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In Brief

Oundle Charity Ball

Oundle will hold a Charity Ball on Saturday 16th April 2016. This black tie event will be held in Oundle School's Great Hall from 7pm 'til midnight with a 'Sparkling Reception' and a three-course dinner. There will be music from harpist Nick Penny plus dancing to the amazing Claire Barker Band. Tickets are £40 and the chosen charity is the Children's Cancer Charity Supershoes (www.supershoes.org). To secure your place at this fabulous event (why not make up a table of 8?) phone 01832 272055 or email paula@undle.gov.uk - tickets are also available from The Hub at Fletton House.

Nene Valley Dragon Boat Race

The Nene Valley Dragon Boat Race is coming to the county again this year. With teams of 10 rowers and one drummer taking to the water and competing for 1st place and the coveted winner's trophy. As well as the racing, there will be live music, crafts and gift stalls to keep the whole family entertained. This year's event will take place in Wicksteed Park, Kettering, on Sunday 4th September. Entrance to the race is £350 per boat. Please visit www.nenevalleydragons.org.uk for more information.

Volunteers clear tons of rubbish for Queen and country

An army of volunteers joined East Northamptonshire Council (ENC) staff to Clean for The Queen ready for Her Majesty's 90th birthday celebrations.

The campaign was launched by Country Life magazine in partnership with Keep Britain Tidy to clear up Britain for various outdoor events being held across the country.

During a special clean-up weekend on 4th-6th March, Rushden West

Community Association (RWCA), along with district and town councillors, organised a clean-up in Rushden's Pemberton Ward. With the help of 20 volunteers and local PSCO Mohammed Thaseen, they targeted the Pemberton area to rid the residential streets of litter.

ENC's waste team and waste contractor Kier brought along the refuse vehicles for a 'waste amnesty', taking away larger items that had been lurking in alleyways and in residents' gardens, including old furniture, beds and mattresses, bicycles and white goods. Between

them they collected 2.5 tonnes of waste and half a tonne of scrap metal.

ENC councillor, Janet Pinnock said: "On behalf of RWCA, I would like to thank everybody who made this clean-up a success. It was fantastic to see the people of Rushden and beyond coming together in celebration of Her Majesty's long service and dedication to this country.

"We were even visited by BBC Radio Northampton, who used the event as one of their treasure hunt clues. Thank you everyone for your support, I hope our efforts will help lead to a lasting legacy of a cleaner, tidier district."

If you couldn't attend, but want to help keep the district clean and tidy, you can report a street/area that needs attention online at www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk

ENC supports community clean-ups throughout the year and provides groups with everything they need, including litter pickers, gloves, and hi-vis vests and also pick up and dispose of the rubbish collected and advise on what to do if any dangerous or harmful materials are found. To organise your own clean-up, please call 01832 742026.



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Step up to Oundle Town Council

There are currently nine vacant seats on Oundle Town Council due to the recent resignations of nine of the 14 Town Councillors. Applications are now open.

If you are interested in becoming a Councillor, applications close on 7th April. Application packs can be collected from the Council Offices at Fletton House (01832 272 055). If more than nine people apply for the positions an election will be held on 7th May to decide which nine candidates will join the five current Councillors.

Town Councillors are unpaid volunteers and the role does not require any qualifications or previous experience. People of all backgrounds are encouraged to apply; you don't need to have been a lawyer or worked in finance to be an effective Councillor. All you need is a passion for Oundle, some common sense and a desire to make a difference.

Town Councillors are expected to attend

monthly Full Council meetings and one monthly Committee Meeting but apart from that there are no set obligations. Meetings usually start at 7.30pm and finish before 9.30pm.

The amount of work involved is very much up to you. The Town Council performs many tasks such as setting the level of local Council Tax, considering local planning applications and managing the various assets that are owned by the town, such as Fletton House and The Queen Victoria Hall.

Recent projects run by Councillors include starting and managing a Youth Cafe, the refurbishment of Fletton House and organising and promoting events such as the recent Wedding Fayre in the Victoria Hall.

One of the most pressing projects

that OTC is currently overseeing is the development of Oundle's Neighbourhood Plan. This important document allows the local community to control the growth and development of their town by allowing them to choose when and where new homes and shops will be built, what they should look like and what improvements to local infrastructure will be needed to cope as the town grows.

Once drafted, the Neighbourhood Plan is presented to the town and is then subject to approval by referendum.

For more information on the role of Town Councillor and how to apply visit www.oundle.gov.uk, email admin@oundle.gov.uk or call the Council Offices on 01832 272 055.

Despite nine resignations Oundle Town Council is continuing to operate

The recent resignations of nine of the 14 Oundle Town councillors mean that only five councillors remain in office: Councillors David Chapple, Val Chesser, Neville Oakes, Paul Piercy-Hughes and Roy Sparkes.

This has ensured that the town council can continue to operate. Had all councillors resigned, East Northamptonshire Council would have had to appoint representatives to continue the work of the council until a new council could have been elected, which would not be until May.

At an extraordinary meeting of the council held on 1st March, Councillor Chesser was elected the Acting Chairman and Councillor Chapple her deputy. The council has acted swiftly to ensure that work previously undertaken in committees will, for the time being, be dealt with by the full council. On 1st

March, therefore, the Council considered planning applications and it will continue to do so until the planning committee has been re-established. No council services have been affected and the Hub at Fletton House and the other facilities there as well as the Queen Victoria Hall remain fully open.

Transitional arrangements pending the election of replacement councillors mean that there is a revised schedule of Council meetings whilst the Annual Town Meeting has been postponed until May to enable the newly elected councillors to participate, as well as those who have continued in office.

The Council would like to urge anyone who would like to become a councillor to stand for election. We must also pay tribute to our staff who are working very hard and maintaining their usual very high standards.

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Editor's notes

Although by the meteorological calendar spring starts on 1st March and astronomical spring begins on 20th March, for most of us the new season really begins this Sunday when, having put the clocks back, we get an additional hour of daylight in the evenings. With the axis of the Earth increasing its tilt relative to the Sun and the length of daylight rapidly increasing in the northern hemisphere, our weather begins to warm causing new plant growth to "spring forth," giving the season its name.

This year the changing of the clocks coincides with

Easter and, apart from its religious significance, the weekend will doubtless swell the coffers of the local garden centres as we try to catch up with the jobs we should perhaps already have attacked in the garden or the allotment. Certainly, in the local allotments there has already been a flurry of activity with some brave souls working hard on a patch that has been dormant for a few years and others adding the homemade fertilisers that have been festering since last summer to potentially bumper crops of all sorts.

We have developed an understanding that Easter

means the first barbecue of the year, with an insistence that those who want to eat what's cooked have to put in at least a token presence at the fire. This "tradition" has been allowed to lapse all too easily in the event of foul weather and the absence of cover for the chef but hopefully this year will see us return to cooking in the open at least once over the long weekend. There are lots of other options to tempt you this weekend as you will see in our What's On pages, so whatever you get up to all of us at the Nene Valley News hope you have an enjoyable and restful holiday.

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From the Chairman of East Northamptonshire Council

Since my last report, I have had the pleasure of representing the district at several events starting with a good old-fashioned pantomime.

Sleeping Beauty, performed by the Rushden Amateur Theatrical Society at the Pemberton Centre, was great fun and is worth taking the family to for a good night out, especially if you have young children. My guest, Sue Walker, and I thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.

My consort, Tony, joined

me for the Kettering Mayor's Holocaust memorial service which was very moving and a solemn reminder of the six million Jews murdered in WWII.

We had a memorable night at the Rushden Rotary Club Young Musician Competition which had an extraordinarily high calibre of contestants making it very difficult for the judge to decide who will go forward to the next stage of the national competition.

A charity gala at the Guildhall Arts Centre hosted

by South Kesteven District Council provided a fabulous night out and showcased some exceptionally talented and funny acts. And a 1940s dinner and quiz night held by the Peterborough Mayor tested our brains with five pages of questions on Peterborough past and present!

Valentine's Day was a busy one for me, with lunch at the University of Northampton with the Vice Chancellor, where we enjoyed a lively debate on our table about the EU referendum while eating an excellent meal cooked by the students. This was followed by a trip to the Dergate to see students graduate. This was particularly significant for me, having seen my own daughter graduate at this venue.

In the evening, I hosted a charity Valentine's dinner and dance which saw many guests enjoying the sounds of The Mid Soul Sensations and Rob Hunter's disco. The

event raised nearly £900 and ended with an encore from the band of James Brown's 'I Feel Good', which we all did.

Thank you to all those who attended and to the sponsors of the

event: Paragon Property Development, Nene Business Centre, Blue Moon and ITMC Ltd. Also, a big thanks for the first raffle prize of a magnificent champagne hamper from High Grove House, Prince Charles'

estate. The funds raised will go to the Skylark children's ward at Kettering hospital.

My best wishes and kindest regards to you all.

*Cllr Marika Hillson
Chairman of East Northamptonshire Council*



Chairman Marika Hillson with her consort, Tony representing East Northamptonshire at an event in Peterborough

Year 7 Huxlow students 'Clean for The Queen'

Clean for The Queen is a national campaign to tidy up Britain for Her Majesty the Queen's 90th birthday, which will be officially celebrated in June. Year 7 students from Huxlow Science College blitzed the school grounds on Thursday 3rd March. They did a fantastic job, clearing away 27 bottles, 70 pieces of paper, 436 plastic bags or packaging items, 11 cans and 34 pens in all.

