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Conservation at Ashton – have your say

Residents are invited to have their say on conservation proposals affecting Ashton.

East Northamptonshire Council is considering an extension to the Ashton Conservation Area, with an additional conservation area proposed for Ashton Wold, which is located to the east of the historic model village.

Consultation will run until 23rd May. The draft conservation area maps and conservation area appraisal and management plan can be viewed at www.eastnorthamptonshire.gov.uk/consultations

New life for Drill Hall

Rutland County Homes is a local established building company that took on the project of converting the Drill Hall, within a conservation area in Oundle, into apartments.

The original buildings have been fully refurbished and extended to create eight elegant apartments set over three floors, offering superbly appointed accommodation.

For information on Rutland County Homes' latest projects please refer to the website. Rutland-county-homes.co.uk

Museum celebrates 10 years

This year Rushden Museum is celebrating its 10th anniversary, having first opened to the public in 2006. It will open on Saturday 7th May, and will once more focus its attention on First World War history.

Since that time the Museum has received many awards and after an extension in 2009, in The Old Stable Block at Rushden Hall, they have been able to host more

exhibitions and displays. A plaque to commemorate the completion of the extension, and Rushden Museum founder member Mrs Susan Hollowell was also unveiled.

The number of visitors has increased each year and local schools have also taken part in displays and tours.

This year the Museum will again

be concentrating on World War One and the year 1916. The main display will be a field hospital from the Somme and the Museum is seeking items relating to hospitals of that period. If you have any items that could be used in this display, the committee would be pleased to hear from you. Also there will be more on show, including a display of shops and buildings in Church Street, an ironmongers and much more.

Also, if you are a private collector and have a collection relating to this year and feel you would like to put some or all of it on display, the Museum would like to hear from you.

The Museum will be holding events throughout the year for members. The new President from February for 2016–2018 is Mr Clive Wood.

The committee would like to thank Mr John Harley, who is the retiring president, for all his hard work.

The committee is always looking for volunteers and new members either to help set up displays and/or when the museum opens. If you feel you could help for a couple of hours per month and also learn more about the town in which you live, please contact Mrs Gill Hollis on 01933 314787.

The committee would also like to thank everyone who has been involved in the Museum over the past 10 years for all their hard work.



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Dear Editor,
Noise Complaint:
I have been noticing these past few weeks

that loud motorbikes have been causing lots of noise and hassle around my home on the Barrington estate in Rushden (off Bedford Road). I will only speak for myself but I know others have the same problem, not just near me, on the same estate, but in other parts of the town.

They are definitely disturbing my peace. They do laps all around the estate all day

long and even into the night, every weekend and a few weeknights, and occasionally stop to loiter outside people's houses revving the loud engines.

So I would like to request these motorbike people stop and find an appropriate place elsewhere. Residential areas are not for the recreational use of these types of vehicle; not least because one should not go more than

5-10mph anywhere in a residential area, and especially not when these vehicles cause such a loud, obnoxious sound from engines that I'm sure aren't even legal. And they also pose a risk to all the little children and others who play around the area.

I hope this cordial request can be respected so that no further action will be necessary.

Thrapston Amateur Dramatic Society presents 'Party Piece'

Set in the back gardens of feuding neighbours, 'Party Piece' is a fast paced comedy. It is the night of Michael and Roma's fancy dress house-warming party. The evening looks set to be a lively one until a string of hilarious disasters strike, including a distinct lack of guests, a burning garden shed, a marauding Zimmer frame and the prospect of an irate husband on the prowl. Performances will take place from

Wednesday 13th April to Saturday 16th April 2016. Performances start at 7.45pm, doors open 7.15pm, at The Plaza, Cozy Nook, Thrapston NN14 4PS.

Tickets are £8 (concessions £6) Reserve your seat by calling the Box Office on 07543 321219 or booking online. Don't be disappointed by missing out, book now.

Genealogy jottings

Many of your ancestors as children, if you trace back far enough, never attended school and child labour was common. An Act in 1870 established school 'boards' that were responsible for building and managing schools where they were needed but it was not until the 1880 Education Act that school became compulsory for children between the ages of 5 and 10. However, until a change in the law in 1891, a fee had to be paid and many people could not afford this. Although School Boards could waive 'all or part of the school fees of any child whose parents were in poverty' and therefore fund the costs themselves, some children were still kept away from school, as earning money to help the family was more important at the time.

However, have you ever looked at school records as a way of finding out more about your ancestors? When searching through them you will see reference to named voluntary or private schools as well as the National Schools. It

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

is common to see attendance drop off in country areas during the Harvest!

In Kings Cliffe there was a private school run by the Misses Howes as early as 1815 and by 1837, a Mr William Berridge was in charge of his 'Classical, Mathematical and Commercial School' at Fotheringhay. This was still operational in 1841 and the census of that year lists 16 pupils – all boys, of course! This number had increased to 24 by 1851 but had dropped to six in 1861 when William was running the school from the Fotheringhay Manor House. It would be interesting to see if those school records still exist. If so, they would probably be at the Northampton Record Office, where many others may be found. However, some schools do have an Archivist, so it is always best to contact the school (if it is still in existence) first.

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Editor's notes

First, an apology for the error in the last Editor's Notes suggesting that we put the clocks back in the spring; of course they went forward, giving us the extra hour of daylight in the evenings. It's gratifying to know that some of you are reading these pieces and are noticing mistakes; unfortunately, it was too far away from 1st April for me to be able to claim a connection with April Fools' Day!

At the risk of becoming boring on the subject of the seasons, it always seems alarming that, having reached spring and with temperatures on the up, we are within such close reach

of the Summer Solstice and the longest day of the year. This year it's 20th June, after which it's all downhill to yet another winter. Still, that's 10 weeks away and there's so much to be done before then and so many opportunities to get out and about. One thing not to be missed is the local display of bluebells, be they homegrown, imports from Spain or hybrids!

Thinking of summer and holidays, the consensus seems to be that travel to foreign parts will be less popular this year and that the majority of those intent on a UK holiday will be aiming for Cornwall. The unpredictable nature of

our weather makes this an obvious risk but the prospect of getting there and back by car, particularly from this neck of the woods, makes the prospect pretty daunting despite the delights on offer. Perhaps we should think about exploring areas more close at hand.

Finally, don't forget that you need to register with the Electoral Services Team at East Northants Council, elections@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk or 01832 742119, by 18th April to vote in the 5th May elections for the Northamptonshire Police and Crime Commissioner and, if you live in Oundle, for your Town Councillors.

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'Outstanding' Ofsted report for county pre-school



Staff and children at a small Northamptonshire pre-school are celebrating an outstanding report from Ofsted following their recent inspection. The charity run Addington's Pre-School, based at Great Addington Memorial Hall, was praised for helping youngsters make the "best progress they can" and for its staff who "work tirelessly to support each child and their family."

Pre-school manager Julie Kirk said: "I am very proud of everyone involved with the pre-school and how hard they work. The outstanding report is acknowledgement of the enthusiasm and work of the staff, children, families and committee members."

The pre-school, which has been established for more than 20 years, is open 8.45am-12.15pm on Mondays and 8.45am-3.15pm Tuesday to Thursday during term times for funded and non-funded 2-4 year olds.

Parent Gilly Hall, whose daughter Daisy attends twice a week, said: "The pre-school is in a fabulous setting and has a great relationship within the village. All of the children seem to be extremely happy."

For further information please visit <https://www.facebook.com/The-Addingtons-Pre-School-656109881118698/?fref=ts> or call 07833 460544.

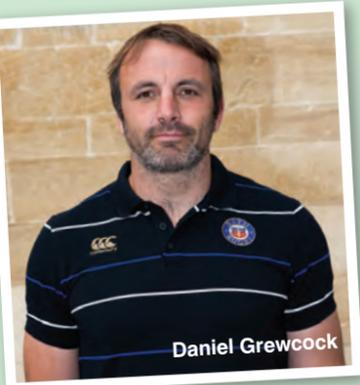
Oundle School appoints new Director of Sport

Oundle School is delighted to announce the appointment of Mr Daniel Grewcock as Director of Sport from the start of the next academic year. Mr Grewcock comes to Oundle from Bath Rugby Academy, where he has been Academy Director since 2011. Under his leadership the Academy has become very highly regarded for the way in which it nurtures young players and the importance given to their wider education and development.

Prior to joining the education sector, Mr Grewcock enjoyed a distinguished career as a professional rugby player, with Coventry, Saracens and then Bath. He has 69 England caps, was selected for two British Lions tours and was awarded the MBE for his services to rugby. He is married with a daughter and a son.

Mr Grewcock will take up the position of Director of Sport at Oundle as the school progresses to the next stage with its Sports MasterPlan. The Plan incorporates the building of a new Sports Centre housing a 50-metre swimming pool, an eight court sports hall, a high-quality fitness suite and dance studios. The current athletics track

will be relocated and there will also be the installation of two additional astroturf pitches (making a total of four), 10 natural grass and 10 artificial cricket nets, 12 netball and 12 tennis courts.



Mr Grewcock said: "I am looking forward to the new challenge that Oundle has to offer with its well-established programme and considerable investment in facilities. I will be ensuring that sport continues to be an exciting, enjoyable and vital part of the balanced programme. I have had an unbelievable time at Bath - both as a player and in the role of Academy Director and have learnt a great deal over the last five years, worked with some fantastic people, and it is with a heavy heart that I

am leaving. I feel strongly about helping develop young athletes, and am thankful that I have the opportunity to continue doing this at Oundle."

