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# Chancery Lane given new lease of life

**A much needed £3.7 million luxury retirement scheme has been officially opened in the centre of Thrapston.**

Situated off Chancery Lane, the Castle Court scheme boasts 29 one and two-bedroom apartments that are designed for people in later life, with three available for shared ownership and the rest for outright ownership.

The scheme offers residents a hassle-free retirement as the external building maintenance and gardening is taken care of so they can make the most of their free time.

Built on the former site of a demolished care home, the

residents of Castle Court can enjoy easy access to the town centre and have a Scheme Manager on hand who can give advice and assistance whilst managing social activities, communal areas and maintaining the grounds.

Plans had been put in place to provide such a building after an Older Persons Survey completed in September 2010 by East Northamptonshire had highlighted growing

local need for older people's housing.

"Specialist retirement properties are like gold dust in East Northamptonshire, especially in Thrapston," said Cllr Marika Hillson, Chairman of East Northamptonshire Council. "We've seen rapidly growing demand for this kind of housing and are delighted to see Castle Court come to fruition."

The building uses traditional materials so that it fits into Thrapston's historic aesthetic. Whilst a traditional look and feel has been achieved, mod cons come as standard including wifi, CCTV and access to digital and cable television.

The specialist scheme has been built by Keystone Developments and Seagrave Developments in partnership with East Northamptonshire Council and Richard Julian Associates. Longhurst Group now manage the day-to-day running of Castle Court.

Ian Jackson, Executive Director of Portfolio Investment at Longhurst

Group said: "Our mission is to deliver high quality homes designed for life. We've drawn on the expertise across Longhurst Group and with our partners to make sure Castle Court's apartments really do offer luxury in retirement. We know that many people who are in retirement want to make the most of life and don't want to be tied down with looking after a building and gardens, so we provide a Scheme Manager to look after things and to provide assistance to residents if they need advice. On top of independent living in a prime location, having a Scheme Manager offers a huge benefit for residents as the hassle of maintaining a home is taken care of.

"Housing supply is crucial at the moment, which is why Longhurst Group has committed to building 2,500 homes across the midlands over the next five years. We're building houses of all shapes and sizes to meet the needs of local communities like in Peterborough and Northampton."



### In Brief

#### New homes for local people at Islington

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#### Cashpoint raiders strike again

Cashpoint raiders struck again in Oundle in the early hours of 28th April. This time, though, they were unsuccessful.

It seems that the attempted theft from the machine at Waitrose was intended to be a more sophisticated means of relieving the machine of its cash than the agricultural methods used previously elsewhere in the town. Explosives were involved in this raid in the early hours of the morning causing a bang which was heard in Ashton. Police are pursuing a number of enquires.

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Dear Editor,  
I have been wondering why there are not Crafters' Markets to operate like Farmers' Markets do?

These would operate in the same way as Farmers' Markets but for local artists to connect directly with the public to sell their wares. There are many cottage industries beaver away in homes making cards, clothes, jewellery, mounting photographs and paintings, turning wood, sculpting and potting.

I am a wood carver with limited ways to sell my sculptures. I meet other stall holders

occasionally at the few and far between 'Craft Fairs'. They tell me they too have limited access to local selling venues and those that operate are too far away or charge costly stall fees.

Well I propose to get Crafters' Markets off the ground.

The definition, 'Crafters' Markets', is significant and distinct from 'Craft Markets' which are usually run indoors on middle management profit basis. Crafters' Markets would be outdoors and not for profit.

It is proposed that each stall holder must be selling handmade crafts. For example, handmade clothes, cards, jewellery, pottery, paintings, photographs and related items, wood turning, carving and sculpture.

The stallholders would need to erect their own stall with gazebo if necessary. The aim is to try to make the stalls free for the first three

months but when an established event is in place, a small charge (£5 or less) can be made for further advertising.

I have secured set-up permission in a car park area in the industrial compound opposite Lidl, outside the premises of 'Autopress Education', Brindley Close, Rushden, NN10 6EN and propose to start up on the first Sunday of the month, starting 1st May.

Who knows, it might take off all over the country in the same way that Farmers' Markets' have.

Dear Editor,

Re: Oundle South Bridge

As you may be aware, a 3 tonne weight limit and width restriction has been placed on the structure since the water main leak in 2014. Anglian Water are currently on-site to divert the water main, removing it from the bridge, and we currently expect their work to be completed by 15th May 2016.