The Clean for The Queen campaign calls litter 'a

growing menace that affects our wildlife, streets, countryside and sense of pride. What better way could we show our gratitude to Her Majesty than to clean up our country?' They are calling on individuals, volunteer groups, local councils, businesses and schools to do their bit.

The Huxlow students intend to take it a step further and continue with their work, taking care of the school environment on a regular basis. The volunteers involved

had a great afternoon, enthusiastically supported by Mrs Huchet, Mrs Silvestre, Miss Cipriani and Ms Sweeney.

Many more Huxlow students will have the opportunity to get involved in this project over the coming months. All members of the community can take part in the national Clean for The Queen campaign, led by Country Life magazine and supported by Keep Britain Tidy, by registering at www.cleanforthequeen.co.uk

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Diamonds diary



RAIN ABATES AND WE GET SOME FOOTBALL, HAPPY DAYS!

Where to start this week? Saturday's mini soccer saw an end to the under 7s and 8s 2015–2016 season. A special mention then for the under 8s Team Fury who went the entire season unbeaten – such a feat, our own 'Invincibles'.

Sunday brought with it something we hadn't seen for some time: mini soccer for the under 9s and 10s at Old Grammarians in Wellingborough. The kids were over the moon to be playing again.

I was in attendance at our under 12s top of the table clash.

AFC RUSHDEN & DIAMONDS V FC AZTEC

10.30am – Kick off
Straight from the kick off it was evident that this match would be fiercely contested – the first photo of the match pays testament to that. From that moment Diamonds showed their hand, pressing high up the pitch and not giving Aztec time to get the flow of their game going.

Within the first 6 minutes Diamonds had two efforts on the Aztec goal; a header fizzing past the left hand upright and a free kick from Alex Clothier from five yards outside the box that took the paint off the other post. Diamonds were in the ascendancy.

The first effort by Aztec to break into the Diamonds half was brought to a swift end when Harry West timed a sliding tackle in the centre circle perfectly with the ball ending up at the feet of Alfred Dawson, who attacked the left side of the Aztec box. A deft touch rounding the oncoming keeper, he slid the ball across the box, cleared out by an Aztec centre back, to the feet of Alex Clothier, who hit his shot first time missing to the left of the stranded keeper.

Another chance fell to Alfred Dawson when a one-two from a throw-in ended with a delightful cross from Ryan Gibbs, which Alfred latched on to but sent just wide.

The half was all Diamonds up to this point but without a goal I began to worry we may end up regretting the misses later in the day. I needn't have worried. Next up, an attempted overhead kick from Alfred and a powerful run by Alex beat the Aztec right back. Diamonds won a

corner after the keeper tipped over Harry West's effort from the resulting cross. Harry wasn't to be denied, as the corner was drilled in he rose between the two Aztec centre backs and flicked his header gracefully into the bottom right hand side of the Aztec net. 1-0 Diamonds!

One last bit of action in the first half as Harry went looking for his second minutes after his first. Alex weights the perfect through ball past the Aztec centre back pairing, Harry's first touch takes him a little too far and enables the defender chasing him and the keeper advancing on him to just nick the ball away in time.

Half Time AFC Diamonds 1-0 FC Aztec

Aztec started the second half with an attack that was halted with a foul on the edge of the box and the resulting free kick being hit wide right of the Diamonds goal. After that it was back to the status quo of the first half: Diamonds on top and about to double their lead, a free kick on the outside of the box hit the bar and rebounded into the path of Harry West who hammered it home to make it 2-0.

Aztec pulled one back five minutes later as their star striker got away from his man marker. However, Travis still thought he could get a touch on the ball; he couldn't quite reach and took the legs of the striker instead. Aztec put away the resulting penalty – could this be the comeback? In a word, no. Two minutes later Diamonds make it 3-1 as Alfred bares down on goal, pushing through the two centre backs and slotting home the bobbling ball with an elegant swing of his right leg.

A little more end to end for the next couple of minutes as Aztec tried hard to grapple control from Diamonds. During the wave after wave of the home team's attacks, Aztec get a free kick in the centre circle which is hit towards the Diamonds goal. It bounced in front of Richard Spring as he reached to pick it from the ground and caused him to misjudge and let the ball through into the back of his net. 3-2, a soft goal and one that Aztec didn't really deserve but the goal did give them a lift and they started to get into the game and apply a little pressure in the Diamonds half.

No need to worry though, as each time Diamonds had the ball it felt like the players

knew exactly what was going to happen and happen it did. In quick succession, Diamonds scored numbers 4 and 5. The two 11s that Diamonds had on the pitch, Harry West and Alexander Clothier both placed shots past the keeper on the end of delightful Diamonds team moves.

Results from 19th & 20th March 2016

Under 12
AFC R & D 5-2 FC Aztec

Under 13
Irchester Romans 2-0 AFC R & D

Under 16
Corby Hellenic Fisher 0-7 AFC R & D Cosmos

Under 12 Girls
Corby Gems 1-2 AFC R & D

A mention for the last game on this list, our under 12 girls move top of their league with a hard fought win over close rivals Corby Gems – fantastic stuff. #wecanplay

See you next time,
Mark Cullen, AFC Rushden & Diamonds Youth

Diamond Days:

Senior team action from the last 2 weeks:

19/03/2016 AFC Rushden & Diamonds vs Uxbridge FC

The game kicked off with the Diamonds aiming to get their promotion bid back on track and the visitors attempting to end a run that had only seen them win twice in their last 14 matches. The opening ten minutes saw both sides struggle to maintain possession and there were midfield skirmishes aplenty, most notably when Jepson and Wayne Carter briefly squared up after a challenge close to the halfway line.

The first chance fell to Uxbridge in the 11th minute, with a free-kick into the Diamonds box inadvertently being headed across goal by Jack Ashton, only for Carter's own header to drop to safety. The hosts in response saw Elliot Sandy flick the ball onto strike-partner Jon Stevenson, who in turn fed Hall, and his ball through to Sandy saw the Diamonds number 9 slightly overrun the ball before being tackled. He went closer moments later when a quick throw-in released him in the left side of the penalty box, and his half-volley required Paul McCarthy in the Uxbridge goal to turn it behind for a corner.

Rushden were now

beginning to cause problems for the visitors' backline with a succession of set-pieces, and it was an in-swinging corner by Claudio Hoban that Ashton almost reached, only to be denied by good defending.

In the 30th minute a weak back pass to McCarthy forced him to rush his clearance and the ball ran straight to Hall's feet, and despite the keeper being out of his goal, he was only able to meekly steer the ball to a covering defender and the danger was cleared. Another dead ball situation, this time a free-kick, saw Hoban's delivery drop close to Liam Dolman in the six-yard box, though the ball was kicked to safety before the defender could get to it.

There was a moment of contention nine minutes before the end of the regulatory 45 minutes, as Uxbridge man Jon-Jo Bates fouled Hall with a high foot minutes after receiving a yellow card. Despite claims for a second booking, referee Edward Cook instead warned him and the midfielder was substituted soon afterwards. A minute afterwards, Hall clipped a left-footed cross into Sandy, and he showed close chest control to set himself up for an overhead kick that flew just wide of the far post.

There was just time for the dangerous Sandy to be found by a Hoban pull-back on the edge of the area, though his powerful shot was blocked before it reached the goalkeeper. The referee sounded his whistle shortly afterwards to call time on a very evenly fought first half.

Half Time: AFC Rushden & Diamonds 0-0 Uxbridge FC

The second half began with thoughts highly focused on who would start the brighter of the two teams, and that turned out to be the visitors. In the 50th minute a flick-on by Carter found Anthony O'Connor in acres of space at the back post, but the ball wouldn't come down to a comfortable height for him and Finlay was able to rush out and block the attempt. However, Uxbridge were to take the lead only a minute later. Ben Peden did well to win possession off Hoban on the halfway line and he broke forward into the Diamonds half. With time and space allowed to the full-back as he advanced on the home defence, he hit a shot from



Kick off in the top of the table clash



Harry West puts FC Aztec to the sword

the edge of the area which arrowed past Finlay's right hand and into the far corner of the goal.

In the 65th minute the ball dropped for Sandy in a crowded penalty area following a deep free-kick, and he was able to poke the ball back for Manship whose shot was partially blocked making it easy for McCarthy to pick up the ball. One minute later Hall escaped down the right flank and floated a cross to the back post where two Uxbridge defenders both attempted to head the ball away. The loose possession dropped to the edge of the box where Sandy was arriving to meet it, but his shot into the ground was directed straight at the goalkeeper.

In their next attack, though, Rushden were able to conjure up a leveller. Ashton played a misplaced ball forward but a miscontrol meant the ball bounced up for James Jepson. He nodded the ball forward for Elliot Sandy, and with no Uxbridge defender responding to the danger, he was able to compose himself and slot the ball under McCarthy's body.

Jepson and Sandy were involved again in the 72nd minute as a long ball forward from the Diamonds defence sailed over Lorraine's head but was perfect for Sandy to latch onto. Jepson made an incisive run off the striker, and after being found he hit a powerful left-footed shot that flew just wide of the near post. Lorraine then powered away down the right wing, and just before he reached the byline he fired the ball low

across goal. Away defender Mark Dennison slid in to try and clear the danger, but the ball ricocheted towards goal which forced McCarthy into a sharp save.

