning  
Clove of garlic

Cut the tops off the onions and pull out any roots, but leave the root itself intact. Peel off the brown outer skin. Using an apple corer, core out the middle of the onion as you would take

the core from an apple. Reserve the pieces you've taken out.

Cut 2 large oblongs of baking paper – large enough to fold in half and wrap around each onion. Generously butter the paper, put more butter in the onion and season well.

Wrap each onion in its own parcel of brown paper and tie up the end with string. Put in a small roasting tin and bake in a low oven for around 1 to 1.5



By Catherine Burbage

hrs. The onions are cooked when they feel soft when you gently squeeze the packages.

Towards the end of the cooking time, finely dice the reserved pieces of onion and garlic clove, and fry in butter until crispy. Sprinkle this over the onion to serve. Eat with a simple salad as a light meal or as a side dish with steak or roast meat.

To read the full poem search 'Valentine' by Carol Ann Duffy.



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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

**16/00063/FUL (05/03/2016) (LB/CA)** Change of use from ancillary accommodation at The Dairy Home Farm to B1 office use at The Old Dairy Ashton Wold Ashton

### Barnwell

**16/00167/FUL and 16/00168/LBC (05/03/2016)**

**(LB/CA) (LBRegs)** Repositioning entrance gates to the car parking area, existing stone wall rebuilt to match existing at 9 Main Street Barnwell PE8 5PH

### Benefield

**16/00111/FUL and 16/00112/LBC (05/03/2016) (LB/CA) (LBRegs)**

Change of use from agricultural use to domestic. Alterations and extension to the existing building at Middle Farm House Main Street Upper Benefield PE8 5AN

**16/00139/FUL (27/02/2016) (Info)**

Proposed new outbuilding at Stocks Hill Cottage Stocks Hill Lower Benefield PE8 5AD

### Brigstock

**16/00125/FUL (05/03/2016) (LB/CA)**

Erection of one and a half

storey residential dwelling, conversion of an existing outbuilding and means of access onto The Syke (resubmission pursuant to planning application 15/01596/FUL) at Property Between No 4 And Stable Barn Stable Hill Brigstock

### Chelveston-cum-Caldecott

**16/00180/OUT (27/02/2016) (Info)**

Outline: Construction of 4 dwellings (all matters reserved) at land between 37 and 39, 41 and 43, and 43 and 45 The Crescent Chelston Rise Caldecott

### Deene

**16/00071/FUL and 16/00072/LBC (05/03/2016) (LB/CA) (LBRegs)**

Install a new biomass system in a new unit on the existing car park hardstanding at Deene Hall Deene Park Deene Corby NN17

**16/00138/FUL (27/02/2016) (Info)**

Zone 3 link road enabling works - tree and vegetation removal at Priors Hall Development Site Stamford Road Weldon

### Easton-on-the-Hill

**16/00148/FUL (05/03/2016) (LB/CA)**

Alterations and extension to outbuildings to convert to dwelling, including demolition of north gable to stable and demolition of various sections of garden walling (amendments to previous approval

ref 14/00077/FUL) at 25 High Street Easton On The Hill PE9

### Glapthorn

**16/00088/FUL (27/02/2016) (Info)**

Proposed location of 3 no. external air source heat pumps and hole through wall at Glapthorn Manor House Cotterstock Road Glapthorn PE8 5BJ

**16/00089/LBC (05/03/2016) (LBRegs)**

Proposed location of external air source heat pumps and hole through wall at Glapthorn Manor House Cotterstock Road Glapthorn PE8 5BJ

### Great Addington

**16/00041/FUL (27/02/2016) (Info)**

Subdivision of existing dwelling to form two separate dwellings at Patch Lodge Cranford Road Great Addington NN14 4BH

### Harringworth

**16/00045/VAR (27/02/2016) (Info)**

Variation of Condition 3 - Plans pursuant to planning permission 15/00920/FUL dated 22.6.15 - Two storey extension to side of property. at 5 Shotley Harringworth NN17 3AG

**16/00131/FUL (05/03/2016) (LB/CA)**

Conversion and rebuilding of the existing ancillary outbuildings to a new dwelling house at Barns to SE of Lime Grange Wakerley Road Harringworth

### Kings Cliffe

**16/00075/FUL (05/03/2016) (Art8)**

To erect ten dwellings with associated access, landscaping and parking at Land Rear of Fineshade Close Kings Cliffe

### Luddington

**16/00136/FUL (27/02/2016) (Info)**

Demolition of existing and erection of new stable block at Ashtree Cottage Luddington In The Brook PE8 5QU

### Oundle

**16/00113/ADV (27/02/2016) (Info)**

Thirteen flagpoles at Oundle School Playing Field Glapthorn Road Oundle

### Rushden

**16/00134/FUL (27/02/2016) (Info)**

Erection of four detached dwellings, three with integrated garages and one with detached garage and access (resubmission of 15/01920/FUL) at land adjacent Chestnut Close Rushden

### Thrapston

**16/00099/FUL (27/02/2016) (Info)**

Single storey front and side extension, alter roof to single storey existing rear extension and fit new window to north east elevation at 12 Roman Way Thrapston NN14

**16/00173/FUL (05/03/2016) (LB/CA)**

Replacement of windows to the rear of the dwelling with UPVC timber effect windows at 6 Chicheley Cottages Thrapston NN14 4XT

### Thurning

**16/00164/FUL (27/02/2016) (Info)**

Proposed conversion of existing garage to living accommodation, erection of first floor side extension over existing garage/utility and boot room, a single storey rear extension with balcony above, a front entrance porch and a new 3 berth garage at Hill Farm Barnwell Road Thurning

### Warmington

**16/00087/FUL (27/02/2016) (Info)**

Single storey rear extension at 6 School Lane Warmington PE8

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 13 February 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.