We will carry out further work very shortly after

this, which will require another closure of up to two weeks. During this second closure access will be maintained for pedestrian and cycle traffic, although the bridge will be closed to all vehicular traffic throughout this period. It is likely there will be a short period between the two closures when the bridge will re-open to traffic, subject to the current 3 tonne weight limit.

The structure has been assessed, which will allow us to increase the current capacity. As a result, an 18 tonne amenity weight limit will be introduced. During the second closure we will amend the signage accordingly and remove the bollards enforcing the width restriction, restoring the full working width of the carriageway. The carriageway will be resurfaced across the structure and the approaches to minimise any further need for maintenance work in the near future. We aim to mobilise as soon as possible after Anglian Water have completed their site works and we will be in operation for up to two weeks.

Northamptonshire County Council

## Editor's notes

Publication of our first edition of May 2016 coincides with a few notable events on the same date but many years ago. The Penny Black stamp was introduced in 1840, and the Channel Tunnel was opened in 1994, two very different elements of improvements to communications.

The Penny Black is reputed to have been the world's first adhesive postage stamp used in a public postal system, although the idea had at least been suggested earlier in Austria, Sweden, and possibly Greece. Previously, British postal rates had been complicated and expensive with the recipient paying on delivery and being charged by the sheet and on distance travelled, whereas the Penny Black allowed letters of up to half an ounce (14g) to be delivered at a flat rate of one penny, regardless of distance.

Ideas for a tunnel or a bridge linking England and France were first mooted as far back as 1802, well before the Penny Black, but were confounded by concerns about the compromise of national security. There was a serious attempt to build a tunnel, starting in both England and France, in the late 19th century but after digging less than 2,000m on each side it was abandoned because of the same concerns about defence. Eventually, with the agreement of the British and French

governments and after considering a variety of options, Eurotunnel began construction in 1988 and opened in 1994. The 50.5km long tunnel has the longest undersea section of any in the world and is some 75m deep. However, the project was financially demanding and at £4.65 billion, came in 80% over its predicted budget.

So, the Penny Black, which was used for only a year or so before giving way to more secure alternatives, heralded a new era in postal systems and the Channel Tunnel, which has seen passenger numbers and freight volumes increase since it was built, has provided a speedy link to the continent. Nowadays, though, when electronic forms of communication offer such apparently attractive and swift alternatives, posting a letter is something of a novelty. Similarly, the Tunnel satisfies our appetites for being whisked off to destinations more quickly, and perhaps more comfortably, but ferry companies are still in business to provide a more leisurely and perhaps nostalgic means of crossing the Channel.

Finally, we can't let the exploits of our 'local' Premier League football team pass without note; congratulations to Leicester City on winning the League, particularly on such a comparatively small budget and by playing such attractive football.

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## Rushden plans Queen's 90th party

Rushden Town Council is celebrating the Queen's 90th Birthday with a Garden Tea Party on Saturday 11th June in the Walled Garden of Rushden Hall Park.

Admission is FREE and the event will take place from 2pm until 5pm (Gates open at 1pm). During the afternoon there will be Live Entertainment from the Rushden Town Band, The Victory Dolls and music from local DJ Nathan. Activities during this family fun afternoon will include maypole dancing from pupils of Alfred Street Junior School,

a treasure hunt within the park along with Outdoor Games, and a Children's Fancy Dress Competition. Bring along your own picnic and enjoy a fun family day event.

If there is any resident of Rushden who will be celebrating their 90th birthday this year, the council would like to hear from them. Please call 01933 316216 or email [info@rushdentowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:info@rushdentowncouncil.gov.uk)

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Building work to improve and reconfigure Oundle Church of England Primary School's Cotterstock Road site is right on schedule to be ready in time for the start of the 2016 autumn term.

“We are absolutely delighted with the way the project is going,” said the school's Headteacher, Mrs Janet McMurdo. “Our building contractors Jenkins Weir are doing a brilliant job to complete a task to the highest possible standards.”

About 20 per cent of the work has now been completed with some of the pupils already making use of parts of the converted building. The Year 3s, 4s and one class of Year 5s are temporarily occupying the new space which, from September, will become the home of the Year 6s.

The refurbishment work is being carried out in a

special way, whereby the workmen complete different sections of the building while the school community continues to operate as normal in other areas of the site. New fencing and playground areas have already been finished.

From September, Reception class children as well as Year 1s and 2s will transfer to the new-look school from its other site at Milton Road.

“This project keeps us at the cutting edge of primary education in the local area. We will be so glad when the whole school family is in one location,” said Mrs McMurdo. “Everyone associated with our school is being so supportive and are looking forward

to the completion of this exciting phase in the school's history.”