Substitute Reece Grant had been introduced into the Uxbridge attack shortly before this chance, and he posed a threat to the Rushden defence due to his swift dribbling ability. One moment saw him show quick feet as he drove into the box, and though he was stopped, the ball sat up for Lewis Cole to drift a volley over the bar and into the Peter de Banke terrace.

The game entered stoppage time, and the game appeared to be heading for a draw. However, like the reverse fixture back in December, there was to be late drama. Grant looped a high cross in from the left wing and with both Ashton and Jason Lee challenging to clear the ball, it squirmed across to O'Connor. His shot was fantastically saved by Finlay, but the ball fell right back into his path and he picked out the unmarked Wayne Carter to glance home the winning goal.

Full time: AFC Rushden & Diamonds 1-2 Uxbridge FC
Diamonds Man of the Match: Elliot Sandy.
Match Report by Ollie Mortimer.

Upcoming Fixtures Home

Saturday 26th March V Northwood FC 3pm Kick off - League
Saturday 28th March V Arlesey Town FC 3pm Kick off - League

Council continues to crack down on fly tipping

A Bedford man was fined £1,100 this month for allowing his waste to be dumped in East Northamptonshire and ignoring his £300 penalty.

East Northamptonshire Council's (ENC) waste services team was called to a fly tipping incident in Rushden, last April. Officers found a large pile of waste material, including black sacks, kitchen items and light fittings scattered on the ground in the car park at Ditchford Lakes.

Amongst this rubbish, they found evidence relating to Mr Shab Uddin, who admitted to paying an unlicensed carrier to take his waste away. Shab Uddin accepted a fixed penalty of £300 for failure to produce the correct documentation for the transportation of waste.

Unfortunately, he failed to make any payments for this fixed penalty so the matter was referred to Northampton Magistrates' Court. On 1st March he was found guilty and ordered to pay £1,100 in fines and costs.

Steven North, Leader of ENC, explained: "Residents should take care when employing anyone to remove waste from their property. It is the resident's responsibility to ensure that any waste material is disposed of correctly.

"Any reputable waste carrier will be able to provide you with their waste carrier's licence information and leave you with some documentation which clearly states what type and how much waste there is, who you have transferred your waste to, details of their waste carrier's registration and the address the material has been collected from.

"If your waste is found to be fly tipped and you cannot provide this information then you may be liable for a fine or prosecution."

ENC's Waste Manager, Charlotte Tompkins, added: "There are two ways to make sure your waste is going

to be disposed of safely. Firstly, there are details of licensed waste carriers on the Government website. So don't book a removal before checking there first.

"Secondly, we offer a service to collect bulky items from any doorstep in East Northamptonshire. For less than £26 we'll take away up to seven items, such as furniture or carpet, and leave residents with peace of mind that their rubbish won't come back to haunt them."

To find out if a company is a licensed waste carrier visit www.gov.uk and search for 'access the public register for environmental information'.

For more information about ENC's household bulky waste collection service, visit www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/bulkywaste or call 01832 742026.

If you see someone fly tipping, or know of a fly tip

in East Northamptonshire, please report it online www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/flytipping or by phone 01832 742026. If you can, please let ENC know:

- The time and date of the

incident

- The location of the incident
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make and model, colour)

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

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

Skill sharing between the generations at School of Life

At a recent event organised by the School of Life project, based at NVCA in Rushden, local veterans from Rushden Branch of The Royal British Legion and Higham Ferrers Junior School joined together for a skill swap and experience sharing afternoon.

School of Life is a Big Lottery funded project operating across four areas in Northamptonshire, which aims to bring different generations together, through learning or sharing skills.

For this event, the veterans shared their war and life experiences, showing off their memorabilia, medals and photos, and in return the pupils shared their lessons with the older visitors, giving tips on IT, Maths and the 21st Century dictionary.

A spokesperson for the junior school said: "It was such a privilege to have the British

Legion veterans in our school. The stories they told had the children transfixed and they are still talking about it. The children learn about World War Two as part of the curriculum and the men and their incredible stories enriched the children's learning.

"Many of the veterans brought in medals and we even had a sword, which gave the 'wow' factor to the afternoon. The children loved teaching the veterans things that we learn in school today and they were very involved in lessons ranging from Maths to PE. To see two generations learning and sharing their experiences side by side was such a pleasure and is something that the children will remember forever."

According to the veterans: "The pupils are refreshingly curious with a genuine interest in other people's lives, proven by asking some very good questions."

Get into fishing in Corby this Easter

Corby Junior Fishing Club is offering a fantastic opportunity for any young person in and around Corby to get into fishing.

The club will be running two days of coaching over the Easter holidays on 4th and 5th April at Corby Boating, where any young person visit and have a go at fishing.

All equipment, bait and tackle will be provided with sessions led by Richard Hawkes, a Licenced Level 2 Angling Coach.

James Roche, Angling Trust Regional Officer commented: "Corby Junior Fishing Club provides a great place for young people to get into fishing. Fishing is a great sport to get involved in and a great activity for young people to try. You don't need to bring anything with you, just come along and have a go!"



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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:

Chelveston cum Caldecott

16100377/FUL (09/04/2016) (Info) New extraction system (air handling) for kitchen area at The Star And Garter The Green Chelveston NN9 6AJ

Collyweston

16/00395/FUL (09/04/2016) (Info) Demolition of bungalow and erection of a four bedroom replacement house at 53 The Drove Collyweston PE9 3PU

Cotterstock

16/00376/FUL (09/04/2016) (Info) First floor extension over existing bungalow and garage at Woodlands Main Street Cotterstock PES SHD

Deene

15/00119NAR (16/04/2016) (ArtS) Variation of condition 4 to substitute approved Development Framework Plan (ref. BBD001/DFD/01 Rev C) with drawing ref. BBD036-005 Rev T pursuant to application 04/01326/OUT: 'Mixed use: Urban extension to Corby, including residential (up to 5,100 units), Employment (up to 14ha, 1 District Centre, 2 neighbourhood centres, Schools (1 Secondary, 3 Primary), Hotel, Formal and Informal Open Space, together with changes to the operating regime at Rockingham Motor Speedway, at Priors Hall Site, Kirby Lane, Deene, Corby', dated 10.02.2012- Amended plan and Environmental Statement received at Priors Hall Site Kirby Lane Deene Corby

Denford

16/00436/FUL (09/04/2016) (Info) Demolition of single storey lean to and replacement with two storey and part single storey extension together with the demolition of the detached barn outbuilding at Hill House Chapel Lane Denford NN14 4EA

Irthlingborough

16/00407/FUL (0510412016) (Info) Two storey extension to rear and first floor extension above garage at 1 Perkins Road Irthlingborough NN9 5PY

Islip

16/00380/LBC (16104/2016) (LBRegs) New front driveway gates; works to waterproof basement; and works to existing external terrace to include resurfacing and increasing the height of the retaining wall; alterations to the existing jetty/river frontage at Islip House Chapel Hill Islip NN14 3JP

Kings Cliffe

16/00466/FUL and 161004331LBC (16/04/2016) (LBRegs) Replace the single glazing of eleven windows with discreet double glazing units at 16 West Street Kings Cliffe PES 6XA

Little Addington

16/00291/FUL (09/04/2016) (Info) Rear, side and front single storey extensions at 6 Weekly Close Little Addington NN14 4FB

Luddington

16/00393/FUL (09/04/2016) (Info) Extension to provide indoor pool building and associated facilities together with detached car barn at Longbrook Farm Winwick Road Thurning PES 5RG

Oundle

16/00345/FUL (09/04/2016) (Info) Side porch and rear single storey extension at 32 Kings Road Oundle PES 4AX
16/003491FUL (09/04/2016) (Info) New dwelling: substitution of house type for plot 7 on the approved development 12/01614/FUL at Herne Lodge and land Ashton Road Oundle
16/00371/FUL (09/04/2016) (Info) Garage conversion and single storey rear extension at 35 St Christophers Drive Oundle PE8 4HU
16/00432/FUL (09/04/2016) (Info) First floor

mezzanine office to existing workshop, including provision of two windows at first floor level and new first floor door and external access stairs at Unit 4 Herne Park East Road Oundle PES 4BZ

16/00439/PNT (30103/2016) (Info)

Installation of a 15 metre lattice mast topped with two dipole antennas (height to top of antennas 17.8m) a 600mm diameter dish attached to mast at 14.5m to centre of dish along with a 1.6m x 2.6m equipment cabin and development ancillary thereto including meter cabinet, 2 GPS antennas attached to proposed cabin and overhead cable gantry on poles all within a 2.4m high palisade fenced enclosure at Communication Mast Stoke Doyle Road Oundle

Raunds

16/00268/FUL (16/04/2016) (LBRegs) Conversion of barn into a 3 bedroom dwelling adjacent to 42 Grove Street (Revised scheme to that permitted under 09/01214/FUL) (Retrospective) at 11A Streather Court Raunds

16/003811FUL (09104/2016) (Info) First floor extension over existing garage and link. Single storey extension to side at 5 Primrose Gardens Raunds NN9 6PG

16/00420/FUL (09/04/2016) (Info) Single storey rear extension at 63 Butts Road Raunds NN9 6JG