The appointment of Mr Grewcock as Director of Sport and the significant development of Sports facilities demonstrates the importance of Sport at Oundle. In undertaking the role, Mr Grewcock will lead in all aspects of both traditional team and individual sports, ensuring that Oundle pupils develop healthy lifestyles and that they succeed personally in their chosen sporting direction. Working alongside the Director of Sport as Assistant Director of Sport and Head of PE will be Richard Finch. Richard is currently Director of Sport at Harrow International in Hong Kong, and was previously Head of Physical Education at St Benedict's Ealing.

The Head, Sarah Kerr-Dineen said: "We are delighted that Mr Grewcock and his family will be joining the Oundle community in September. He brings with him a wealth of experience of sport and a profound commitment to the place of sport in the education of all children and young people."

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The 15th Annual Raunds Music Festival

Thursday 28th April to Sunday 1st May.
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The music gets off to a great start on Thursday evening from 8pm at the World Upside Down Public House, when Tautas Rokas and Ock'n'Dough, host the warm-up Song 'n'Tune session. A FREE evening for everyone, whether you sing, play an instrument or compose. An event to get you in the festival spirit.

On Friday 29th April the Festival's Ceilidh in the Saxon Hall will feature the world premiere of the Ock'n'Roks Big Band. A belter of a night for all to enjoy. The combination of a Cajun band and a Rock Ceilidh band will undoubtedly get you up and dancing.

In the middle of the evening you will be allowed to catch your breath while enjoying the 25-strong Raunds Ukelele Orchestra who will be playing many old favourite tunes. An evening guaranteed to make you

happy. Adults £10 Young person £1.

On Saturday 30th April from 10am to 12noon Raunds Square will be filled with Community Stalls and visitors will be entertained by traditional dancing from the Moulton Morris Dancers, Ladies Clog and pupils from Burton based Dance and Performing Arts School.

At 1pm in the Saxon Hall the whole family can enjoy a theatrical presentation by Jaybird Productions, of 'The Owl and the Pussycat'. Adults £5, YP £1.

Then from 3.30pm a concert you will not want to miss, with Gilmore and Roberts. Twice nominees for the BBC Folk Awards, they are known for their dynamic live shows along with their prizewinning songs, playing guitar, fiddle and mandolin. They are supported by Canter Semper, an acoustic trio from South Manchester, giving us a mix of folk, soul and jazz with spellbinding

harmonies. Adults £6, YP £1.

The Saturday Night Special in the Saxon Hall features The Rosellys, a 5-piece Americana style band from Bristol with a second home in San Antonio, Texas. They are supported by the Festival's second duo, Ciaran Algar & Greg Russell. They are two-time BBC2 Folk Award Winners and have played festivals such as Cambridge Folk Festival and Cropredy Convention. Adults £18, YP £1.

To wind down after the night before head down to the World Upside Down from 12noon til 3pm for the Lunchtime Song'n'Tune session.

Relax with good music, food and drink with Tautas Rokas and Ock'n'Dough hosting another FREE get together for all you musicians and writers and those of you who just want to chill out and listen.

At the Saxon Hall, from

12.30pm, this is your chance to sit in comfort with tea and cake, while listening to two local music ensembles, Raunds Community Choir and Raunds Temperance Band, returning triumphantly once again to the festival stage. Adults £5, YP £1.

A change of mood in the Saxon Hall from 4pm. Get ready for a little bit of comedy featuring the endearing talents of Keith Donnelly, he's a master storyteller, as well as an original stand-up comic and accomplished singer-songwriter/guitarist.

He is supported by Sweet FA, who have honed their skills as comic songsters and combining sketches a la Flanders & Swann. Come and be swept off your feet with laughter. Adults £8, YP £1.

The Festival's Grand Finale Concert in the Saxon Hall from 8pm features none other than Nancy Kerr and James Fagan. The duo are much loved for their vocals along with the precision of their multi-instrumental skills. Multiple BBC Radio2 Folk Award winners, they are past Raunds Festival favourites and will guarantee you an unforgettable end-of-Festival experience.

They will be ably supported by The Rachel Hamer Band, hailing from

Whitley Bay. They have skilfully reinvented traditional songs and brought them into the 21st Century, using their unique style of singing and arranging to create a mesmerising fresh sound. Adults £18, YP £1.

The organisers wish to acknowledge the support they receive from their sponsors and partners: Raunds Town Council,

local councillors, East Northamptonshire Council, Northamptonshire County Council, Raunds Hardware & Pet Supplies, A&R Print Solutions and Krumbs.

Festival food and drink will be provided by 'Krumbs' and Norty's Real Ale Bar and there a range of cafes, restaurants, pubs and takeaways close to the festival venues.



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Tributes paid at dance contest

Titchmarsh Folk Dance Club recently held another special evening in memory of

Margaret Chance, a long-serving member who tragically died in a road accident three years ago.

Members were invited to compose a traditional-style dance and submit their entries for judging by everyone who attended. Nine entries in a variety of formations were submitted and danced, and it was agreed that all were of a very high standard.

After voting, John Green was declared the winner, with Gill Tuke a very close runner-up. John is pictured receiving the trophy from club president George Hearndon. The club meets in Titchmarsh every Monday at 8pm for fun and dancing with a break for tea or coffee, and new members are always welcome.



See <https://sites.google.com/site/titchmarshfolkdanceclub/> for more details.



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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

16/00048/FUL (30/04/2016) (LB/CA) To erect a four car tandem garage on an existing footprint and of timber construction at West Lodge Ashton Wold Ashton PE8 5LD

Benefield

16/00424/FUL (30/04/2016) (LB/CA) Two storey side extension at 20-21 Main Street Upper Benefield

Bulwick

16/00248/FUL (30/04/2016) (LB/CA) Demolish current cart barn and lean to shed, extend post and rail fence to enclose boundary and erect single storey dual pitched roof wooden annexe/hobby room at Highgate House Main Street Bulwick NN17 3DY

Collyweston

16/00474/FUL (23/04/2016) (Info) Demolition of existing conservatory; erection of two storey rear extension; infill of two ground floor windows to south elevation and opening to form new French door at 3 High Street Collyweston PE9 3PW

16/00475/LBC (30/04/2016) (LBRegs)

Demolition of existing conservatory; removal of dormer window to the east elevation and the right hand dormer on the south elevation with the removal of the roof associated to each dormer; erection of two storey rear extension; infill of two ground floor windows to south elevation and opening to form new French door; and replace beam in living area at 3 High Street Collyweston

Easton-on-the-Hill

16/00516/VAR (23/04/2016) (Info) Variation of condition 19 to include a sun room

to the rear elevation pursuant to application 13/01784/FUL: Three bedroom two storey house in the garden at 52 Westfields dated 23.01.14 at land adjacent 52 Westfields Easton On The Hill

Harringworth

16/00458/LBC (30/04/2016) (LBRegs) Remove existing stud partition wall (3730 long x 2420 high) to create open plan lounge/diner and open room to original layout at 22 Wakerley Road Harringworth NN17 3AH

Higham Ferrers

16/00457/FUL (23/04/2016) (Info) Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of a single storey/side extension at 54 Westfields Terrace Higham Ferrers NN10 8BA

Irthlingborough

16/00524/FUL (30/04/2016) (LB/CA) Conversion of existing Baptist Church and cottage into five new dwellings at Baptist Chapel Meeting Lane Irthlingborough

Islip

16/00434/FUL (30/04/2016) (LB/CA) Side extension to existing garage. New pitched roof to replace existing to form gym/workshop and storage at 4 Toll Bar Road Islip NN14 3LH

Lowick And Slipton

16/00472/FUL (23/04/2016) (Info) Construction of new single storey extension and minor alterations to existing summerhouse at The Old Rectory 27 Main Street Lowick NN14 3BH

Lutton

16/00506/FUL (23/04/2016) (Info) Retrospective application for replacement of existing hedge, fence and gate with timber fencing and gate at 2 The Old School Washingley Road Lutton PE8 5NE

Oundle

16/00476/FUL (23/04/2016) (Info) Amendment to surface water drainage network in association with application 15/01430/FUL at Oundle School Blackpot Lane Oundle PE8 4AT
16/00487/LBC (30/04/2016) (LB/CA) (LBRegs) Two safety lights to side and rear. Replacement roof to existing brick shed. New air brick to ground floor rear wall at 6 Benefield Road Oundle PE8 4ET

Raunds

16/00095/FUL (23/04/2016) (Info) One bedroom bungalow in the garden at land at 60 Thorpe Street Raunds
16/00375/FUL (23/04/2016) (Info) Erection of seven dwellings including formation of a new access and realignment of the highway at 9 North Street Raunds NN9 6HX
16/00503/FUL (23/04/2016) (Info) Removal of existing flat roof garage and erection of new masonry cavity wall flat roof with parapet upstand garage with toilet and utility to rear at 14 Gardner Close Raunds NN9 6HN
16/00543/VAR (23/04/2016) (Info) Variation of condition 2 - to attach to one unit rather than bridging the two pursuant to planning permission 14/02170/FUL dated 20.1.15 - Infill extension to link two warehouse units at M C O'Donnell Joinery Enterprise Road Raunds NN9 6JE