# Diamonds diary

## THEY ARE BACK! MUMS V MUMS II THE RETURN

I mentioned our Mums v Mums match last time. Well, training began on Wednesday 3rd February, with the mums and a couple of their daughters arrived for their first session at The Ferrers School's new 3G pitch. The pitch has made its way from Chelsea's training ground to give the high school in Higham a FIFA grade 1 accredited facility, one which we as a youth club have taken advantage of, moving the majority of our teams' training from venues across East Northants to a venue that is closer than ever to the homes of our players.

Wednesday night saw 11 brave the cold for the first session. Girls Under 14s coach Stuart Cooper had them slaloming through his cones and poles obstacles; Tracy Culwicks was forgiven for her lack of balance through the poles, managing to knock each one to the floor - maybe she thought it is was rugby football she was signing up for.

Once they had increased their heart rates it was time to do the same course with a ball at their feet, something some of them showed real aptitude for despite the lack of

clearance on the hurdles they were asked to pass the ball through. Passing back to the next player on their team seemed a little beyond a few though I won't mention who, that wouldn't be fair.

On to a passing and turning drill, a simple but effective repetitive exercise that I joined in due to odd numbers. We worked on body shape when receiving the ball and I can say that some of the first touches that Naomi made were exquisite, enabling her to step onto the ball and make a fizzing pass out to me, awesome stuff.

A little bit of 1 v 1 battling for a scoring opportunity before a simple 3 v 4 conditioned game to round off the hour left us feeling we had pushed through a good workout. It must have been okay as one new mum was asking for the session to last longer next week, something the others seemed to think was a good idea - maybe we could work them a little harder next time?

One other mention: Emma Gibbs. Talk about putting yourself on the line, she went in for a bouncing ball in the 1 v 1 and ended up with a boot in the face, opening up a nasty gash on her lip. She pretty much wiped down the Tarantinesque blood-squirting wound and got on

with it. She could show a few of the Premiership fairies a thing or two. I'll keep you updated on their progress in the coming weeks.

If you have a son or daughter that plays for us and you want to join us, please feel free to come to training, Wednesdays 7pm at the 3G at The Ferrers School or email [mark.cullen@afcdiamonds.com](mailto:mark.cullen@afcdiamonds.com) if you want more info.

Speaking of daughters, we are also still looking for players for our Under 14 girls' squad, know someone? Please get in touch, same email address or contact via our website [www.afcdiamonds.com](http://www.afcdiamonds.com)

See you next time,

Mark Cullen

AFC Rushden & Diamonds Youth

## Diamond Days:

Senior team action from the last two weeks

**02/02/2016**

AFC Rushden & Diamonds reached their first NFA Hillier Cup Final with a hard fought 2-1 win against National League North side Brackley Town in the semi-final at the Dog & Duck.

The visitors were bright and purposeful in the early stages but Diamonds weathered the early storm

and took the lead on 15 minutes. It came from a Brackley error as keeper Hornby sliced a back pass high in the air allowing Tom Lorraine to cleverly head the bouncing ball over him into the empty net. The second came on 33 after a good period for the home side, when Jon Stevenson raced onto returning Dan Quigley's excellent through ball and slid home coolly under the advancing keeper.

Brackley were always dangerous in the game and pretty much dominated the second half, taking just seven minutes of it to pull a goal back. David Moyo was tripped in the box as he tried to turn with back to goal, and he took the resulting penalty which fired in off Matt Finlay's legs. They pressed constantly with Diamonds working hard to deny them space in and around the box. They hit the bar with an effort from 15 yards on 73. Moyo fired over Finlay but just wide on 80 after a great run and it was Matt Finlay who really earned this cup final appearance with a stunning one-handed save on 87 after the shot fired in had taken a wicked deflection.

This was a much improved performance from Diamonds after the shock 4-0 defeat on



Saturday. They were playing high quality opponents and had to up their intensity after a weak start. The return of Dan Quigley gave great energy in midfield and Jack Ashton slotted in perfectly beside Liam Dolman in defence. Goals for both strikers will have pleased Manager Andy Peaks and the continued excellent form of Matt Finlay as the last line of a hard working defence.

The final will be a mouth-watering occasion against Kettering Town at a neutral venue after they beat Rothwell Corinthians.

Full-time: AFC Rushden & Diamonds 2 - Brackley Town 1

Man of the Match: Dan Quigley

Match report: Paul Judd

**06/02/2016**

AFC Rushden & Diamonds kept their lead at the top of

the Southern League Division One Central with a 3-0 win over Ware FC at a blustery Dog & Duck on Saturday afternoon. A well-hit strike from Andy Hall had given Diamonds a half-time lead that their performance in that period struggled to justify, but a more dominant performance after the break saw close-range goals from Lewis Leslie and Jon Stevenson wrap up the points.

Full-time: AFC Rushden & Diamonds 3 Ware 0

Man of the Match: Brad Harris chosen by Members Poll

## Upcoming Fixtures

### Home

Tuesday 16th February V St. Ives Town 7.45pm Kick off - League

Saturday 20th February V Kings Langley 3pm Kick off - League



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# Ranger Cadets group gets off to flying start

As a cadet back in the 1960s I always felt I owed a debt of gratitude to the cadet movement. The Cadets helped me recover from a long childhood illness, encouraged me to become physically fit, and gave me confidence, skills and a direction in life. I was taught good manners, to be clean and tidy, to be self-reliant and was taken camping, which was wonderful. After I got married, I rejoined as a leader and after many years, retired from the cadet movement – or so I thought. In all that time my only reservation was there was nothing for younger children, as most cadet organisations do not accept anyone younger than 13 years.

When it was suggested Irthlingborough and surrounding villages needed a cadet unit, an opportunity to fill the gap was seized and the Ranger Cadets was born, complete with a junior section for 7–12 year olds.

Setting it up was not easy, but with the help of a wonderful organisation called Waterloo Performing Arts, local Councillors and parents, we established our first unit in Crow Hill late last year and have plans for two more over the next couple of years.