16/00445NAR (09/04/2016) (Info) Variation of Condition 13 • Plot 2 - new dwelling to have a maximum footprint of 120 sq m including the garage (as per plot 1) or 88 sq m excluding garage (the garage to plot 2 is detached) pursuant to planning permission 13/00289/OUT dated 26.7.13

Outline: Two 2 storey detached dwellings and a detached garage, and widening of the existing access (all matters reserved except access) at 22 Rotten Row Raunds NN9 6HU

Ringstead

16/00408/FUL (14/04/2016) (Info) First floor extension at 6 Carlow Road Ringstead NN14 4DW

Rushden

16/00189/FUL (09/04/2016) (Info) Proposed two storey side and rear extension following demolition of existing garage at 12 Park Avenue Rushden NN10 9NP

16100286/FUL (09/04/2016) (Info) Change of use of staff shelter to temporary agricultural workers dwelling, retention of boat mooring landing and decking areas, storage sheds, container and alpaca shelter (all retrospective) and the erection of a new agricultural building at Glebe Meadow Fishery Ditchford Lock Ditchford Lane Rushden NN81RL

16/00416/FUL (16/04/2016) (ArtB)

Construction of new portal frame industrial unit to include storage and office space at land used for storage Norris Way Rushden

16/00431/FUL (09/04/2016) (Info) Single storey rear extension at 199 St Margarets Avenue Rushden NN10 9PN

16/00441/FUL (09/04/2016) (Info) Extension to existing bungalow to create two storey dwelling including demolition of car port and workshop at 184 Avenue Road Rushden NN10 OSW

16/00446/FUL (16/04/2016) (ILB/CA)

Change of use from retail to residential and alterations and extension to rear at 70 High Street Rushden NN10 0PQ

Stanwick

16/00378/FUL (09/04/2016) (Info) Two storey front extension at 5 Collingham Close Stanwick NN9

16/00443/FUL (09/04/2016) (Info) Erection of single dwelling house and associated works at 17 High Street Stanwick NN9 6QA

Warmington

16/00326/FUL (16/04/2016) (ArtS) Demolition of working men's club and proposed residential development of eleven dwellings and associated access at 18-20 Chapel Street Warmington PES 6TR

16/00368/FUL (09104/2016) (Info) Single storey extension to front of bungalow and single storey

extension to side at 5 Broadgate Way Warmington PES 6UH

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.

Paul Bland,
Head of Planning Services
Dated 26 March 2016

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

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

Sporting homebuilder 'travels' to Paris in aid of Sport Relief

Staff at David Wilson Homes South Midlands ditched their businesswear in favour of trainers and sports gear to embark upon a testing challenge in aid of Sport Relief 2016 this month.

The division's challenge was to 'travel' the 360-mile distance from the Northampton office to Paris ahead of Sport Relief on 18th March.

Volunteers across the company pitched in to help clock up the miles, with staff at head office taking it in turns to do their stint on exercise bikes in the division's very own 'Cycle Hub' - a meeting room set up especially for the event, with exercise bikes kindly donated by Virgin Active.

Meanwhile, Sales Advisers and site staff wore pedometers in the week leading up to the event to calculate their distance walked and help achieve the miles needed to reach Paris by the Friday.

A map showed the



division's progress throughout the week and the miles clocked up on both the bikes and pedometers were added together at the end of the week to reveal how far the company has travelled.

Chris Hatfield, Managing Director at David Wilson Homes South Midlands, said: "We're raising money for a fantastic cause as well as having great fun as a team

and getting fit in the process!

"We're always keen to get involved in charity initiatives and hope to raise as much money as possible - any donations are greatly appreciated."

In the last financial year the division donated £5,302 to charitable causes and regularly supports local sports teams and community groups.

To support David Wilson South Midlands staff for their 'journey' to Paris by donating to Sport Relief visit <https://www.justgiving.com/DWH-Smids>.

For further information about David Wilson homes visit www.dwh.co.uk or call 0844 811 4477.

Irthlingborough school supports Sport Relief

Irthlingborough Nursery & Infant School held lots of fundraising events and activities for Sport Relief this year.

The main event was a whole school dance-off between classes on Friday 18th March, inspired by the school's connection with a local dance centre; children and staff dressed up as their sporting heroes and the competition winners were the kids from

Flamingo class.

Parents were invited to join their children at the school for a 'Waste to Ace' event, also on the Friday, which involved making exciting new things from stuff which usually gets thrown away. One example was bird feeders fashioned from used drinks cartons. This activity was linked to the school's Global Learning curriculum and the ETwinning project, in which

children followed the story of Champa, a child living on the streets of Bangladesh, who collects and sells rubbish in order to feed her family. All of this sets the children on the right road in terms of recycling and looking after our resources.

There was more too, as the pupils learnt how the money raised for Sport Relief supports families here in the UK and across the world.



Road races lined up for Easter

The 15th Stanwick Races will take place on Easter Monday, 28th March. Since its formation, the Stanwick Races Group has raised in excess of £18,000, which has been donated to numerous charities and groups.

The first Stanwick Road Races took place in 2002, organised by STAMP (Stanwick Millennium Projects) under the guidance of Sam Kirkpatrick, who had approached the local fundraising group with the original idea. The first race proved such a success that a new group was formed, and the second race in 2003 was organised by the new Stanwick Races Group. Sam Kirkpatrick has overseen each race and is now Lifetime President of the group. Members of the Stanwick Races Group are profoundly grateful to Sam for his continuing guidance and support in staging this annual event. The group is also deeply indebted to United Pallet Network for their continued sponsorship. The original 10K Road Race has grown considerably

in stature and reputation throughout the years and now attracts a field of 400 runners (the race limit) from all over Great Britain and, in some cases, overseas, as well as many keen local individuals and sports clubs. Under full English Athletics rules and licence, the race carries full accreditation for the national road racing fraternity. To supplement the Adult Race, the 2K Junior Run is a popular event for the juniors, with three age categories for boys and girls aged between 8 years and 15 years on race day – under 10s; under 12s and under 15s. The younger ones run a short course, and the older ones the full 2K course around the village. All young people from anywhere, not only Stanwick, are welcome to take part. The race is fully marshalled

and run under strict rules to ensure the safety of the competitors. The first three home (boys and girls) in each of the three categories are awarded a trophy, and all finishers are awarded a medal for their efforts! Please note that to take part in the 2K Junior Run competitors must be at least 8 years of age on race day, and under the age of 15 years. Young people aged 15 years of age or over on race day will need to enter the 10K Road Race. The 15th Stanwick Races will take place on Easter Monday, 28th March, 2016, which the group is currently in the process of organising. The 10K Road Race will, as usual, start at 10.30am in the High Street, with the 2K Junior Run for young people starting 5 minutes later from the same place. To ensure the safety of athletes and spectators there will be a road closure in High Street, Stanwick, from 9am for the duration of the races. Volunteer marshals are always needed, and if you could spare just a couple of hours on race day to assist the organisers, you will be warmly welcomed, and

your help will be very much appreciated. If you would like to become more involved in this popular event, joining a friendly team to assist with the preparations for race day, please call Les on 01933

624820 or Graham on 01933 622593. Stanwick Club kindly donates the club facilities on race day to act as Race HQ, for which the Stanwick Races Group are very grateful.

Online entries are now open for the 2016 races. Visit www.stanwickraces.co.uk for details on how to enter and to reserve your place in these exciting, well organised and friendly events.

Genealogy jottings

By Jan Pearson
Genealogy Specialists, Tracing Our Past, Discovering Our Genes (TOP DOG)
www.genealogy-specialists.com

Have you had a look at the 1939 Register yet? It was taken on 29th September 1939, just after World War Two started and was used to produce up to date population statistics and information for ration cards. For the family historian it is invaluable. The previous census of 1931 was destroyed by a fire that broke out in the Office of Works in Hayes, Middlesex in December 1942, although not caused by enemy action as first thought. No census was taken in 1941 and so this register is the most complete record of the population between 1921 and 1951. The information that may be found includes the names and addresses of the people of the time – plus their dates of birth! A word of caution, though: I have found a couple of entries where the date of birth has differed slightly from that on their birth certificate, probably caused by mistranscription. However, they certainly help to fill the gaps and lead you into other areas to look. Be careful, though. If you expect to see an ancestor of that generation – or even yourself! – who was around in 1939 and

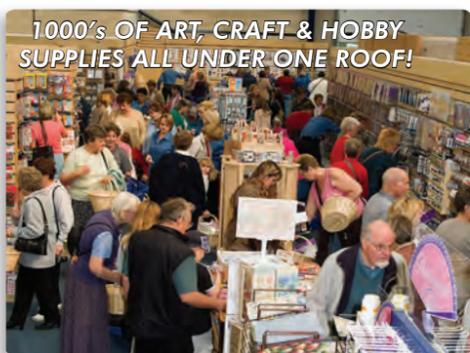
still alive today, they will not be seen. The records of those who were born less than 100 years ago and whose death information has not been pulled through to the records will be redacted, or blanked out. If you have evidence that the person has died, then you can apply to have the record released. I have found information about my great grandparents as well as great aunts and uncles from this register as it shows their occupations at the time, some of which were a bit of a surprise! It is available on Find My Past, which is a pay per view or subscription website. However, it is free to use in your local library, so pop along there and have a rummage. Talking of libraries, don't forget that I am at the Oundle Library on the first Wednesday morning each month from 9.30am to 10.30am if you need any help with your family history.



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Trish Ablett will be using a range of products from **Clover** including Yo-Yo's, Puff Quilting & more.