Ringstead

16/00528/OUT (23/04/2016) (Info) Outline application for residential development of two four bedroom detached dwellings primary access off Orchard Close (all matters reserved except access) at 30 Denford Road Ringstead NN14 4DF

Rushden

16/00038/FUL (23/04/2016) (Info) Extension to front elevation of property at 19 Abbots

Way Rushden NN10 9PL

16/00228/FUL (23/04/2016) (Info) Demolition of existing garage and single storey side extension at 4 Drayton Close Rushden NN10 9HY

16/00452/FUL (23/04/2016) (Info) Change of use from B8 warehouse to A1 retail at Unit 6 Brindley Close Rushden NN10 6EN

16/00469/OUT (23/04/2016) (Info) Outline application: Demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings: residential development of 9 dwellings; modification of access to offroad parking; and amenity space (all matters reserved except access and scale) at 3 Northampton Road Rushden NN10 6YA
16/00483/FUL (23/04/2016) (Info) To convert integral garage into living space at 4 The Forge Rushden NN10 0UF

16/00502/FUL (23/04/2016) (Info) Demolition of existing rear garage and erection of two storey front extension at 7 Silverdale Grove Rushden NN10 6UG

16/00505/FUL (23/04/2016) (Info) Existing garage to be converted into kitchen at 5 Carey Way Rushden NN10 0DZ

16/00509/FUL (23/04/2016) (Info) Proposed extension of commercial premises at No 52 and single storey extension to 52A and two storey rear extensions to 52B and 52C with rooms in roof to 52C - resubmission of 15/02252/FUL at 52 Station Road Rushden

16/00537/REM (23/04/2016) (Info) Reserved matters - Appearance, landscaping, layout and scale pursuant to planning permission 14/01286/OUT dated 25.2.15 - Demolition of existing garage/pool building and erection of single dwelling (outline application all matters reserved apart from access - resubmission of 14/00809/OUT at land adjacent 1A Foxwood Close Rushden
16/00538/FUL (23/04/2016) (Info) Two storey side extension at 112 Northampton Road Rushden NN10 6AL

16/00542/OUT (23/04/2016) (Info) Two detached dwellings at 258 Newton Road Rushden NN10 0SY

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Thrapston

16/00493/FUL (30/04/2016) (LB/CA) Change of use from offices to retail. No external or internal changes. Two ground floor window exist. Access from High Street and rear access from Market Road at 36 High Street Thrapston NN14 4JH
16/00529/FUL (23/04/2016) (Info) Proposed single storey rear extension at 40 Midland Road Thrapston NN14 4JR

Twywell

16/00500/FUL (30/04/2016) (LB/CA) Proposed bedroom extension on top of existing building with bedroom balcony decking at Field View High Street Twywell NN14 3AH

Woodford

16/00390/LBC (30/04/2016) (LBRegs) Internal and external alterations to the dwelling (full details given in the Schedule of Works) at 84 High Street Woodford NN14 4HF

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 9 April 2016

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

Everything you need to know about voting in the Northamptonshire Police and Crime Commissioner election on 5th May 2016

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Any British, Commonwealth, Irish or European Union citizen should be included on the register of electors and be able to vote. This includes:

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- All people aged 16 and 17 (you can only vote when 18)
- Anyone who will be working away from home for less than six months
- Overseas electors

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- People under 16 years old
- Members of HM Forces or their wives and husbands if they have made a Service Declaration
- Crown servants and British Council staff who are working abroad or their wives and husbands if they are also living abroad with their partners

Why register to vote?

If you are not on the register, you can't vote and won't have a say in who becomes Police and Crime Commissioner for Northamptonshire.

Being on the register is proof of your identity and is often used by credit reference agencies and mortgage companies. Not only will you not be able to have a say at future elections,

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Register to vote

You must be on the electoral register to vote. You can register online at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote. Or you can request a registration form by email elections@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk or by calling 01832 742119.

The different ways you can vote:

Voting at a polling station

You will receive a polling card with details of your polling station. Please check this carefully as your usual polling station may have changed. You can also check online at www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/inmyarea. Polling stations open from 7am-10pm on the day of the election.

Voting by post

You may now receive a postal vote on request. Please note that postal votes are normally sent out approximately one week before polling day. If you have applied for a postal vote before 17th March 2016, you will receive your poll card around Friday 15th April 2016.

The deadline for postal vote applications for these elections is Tuesday 19th April 2016. If you think you will need a postal vote for the forthcoming election, you can apply today, as long as you are registered to vote. To apply for postal voting visit www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/voting or call 01832 742119.

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Who is standing for election?

A notice has been published on the Council's website listing the candidates standing in the election in Northamptonshire.

Visit www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/councillors to find out who your current councillor is, their roles within the council and how to contact them.

Residents relish Fairtrade breakfasts

'Sit down for breakfast, stand up for farmers' was the message of this year's Fairtrade Fortnight (29th February – 13th March). And so hundreds of people in Oundle sat down to Fairtrade breakfasts during the fortnight, enjoying Fairtrade products ranging from tea, coffee and hot chocolate to bananas, blueberry muffins, muesli and marmalade.

Martin Luther King Jr famously said: 'Before you finish eating breakfast in the morning, you've depended on more than half the world'. But many of the farmers who produce our food can't earn

enough to feed themselves or their families. Fairtrade is one way to help address this, as it is the guarantee that farmers are paid a fair price for their labour, with an extra premium for the community to spend as they choose.

Fairtrade breakfasts (and afternoon teas) were held in venues as diverse as the Library, the Golf Club, the Hub at Fletton House, St Peter's Church and several of the town's cafes and coffee shops. Schools were involved too, with events at Oundle Primary School and Fairtrade breakfasts for the pupils in all the boarding

houses at Oundle School.

Eleanor Rayden, who chairs Oundle's Fairtrade Town Steering Group, was delighted with the response. She commented: "By choosing Fairtrade products we know we are changing lives. There has been growing awareness of Fairtrade in Oundle since it achieved Fairtrade Town status in 2007, and all these breakfasts will have increased the benefits brought to those who grow our food. And as one Oundle School pupil asked, 'If this was a good idea for a fortnight, why can't we do it all the time?'"

New volunteer-run diabetes support group starting in Oundle

Diabetes UK are launching the new support group, aimed at those people in the Oundle area with Type 2 diabetes.

The group also has the support of the Oundle Doctor's Practice, who are helping to promote the first meeting, to be held on Monday 18th April, 2.30pm-3.30pm at Fletton House, by publicising the event on screens in the local surgery.

This new group will be run by volunteers and after the meeting the group will be able to go downstairs to what is now a very popular

venue in Oundle, 'The Hub', for refreshments.

Everyone affected by Type 2 diabetes is welcome to go along to this meeting and have a say about what they would like from the group. They will provide regular opportunities for people of all ages to meet and offer peer support to people with Type 2 diabetes.

Barbara Palmer, lead volunteer of the group, said:

"I felt rather lost when I was first diagnosed. I was living alone and although I had close family to talk to, what I desperately needed was knowing someone else with diabetes. I realised that with the help of Diabetes UK, I could try and start a group in Oundle. The group will provide an opportunity for people to exchange their experiences and provide encouragement to each other."

Peter Shorrack, Midlands Regional Manager, said: "It is excellent news to see the launch of a diabetes support group in Oundle. It provides a great opportunity for people with diabetes

to share experiences, and to learn how to manage their condition more effectively from healthcare professionals who will be invited to speak."

Diabetes UK local groups offer people living with diabetes a chance to meet, share experiences and gain support from others with the condition. There are 4

million people with diabetes in the UK. 3.5 million have Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes, and around 550,000 more have Type 2 diabetes but don't know it yet.

To get further information about the group, please contact Barbara Palmer on 01823 274526 or email oundlediabetes@gmail.com

To find out more about diabetes and Diabetes UK please visit our website - www.diabetes.org.uk

Response to petition received by Oundle Town Council

Oundle Town Council received a petition recently which raised a question over the validity of positions of Councillors elected at the last ordinary elections to Oundle Town Council in May 2015, and the following advice has been received from the Returning Officer for East Northamptonshire, which clarifies the elected status of the current Town Councillors.

"The conduct of elections to town and parish councils is set out within the Local Elections (Parishes and Communities) (England and Wales) Rules 2006, enacted by the Secretary of State under section 36(2) of the Representation of the People Act 1983. The Local Government Act 1972 also provides a framework for the election of Councillors to parish councils, which is what Oundle Town Council is.

Within this statutory framework, there is no reference to the merits of a candidate elected unopposed or due to lack of candidates to

contest an election, as opposed to one subject to a vote. A candidate elected unopposed cannot be deemed unworthy of their elected status because others have failed to be nominated in the electoral process.

The law is quite clear that if someone is lawfully nominated to stand as a candidate for election and there are no other or insufficient candidates for a vote to be held, then they are elected. The manner of their election is irrelevant in terms of mandate, they have been legally and properly elected according to the statutory rules governing elections.

The assumption that a contested election must be held for a Councillor to have a mandate would mean that hundreds of Parish Councillors and the majority of Parish Councils in East Northamptonshire would have no mandate and we would be in a perpetual state of election. That would be a costly and unwanted scenario for the public, candidates and those administering elections."

Celebratory beacon will mark Queen's 90th birthday

With just a couple of weeks to go before Her Majesty the Queen celebrates her 90th birthday, Northamptonshire County Council has announced plans to light a congratulatory beacon on the special day, Thursday 21st April.