The Ranger Cadets, which is an independent charity, encourages youngsters to get involved in adventure training activities from as young as 7 years old. It is also one of the goals of the organisation to provide cadet activities for children living in rural locations. We meet each Thursday evening at Crow Hill Community Centre, Irthlingborough, from 6.30pm–8.30pm. The Squadron is run by experienced volunteers and activities, which take place at weekends too, include sailing, bushcraft, camping, field cooking, navigation, and signals – radios, drum corps plus sports and games.

We are recruiting new cadets as well as adult leaders

and would like to hear from anyone who may be interested. The Ranger Cadets are less formal than most other organisations, we loan uniforms and weekly 'subs' are only £2.50 per member. The Rangers are totally independent; we have no paid staff and raise all our own funds. The Rangers are particularly keen to hear from anyone who would like to help as a leader. Previous experience is not necessary although a DBS is, which we can arrange. We have two sections: junior cadets 7–12 years and cadets 13–17 years.

Information is available from:  
John R Mander, Ranger Cadet Corps  
Tel: 01933 412099  
Email: [Rangercadetsnorthants@gmail.com](mailto:Rangercadetsnorthants@gmail.com)  
[www.waterloodrummers.org](http://www.waterloodrummers.org)

## Become a Beanstalk reading helper in East Northamptonshire

Beanstalk, a literacy charity that supports children from across Northamptonshire, is calling on people in East Northamptonshire who could play a positive role in transforming the life of a child in the local area.

The charity already supports over 700 primary school children in the area who are falling behind on their reading by recruiting and training dedicated reading helpers. Each volunteer works with three children on an individual basis, twice a week for a school year. This one-to-one support and consistency is invaluable to the children that Beanstalk supports and provides them with the basis from which to lead a happy and successful life.

Becoming a reading helper with Beanstalk is a rewarding and fun experience, with a large number

of reading helpers staying on for many years. Charity representative Rebecca Carter said: "We are really grateful to the volunteers that give their time to our important cause, we are now hoping to find even more fantastic individuals within the community that would love the opportunity to support children."

You can find out more about becoming a Beanstalk reading helper by getting in contact with 01604 720969 or visiting <http://www.beanstalkcharity.org.uk/reading-helpers>



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# Record numbers step out for 20 Million Steps weekend, final figures reveal

Walkers put their best foot forward to clock up a record-breaking 33 million steps as part of Northamptonshire County Council's 20 Million Steps event in September 2015.

This beat the 2014 event's total by almost 9 million steps and saw over 30,000 people across the county take part, final figures have revealed.

Around two-thirds of adults in Northamptonshire are classed as overweight or obese, and the aim of the 20 Million Steps campaign is to encourage

people to become more active by going for a walk.

People could complete their walk wherever they chose and then log their steps online at [www.20millionsteps.co.uk](http://www.20millionsteps.co.uk), while organised walks took place at country parks and libraries.

Over the September weekend:

- Walkers completed

an overall total of 33,172,823 steps

- Rushden library staff and customers clocked up a massive 500,000 steps
- One four-year-old walker managed a whopping 14,000 steps around Irchester Country Park
- The White Company clocked up an astounding 995,264 steps

• Substance misuse programme The Bridge's 51 walkers contributed 228,484 steps  
Cllr Robin Brown, County Council cabinet member for public health and wellbeing, said: "To see so many people getting out in the fresh air and enjoying some physical activity for our 20 Million Steps weekend was

fantastic and I'm delighted that the event saw such an increase in walkers taking part.

"The benefits of exercise are well known and walking really is one of the easiest ways for people of all ages to become more active.

"We hope people will be inspired by the success of our 20 Million Steps weekend to make physical

activity a part of their daily life and help us to reach our goal of making Northamptonshire a happier, healthier place by 2020."

The county council's 2020 Northamptonshire website features lots of information about walking routes in Northamptonshire and advice on how you can become more healthy through physical activity.

To find out more, visit [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/2020](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/2020) or follow @2020Northants on Twitter.

## Wellingborough's Air Cadets swell their ranks

Wellingborough's 378 (Mannock) Squadron Air Training Corps recently celebrated a successful recruiting campaign with an impressive enrolment parade for 20 new members of the unit.

The enthusiastic new recruits were joined by their family and friends who were invited to witness the ceremony, which took place at the Squadron's Spring Gardens headquarters in Wellingborough. Once the enrolments and parade were completed, the inspecting Officer, Wing Commander Nigel Dickinson OBE RAFVR(T) welcomed the new cadets to the organisation.

Squadron Leader Mark Richards, 378 Squadron's acting Commanding Officer, said: "The enrolment for our 20 new cadets marks the very beginning of their

experience in the organisation.

"The ethos at 378 Squadron is one of fostering self-development and self-discipline as well as having great fun. We look forward to seeing our newest members take advantage of all the great opportunities ahead of them."

For more information about the Air Cadets in Wellingborough visit: [www.378aircadets.org](http://www.378aircadets.org) or the Squadron's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/Mannock](http://www.facebook.com/Mannock).



## Business start-up programme to run in Oundle

Are the pieces in place? Are you ready to make the leap?



If you've ever thought about starting your own business you'll know that there are lots of things to consider; whether to operate as a sole trader or a limited company, how to get the best from your marketing and much, much more.

A business start-up programme will run in Oundle for eight consecutive weeks from Tuesday 5th April. The aim is to provide people who are at the point of starting their own business with a safe environment in which to test and develop their ideas.

"Of course there are books and websites to help, but our programme is built around practical, real life experience," said organiser David Wood. "Every session includes a local case study so that people can hear first-hand the issues that businesses face and how they are tackled." There will be lots of opportunities to network too.

The two-hour evening sessions will have three components: a speaker on a business topic, a case study led by a local business person and time to discuss and develop a Business Plan. Topics range from working with your bank and HMRC to getting the most out of social media and managing paperwork.

After eight weeks the Business Plans produced by the participants will be judged, and a prize of around £100 awarded to the best submission, to help with the costs of launching their new enterprise.