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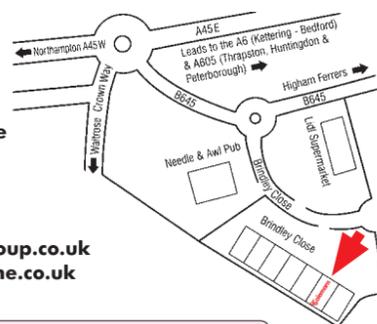


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Council offers free microchipping at '5000 Paws Challenge' event

East Northamptonshire Council (ENC) is offering free microchipping to anyone who takes part in their '5000 Paws' dog walking challenge this March.

A new law which makes it mandatory for owners to microchip their four-legged friends comes into force on 6th April.

Visit Stanwick Lakes on Tuesday 29th March or Barnwell Country Park on Thursday 31st March, 11am-3pm, to take your hound on a healthy long 'walkies' and complete the 5000 Paws

Challenge. Once you have clocked up 5,000 steps on a free pedometer and signed up to the Council's free Green Dog Club, you will receive a voucher for your pooch to be microchipped – either on the day by Wood Green Animal Shelter or by appointment at Rushden Veterinary Surgery or Oundle Veterinary Surgery. Owners who fail to

microchip their pets after 6th April will be guilty of a criminal offence and could face a fine of £500.

Steven North, Leader of ENC, said: "This legislation could save local authorities and charities millions of pounds each year and microchipping saves a lot of heartache by helping owners be reunited with lost pets faster. In fact, microchipping technology helped our dog warden reunite 11 lost dogs with their owners in 2015."

ENC's Dog Warden, Julia Wills, added: "The 5000 Paws Challenge was organised to help our

residents be responsible dog owners and get out and about with their best friend. Now that spring is here, it's the perfect time to banish the winter blues and join us and Wood Green Animal Shelter for a fun-filled day in our lovely parks."

Wood Green Animal Shelter will be on hand to offer microchipping, expert advice and fun activities for all the family.

Carla Leete, Community Engagement Officer at Wood Green, explained: "We're delighted to be working with ENC on this initiative to encourage responsible pet ownership.

"On 6th April, it will be law that all dogs must be microchipped, so this event has come at the best

time for those who still haven't gotten around to microchipping their dogs. Each year, Wood Green sees around 450 stray dogs. On average, less than 40% are microchipped, and over half do not make it home to their owners! Why take that risk with your beloved pet?

"The day is also for those who have already microchipped their dogs and want to take part in something fun together with

their pooch. Walking and training with your dog not only provides your pet with what they need every day to be happy, it strengthens the bond and helps build a better relationship between you and your pet.

"We will be there on the day with microchipping, fun games and activities for children and the wonderfully fun 'School for Dogs'. Can your dog pass with flying colours?"

To find out more about the Challenge, please email waste@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk or call 01832 742068. For more information about ENC's dog warden service, visit www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/dogs

If your dog is already chipped, please make sure your contact details are correct on the database. It is vital that the national database is kept up to date, so remember to let your company know if you move address or change telephone number.

It's a Uni-cycle thing!

As we went to print, local girl Emma Hodgkinson was on the final countdown to one of the biggest events she has organised to date at Silverstone International Race circuit, as part of her undergraduate degree.

Emma, of Kingsthorpe, is part of a team of events management students in their final year at the University of Northampton, who last week challenged cyclists from across the

county to cycle from 'tea time 'til bed time' for the Northamptonshire family support charity, NorPIP.

The track was scheduled to be open at 5.30pm until sunset.

Emma said: "We are wanting families to come and have a great time cycling round the track as many times as they can until sunset to support NorPIP."

The students are aiming to raise over £10,000 for the charity to support their

ongoing work with parents and young babies who are finding the 'early years' challenging.

"The event will help our work continue and ensure families, who are struggling to bond with their babies, across Northamptonshire are supported through the early years of their child's life," said Louise Danielczuk, Fundraising Coordinator.

The bike ride covered the full length of the Silverstone Grand Prix circuit and was open to participants from 7 years upwards wearing a helmet.

Guests also enjoyed a big indoor family entertainment programme, including a children's fun zone, live music, a supercar display, and much more.



Oundle Art Group

Oundle Art Group is holding its 'Annual Exhibition' in the superb surroundings of St Peter's Church, Oundle, Northamptonshire.

A wonderful display is expected of both contemporary and more traditional paintings, showcasing a rich variety of the members' work.

The show will be open from Saturday 7th until Sunday 15th May 2016, between 10am and 4pm daily (and from 12.30pm on Sundays). Admission is FREE and all visitors are most welcome.

OAG is a friendly coming together of people interested in art. They meet regularly on a Thursday at Tansor Village Hall between 1.45-3.45pm.

The group is made up of accomplished, enthusiastic amateur and 'just for fun' artists, with their goal just to enjoy creating and to encourage each other to experiment and develop their interest. They 'dabble' in all mediums of work including watercolour, oil, pastel, and sketching.

All newcomers (and returning members) are most welcome. For further information, why not just visit the exhibition and have a chat with one of the stewards or simply drop into Tansor Village Hall during an art session. Chairperson: Jane Sanders Tel: 01832 226495.

A. Abbott & Sons named Regional Funeral Planner of the Year

Rushden based funeral director A. Abbott & Sons has been named the best 400+ category funeral planner in East England at this year's Funeral Planner of the Year Awards, run by market leading funeral plan provider Golden Charter.

Hosted by the BBC's Sian Lloyd, the awards mark the biggest annual gathering of independent funeral directors in the UK, with this year's event taking place at The Vale Resort near Cardiff.

In addition to the award itself, a framed certificate and cash prize, the Woodland Trust has dedicated trees on behalf of A. Abbott & Sons, which are to be planted locally in recognition of the company's achievement.

Ronnie Wayte, Golden Charter's Chief

Executive, said: "Now in their 23rd year, the awards are more competitive than ever before, with funeral plans continuing to grow in popularity. This award is well earned proof that A. Abbott & Sons has reached a remarkable standard."

The Funeral Planner of the Year Awards focus on the achievements of independent funeral directors, who make up a majority of the funeral industry.

With the most recent SunLife figures showing that the average price of a basic funeral has increased by more than 90% in the past 11 years to £3,693, more people are choosing to use funeral plans to freeze the cost of the funeral director's services at today's prices.

Raunds spring clean

This year's spring clean was part of the nationwide campaign of Clean for The Queen. We had a great turnout and the weather was kind to us! 15 bags of rubbish were collected from Bassfords Recreation, Amos Lawrence playing field, The Square and Marshalls Road, Saxon Hall, Saddlers play area and Brooks Street, as well as a fridge, panes of glass and a paddling pool!

We would like to thank all the volunteers who joined us for the morning and I think we really have made a difference to Raunds. Keep up the good work!



Clean for The Queen is a campaign to clear up Britain in time for Her Majesty the Queen's 90th birthday, which will be officially celebrated in June 2016.

When she came to the throne, litter was not the problem that it is today. Food packaging,

plastic bottles, takeaway meals and cigarette butts have all contributed to a growing menace that affects our wildlife, streets, countryside and sense of pride. What better way could we show our gratitude to Her Majesty than to clean up our country?

Manor School Sports College receives Youth Sport Trust Award

Manor School Sports College is the proud recipient of the Outstanding School – Sport Award at the 2016 Youth Sport Trust conference, beating schools from across the country to the top spot.

Teachers Graham Mallen and Carl Brown collected the award at the Ricoh Arena in Coventry on Wednesday 2nd March, ahead of their presentation on the school's trailblazing Positive Education programme.

Within Positive Education, Year 7 students complete the 'Characteristics and Virtues' programme developed by the Jubilee Centre at Birmingham University. Year 8 students complete a specific Positive Psychology programme. Both have been very successful. As part of Positive Education, students have delivered mini TED Talks, called 'Manor Chats'. These are five-minute presentations about a topic of their choice.

The Leadership Academy consisting of 24 Year 7 students has also been established. Within the Leadership Academy students have been working alongside Professor Steve Peters and his team at Chimp Management piloting a range of resources. Leadership Academy students have excelled in delivering coaching sessions with younger students and leading activities with their peers.

The school is also part of a pilot project delivering the Youth Sport Award. The award, delivered through an e-platform places great emphasis on the wellbeing, leadership skills and achievement of young people.

The YSA will be a hugely

beneficial tool for evidencing the development of a young person's character, education (life skills) and what this means for their future employability. The award will create an acknowledged pathway for young people, allowing them to collect and evidence skills through their sporting experiences. It will be divided into five themes:

- Wellbeing: a commitment to physical activity and personal health and wellbeing
- Achievement: achieving qualifications linked to sport
- Leadership: commitment and 'service' to sport
- Sporting event: bringing learning alive by managing a sporting event
- Reflection: transferring skills from sport to life

The 'My Personal Best' approach has provided a clear connection between Positive Education and the Physical Education (PE) curriculum. PE at the school is now known as Physical Education and

Wellbeing and the focus of developing life skills is already well established. Lesson outcomes focus not just on physical competencies but also on the development, rehearsal and application of skills such as resilience, empathy, self-motivation

and creativity. Students are encouraged to think about how these skills are developed through the PE lessons, how they can be applied to other subject areas and impact on their wider life. It is clearly making an impact as 92% of Year 7 and

8 students stated that they enjoy participating in PE and Wellbeing.