At an event hosted by Chairman of the County Council, Cllr Phil Larratt and HM Deputy Lord-Lieutenant of Northamptonshire, Sir John Robinson, the beacon will be one of more than 200 lit simultaneously throughout the UK.

People are invited to attend the celebrations at Wootton Community and Sports Centre, Curtlee Hill, Wootton, Northampton from 6.45pm on the day, before the beacon is lit at 7.30pm.

Cllr Larratt said: "Our country has a tradition of celebrating significant

Royal occasions with the lighting of beacons and I'm delighted that we're able to celebrate this momentous milestone of Her Majesty the Queen's 90th birthday in this way.

"There's something very special about being part of this chain of beacons across the country and overseas and it would be great to have as many people along as possible to join in this wonderful occasion."

As well as throughout the UK, beacons will also be lit in the Channel Islands, Isle of Man and UK Overseas Territories.

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Luddington Church awarded Heritage Lottery funding

St Margaret's Church in Luddington in the Brook, East Northamptonshire has received £159,400 from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) to undertake vital repair work. The money has been awarded through HLF's Grants for Places for Worship programme.

The 700-year-old parish church of St Margaret's is a Grade II* listed building tucked away in the tiny village of Luddington in the Brook. Sadly, a deterioration in the condition of the building over recent years led to it being placed on the Historic England Heritage at Risk Register in 2014.

This grant will enable a programme of urgent repair works to the roofs, rainwater goods, masonry, and windows, as well as upgrades to the ground water drainage

system and installation of new heating.

In addition, the grant will fund the development of a range of activities to attract people to visit the historic building and surrounds. These include researching the village's landscape history and creating both a circular walk from the church and historical interpretation of changing settlement patterns; the creation of a wildlife area in the churchyard and working towards gaining a conservation churchyard award; the development

of a welcome leaflet and a children's heritage trail, and the creation of a website to publicise events and activities.

Commenting on the award, Sarah Wills (Churchwarden) said: "This is truly amazing news. We are thrilled to have received the support of the Heritage Lottery Fund and we are extremely grateful to everyone who has worked so hard to get us to this point, and to those who have pledged support for the next phase of this exciting project.

"This grant will enable us to restore the building and to preserve it for future generations to enjoy – something that was well beyond our modest means alone. We are also very excited about starting work on the programme of activities that will enable more people to visit this lovely building."

Eight gardens open in Harringworth

Harringworth is a pretty conservation village on the border between Rutland and Northamptonshire, with the Viaduct providing an excellent landmark as you approach.

There will be eight gardens open from 2pm–5pm on Sunday 12th June, offering a variety of styles and plant collections and

many with amazing views of the local area. Afternoon Tea will be served in the Village Hall from 2.30pm–5pm with homemade cakes and cream teas.

Tickets and a map for the Open Gardens will be on sale at the Village Hall. Entry: £3 per adult, accompanied children under 16 free. Proceeds from the entrance fee and afternoon teas go

towards the Harringworth Appeals Fund.

Directions: You can approach the village from Stamford, Oundle, Uppingham and Corby and there will be signs on arrival to direct you to the car park, with a walk through to the Village Hall where entrance tickets will be on sale. The SatNav Postcode is NN17 3AF.



Like to eat out and eat healthy?

Choosing a restaurant serving tasty, healthy meals could soon become a lot easier thanks to the launch of Eat Out Eat Well.

Eating out is part of everyday life, but it shouldn't always have to involve unhealthy eating. We're used to making choices based on calorie content and other factors when we buy and consume our food, and eating out shouldn't be any different.

Having healthy options on the menu is important when making the decision to eat well and stay healthy.

That's why East Northamptonshire Council is introducing a new award scheme called Eat Out Eat Well that rewards caterers for offering healthier food choices to customers.

Most catering premises that serve food to the public are eligible for the award, including restaurants, cafes, hotels, workplace and hospital restaurants, and pubs. The level of award is

based on a scoring system that takes into account the type of food on offer (plenty of fruit and veg and less sugar and salt), cooking methods (grilling, not frying), and how businesses promote healthy choices to their customers, particularly on children's menus. The higher the score, the higher the level of award.

Steven North, Leader of East Northamptonshire Council, says: "We have some great restaurants and cafes in East Northamptonshire and we want to work with them to provide healthy options

for customers who enjoy eating out with family and friends. We hope that more caterers become part of this initiative, to ensure that in East Northamptonshire there are always healthy choices on the menu."

Principal Linda Brooks of the Manor Learning Trust

adds: "We are very proud to receive the Eat Out Eat Well award as food and nutrition is our catering manager's passion. We want students to not only recognise the food on their plate, but to develop an understanding of their health and nutrition, and the impact this has

on their learning and education.

"It is extremely satisfying for us to be recognised for our commitment to promoting healthy eating to our students. Well done to our catering manager and the catering team for making this possible."

To find out which businesses in East Northamptonshire already have the award, go to our website www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/eatouteatwell or look for the award sticker in catering establishments that are part of the scheme.

New shops in Oundle

Dick Simpson and David Burnett have extended their brewing space at the Wharf in Oundle, giving them some three times the existing brewing capacity, and have also created a welcome boost to the local economy by introducing new retail units and first floor office spaces.

They needed the extra space to keep up with demand for Nene Valley Brewery beers but have taken the opportunity to add four brand new shop units, which will be let primarily to fellow food and drink related businesses. Hambleton Bakery has taken one unit and is already open for business, linking with the existing Tap and Kitchen restaurant and bar to offer a coffee and cake

option.

Dick Simpson said that they would love to find someone who would like to set up a deli/cheese shop/farm shop at the Wharf. Is there anyone out there with a burning ambition to bring top quality local foods to Oundle in an independent shop?

One of the existing tenants at the Wharf, the bike shop The Gorilla Firm, has extended its premises and now offers a state-of-the-art bespoke bicycle fitting service.

Finally, the offices on the first floor (a total of 3,000 square feet) are available for small businesses who want to work in a buzzing riverside quarter.

Easter fundraiser a success

An Easter Craft and Cream Tea event was held recently at The Heritage Halls in Rushden in aid of the Haematology Department at Kettering General Hospital. As well as the usual fundraising stalls such as raffle and tombola there were demonstrations of cold porcelain flower making, spinning and weaving.

Craft stalls included knitted dolls and baby clothes, handwoven items and handmade jewellery. Cream teas were enjoyed by visitors and the afternoon raised over £829. All the money has been donated

to the Haematology Endowment Fund at Kettering General Hospital to be spent on accredited training for staff.

The organisers thank The Heritage Halls for hosting the event, numerous people

and businesses who donated items, the army of helpers who helped with the planning as well as manning the stalls and kitchen on the day, not forgetting of course the people who turned up to spend some money!



Rushden team shines at Tchoukball UK championships

The Tchoukball UK National Youth Championships took place on 12th March at the Alexandra Sports Hall in Bedford. Teams from London, West Midlands, Suffolk, Hertfordshire and Northamptonshire battled it out for the top spot.

Rushden Academy entered a team into the U16 category and came overall runners up in the Tournament. The competition could not have been closer, with the top two teams (Rushden Academy and Thurston Community College) finishing the league on exactly the same points.

Unfortunately the title was given to Thurston due to the head-to-head game played earlier in the day.

The Rushden Academy squad consisted of 12 players that have been learning the game in their PE lessons and also training hard on Wednesday evenings since January.

The Tchoukball UK staff were surprised at the talent that came from Rushden who have previously never entered the competition before.

The Rushden team's coach, Mr Hall said: "I am extremely proud of how the team performed on the day and gave some of the more

experienced teams a run for their money. To place second in a national competition when it is their first time playing in a competitive match is an amazing achievement.

"I first encountered Tchoukball when I was at university, where I completed my level 1 coaching course. I really like how the sport is

fully inclusive and its ethos promotes fair play and sportsmanship.

"I was happy to be given the opportunity to share my experience by introducing the sport to Rushden Academy and discovering this previously unknown talent."

Team captain Sam Burke said: "I was very surprised at

U16 Squad
 Sam Burke – captain
 Josh Cave
 Ryan Adamson
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 Henry Steele
 Kai Brown
 Jack Brady
 Billy Turiccki
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 Ben Cutting
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 Callum Newman

how well the team did with such little experience. I am looking forward to what we can achieve in the future with more training."



Celebrating 'The Bard'

From April, public libraries across Northamptonshire will be organising events to mark 400 years since the death of William Shakespeare.

Shakespeare died aged 52 on his birthday, 23rd April 1616. Widely regarded as the greatest writer in the English language, he is often called England's national poet, so it seems fitting that 23rd April is also St George's Day.

Across the county libraries will be running quizzes, treasure hunts and craft activities for children. There will also be a variety of events for adults, often being organised by library Friends' Groups.

In Oundle, the Friends have invited members of Oundle U3A's Shakespeare study groups to do readings at the library on Thursday 21st April. Starting at 10.30am the theme will be music and there will be speeches and sonnets, including extracts from Twelfth Night, Hamlet and The Merry Wives of Windsor. The event is free.

Jenny Smith, secretary of the Friends of

Oundle Library said: "It seems obvious, but Shakespeare wrote for the stage, so hearing the words spoken is always a treat. Our U3A readers love sharing their expertise and bring the words to life."