"We have 12 spaces available and we're looking for participants with a raw business idea and the determination to make it happen," said David.

The programme has been developed by Transition Oundle and will cost £40. Application forms to join the programme are available from [www.transitionoundle.org.uk/](http://www.transitionoundle.org.uk/) or Oundle Library. (The programme is supported by the East Northamptonshire District Council Empowerment Fund.)

Transition Oundle is a community group whose aim is to help ensure that Oundle remains successful in a world where resources are scarcer. The group works on projects in four areas: Energy, Transport, Food and Work/Lifestyle.

For further information see [www.transitionoundle.org.uk/](http://www.transitionoundle.org.uk/) or send an email to [info@transitionoundle.org.uk](mailto:info@transitionoundle.org.uk).

## Residents praised for recycling efforts

Thanks to the continued efforts made by residents, East Northamptonshire Council (ENC) is delighted to report that December 2015 saw over 220 tonnes of food waste collected, the highest amount of food waste recycled in a single month since January 2014.

The council has made a

concerted effort to increase recycling levels through a number of awareness and campaign activities over the year that have helped contribute to the high collection rates, including the Feed Your Caddy Campaign, a Northamptonshire Waste Partnership scheme that rewards residents for recycling

their food waste  
Leader of ENC, Cllr Steven North, said: "I want to thank our residents for continuing to show their passionate commitment to recycling. Not only are you doing your bit to help the environment but saving money too, as each tonne of food waste that is recycled rather than sent to landfill saves

nearly £100 per tonne in disposal costs. So, December's food waste collections saved about £20,000. We're counting on your continued support to help ensure that East Northamptonshire's recycling rate just keeps getting better and better."

ENC continues to deliver easy-to-use and value-for-money services

and by working to raise awareness of the benefits of recycling, the district's environment is protected in the long-term.

To find out about the full range of ENC's bin collections and recycling services, please visit [www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/recycling](http://www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/recycling)

# Have a wild time in the Nene Valley this half term!

We all know that days out can be expensive – particularly if you are travelling as a family – so we have put together a list of fantastic things to see and do at little or no cost in the Nene Valley over half term.

- 1. Get back to nature** by taking long walks around our country parks and nature reserves (car parking charges apply).
- 2. Circular walking routes** are an ideal introduction to the area and some of the routes focus around the villages of Fotheringhay and Woodnewton, Aldwincle and Wadenhoe, Nassington and Yarwell and Brigstock and Fermyn Woods.
- 3. On your bike** – it's a cheap way of getting around, as well as being green and a great way to keep fit.
- 4. Immerse yourself in local history** with a visit to the picturesque village of Aldwincle, the birthplace of the poet John Dryden; the historic town of Rushden where H E Bates was born and educated; Fotheringhay Castle where Mary Queen of Scots was executed or Harringworth viaduct with its 82 arches and over 20 million bricks.
- 5. Hunt for clues with a half term trail** – Get a chance to learn more about birds up close and enjoy forest crafts for kids and more at Ferry Meadows Country Park from 13th–21st February.
- 6. Enjoy a week of bird related activities** at Stanwick Lakes including a 'Birdy Trail' (15th–21st Feb from 11am–4pm), 'Get Arty' (15th Feb from 1–4pm) and 'Feathered Friends' (17th–18th Feb from 1–4pm). Modest charges apply.

For more information on places to visit and local events visit [www.nenevalley.net](http://www.nenevalley.net)



## 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.

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.

## Are you an absent voter?

If you're unable to get to a polling station to vote, you may have an absent vote where you either vote by post or someone else votes on your behalf, by proxy.

Every January, East Northamptonshire Council is legally required to write to all absent voters (either postal or proxy) in the district whose signatures are more than five years old on 31st January, asking them to provide a fresh signature. This is to reduce the possibility of electoral fraud.

### What do I need to do?

If you receive a postal vote refresh form, please help the council save money by replying promptly; this will save us having to send you a reminder.

You have six weeks from the date the notice is sent to return the completed and signed notice to the council.

If the deadline is missed, you will be removed from the absent vote list and you'll be sent a letter to confirm this. Anyone whose absent vote is removed and who wishes to vote by post in the future will have to complete a new absent vote application.

Absent voters who have a special arrangement are not affected by the refresh provisions as a signature is not held for them.

### Changes to your details?

If your name, address, the address for your postal ballot papers or the details of your proxy have changed, please amend the relevant details on the form, sign it and provide your date of birth before sending it back to us in the prepaid envelope provided. In some cases, we may need to send you an additional form to complete.

### Problems completing the form?

If you have a disability/illness which means

that you either cannot provide a signature or sign in a consistent and distinctive way, please indicate this on the form and return it to the council. Our Electoral Registration Officer may grant you a waiver of the requirement to provide a signature, subject to an additional form being witnessed on your behalf.

### No longer require your absent vote arrangement?

If you no longer want to vote by post/proxy you must tell us by ticking the relevant box on the form, signing the form and then returning it to us as soon as possible so that we can cancel your arrangement and avoid any unnecessary reminders. We will contact you in writing to confirm that your arrangement has been cancelled.

### What will happen if I do not return the form?

If you do not return the signature refresh form by the deadline, your existing absent vote facility will be cancelled and you will have to vote in person or make a new application.

### I have a postal/proxy vote arrangement but I haven't received a refresh form

The signature refresh exercise will happen every year, but we will only send refresh forms to those voters who applied over five years ago. You will not need to provide a refresh of your identifiers until five years have passed since your original application. You will only need to update your record when you receive correspondence from us.

If you have any questions about the signature refresh exercise, please contact [elections@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk](mailto:elections@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk) or 01832 742119.

## Oundle's outstanding Oxbridge success

Thirty pupils from Oundle School have received offers this year to Oxford and Cambridge, with the offers evenly split between the two universities. Twenty-four of these are conditional on A level and Pre-U results, with six former pupils receiving unconditional offers.