Manor School is proud of its efforts, receiving recognition from the Youth Sport Trust and are excited to see where this work will take the college next.

Top three finish again for Rushden Town Band

On the weekend of 12th/13th March, the Midland Area Brass Band Championships took place in Bedworth, Warwickshire. Rushden Town Band, who are based at the Working Men's Club, Griffith Street, Rushden travelled to take part in the Second Section. Playing a piece called The Mermaid of Zennor, 12 bands battled it out for the top spots.

Rushden Town Band had recently achieved a first place in the Loughborough Contest and a third place at the recent Butlins Championships and were hoping to gain a place in the top half in order to gain promotion to the first section. After being drawn 12th to play, the band had to wait a few hours before performing. Nonetheless,

this didn't deter them and they played extremely well. A banding website commented: 'A performance of real stature'. One of the adjudicators remarked: '[A] musical and committed performance.'

When the results were announced, Rushden Town Band gained a fantastic third place. This means that in January 2017, the band will be promoted to the First Section in the banding world. This is the first time in the band's history that they have ever been in the First Section so they are really looking forward to it.

The band's next engagement is at The Rushden Mayor's St George's Day Concert at St Peter's Church, Rushden on 23rd April.

Grand opening planned for school sports centre



Pitsford School's brand new £2 million Sports Centre will be officially opened by Colin Jackson, World Champion Athlete, on Friday 29th April.

Jackson is an Olympic Silver Medalist, double World Champion, World Record Holder, 110-metre hurdler and star of Strictly Come Dancing!

Large enough to hold four, full-sized badminton courts, plus a fully-equipped cardiovascular fitness suite, café area and changing facilities,

the Sports Centre will also offer a wide choice of sports facilities including volleyball, badminton and 5-a-side football. The Sports Centre has panoramic views across the School's 26 acres of parkland and sports fields.

To celebrate the Sports Centre's grand opening, Pitsford School will be holding a 24-hour Cyclothon with pupils competing against members of staff in addition to hosting a Senior School Mini Olympics raising funds

for Sports Relief.

This is the second major building project that Pitsford School has undertaken in the last five years as, in 2012, a multi-million pound Junior School building was completed.

Located just four miles from the centre of Northampton, Pitsford School is a high-achieving co-educational day school for children aged 4-18 where opportunity, excellence and understanding are always on the timetable.

Oundle Festival of Music and Drama 2016

A competitive festival has taken place in Oundle in the spring since 1909, except during the wars. Entries have risen again for this, the 98th, Oundle Festival of Music and Drama, which will be held 13th-16th April.

Adult Speech and Drama returns to the Cecil Lewis Room on Wednesday evening. Competitors in this session provide a good evening's entertainment, whilst competing and often securing the highest marks of the festival.

Instrumental classes take centre stage in the Great Hall on Thursday, whilst Junior Drama fills the Queen Victoria Hall. Young performers learn much from the professional adjudicators and the experience of performing to a new audience. Entrance to any session costs £1 with accompanied children free – a small contribution towards the costs of the Festival.

Audience seating in the Great Hall balcony will fill fast on Friday morning and afternoon for the school

choirs and group speaking. Primary school choirs have been a feature of the Festival since the first Festival. Now it is not just choirs from Oundle and the surrounding villages but also from schools in Uppingham, Stamford, Bourne, Kettering and Peterborough too.

On Saturday, choirs and barbershop choruses from Northampton to Louth compete in Oundle School Chapel, whilst in St Peter's Church adult vocalists perform songs of many genres – from Music Hall to

operatic arias.

Who will follow Ellen Porter, 2014, and Reuben Goldmark, 2015 to win the coveted title of Oundle Young Musician 2016? This competition is part of the concert on Saturday 16th April, 7pm, in St Peter's Church which celebrates the achievements of participants both young and old from the four days of the festival. Oundle Young Singer 2016 and the recipients of the Oundle Town Council prizes for Speech and Drama will also feature in the line-up.



Wednesday 13th April to Saturday 16th April
Concert tickets £6 (£2 child) from Oundle Box Office, 4 New Street, Oundle and online at www.oundlefestival.org.uk

East Northamptonshire Farmers' Markets

Higham Ferrers Farmers' Markets

Higham Ferrers Farmers' Market is held in the historic Market Square between 9am and 1pm on the last Saturday of each month, except in December when it is moved to the last available Saturday before Christmas.

Our Farmers' Market is accredited to the FARMA association and is a very successful monthly market, with over 20 stalls each offering something different.

The produce varies from Aberdeen Angus beef, organic eggs and vegetables, to Italian peppers, organic pork and lamb, free range poultry, pork in all its forms in addition to pickles, pies, fresh fish, cupcakes, olives, baklava, fruit and honey, preserves, traditional bread, plants and cheese.

When you visit the market you are able to purchase fresh produce direct from

the stallholders and ask any questions with regards to the provenance. They are always willing to offer you their advice and even some recipes.

The FARMA association visits and inspects the market to ensure it complies with a strict set of rules and to ensure that all the stallholders are operating within the rules.

We regularly provide extra activities such as our Annual Free Raffle, our Birthday in April and Father Christmas joins us along with a brass band in December.

Oundle Farmers Markets

Oundle Farmers' Market is on the 2nd Saturday

of every month. 8.30am-1.30pm. We are a well-established Farmers' Market covering meats, bread, vegetables, cakes, fruits, fish, plants and street food. You can buy the ingredients to cook a scrummy meal all with fresh local produce, and take home a plant or two. Let your senses be overwhelmed with all smells and sights.

It is set in our beautiful Market Place and provides a happy bustling morning in a lovely atmosphere. Please visit one of our coffee shops inbetween buying your delicious food. Come and have an enjoyable morning with us here.



The Farmers' Market

2nd Saturday of the month, 8.30am-1.30pm
Market Place, Oundle
Free parking throughout the town.

2016 dates:

9th April, 7th May, 11th June, 9th July,
13th August, 10th September, 8th October,
12th November & 10th December

Stalls include:

Fresh fish / Artisan bakery / Vegetables
Goat milk ice cream / Sausages
Plants / Fresh lamb



Tel: 01832 272055
email: hanneke@oundle.gov.uk



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www.thrapstonfarmersmarket.moonfruit.com



Dates for 2016...

JANUARY	30th	JULY	30th
FEBRUARY	27th	AUGUST	27th
MARCH	26th	SEPTEMBER	24th
APRIL	30th	OCTOBER	29th
MAY	28th	NOVEMBER	26th
JUNE	25th	DECEMBER	17th

Award winning, local, fresh produce

Open: 9am - 1pm
Market Square, Higham Ferrers, NN10 8BT
Tel: 01933 312075

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The Name You Can Trust

**Sunday 27th March
All Age Service for
Easter Day**

Whitefriars Church,
Whitefriars Junior School,
Boughton Drive, Rushden
NN10 9HX
10.15am
Chris Youngman 01933
551769
An informal church service.

**All Age Family Service –
Easter Sunday**

Thrapston Baptist Church
10.30am
Preacher: Mat Hussain

**Event Easter Family
Communion**

St Peter's Church, Newton
Bromswold
10am
Helen Lines 01933 315864
All welcome

**Easter Recitals, Holy
Communion and Easter
Service**

The Heritage Chapel and
Halls, Park Road, Rushden
NN10 0RW
9am–10.30am
Easter Service led by
Tony Garrard – 'teacher
to preacher', all welcome,
refreshments.

**Sunday 27th &
Monday 28th March
Easter Specials**

Rushden Station, Rushden
NN10 0AW
1st train – 11am / Last train
4pm
All Fares – £4 (Children
accompanied by an adult will
receive an Easter Egg).
www.rhts.co.uk
Arts & Crafts, Easter Egg
Hunt, buffet car refreshments,
real ale bar.

**Monday 28th March
Southwick Hall Open Day**

Southwick Hall, Southwick,
Peterborough PE8 5BL
2pm–5pm (last admission
4.30pm)
Adults £8, Child £3.50
Tel: 01832 274064 /
southwickhall@hotmail.co.uk
Medieval/Elizabethan manor
house open. Family, archive
and local life exhibitions.
Grounds and refreshments.

**15th Annual Stanwick
Easter Road Races**

10K – £11 attached; £13
unattached
2K Junior Run – £4
10K start time 10.30am (Field
limit 400)
2K Junior Run 10.35am (Field
limit 150)
Online entries now open
10K – No entries on the day!
2K Junior Run – Online entry
and entries on day subject to
availability.
www.stanwickraces.co.uk
Reserve your place now to
avoid disappointment.

**Tuesday 29th March
Coffee Morning**

Thrapston Baptist Church
10am–12noon
Quality hot drinks,
homemade cake and a chat.
Free admission – donation
suggested.

**Wednesday 30th March
Bridge of Grace Food
Bank**

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

**Thursday 31st March
Discovery Walks:
Woodford, Denford and
Ringstead**

Meet Woodford Church, 2pm
£1.50
Tel: 01780 782747
5-mile walk

**NAFAS Flower
Demonstration by Emma
Remington**

Full Gospel Church Hall, 60
High Street South NN10 0QX
7pm for 7.30pm start
New Members and Visitors £6
very welcome, Membership
£30/yr
'As We Go Down to the
Woods'. Raffle of designs,
refreshments.