There will also be free craft sessions for children at Oundle Library – making quill pens, swords and shields – on Wednesday 27th April and 4th May at 3.30pm.



Find out about Shakespeare events at your local library by visiting www.northamptonshire.gov.uk.

Charity donation for Huxlow Science College

The Design Technology (DT) department at Huxlow Science College has received a donation of £8,280 from the Finedon Educational Charity, to purchase a set of 24 laptops for students to use in DT.

Miss K Campbell, Assistant Learning Leader for DT said: "This equipment will make a difference to every student that does Design Technology throughout Key Stages 3, 4 and 5. They will be able to use the laptops for a wide variety of activities including laser

cutting, 3D printing and their coursework."

The Finedon Educational Charity was founded in 1980 to, 'promote the education and development of young people living in Finedon'. A piece of land that was left to the charity has since been sold and the money invested; the income from the investment is made available to individuals, groups or schools in and around Finedon for

educational purposes.

Huxlow were pleased to welcome trustees of the charity, Revd Richard Coles and Brian Foster, on Thursday 3rd March 2016, who toured the DT facilities, talked with students and presented a cheque.

Mr Foster said: "We have given away £43,863 during the year. It's a legacy that was left to us which we are now passing on to whoever comes to us."

Links to further information:
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Diamonds diary



Diamonds Diary

Will we have an exciting end to the youth season? You'd better believe it! Let's look at some of the league tables, see where the excitement lies...

Under 11s								
AFC R & D ROVERS	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	Pts
	16	12	3	1	50	16	+34	39
Under 12s								
1. Ringstead Rovers	18	16	1	1				77 49
2. AFC RUSHDEN & DIAMONDS	18	15	2	1				65 47
3. FC Aztec Phoenix	16	12	2	2				94 38
Girls under 12s								
1. AFC RUSHDEN & DIAMONDS	16	13	1	2				98 40
2. Moulton Magpies	12	11	0	1				73 33
3. Corby Gems	12	8	2	2				82 26
Under 13s								
1. Corby Kingswood White	16	12	1	3				45 37
2. AFC RUSHDEN & DIAMONDS WHITES	14	11	1	2				31 34
3. Ise Lodge Youth	12	8	1	3				28 25

In addition, our under 12 Girls are into the semi-final of the league cup after brushing aside Welland Valley. Awesome stuff!

Call to all - come and support the AFC under 12s in the League Cup Semi-Final, FC Aztec v AFC Rushden & Diamonds, 16th April 10.30am kick off at the Montsaye Sports Centre Rothwell.

So, as you can see we have a plethora of edge-of-your-seat situations developing throughout the club, I'm struggling to contain my excitement at the prospect of the coming weeks. Also, I did manage to fit in our under 16s 1-1 draw away at Great Doddington, a great result as they had to play the match with 10 players. This game followed on from our under 10s giving themselves nine things to brag about at school in that morning's

big local derby game versus Rushden & Higham Utd.

Next time out I have some very interesting news about our Little Diamonds, we have some big plans...

See you next time

Mark Cullen, AFC Rushden & Diamonds Youth

Diamond Days:

Senior team action from the last 2 weeks.

02/04/2016

If Leicester can do it...

236 people watched Diamonds do a Leicester and win 1-0
League position: 5th

AFC Rushden & Diamonds recorded a vital 1-0 victory over strugglers Leighton Town on Saturday afternoon at Bell Close.

Diamonds had the better of the first half and created numerous half-chances, with both Jack Ashton and Tom Manship seeing efforts cleared off the line and Tom Lorraine flicking a header wide when well positioned. Manship also volleyed a presentable opportunity over the bar from the edge of the box and Andy Hall saw a corner kick cleared close to the goal-line, though an effort by home midfielder Joe Nyama that flew narrowly wide reminded the visitors of Leighton's danger.

The opening, and ultimately winning, goal arrived in the 49th minute as a long free-kick into the Reds' area was headed away only to Elliot Sandy, and though his goal bound shot was blocked, it fell perfectly for Tom Lorraine to control and hit the ball home from close range.

With a couple of midfield fifty-fifty's resulting in stoppages, there were four additional minutes to the end of the half. Diamonds had one last chance before the whistle as a Hall free-kick found Liam Dolman, and his flick-on in turn found Lee to lash a volley over the bar. The whistle was then blown on an entertaining and event-filled half full of half-chances but with little in terms of clear goal scoring opportunities.

The sun, which had been prevalent for the majority of the opening period, had now given way to an intermittent breeze



sweeping across the playing surface, and both sides returned to the pitch with the game on a proverbial knife-edge as the game resumed.

In comparison to the enterprising and quick pace of the first half, the early stages of the second half were relatively quiet with the Diamonds continuing to close down the hosts quickly and with efficiency.

The home side hadn't threatened greatly in the second half, but the longer the game went on and the longer the score remained 1-0, the more Leighton felt confidence to grab an equaliser. In the 74th minute a quick throw-in saw the ball passed across to James Hatch 25 yards out, and his fierce effort flew just over the crossbar.

After five minutes of added-on time, and a couple of bookings for Leighton players, referee Barry sounded the whistle for the end of the contest and for a hugely important three points for the Diamonds.

Upcoming Fixtures

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Tuesday 12th April V Barton Rovers 3pm kick off - League
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Fri 29 Lichfield & Lunch
Sat 30 Norwich

May

Sun 1 Melton Mowbray Cheese Festival
Mon 2 Llandudno Victorian Extravaganza
Sat 7 Malvern Spring Show
Sun 8 Clacton
Sat 14 National Stud Tour & Races
Tue 17 Spalding
Tue 17 Springfields
Wed 18 Oxford
Sat 21 Skegness
Sun 22 Camden Market
Sat 28 London Museums
Sat 28 London Free Time
Sun 29 Hunstanton
Mon 30 Bakewell Market
Mon 30 St Ives Bank Holiday Market
Tue 31 Legoland
Tue 31 Family Seaside Mystery

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Thu 21 July -
Beautiful, Mamma Mia or Motown

Wed 14 September -
Kinky Boots or Lion King

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Day Trips (New)

Sunday 5th June
Black Country Museum & Canal Boat Trip
Step back in time and glimpse 200 years of history at this wonderful Museum, then round day off with a canal boat ride at the Dudley Tunnels.
Price £38.00 Adults, £35.00 Concessions includes all admissions and canal boat ride.

Friday 15th July (New)
Greenwich with Lunch (& Guide)
After arriving in the Capital we take a cruise from Tower Pier to Greenwich, visit historical Greenwich Market, enjoy two course lunch, short visit to Royal Naval College and free time.
Price £47.50 includes guide, lunch & river cruise.

Thursday 8th September (New)
Springfields & Burtey Fen Organ Collection
Spend the morning at this smart modern shopping outlet village, with garden centre, then after lunch travel on to Burtey Fen to see collection of musical organs and enjoy performances on cinema & Wurlitzer Organs, also admire the collection of music & film memorabilia from the 40-60's.
Tea & biscuits served in 60's style coffee bar.
Price £26.00 includes admissions, interval tea & biscuits.

Saturday 21st May (New)
Chatham Docks
Today we will visit the historical Chatham Docks with many naval vessels available to explore. Chatham Docks is also the location of many TV drama series including, Call the Midwife, Mr Selfridge, Foyles War, Oliver to name a few.
Included in visit will be a guided tour of 'Call the Midwife' locations.
Price £39.00 includes admission & guide.

Holidays

22nd April	Scotland	5 Days
13th June	Warners Holme Lacy	5 Days
19th June	London Break	2 Days
24th June	Midsummer Mystery	4 Days
3rd July	Weston Super Mare	7 Days
19th July	St Agnes	7 Days
30th July	Weekend Mystery	2 Days
6th Aug	Switzerland	8 Days
22nd Aug	Harrogate	5 Days
3rd Sept	Weekend Mystery	2 Days
23rd Sept	Autumn Mystery	4 Days
3rd Oct	Shanklin (Isle of Wight)	5 Days
30th Oct	Tenby (Turkey/Tinsel)	5 Days
21st Nov	Warners Alvaston Hall (Turkey/Tinsel)	5 Days
9th Dec	Sidmouth	5 Days
22nd Dec	Calella, Spain	
	Christmas & New Year	13 Days

Day Trips

8th May	Mystery	
10th May	Cotswolds Tour	
8th June	Sheringham & North Norfolk Railway	
13th July	Wroxham & Norfolk Broads	
27th July	Sandringham Flower Show	
17th Aug	Clacton	
30th Aug	Skegness	
18th Sept	Mystery	
27th Nov	Bury St Edmunds Xmas Market	
4th Dec	Warners Thoresby Hall Lunch & entertainment	

Thursford Christmas Spectacular

Matinee Performances
Thursday 17th November/Friday 2nd December
Evening Performance
With overnight stay in Norwich - Friday 16th Dec

For more information please ring 01832 720524 or 01933 624497

Local pick-ups East Northamptonshire area

Sunday 10th April

Whitefriars Breakfast
Whitefriars Junior School,
Boughton Drive, Rushden.
NN10 9HX
10.15am
A very informal church - come
and share a second breakfast
with us, and relax whilst the
kids play.

**Whitefriars Church
Countryside Walk**
Harrod 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.

All Age Morning Worship
Rushden Mission Church
Wellingborough Road NN10
9TA
10.45am
Informal service with children's
groups led by the Music
Group.