Among the offers was an organ scholarship at Lincoln College, Oxford. The number of successful applicants is higher than last year's total of

27, and the highest since 2009.

The offers received were made across a pleasing range of subjects, with a number of modern linguists, scientists and English pupils once again successful.

The full break-down of subjects (which also includes Law, Classics, History, Veterinary Science and Medicine) reflects the wide-range of fields in which pupils impressed interviewers, and the success

is testimony to the diligence of Oundle's pupils and the dedication of their teachers.

Head, Sarah Kerr-Dineen commented, "We are delighted for all those offered a place. The growth of the non-examined curriculum at Oundle in recent years has, I believe, further inspired independence of thought and intellectual ambition in all our pupils, and the higher number of Oxford and Cambridge offers is a reflection of this."



# Oundle pupils 'Ask the Experts'

In January, the Oundle School Careers Department hosted its ninth annual 'Ask the Experts' event with pupils from the Fifth Form, Lower Sixth and Upper Sixth (Years 11-13) invited to attend this informal, drop-in event to talk to a large number of highly successful professionals representing a range of industry sectors and careers.

Head of Careers, Emma Aubury, said: "We are so fortunate to have such a talented and diverse parent body from which our experts generously volunteer each year. This year, our pupils had

the opportunity to talk to the British Ambassador to Sweden, an Army Brigadier, the Head of Trading for Boots plc (UK and Eire) and an advertising creative director, as well as a number of representatives from a range of different aspects of the legal, medical, engineering, real estate and financial professions and academia. In addition, from more niche professions, we hosted a commercial helicopter pilot, a digital media publisher, an architect and an F1 chief engineer.

"This event coincides with

the Fifth Form Parents' Reception and is always very well attended. It provides a fantastic opportunity for pupils to ask questions about what a particular career involves and how best to get into it, as well as being a social occasion for pupils, parents and experts alike. We are very grateful to our experts for volunteering and to the pupils for showing such interest and enthusiasm."

This networking event is always of great benefit to pupils in terms of informing their future decisions, making contacts and finding out what

qualities companies are looking for in graduate recruits – particularly as the companies represented at the event are the very organisations that many of Oundle's pupils will shortly be applying to for work experience, internships and graduate positions.

Many parents commented on the range and expertise of the various companies listed as well as praising the school's ability to gather such high profile professionals in one place. The experts also added their praise for the pupils, who asked specific

questions, demonstrating their engagement and willingness to learn more.

The Head, Mrs Sarah Kerr-Dineen, said: "I am tremendously grateful to the parents and others who

contributed to such a lively and instructive afternoon. For pupils to have the opportunity to hear up-to-date, relevant information and advice on the wealth of careers they might consider is invaluable."



## Walk, run, cycle or swim yourself proud!

Aspirations Wellbeing are organising three events for Sport Relief 2016.

### Swimathon at the Nene Centre on Saturday 19th March

For more information contact the Nene Centre on 01832 734090.

### Swimathon at Splash Leisure Pool on Saturday 19th March

For more information contact Splash Leisure Pool on 01933 410505.

You can do your Swimathon on

your own, or in a team of between two and five people. Don't worry about divvying up the distances just yet, you can decide later how many lengths each team member will do.

You can pick a distance of 1.5k (60 lengths of a 25 metre pool), 2.5k (100 lengths of a 25 metre pool) or 5k (200 lengths of a 25 metre pool). You can also pick your swimming speed of slow, medium slow, medium fast or fast.

If you can't make it to an

organised Swimathon event, you can choose to do your own distance anytime between 9th and 20th March, with SimplySwim.

You can also take part in the **Sainsbury's Sport Relief Mile hosted by Barnwell Country Park and Aspirations Wellbeing on Sunday 20th March.** Walk, jog or run around the beautiful park. Book your space at The Barnwell Country Park and AWB Mile today! Choose 1 mile, 3 miles or 6 miles. Barnwell

Country Park is near Oundle – PE8 5PB.

There will be entertainment for all the family and hot food will be available. Before your mile, warm up with the Aspirations Wellbeing Team, then take part in the land rowing challenge provided by Oundle Rowing Club. Steve the Magician and balloon modeller will be there to entertain you from 10am. Plus there is a fantastic adventure play area and lots more

still to come.

Nominal car parking charges at Barnwell Country Park will apply.

For more information contact Jackie Ackroyd on 01933 352981 or [jackie.ackroyd@aspirationswellbeing.org.uk](mailto:jackie.ackroyd@aspirationswellbeing.org.uk).

Your entry fee covers event costs only and does not include a donation.

To enter, log in to <http://www.sportrelief.com/events> and search for the event you wish to take part in.

## Popular funding day returns to East Northamptonshire

East Northamptonshire Council will be running another of its very popular Community Funding Days on Friday, 18 March at the Thrapston offices.

Open to all, this event will give community groups the

chance to speak directly to funders and find out what money is available to help with projects.

Visitors have been impressed with the last eight Community Funding Days, passing on comments such

as "fantastic event which aids local communities" and "very valuable – can't emphasise this enough."

This year's Funding Day will be bigger and better than ever, with a record number of funders on hand to talk you through funding opportunities in East Northamptonshire, including representatives from the Heritage Lottery, Children in Need and Lloyds Bank.

Funders attending the event this year include:

- BBC Children in Need
- Charity Bank
- Diocese of Peterborough
- East Northamptonshire

Council

- Grantscape (Mick George and Augean)
- Heritage Lottery Fund (The National Lottery)
- The Key Fund
- LEADER Programme
- The Lloyds Bank Foundation
- Nene Valley Community Action
- Northamptonshire ACRE
- Northamptonshire Community Foundation
- Northamptonshire Sport
- ProHelp (Business in the

Community)

- Rushden Town Council
  - Spire Homes
  - Voluntary Impact Northampton
  - Waitrose
- Come along for free and find out how they could help you.