**Friday 1st April
Whitefriars Church
Retirees' Group: the
Chadwick Twins – Two
Years On**

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

**Saturday 2nd April
Oundle Strollers**

Leave Fletton House,
Glaphthorn Road, Oundle
12.30pm
Walk starts 1pm, Tickencote
Church
Tel: 01832 274095
Grid Ref. 990/095. Explorer
234, 7.5 miles. Leader John
Vever.

**Sunday 3rd April
Churches Together Service
at St James'**

St James's Parish Church
10.30am
Preacher: Chad Chadwick
Thrapston Baptist church
joins with the other Thrapston
churches for a joint Family
Service.

First Sunday Event

Rushden Salvation Army,
Church Street, Rushden
6pm, Refreshments at 5pm
Admission Free
Visit of Milton Keynes Songster
Brigade (Choir)

**Higham Ferrers Footpath
Group**

Saffron Road car park,
Higham Ferrers for car sharing
9.20am
Admission free
Tel: 01933 356049
9.5 mile walk from Turvey.

**Tuesday 5th April
Coffee Morning**

Thrapston Baptist Church
10am–12noon
Free admission – donation
suggested
Quality hot drinks, homemade
cake and a chat.

**Wednesday 6th April
'Canons Ashby – a Labour
of Love' – Lecture by Chris
Smith**

Great Addington Memorial Hall
(opposite The Church) NN14
4BS
7.45pm
Members Free, Occasional
Members only £2 (includes
coffee!) Monthly Speaker
Meetings or Outings usually
on the first Wednesday. A very
friendly club.

**The Carnation and Pinks
in Art and Culture**

Methodist Church Hall,
Drummingwell Lane, Oundle
PE8 4AA
7.45pm
£2 patrons, £3 visitors
Tel: 01832 272623
An entertaining talk by
Dr. Twigs Way, free light
refreshments, all welcome.

**Thursday 7th April
Oundle Cinema: The Lady
in the Van (12A)**

Stahl Theatre, West Street,
Oundle Peterborough PE8
4EJ
7.45pm
Admission £5/£3 under 18s
Tel: 01832 274734
www.oundlefestival.org.uk,
information@oundlefestival.org.uk
True story of Mary Shepherd
who for 15 years lived in a
Bedford van. She could have
become a pianist, so what
happened to her?

**Lecture by Mike Frost,
Astronomical Historian**

Sudborough Village Hall,
Main Street, Sudborough,
Kettering NN14 3BX
8pm
£3 per person including tea/
coffee and biscuits.
Visitors and Members
welcome.
Steve Williams 01933 650331
or email chilternastro@yahoo.co.uk
or Mrs Peta Jellis on
01933 356914 or email
pej@petaj26.me.uk
'Drawing the Line' – How
did astronomy enable the
construction of the Mason &
Dixon railway line in America?

**Friday 8th April
Film: Mr Holmes (PG)**

Ringstead Village Social Club
Doors open 7.30pm film starts
7.45pm
Tickets £5
Tel: 01933 460373
Helped by his housekeeper's
young son, Sherlock Holmes
recalls the details of his last
case.

**Saturday 9th April
Raunds Town Garage
Sale/Trail**

Numerous locations around
Raunds
8am onwards
Trail maps £1 at Raunds Post
Office and the Community
Centre (opposite SPAR) from
Thursday 7th.
Anne 01933 623389
Why not open your garage/
driveway, sell your goods
and keep the money. £5 to
be on the map. See www.raundscommunitycentre.co.uk

April Organ Spectacular

St Mary's Parish Church
7.30pm
Tickets £10
Available from Tony Edwards
01933 276433, Robert Tucker
01933 313633, Higham
Newsagents Market Square
or on the door. Organ Recital
by Claudia Grinnell, Senior
Organ Scholar Peterhouse
Cambridge. Includes wine
and refreshments.

**Islip Bowls Club Jumble
Sale**

Islip Village Hall
2pm
Admission 20p per person
Jumble, Bric-a-brac, Tombola,
Raffle and Cake Stall.

**Coffee Morning in aid of
Bowel Cancer Awareness
Week**

St Peter's Church Hall,
Midland Road, Rushden
NN10 9UJ
10am–12noon
Some stalls still available.
Contact Sally Morton 01933
356006 or s.m.1234@live.co.uk

Signs of Spring

Irthlingborough Lakes and
Meadows Nature Reserve
10.30am–12.30pm
Admission £2.50/person,
£6/family
Tel: 01604 405285, louise.tuffin@wildlifebcn.org
Join us to discover signs of
spring through a nature trail,
games and crafts!

**End of the Pier Show 2016
with compere David Wicks**

The Heritage Chapel and
Halls, Park Road, Rushden
NN10 0RW
7.30pm
Admission £5, you are
welcome to bring your own
drinks and food, refreshments
available
Cheryl for tickets 07759
948532, table bookings
welcome
Return of the popular show,
speciality acts include
4 organists, dancers,
professional singers, magic &
UV sequence.

**Saturday 9th &
Sunday 10th April
Mixed Traction Weekend**

Rushden Station, Rushden
NN10 0AW
Sat 10am–5pm Sun
11am–4pm
Rover Ticket – £10, Adults £4,
Children £2
www.rhts.co.uk
Mix of steam and diesel trains.
Sat only – bus service from
Wellingborough Station.

Sunday 10th April

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

**Whitefriars Church,
Rushden, Countryside
Walk – Outdoors through
Odell**

Harold and Odell Country
Park – overflow car park
(MK43 7DS)
10.30am
Andrew Presland 01933
316927
A walk through fields and
woodland near Odell.

**Morning Service with
Communion**

Thrapston Baptist Church
10.30am
Preacher: Mat Hussain
Extravagant generosity. Acts
4:32–37.

**Throughout April
Big Bluebell Events**

Susan 01933 461480,
susanthewalker@hotmail.com
Various explorations via bus,
car, walking and cycling.
Unique map books to buy.
Suitable for everyone. Book
in advance, and join in.

**Every Monday, Friday
& Saturday (Term Time
Only)**

**Otters Swim School
Lessons**
Oundle School Swimming
Pool, Milton Road Oundle
Mondays 3.55pm–6.10pm,
Fridays 3.55pm–6.10pm,
Saturdays 8.30am–12noon
Booked in advance as a
block (£5.50 per lesson)
Tel: 01832 277208/277195
Our experienced teachers
provide lessons that begin
with water confidence and
skills development, leading
on to stroke technique and
stamina. Swimmers attend
an assessment to ensure
they are placed in the
correct level.

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
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
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
All levels welcome. Come
and give us a try, it's free.

Wesley Centre Art Class

Irthlingborough Methodist
Church
2pm–4pm Monday
01933 624847
Experienced teacher, all
abilities welcome.

**Aqua Aerobic Classes
(Term Time Only)**

Oundle School Swimming
Pool, Milton Road, Oundle
8.45am–9.30am
Admission: £25 for 5
sessions,
Tel: 01832 277208 / 277195
Low-impact shallow water
sessions that are great for
improved flexibility, mobility
and fitness. Membership is
not required.

**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.

**Every Second Monday
(except January & August)**

**Thrapston & District Royal
British Legion Branch
Meeting**
The Thrapston Centre, High
Street, Thrapston
7.30pm
Veronica McCurdy 01832
735206
No fee, all welcome.

**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 Other Monday
until 25th April**

Baggypants Yoga
Studio 2, Pemberton Centre,
HE Bates Way, Rushden
10am–11am
Tel: 01933 382837 or
07873743256 email: Carole.wyatt@virginmedia.com
£5 per session, no block
booking commitment.



Gentle yoga movements and stretches to start your week refreshed and relaxed. Perfect for beginners.

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.

Royston Mission Training Band

Mission Church, Wellingborough Road, Rushden
7.30pm-8.45pm
Tel: Mr Boddington 01933 664628
The Royston Mission Training Band invite any young brass players grade 1 standard and above to their weekly practise.

First Tuesday of Every month Great Companions

Rushden Bowls Club, Northampton Road
7pm-9pm
Yearly Membership £6
Pat Bazeley 07931 964360
Social club for single people (55+). We arrange trips, dinners, dances and other social events.

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

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
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
Dog training classes following the KC Good Citizen Scheme and Ringcraft. New members always welcome.

Rainbow Cafe for Tots

(aimed at up to age 5 and their adults)
Stanwick Lakes
10.30am-12noon
£2 per child - normal car park charges apply.
01933 625522
www.stanwicklakes.org.uk
Make new and exciting crafts then join Lisa from Music and Movement to play, sing and dance.

Club Night

Apehorpe 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.

Art & Craft Class

Oundle Rural Mind
1 Herne Park, East Road, Oundle PE8 4BZ
01933 411191
Irene Issitt - Manager 01832 275020
Friendly group - all abilities welcome. Oundle Rural Mind

helps those suffering with mental health problems.

Inflatable Fun Session (Times May Vary During School Holidays)

Oundle School Swimming Pool, Milton Road Oundle
5pm-6pm
Admission: £3 Adult & £2.25 Child
Tel: 01832 277208 / 277195
Race friends or family over our amazing 15m long inflatable obstacle course of walls, columns and slides. Membership is required to attend.

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.