**Monday 11th April
Oundle U3A Monthly
Meeting**
Queen Victoria Hall, West
Street, Oundle
Doors 2pm
Members £1, Non-members
£2
01832 275933
'Vulcans to the Sky' with Toni
Hunter. The story of a Vulcan
through retirement, restoration
and ultimately back to flight.

**Tuesday 12th April
Addington Ladies Group -
Talk on Bletchley Park**
Memorial Hall, Gt Addington
7.30pm
Visitors welcome (£2 inc
refreshments)

**Wednesday 13th April
Oundle Branch AGM
followed by 'What did your
ancestors die of?'**
Methodist Church,
Drummingwell Lane, Oundle
PE8 4AA
7.30pm
Members free/Visitors £2
www.northants-fhs.org/
oundleinfo@northants-fhs.org
Come along and share
your stories, gruesome or
otherwise.

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

**Thursday 14th April
Tiddlers Group for 0 to 3
year olds**
Thrapston Baptist Church
9.30am to 11.30am
£1 per carer - as many
toddlers as you like!
Friendly and welcoming
with lots of toys and play
equipment for the little ones
to enjoy.

**Raunds WI - Talk by Geoff
Lambert on Dogs that Help
Detect Human Illnesses**
The Saxon Hall, Raunds
7.30pm
£3.50 for Visitors
Mary Harber 01933 624271

**Discovery Walks:
Lutton & Papley**
Meet at Lutton Village,
Polebrook end.
2pm
£1.50
01780 782747
4-mile walk.

**Save the Children's
Quingo Quiz with a Twist**
Rushden Bowls Club
7.30pm for 8pm.
£12/table of up to 4 people.
Booking essential.
07773 962347 or
superduch5@gmail.com

**Friday 15th April
Thrapston and District U3A
monthly group meeting**
The Plaza, Cosy Nook,
Thrapston
10am-12 noon
Visitors £2, Members £1
(includes refreshments)
Ann Carter (Publicity) 01832
358625
Speaker topic: 'The History
of Pantomime'. Visitors are
always welcome.

**Saturday 16th April
Kettering Area Ramblers
Walk - 7 Miles**
Meet Draughton Crossing Car
park near Maidwell.
Grid SP 755773
Free parking
10am start
Free to participate
Robert 07775 485618

**Eileen Wade Lower School
Duck Dash**
Race starts at Upper Dean
Bridge
11am
Adopt a duck then grab your
wellies and splash, splash
down the stream after it to win
a prize! Fun to be had for all
ages. Bring spare trousers
and socks! You'd be quackers
to miss it!

**Handmade, Vintage and
Gift Shopping Event**
Saxon Hall, Raunds
10am-3pm
Free
[www.facebook.com/](http://www.facebook.com/rainbowcrafterevents)
rainbowcrafterevents
Over 40 stalls selling a
fabulous range of handmade,
vintage and gift items. Come
and enjoy a cuppa and
delicious cake while you
browse.

Thrapston Garage Sale
Thrapston Area
9am-1pm
Maps £1 from the plaza (9-10)
£5 to register
Lindsey on 01832 730019 or
theburchbunch@btinternet.com
Garages will be open around
town to sell items. Maps
available en route.

**Saturday 16th April and
Sunday 17th April
Cowslip and Fritillary
Weekend**
St Peter's Church, Newton
Bromswold
2pm-4pm
Helen Lines 01933 315864
Plants for sale and cream
teas.

**Sunday 17th April
Oundle Cinema: Taxi
Tehran (12A) Iranian
(subtitled)**
Stahl Theatre, West Street
Oundle Peterborough PE8 4EJ
7.45pm
£5/£3 under 18s

Oundle Festival, 4 West Street,
Oundle, PE8 4ED. Tel.01832
274734 www.oundlefestival.org.uk,
[information@](mailto:information@oundlefestival.org.uk)
oundlefestival.org.uk
A cleverly made piece of
(award-winning) guerrilla film-
making: watch the trailer...
then pay your fare.

Ramblers Walk - 10 miles
Harrod Country Park
10am start
£1 car park fee
John 01933 387645
Bring lunch.

**Higham Ferrers
Footpath Group**
Saffron Road car park Higham
Ferrers for car sharing
9.30am
01933 314831
5 mile walk from Twywell Hills
and Dales.

**Monday 18th April
Monday Night Live
for 7-11 year olds**
Thrapston Baptist Church
6.15pm-8pm
£1 per child
Lively and fun group with
tuck, games, songs and bible
based illustrations.

**Talk: 'Gamma-ray Bursts:
an astronomical detective
story'**
Chelveston Village Hall
Caldecott Road, Chelveston
NN9 6AT
8pm
£3 per person including tea/
coffee and biscuits.
Steve Williams 01933 650331
or chiltemastro@yahoo.co.uk
or Mrs Peta Jellis 01933
356914 or pej@petaj26.me.uk
Talk by Professor Andrew
Norton, The Open University.

Higham Ferrers WI
The Adult School, Westfield
Terrace, Higham Ferrers.
2.15pm
New members are most
welcome.
Olga Earl 01933 412848
Subject will be 'From Flowers
to Honeypots' by Kevin &
Wendy.

**Tuesday 19th April
Ladies' Section Charity
Coffee Morning**
Oundle Golf Club, Benefield
Road, Oundle
10am-12noon
£3 to include coffee/tea and
pastry
Sarah Parsell 07563 618364
or sarah.parsell@googlegmail.com
Fun competitions and sale of
books, plants, cakes, artwork,
jewellery, accessories, etc

**Talk on West Cotton,
Raunds, and the Medieval
Village**
Sports Pavilion, Vine Hill Drive,
Higham Ferrers
7.30pm
HiFARS members £1.50/
visitors £2.50
Olwen Mayes 07904 014750
Talk by Andy Chapman.

**Wednesday 20th April
dOCs+ Film: Meru (PG)**
Fletton House, Fletton Way,
Glaphthorn Road, Oundle PE8
4JA
7.45pm
£8
Tel: 01832 274734 or
www.oundlefestival.org.uk,
information@oundlefestival.org.uk
Meru is the most dangerous

peak in the Himalayas. A
gripping tale of resistance,
survival and friendship with
killer cinematography.

**Thursday 21st April
Tiddlers Group for
0-3 year olds**
Thrapston Baptist Church
9.30am-11.30am
£1 per carer - as many
toddlers as you like!
Friendly and welcoming with
lots of toys and play equipment
for the little ones to enjoy.

**Higham Ferrers Footpath
Group**
Saffron Road car park Higham
Ferrers for car sharing
8.45am
Free
Tel: 01933 356049
6-mile walk from Bromham.

Speeches & Sonnets
Oundle Library
10.30am
Free
Readings and music to
commemorate the 400th
anniversary of Shakespeare's
death.

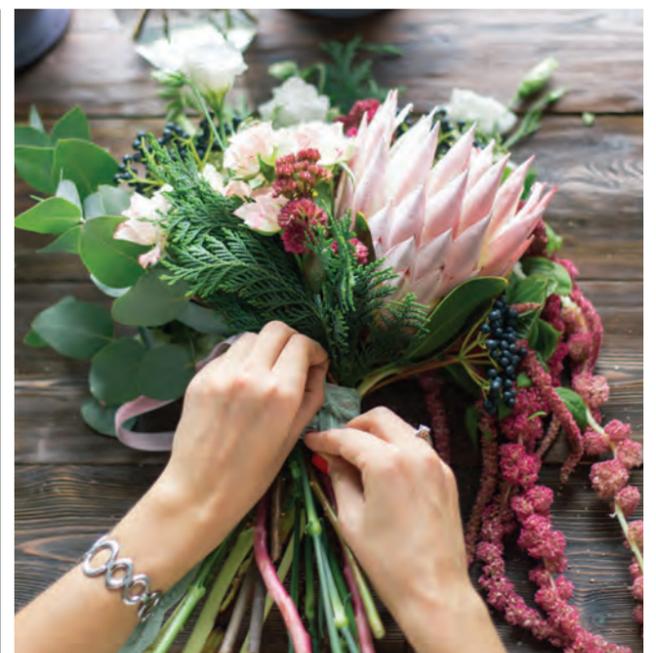
**Thrapston District
Historical Society**
St James' Church Hall,
Thrapston
7.30pm
Visitors £2.50
01832 731047 or [tdhs40@](mailto:tdhs40@yahoo.co.uk)
yahoo.co.uk
The Rise of the Music Hall - a
talk by Colin Ray.

**Friday 22nd April
Rushden & District History
Society**
South End Junior School,
Wymington Road, Rushden
NN10 9JU
7.30pm
Members £1.50,
non-members £2.50
01933 350038
Anne Pedley "The Welsh
Fusiliers in Rushden WW1".

**Saturday 23rd April
Rushden Pensioners
Forum St George's Day
Coffee Morning**
St Peter's Church Hall, Midland
Road, Rushden.
10am-11.30am
Admission 50p
There will be stall for cakes,
books bric-a-brac and many
more.

**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@](mailto:claire.phillips@headwayeastnorthants.org.uk)
headwayeastnorthants.org.uk



**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@](mailto:bubbles.folksinger@hotmail.com)
hotmail.com

**Oundle Ladies
Running Group**
Oundle pool car park
6.45pm
Jane Walker 01832 272898,
janewalkercakes@icloud.com

Wesley Centre Art Class
Irthlingborough Methodist
Church
2pm-4pm Monday
01933 624847

**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

Baggy pants 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.