Su Davies, External Funding Manager at East Northamptonshire Council, said: "The fair provides an excellent opportunity for groups to meet funders face to face and get a

straightforward answer to their funding questions. Two hours at the fair can save so much time, which would otherwise be spent searching through websites or trying to get funders on the phone. I look forward to seeing you there."

The Funding Day will take place in the Council Chamber on Cedar Drive (NN14 4LZ) across two sessions, 10:30am-12:30pm and 1-3pm. Please book a space by visiting [www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/booking](http://www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/booking)



For more information please contact Su Davies on [sdavies@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk](mailto:sdavies@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk) / 01832 742191 or Alice Duggan on [aduggan@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk](mailto:aduggan@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk) / 01832 742210.

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For more Information & to book a journey:  
**0345 2638153**  
[www.wellandcallconnect.co.uk](http://www.wellandcallconnect.co.uk)

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## Have your say

There's still time to have your say about equality issues in East Northamptonshire.

East Northamptonshire Council (ENC) is consulting on its draft Equality Objectives for 2016-2020 and wants to know what you think.

Whether you're a local resident or organisation, it is important to tell ENC your views on the objectives.

Your voice matters.

Please visit [www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/equality](http://www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/equality) to complete the survey.

Paper copies are available at ENC's customer contact centres or by contacting 01832 742099.

The consultation closes on 19th February 2016.

**Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th February**

**Snowdrop Weekend**  
St John's Church, Chelveston (just east of Higham Ferrers)  
10am-4pm Sat, 11am-4pm Sun  
Free admission  
John Eildred 07929 328827  
See nature's wonderful display of snowdrops. Teas, cakes, snacks, stalls.  
Chelveston Chorus Sunday 2.30pm

**Sunday 14th February 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 Silver Service**

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

**Whitefriars Church Countryside Walk – Exploring from Emmaus**

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

**Morning Service with Communion**

Thrapston Baptist Church  
10:30am  
Preacher: Mat Hussain  
The new normal – Acts 2:1-13

**Monday 15th February Higham Ferrers W.I. Meeting**

Adult School, Westfield Terrace, Higham Ferrers  
Olga Earl 01933412848  
The subject will be Beauty and Wellbeing. New members are most welcome.

**Talk on Space Debris by Dr. Jaime Reed, Airbus Defence and Space**

Chelveston Village Hall (off B645 near Higham Ferrers), Caldecott Road, Chelveston Wellingborough NN9 6AT  
8pm  
Visitors and Members welcome. £3 per person including tea/coffee and biscuits.  
Steve Williams 01933 650331 or email: [chilternastro@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:chilternastro@yahoo.co.uk) or Mrs Peta Jellis on 01933 356914 or email: [pej@petaj26.me.uk](mailto:pej@petaj26.me.uk)  
Satellites provide weather forecasts and telecommunications. Space debris threatens these services. The lecture is on these problems and its solutions.

**Family History**

St James Church Hall, Thrapston  
7.30pm  
Visitors £2.50  
01832 731047 or [tdhs40@](mailto:tdhs40@)

yahoo.co.uk  
What's new for family historians in 2016? All welcome.

**Wednesday 17th February Film: dOCs + Amy (15)**

Fletton House, Fletton Way, Glapthorn Road, Oundle PE8 4JA  
7.45pm  
Admission £8  
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@oundlefestival.org.uk)  
"Piercingly sad" is Daily Telegraph's comment on the documentary on life and death of Amy Winehouse.

**Bridge of Grace Food Bank**

Thrapston Baptist Church  
1.30pm-2.30pm  
Help for any who are in desperate need of food.

**United Churches' Lent Lunches**

St Mary's Church Hall, Rushden town centre NN10 0QE  
12noon onwards  
Donations for Christian Aid are invited  
Chris Youngman 01933 551769  
All are welcome for soup and a roll. Prayer time at 1pm.

**Thursday 18th February RSPB Mid –Nene Local Group Meeting**

Saxon Hall Raunds  
7.30pm  
Penny 01933 350404  
Meeting is open to everyone admission £3. Children free.  
Illustrated talk on 'The Unfeathered Bird' by Katrina Van Grouw.

**Discovery Walks: Nassington**

Meet at Nassington Church 2pm  
£1.50  
Contact: 01780 782747  
4 mile walk

**Twist**

Rushden Bowls Club  
7.30pm for 8pm start  
£12 for table up to 4 people  
[Susan.superduch5@gmail.com](mailto:Susan.superduch5@gmail.com) or 0777 396 2347

**Northamptonshire Inventors and Inventions**

St James Church Hall, Thrapston  
7.30pm  
Visitors £2.50  
01832 731047 or [tdhs40@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:tdhs40@yahoo.co.uk)  
A illustrated talk by John-Paul Carr. All welcome.

**Film: 45 Years (15)**

Stahl Theatre, West Street Oundle, Peterborough PE8 4EJ  
7.45pm  
Admission £5/£3 under 18s  
Tel: 01832 274734  
[www.oundlefestival.org.uk](http://www.oundlefestival.org.uk), [information@oundlefestival.org.uk](mailto:information@oundlefestival.org.uk)  
In the week leading up their 45th wedding anniversary, a couple receives a letter about the husband's past. Starring Tom Courteney and Charlotte Rampling.

**Friday 19th February Wildlife AGM & Talk**

Methodist Church, Drummingwell Lane, Oundle

7.30pm  
Admission £2  
AGM followed by talk about Wiltshire's Wildlife & Habitats by Stewart Lane.

**AFC Rushden and Diamonds Quiz Night**

Rushden Bowls Club, Northampton Road, Rushden NN10 6AN  
7.30pm  
Admission £2  
All quiz players are welcome. For further details please contact Glenis on 07870 332606.

**Oundle Golf Club Monthly Quiz Night**

Oundle Golf Club, Benefield Road, Oundle PE8 4EZ  
7pm/£10 per person entry fee to include light supper  
Tel: 01832 273267 ext. 3 for enquiries  
Teams of 6 - please phone above number to inform catering if planning to attend.