The Silverfox Turners Club

Dale End Scout Headquarters, Croyland Road, Wellingborough
10am-1pm
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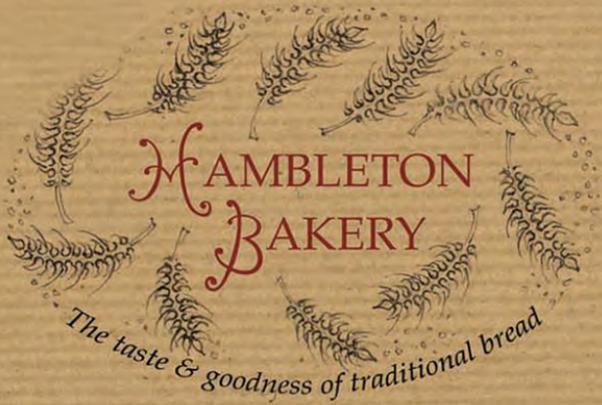
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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14
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(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council intend, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of Back Lane, Ringstead as set out below.
LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Back Lane, Ringstead from Burnell Close to Peacock Drive.
REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during new gas connection.
PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 18th April 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 four days.
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 PKG/T16/129
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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14
THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (BENEFIELD ROAD, DEENETHORPE)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016
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REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during repairs to leaking service.
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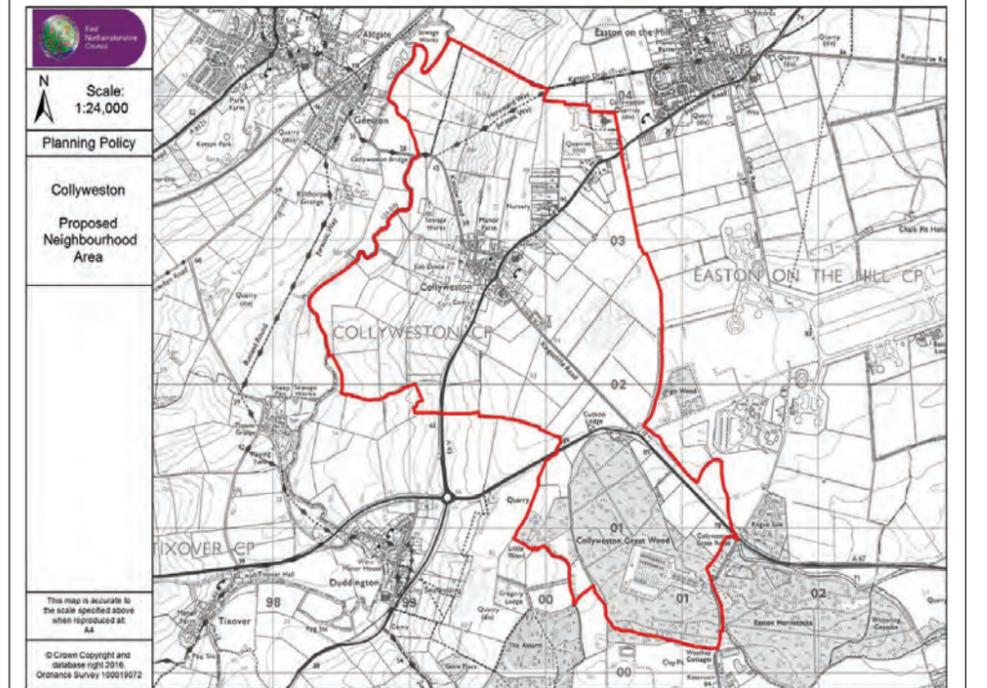
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DESIGNATION OF NEIGHBOURHOOD AREAS

Notice is given that an application has been made by Collyweston Parish Council to designate the entire Parish of Collyweston as a Neighbourhood Area, under Section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and Regulation 5 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, as amended ("the Regulations").
 This will enable the Parish Council to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan for their parish. The Neighbourhood Plan would need to conform to strategic policies within the adopted Local Plan, which consists of:
 • North Northamptonshire Core Spatial Strategy (adopted June 2008); and
 • Rural North, Oundle and Thrapston Plan (adopted July 2011; incorporating saved policies from the 1996 District Local Plan).
 Most strategic policies from the adopted Local Plan are due to be replaced by the North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy (JCS) 2011-2031 during 2016.



In accordance with Regulation 6, the proposed boundary is now advertised for comments as to whether there is any reason why East Northamptonshire Council should not make the designation. Further information can be found on the Council's website under the consultation pages at the following link: www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/consultation

Copies of the relevant documentation will be available to view at the following locations, between **Thursday, 24 March** and **Monday, 25 April 2016** inclusive:

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Any comments concerning the proposed neighbourhood planning boundary should be made, in writing, to: Planning Policy and Conservation, East Northamptonshire Council, Cedar Drive, Thrapston, Kettering, NN14 4LZ; or by email to planningpolicy@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk no later than **4pm on Monday, 25 April 2016**.

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Chess Corner



By Derrick Sims

A very busy couple of weeks saw Rushden taking part in three league matches.

Rushden A were missing top man Hugh Murphy, leaving James Gardner to contest board 1 against talented blind player Chris Ross. James decided that attack was the best form of defence and led with a bayonet attack that Chris managed to dodge. It wasn't long before Chris went a pawn up and never looked back. Nik Puryer found himself facing Chess Mates' Andrzej Sosnowski in what promised to be a challenging game. It was looking evenly matched until Andrzej managed to manoeuvre his King in defence of a rapidly advancing pawn leaving Nik to ponder what might have been.

With Rushden two games in deficit it was up to Captain Alan Lewis to stem the Chess Mates' tide. Alan was up against Jęfta Jawi on board 3 in a game that ran out of options with a draw finally being agreed. This left Rushden needing to win on boards 4 and 5 to salvage a point from the match. Any hopes were finally dashed when Keith Bristow lost to Dave Curran on board 5. Dave snatched the initiative early on and the continuous pressure led to a Knight fork on Keith's Rooks and King. The loss of a Rook piled on more pressure and with an impending Mate on the horizon Keith threw in the towel and the match.

With all hope gone, Saj Ganger was left fighting for a consolation win against Junior Champion, Eva Ressel. Saj countered Eva's French attack with some solid defensive play that finally paid off with a pawn advantage in the endgame. This was the final nail in the

coffin for Eva who was unable to prevent Saj's pawn advance and resigned. Saj has now been undefeated in his last five games.

Northants SKL Division I Match Monday 14th March

Rushden A 1½ - 3½ Chess Mates A

Bd1: James Gardner (159) 0-1 Chris Ross (197)
Bd2: Nik Puryer (139) 0-1 Andrzej Sosnowski (U)
Bd3: Alan Lewis (131) ½ Jęfta Jawi (U)
Bd4: Saj Ganger (128) 1-0 Eva Ressel (137)
Bd5: Keith Bristow (118) 0-1 Dave Curran (117)

As usual in League I, Rushden's B team were up against superior opposition, although the end result doesn't tell the whole story of the evening. Richard Ellis was heavily outranked by Corby's Robert Taylor but still managed to get himself into a good position until disaster befell him. In Richard's own words he made a schoolboy error in getting his Queen pinned, thus gifting the game to Robert. Phil Campbell performed well against the very experienced John Sawiak but finally lost it in the endgame when his Bishop and four pawns were no match against John's Rook and four pawns. Stand-in Tom Murts had a baptism of fire against Michael McColgan, who wiped the floor and ceiling with the poor unfortunate Tom. Jeff Owen seemed happy to settle for a draw and avoid a whitewash.

Northants SKL Division I Match Thursday 10th March Corby 4½ - ½ Rushden B

Bd1: Robert Taylor (172) 1-0 Richard Ellis (U)
Bd2: John Hart (159) 1-0 Bob Ellam (108)
Bd3: John Sawiak (121) 1-0 Phil Campbell (102)
Bd4: Tony Blott (112) ½ Jeff Owen (102)
Bd5: Michael McColgan (94) 1-0 Tom Murts (61)

Rushden C took on League leaders, Kettering B in a game likely to turn into a bloodbath. This looked especially so as Tom Murts came under the knife when James Brutus launched a withering attack, particularly apt on the eve of the ides of March! Plucky youngster Fortis Diksas was gently beaten by Kettering old hand Keith Ball in his inaugural game for the team, in a game that will serve him well in his chess education.

Yours truly found himself thoroughly out-graded by Chris Keech and then went on to make a poor start with a Bishop/Rook exchange. Following this error I managed to build a strong position that seemed to be causing Chris some angst; this became obvious as his clock started rapidly winding down in a game that should have been a cakewalk for him. In the end the Kettering man's calm experience proved decisive against my courageous attack and with the imminent loss of my other Rook I was left with no choice but to fall on my own sword.

Eddie Francolini gave Steve Walpole a tough game that belied the grade difference between the two players but once again brains beat brawn. This just left James Wicks fighting for his life against his bogeyman, Graham Arch. Once again Graham proved victorious against the always hopeful James

who will no doubt continue to hone his play ready for the next encounter. Despite all the heroics in the room, all that Rushden came away with was a whitewash.

Northants SKL Division II Match Monday 14th March

Rushden C 0-5 Kettering B

Bd1: Tom Murts (61) 0-1 James Brutus (149)
Bd2: James Wicks (68) 0-1 Graham Arch (144)
Bd3: Derrick Sims (44) 0-1 Chris Keech (153)
Bd4: Eddie Francolini (37) 0-1 Steve Walpole (130)
Bd5: Fortis Diksas (U) 0-1 Keith Ball (124)

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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