**1st Monday of the month
Oundle Wives**
Methodist Church, Oundle
7.45pm
01832 272178
£3 for refreshments and raffle.

**Every 2nd Monday (except
January & August)
Thrapston & District Royal
British Legion Branch
Meeting**
The Thrapston Centre,
High Street, Thrapston
7.30pm
Veronica McCurdy 01832
735206

**2nd 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

**3rd Monday of the month
Diabetes Support Group
Type 2**
Barnwell Room, Fletton

House, Fletton Way, Oundle
PE8 4JA
2.30pm
01832 274526 or
oundlediabetes@gmail.com

**2nd & 4th Monday of the
month
Stitchat**
No. 1 St Osyth's Lane
1pm-4pm
Free
Stephanie Bradley 01832
770011 mornings
managemo.1@oundlebaptist.org.uk

**Once a month on a
Monday evening
Woodturning Club**
Hardwick Village, Nr
Wellingborough NN9 5AL
7pm-10pm
Paul Lawman 01933 674260

**Every Monday & 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

**East Northants Classic
Motorcycle Club**
New Inn Public House,
Wymington
Meet around 7.30pm
Free

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)

**Rushden Mission
Training Band**
Mission Church,
Wellingborough Road,
Rushden
7.30pm-8.45pm
Alan Richardson 01933
355302

**1st Tuesday of every
month
Great Companions**
Rushden Bowls Club,
Northampton Road
7pm-9pm
Yearly Membership £6
Pat Bazeley 07931 964360

2nd 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, optional
extra
01933 411191

Wildlife Trust Little Bugs Club
10am-11.30am
£1 per child (adults are free)
Louise Tuffin 01604 774043
louise.tuffin@wildlifebcn.org

50+ Adventure Club
Tel: 01536 505548 for further
information or visit:
www.fiftyplusnorthantsadventureclub.org.uk

Every Tuesday & Thursday Health Walks Stanwick Lakes
10am-11am
Free - normal car park
charges apply.
01933 625522
www.stanwicklakes.org.uk

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

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

Club Night
Apethorpe Tennis Club
From 6pm

Returners to Work
No.1 St. Osyth's Lane
10am-12noon
01832 770011

Art & Craft Class
Oundle Rural Mind
1 Herne Park, East Road,
Oundle PE8 4BZ
Irene Issitt - Manager 01832
275020

Inflatable Fun Session (Times May Vary During School Holidays)
Oundle School Swimming
Pool, Milton Road Oundle
5pm-6pm
£3 Adult & £2.25 Child
Tel: 01832 277208/277195

Cambridge First Certificate in English
The Old Town Hall, Market
Place, Oundle
9.30am-12.30pm
£25 per week
01832 776336 or info@
antlerlanguages.co.uk

French Tuition
The Old Town Hall, Market
Place, Oundle
From 6pm
Admission: £25 per week
01832 776336 or info@
antlerlanguages.co.uk

Every Wednesday (Term Time Only) Community ICT Classes
Needham Building, Oundle
School SciTec, Glapthorn
Road, Oundle
2.30pm-4pm

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

1st Wednesday of the month Raunds Ladies Group
The Saxon Hall, Raunds
8pm-10pm
Visitors £3.50

1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month Thrapston Country Dancers
St Johns Ambulance Hall
2pm-3.30pm
ghearnden@tiscali.co.uk
G Hearnden 01933 622827

2nd Wednesday of the month Coffee Morning
Raunds Methodist Church
10am-12noon
01933 383378

2nd and 4th Wednesday 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

3rd 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

Higham and Rushden U3A
Pemberton Centre, Rushden
2pm-4pm
£2 for visitors
Membership Secretary 01933
314425

4th Wednesday of the month Rushden Pensioners Forum
St Peters Church Hall,
Midland Road, Rushden
2pm-4pm
Mary Morby 01933 312476 or
e.m.m@btinternet.com

Wednesdays & Thursdays Free Counselling
No.1 St. Osyth's Lane Oundle
By appointment
01832 770011

Every Thursday Rushden Folk Dance Club
St Mary's Church Hall,
Rushden
8pm-10pm
First visit free, £2 per night
thereafter
Val 01933 387327

The Silverfox Turners Club
Dale End Scout
Headquarters, Croyland
Road, Wellingborough
10am-1pm

£2 all members
Secretary Trevor Rhodes
01933 382790

Free guided walk around Oundle
Oundle
11am
Admission free
oundlib@northamptonshire.
gov.uk or call 0300 126 1000

Move for Health
No. 1 St Osyth's Lane, Oundle
2pm-3pm
Free
01832 770011 mornings.

Market Drop-in
No. 1 St Osyth's Lane, Oundle
10am-2pm
Free
01832 770011

Community Art Classes (Term Time Only)
Oundle School Art
Department
7.30pm-8.30pm
Free Art Classes for people
with a physical or learning
disability.

Enjoy Yoga
Whitefriars Infant School,
Rushden
7pm-8.30pm
£5 per session.
Gill Hughes 01933,313494 or
Hughes-G17@sky.com

Adult & Child Swim Sessions (Term Time Only)
Oundle School Swimming
Pool, Milton Road Oundle
9.15am-9.45am
Booked in advance as a block
(£4.75 per lesson)
Tel: 01832 277208/277195

Every Thursday during school term time Music Makers
Titchmarsh Pavilion
9.30am-10.15am
£4 per child and £2 per
sibling.
Naomi Cooper on music
makersnorthants@gmail.com

Music Makers
Joan Strong Centre, Oundle
11.15am-12noon
£4 per child and £2 per
sibling.
Naomi Cooper on music
makersnorthants@gmail.com

Little Treasures Tots Group
St Laurence's Church,
Stanwick
9.30am-11am
Donations to cover costs
Nicki 01933 625658

Music Makers
Stanwick Village Hall
2pm-2.45pm
£4 per child and £2 per sibling
Naomi Cooper on
musicmakersnorthants@
gmail.com

1st Thursday of the month Raunds & District History Society
Saxon Hall, Raunds
7.30pm-9.30pm
£3 per visitor, includes
refreshments
Secretary 01933 461480
raundshistory@
btinternet.com

3rd Thursday of the month Painting Class with Nick Baldwin
Chelveston Village Hall,
10am-4pm
£17 per session
Kathy Gyngell 01933 389936

Every 3rd Thursday of the month Ise & Nene Valley Turners
Counties Community
Centre, Hertford Rd,
Kettering NN15 6LG
7pm
Members Free, Visitors £7
Peter Bond 01933 741835 or
peterjbond@btinternet.com

Thursday Market Day Mornings No.1 Cafe - Free Drop-In
No.1 St, Osyth's Lane
10am-2pm
01832 770011

Every Friday 'Tea + Tots' Little Ducklings Pre-School
Barnwell
1.30pm-3pm
£1.50 per family
01832 358085

Walk and Chat
Rushden Hall Park,
Under Flag Pole
10am
Sue Mckay 07739 327022,
sue.mckay@groundwotrck.
org.uk

Music Makers
Nene Centre, Thrapston
12.45pm-1.30pm and
1.45pm-2.30pm
£4 per child, £2 for siblings
musicmakersnorthants@
gmail.com
Naomi Cooper 07815
293893

Every Friday (Term Time Only) Over 60s FREE swim
Oundle School Swimming
Pool, Milton Road, Oundle
3pm-3.45pm
Free admission
Tel: 01832 277208/277195

Pre-School Swimming Lessons
Oundle School Swimming
Pool, Milton Road, Oundle
1.55pm-2.25pm & 2.30pm-
3pm
Booked in advance as a
block (£6.75 per lesson)
Tel: 01832 277208/
277195

1st Friday of the month (recommend checking before travelling) Craft Cafe
Stanwick Lakes
10.30am-1pm
Modest charges for some
materials - normal car park
charges apply.
01933 625522
www.stanwicklakes.org.uk

3rd Friday of the month Raunds Tea Dance
Saxon Hall, Raunds
2pm-4.15pm
£3 (plus 50p for Raffle)
Mrs Wicks 01933 312623

U3A Branch Meeting
The Plaza, Cosy Nook,
Thrapston NN14 4PS
10am-12noon
£2 (Visitors) £1 (Members)
includes refreshments

3rd Friday of the month (recommend checking before travelling) Stanwick Stitches
Stanwick Lakes
10.30am
Free entry - normal car park
charges apply.
01933 625522 or Pauline
on 01933 229817
www.stanwicklakes.org.uk

1st Saturday of the month Coffee Morning
St Mary's Church, Ringstead
10am-12noon
01933 624262 for details

Thrapston Farmers' Market
Thrapston High Street
9am-1pm
Free
www.thrapstonfarmersmarket.moonfruit.com

2nd Saturday of the month (Same Saturday as Oundle Farmers' Market) Coffee 'n' Cakes
Oundle Methodist Church,
Drummingwell Lane
(behind the Talbot Hotel)
10am-12noon
John Hewitson 01832 272209

2nd Saturday of the month WE Watch and Phoenix Group
Stanwick Lakes
For information email
wewatch stanwick@hotmail.
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Thomas returns to the tracks

After a 2-year absence Thomas, the little blue engine, will be steaming at his home the Nene Valley Railway this summer.