**U3A Monthly Group Meeting: Medieval Medicine with Chris Carr**

Thrapston Plaza  
10am-12noon  
Admission £2, Members £1  
Ann Carter (Publicity) 01832 358625  
Visitors are always welcome, there is no need to book

**Brilliant Birds!**

St Peter's Church, Irthlingborough  
10.30am-12.30pm  
Admission £2.50/person, £6/family  
01604 774043/[louise.tuffin@wildlifebcn.org](mailto:louise.tuffin@wildlifebcn.org)  
Fun-filled morning of bird-themed crafts and activities to explore the world of our feathered friends.

**Saturday 20th February Charity Coffee Morning in aid of Cranford Stroke Unit**

Heritage Church, Park Road, Rushden  
9.30am-12noon  
£1 inc. refreshments  
Various Stalls organised by Happy Feet Line Dancing Club.

**Coffee & Cakes**

St Laurence Church, Stanwick  
10am-12noon  
Admission free  
Join us for our monthly Coffee Morning in the church – all proceeds to church funds.

**A Look at the Past**

Roman Catholic Church Hall, Hayway, Rushden NN10 6AG  
7pm-9pm  
Admission £5 (includes nibbles)  
Christine 01933 317719  
Movies from Rushden and Higham Ferrers district, 1950s-1970's, including Queen's visit and more.

**Sunday 21st February Morning Service**

Thrapston Baptist Church  
10.30am  
Preacher: Mat Hussain  
A bold speech – Acts 2:14-41

**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 children and young people.

**Together in Prayer & Praise**

Highfield Community Baptist Church, Highfield Road, Rushden NN10 9QD  
10.15am  
Steve Pearman 01933 395608  
United Churches' gathering for prayer and praise – all are welcome.

**10 Mile Walk – Rutland Water**

10am  
Free  
Jane 01933 676660  
Meet road below entrance to Barnsdale Lodge car park. Via Empingham.

**Higham Ferrers Footpath Group**

Saffron Road car park Higham Ferrers for car sharing  
9.10am  
Tel: 01933 359237  
7 mile walk from Abbots Ripton.

**Monday 22nd – Saturday 27th February****Gilbert & Sullivan's comic opera Ruddigore**

Queen Victoria Hall, West Street, Oundle  
Nightly at 7.30pm  
Tickets £11-£12 each (4 for the price of 3 Monday & Tuesday)  
Box Office, Oundle in Stitches, Market Place, Oundle.  
Tel: 01832 273830 email to [p.weetman@btopenworld.com](mailto:p.weetman@btopenworld.com).

**Wednesday 24th February Ramblers 7 Mile Walk**

Meet Bell ph, Gumley  
9.30am  
Tommy 01536 205260  
Via Foxtan and Laughton.

**United Churches' Lent Lunches**

St Mary's Church Hall, Rushden town centre NN10 0QE  
12noon onwards  
Donations for Christian Aid are invited  
Chris Youngman 01933 551769  
All are welcome for soup and a roll. Prayer time at 1pm.

**Thursday 25th February Higham Ferrers Footpath Group**

Saffron Road car park Higham Ferrers for car sharing  
9am  
Tel: 01933 418983  
5.5 mile walk from Isham.

**Friday 26th February Rushden & District History Society**

South End Junior School, Wymington Road, Rushden NN10 9JU  
7.30pm  
Members £1.50, non-members £2.50  
Tel: 01933 350038 for more information  
Ian Addis – "Wicksteed Park History".

**Saturday 27th February Baby and Kids Nearly New Sale**

10am-12noon  
Entrance £1, kids free.  
Lots of preloved items (Toys, Clothes etc) at a fraction of the high street cost! To book a



stall please call 07577701161 or email [karen\\_aves@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:karen_aves@hotmail.co.uk)

**The Swivel Club present a Rock and Roll night with Johnny Red**

Rushden Bowls Club, Northampton Road, Rushden NN10 6AT  
8pm  
Tickets £12 each  
[www.swivelclub.org.uk](http://www.swivelclub.org.uk) or Tel: 07738080470 or at The Bowls Club 01933 312680  
To avoid disappointment please book early, a lot of events in 2015 were 'SOLD OUT'.

**Quiz Evening & Ploughman's Supper**

St Mary's Church Hall, Rushden  
7.15pm for 7.30pm  
Admission £6 by ticket from Mary 01933 315383 or Chris 418399  
Proceeds to The Children's Society.

**Sunday 28th February Kettering Ramblers 7 Mile Walk**

10am start  
Meet near church, Hallaton  
Tel: Brian 01536 675270

**All-Age Family Service**

Thrapston Baptist Church  
10.30am  
Preacher: Visitor  
The Model Church – Acts 2:42-47

**Sunday@6 Informal Sunday Evening Event**

Thrapston Baptist Church  
6pm  
Free admission.  
Refreshments provided.  
More info at [www.thrapstonbaptist.co.uk](http://www.thrapstonbaptist.co.uk)  
Rev Mat Hussain's, exciting story "Escaping from captivity, my story to freedom".

**Film: Suffragette (12A)**

Stahl Theatre, West Street Oundle Peterborough PE8 4EJ  
7.45pm  
Admission £5/£3 under 18s  
Tel: 01832 274734 or [www.oundlefestival.org.uk](http://www.oundlefestival.org.uk), [information@oundlefestival.org.uk](mailto:information@oundlefestival.org.uk)  
Film about the campaign of early feminist movement: women forced underground to play dangerous game with the State.

**Whitefriars Church – Holy Communion 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.

**Every Monday Headway East Northants Craft Club**

The Baptist Chapel, Meeting Lane, Irthlingborough  
1.30pm-3.30pm  
£1 admission  
Claire Phillips 01933 652311, [claire.phillips@headwayeastnorthants.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**

Irthlingborough 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  
managerno.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 skills 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.