The finishing touches are currently being carried out in the Railway's own workshops and he is set for his first two big events in June and July.

The all-important dates for the family diary are 11th & 12th June and 9th & 10th July.

Rather than everybody having to travel directly to the Railway's main Wansford station, Thomas fans will be welcomed to any of the Nene Valley Railway's stations and can jump onboard the big steam train there, paying only a single ticket price which will include everything including travel up

and down the whole of the line, entertainment and the all-important ride behind the star of the show, Thomas.

For those who choose to travel directly to Thomas's Wansford home, the ticket price will include a ride on one of his bigger friends all the way along the line to Peterborough and back.

Wansford station will be transformed into a very special place where children will be sure to recognise the characters dotted about, and Thomas fans can expect plenty of fun with the superstar engine doing what he does best: pulling his special branch line train through the tunnel, giving all the boys and girls a ride.

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Swimming to victory

On 12th & 13th March, 21 swimmers from Rushden Swimming Club took part in the Mid Beds Open Meet in Biggleswade. It was a fantastic weekend with many PBs gained. The swimmers brought home 58 medals between them, 15 gold, 21 silver and 22 bronze! Another member of the group also qualified for the Regional Championships and a further eight qualifying times were met.

The following weekend, 19th March, saw RSC competing in the 3rd round of the Leicester Winter League. The B Team were at Loughborough and gave a sound performance, finishing 1st on the night and

taking themselves to 9th in Division 2. The A Team had a very tough final at Braunstone, but held on to finish 4th on the night taking themselves to 4th in Division 1.

All swimmers proved that their continued training and dedication is paying off.

For more information on Rushden Swimming Club please visit the website www.rushdenswimmingclub.co.uk, search the Club on Facebook or go along to Splash Leisure Pool, Rushden; The Club welcomes all swimming enthusiasts from Key Stage 1 upwards.



Some of the swimmers from the A and B Teams

Real cheese, please – Mushroom rarebit

I'm with Delia Smith: cheese is one of nature's supreme culinary gifts. It's something we've been eating as long as we've been milking animals, keeping traditional communities healthy during winter and lean times, with the texture and flavour varying as much as the people that make it.

This recipe celebrates the gift of cheese by making sure not a single crumb is wasted. Make up the total weight of cheese with any odds and ends of different types of hard cheese you have in the fridge. For the beer, I used one of Nene Valley Brewery's. Increase the vitamin D in the mushrooms (handy for absorbing the calcium in the cheese) by leaving them in bright daylight for at least half an hour before you use them.

Ingredients – serves 2 as a main course or 4 as a starter

4 large field mushrooms
Approx 225g strong flavoured hard cheese
1 small onion – grated
3 tablespoons beer
1 teaspoon wholegrain mustard
1 medium egg
1 teaspoon of fresh or dried mixed herbs

Method

Gently grill the mushrooms until cooked to your liking. Mix the remaining ingredients in a bowl. Place the mushrooms stalk side up in a dish. Spread the cheese mixture over



By Catherine Burbage

the mushrooms and grill under a medium heat until the cheese is bubbling and melting. This dish is very rich and satisfying so needs nothing more than a green salad to turn it into a meal.



If you'd like to see a particular food or type of recipe featured, email me at: nenevalleyfood@btinternet.com

Together for Cransley 2016 concert announces final total

Raunds Ukulele Orchestra and A Different Direction Choir are very proud to announce that their Together for Cransley concert on Saturday 12th March 2016 raised an amazing £2,322.25! Musical director of both groups, Chris Gammon, visited the hospice on Tuesday 29th March to present the final cheque.

The concert was a sell-out, and the 140-strong audience enjoyed a varied programme of uke and choral music – the collaborative pieces proved particularly popular.

An auction of gifts and promises from individuals and local businesses raised more than £650, while the raffle of 40 prizes contributed over £450.

The total far exceeded the initial £1,000 target. Cransley Hospice is continually striving to develop so that they can offer a greatly enhanced service to more people. They have recently extended the care they provide throughout the community and in patients' homes to a 24/7 service. More patients can be treated at their place of choice than ever before. The money raised on the night will make a real difference to

the Hospice's planned developments.

Both groups have close links with the Hospice. Some members of the choir work at Cransley, while members of both groups have experience of close friends or family members using their services. The plan is to make the concert an annual musical celebration and raise more money for this valuable and important charity.

If you'd like to sing in the choir or join the ukulele orchestra, there's never been a better time than now. The two popular groups meet fortnightly in Raunds: the choir meets on a Monday evening and the Ukes on a Thursday. They are always open to new members and promise a warm, friendly and informal atmosphere. For more information, visit either group's website: raundsukulele.co.uk or adifferentdirectionchoir.co.uk where you can find the next rehearsal date or drop Chris an email.

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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (AMENDED BY THE LOCALISM ACT 2011) NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 2012 (as amended)

SUBMISSION OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE PARISH OF CHELVESTON CUM CALDECOTT (THE "CHELVESTON CUM CALDECOTT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN 2016-2031"): CONSULTATION UNDER REGULATION 16 OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 2012

Notice is given, that on 16 March 2016 Chelveston cum Caldecott Parish Council submitted a draft neighbourhood development plan (the "Chelveston cum Caldecott Neighbourhood Plan 2016-2031") to East Northamptonshire Council, under Regulation 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended).

The plan proposal
In accordance with Regulation 16, East Northamptonshire Council is now consulting upon the draft Chelveston cum Caldecott Neighbourhood Plan. Comments are invited, regarding whether the 'plan proposal', as submitted under Regulation 15 (the draft Neighbourhood Plan and supporting documentation) fulfils the "basic conditions", as required by paragraph 8 (1) (a) (2) of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (inserted by the Localism Act 2011). The plan proposal, as submitted, comprises the following documents:

- A map identifying the area to which the proposed neighbourhood development plan relates;
- A consultation statement;
- The proposed neighbourhood development plan;
- A statement (the "Basic Conditions Statement") explaining how the proposed neighbourhood development plan meets the requirements of paragraph 8 of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

The basic conditions
Representations received under Regulation 16 regarding the plan proposal will be forwarded to an appointed examiner, who will assess the Chelveston cum Caldecott Neighbourhood Plan and supporting documents against five basic conditions. These require that the plan:

- Has regard to national policy and guidance from the Secretary of State;
- Contributes to sustainable development;
- Is in general conformity with the strategic policy of the development plan for the area or any part of that area;
- Doesn't breach or is otherwise compatible with EU obligations - this includes the SEA Directive of 2001/42/EC; and that
- The making of the Neighbourhood Plan is not likely to have a significant effect on a European site (as defined in the Conservation of Habitats and Species regulations 2010(d), either alone or in combination with other plans or projects.

Submitting representations under Regulation 16
Comments are sought as to whether or not the plan proposal (Chelveston cum Caldecott Neighbourhood Plan and supporting documentation) fulfils the "basic conditions". Further information can be found on the Council's website under the consultation pages at the following link: <http://www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/consultation>.

Copies of the plan proposal will be available to view at the following locations, between **Friday, 8 April and Monday, 23 May 2016** inclusive:

- Customer Service Centre, Cedar Drive, Thrapston, NN14 4LZ (8:45am-5pm, Monday to Friday)
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Comments should be made, by e-mail to planningpolicy@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk or in writing to Planning Policy and Conservation, East Northamptonshire Council, Cedar Drive, Thrapston, NN14 4LZ by **4pm on Monday, 23 May 2016**.

Paul Bland, Head of Planning Services, East Northamptonshire Council

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Chess Corner



By Derrick Sims

Rushden C travelled to Northampton for a second away game against Chess Mates' D team. The previous encounter had resulted in victory for the Rushden warriors but nothing was taken for granted against the higher graded chessers from Northampton.

Rushden were missing Sarah Collins, who was taking a well-deserved break in London. New boy Richard Ellis stood in at the last moment to ensure a full strength team.

Your erstwhile reporter was first man to fall, when a decidedly dodgy opening led to a pawn down and a fork on my Rooks from Tommy's rampaging Knight. The Knight capture was poor consolation against such a devastating loss. It would be nice to report that I made an incisive countermove that had Tommy reeling on the ropes. Alas, this was not the case and things went from bad to worse when my Knight was trapped. In the face of such an embarrassing debacle,

resignation was the only sensible option.

Meanwhile, on board 2, Tom Murts was making a good fist of it with a cagey game against Mick Buswell. Despite Mick's best efforts he was unable to best the Rushden man and in the end an honourable draw was agreed. Nigel Turner got into all sorts of trouble on board 1 when his Grob opening turned bad against Richard Ellis. Richard pounced on the Northampton player with all the guile of a panther in full flight while he was back-peddalling from a failed sacrificial attack. Richard's victory left the teams tied after 3 boards.

On board 5, Eddie Francolini was wondering what had happened to his pawns

after managing to lose 3 of them in 14 moves. Tomkins was happy to exchange pieces with his nice little pawn cushion and this proved decisive in the endgame. James 'wheels of fire' Wicks in the meantime had found himself in a decidedly dodgy endgame against Northampton captain, Andy Reed. At this point I remarked to

Richard that James needed a miracle to win, so there came a thunderclap and flash of lightning and an Easter miracle was experienced in a Northampton Working Men's Club that very evening. Andy was blinded by the revelation and missed the killer move, leaving James to harry his King, mating him in 13 moves.

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