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

**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 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**  
Apthorpe 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  
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  
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  
Run by professionally qualified and trained Counsellors, 6 free sessions available to all.

**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.

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 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which is 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 13th day of February 2016  
 QUENTIN BAKER, Director of LGSS Law  
 PKG/T16/033  
 If you require any further information please contact Gary Thorp on 01604 883400.

**SCHEDULE**

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 (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 have made an Order the effect of which is 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 13th day of February 2016  
 QUENTIN BAKER  
 Director of LGSS Law  
 PKG/T16/035  
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**SCHEDULE**

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 have made an Order the effect of which is 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 13th day of February 2016  
 QUENTIN BAKER, Director of LGSS Law  
 PKG/T16/034  
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**SCHEDULE**

Location	Termination Points	Alternate Route
Ashton Road, Main Street and Luton Road, Polebrook	from Main Street to entrance to Rectory Farm	use Tansor Road, Luton 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 (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 have made an Order the effect of which is 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 13th day of February 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 (PUBLIC BYWAYS NK2 – PARISH OF LUDDINGTON, NY13 – PARISH OF THURNING, MF15 – PARISH OF BARNWELL & MN8 – PARISH OF CLOPTON)**  
**(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2016**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above Order made by Northamptonshire County Council on 20th August 2015 and which came into effect on 25th August 2015 has been extended until the works to which it relates have been completed or until midnight on 25th August 2016 whichever is sooner by the Secretary of State for Transport. Private access to land or premises adjacent to the said byways is unaffected.  
**REASONS FOR RESTRICTION:** The restriction is required as there is still the likelihood of severe damage to the byways.  
 Dated this 13th day of February 2016  
 QUENTIN BAKER  
 Director of LGSS Law  
 PKG/ROW/227  
 To view the map for this Order please visit [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk) and enter "Temporary Traffic Regulations Orders" in the search box. If you require any further information please contact Jack McGrath on 01604 883453.

**SCHEDULE:** (Length of byway to be closed)  
 The route to be closed begins at Point A on the map at National Grid Reference (NGR) TL09594 81630 on Winwick Road. The route then heads generally south west for approximately 1780 metres along public byways NK2, NY13, MF15 and MN8 to point B at NGR TL08200 80610 on Gibbet Lane. The route is shown by a solid black line between points A – B.  
**ALTERNATIVE ROUTES:** There is no suitable alternative route.

# Chess Corner



By Derrick Sims

Rushden A hosted Northampton's Chess Mates B in their latest league match hoping to better their first half of the season draw and secure their current second place in Division I.

Our C-Team's Tom Murts bravely stepped up a couple of rungs and into the fray to sub for the Captain's absence but was an early casualty for the home team against strong newcomer Jafta Jawi who was keen to avenge his recent defeat by James Gardner in the John Robinson Knockout Cup.

Meanwhile Rushden's Hugh Murphy was looking particularly relaxed in his game against Greg Smith, taking the opportunity between moves to wander round the bar exchanging pleasantries with Club members. One could imagine Steve McQueen struggling to portray such a calm disposition. This may have been due to an early positional advantage when he initiated a Bishop exchange leaving Smith's Knight looking dim on the rim. Hugh took the opportunity to break through in the centre. Greg was left desperately defending his position with his King under threat, finally resigning after his King and Knight were forked by Hugh's Queen.

With the two teams evenly balanced, Nik managed to pull off a draw against Nigel Young contrary to his own expectations and this was followed by James Gardner drawing against the equally skilled Peter Tibbert.

This left the match hinging on the result of the game between Saj Ganger and David Griggs. The lower graded Saj was clearly at a disadvantage on paper and prospects were not looking good for Rushden. Things took a turn for the worse when Griggs forced him to surrender his Queen in exchange for a Rook and Bishop – not a good swap! This was a situation that would have broken most players but not Saj. His never say die attitude proved to be correct when, after extensive harrying of David's King in a manner that almost amounted to stalking, he finally forced him into a mistake and captured his Queen at a crucial moment. This was followed by his pawn that was just on the cusp of promotion. Game, set and match to Rushden!

## Northants SKL Division I Match Monday 25th January,

### Rushden A 3 - 2 Chess Mates B

Bd1: Hugh Murphy (197) 1-0 Greg Smith (164)  
Bd2: James Gardner (153) ½ Peter Tibbert (157)  
Bd3: Nik Puryer (144) ½ Nigel Young (U)  
Bd4: Sajan Ganger (128) 1-0 David Griggs (144)  
Bd5: Tom Murts (61) 0-1 Jafta Jawi (U)

Meanwhile Kettering A were hosting Rushden B at the famous Toller Rooms. Kettering's A team are currently heading League I with Rushden B playing the role of tail-end Charlie. Needless to say this was not a game that Rushden expected to win and can be pleased that captain Bob Ellam managed to conjure up a draw against Kettering's Romany Illesic despite being 43 points lower in the ECF grading tables. Sadly, all the other matches went as expected and Rushden's league position remains unchallenged.



## Northants SKL Division, Match Monday 25th January,

### Rushden A 4½ - ½ Rushden B

Bd1: Michael Meadows (170) 1-0 Keith Bristow (118)  
Bd2: Peter Jaszkiwskyj (180) 1-0 Richard Ellis (123)  
Bd3: David Walker (163) 1-0 Phil Campbell (105)  
Bd4: Romany Illesic (161) ½ Bob Ellam (108)  
Bd5: James Brutus (149) 1-0 Jeff Owen (101)

Chess is a game for people of all abilities, disabilities, and lifestyles. Rushden Chess Club loves welcoming new members, so do come along to a meeting if you're interested in playing chess in a very friendly environment. The club opens most Mondays from 6pm for Junior players – for details please call the Club Secretary on 01933 625767, or visit the club website <http://rushdenchessclub.com> and for the NCA (County Association) it's <http://www.norchess.lloydbunday.co.uk>.

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