The school is celebrating,

following an ‘Outstanding’ grade awarded to them by church inspectors earlier this year.



Parents and carers are warmly invited to visit on any school day during term-time by making an appointment on 01832 272392. This invitation is especially aimed at those who wish their children to join the school family from September 2016.

## Scouts to sleep out

The 1st Higham Ferrers Scout Group will tonight be sleeping out, without shelter, in the grounds of Chichele College, Higham Ferrers in order to raise funds for Shelterbox.

Shelterbox provides emergency shelter and vital supplies to support communities around the world overwhelmed by disaster and humanitarian crisis.

Our Scout group will be hiking from Stanwick Lakes with their sleeping bags, arriving at Chichele College Gardens in the evening to set up their base for the night.

As a group, we have been working to raise awareness of disaster relief and our young people want to work to raise enough funds to buy at least one Shelterbox. A box holds emergency supplies, from a tent and essential cooking equipment to books and pencils for children.

We are raising funds by asking local businesses and individuals to support us by contributing to our Just Giving page. Many local businesses in Higham Ferrers have shown their support in the form of donations or supplies for the sleepout. We are proud to be supported by Higham Tourism, English Heritage and local businesses in this fundraising event.

Anyone who would like to support our cause can donate by visiting our Just Giving page [www.justgiving.com/1stHighamFerrersScouts](http://www.justgiving.com/1stHighamFerrersScouts)

If you would like to contact 1st Higham Scouts regarding the sleepout or you are able to support us in any way please contact Martin Scudder (Group Scout Leader) at [highamgs1@gmail.com](mailto:highamgs1@gmail.com)

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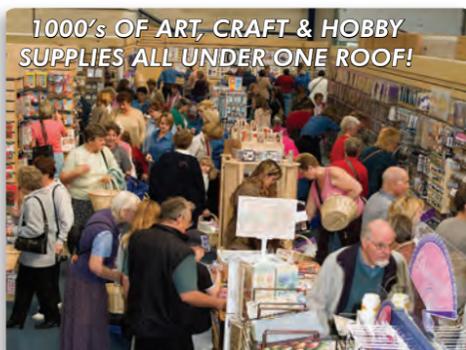
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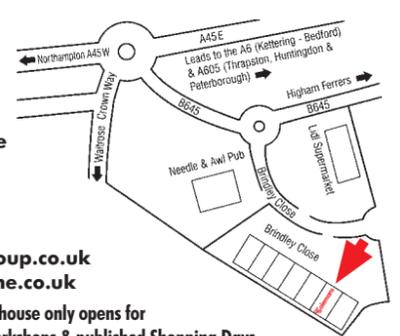


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## Delicious homemade tomato sauce

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Ingredients:

- 1 medium onion
- 2 cloves garlic
- Knob of butter
- 2 x 400g tins of tomatoes
- Anchovy fillet (you won't taste it in finished sauce but it adds a depth of flavour)
- Couple of handfuls of mixed veg, all chopped quite small e.g. mushrooms, pepper, courgette, celery, olives, fresh tomato
- Teaspoon Marmite or bouillon powder
- Soy or Worcestershire sauce to taste
- Salt and pepper

By Catherine Burbage



Herbs - fresh basil or dried mixed herbs  
Chilli if you like  
Peel and chop an onion and garlic, then gently cook in the butter until soft. Add the tins of tomatoes, mixed vegetables, Marmite, anchovy, and any other seasonings. Bring to the boil then simmer for around 20-30 minutes until the vegetables are tender and the mixture is

reduced to about half its original volume. Season to taste.  
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## East Northants Tennis report

For the first time in Men's Division One, Kettering can boast three teams in the top flight, so inter-club matches were the order of the day.

Kettering A were in fine form in their opening two clashes as they look to regain the title they so narrowly lost to Corby A last term. Phil Smith / Jordan Parker together with Chris Todd / Graham Pigott overwhelmed the C team dropping only seven games all evening. The same foursome then turned their attention to the B team. Smith / Parker encountered few problems in gaining a maximum but Todd / Pigott could feel a little fortunate in edging out Jon Burrows / Adam Brown in a second set tie-break while Niki Helbick / Jamie Hills gained some reward halving 1-6, 6-2 with

the same duo.  
Kettering C then entertained the B team and it was the latter who flourished on the Northampton Road courts. Burrows / Brown beat Dermot Bailey / Josh Crawford 6-0, 6-1 and Matty Hutchinson / Andy Bland 6-1, 6-3. Wayne Tideswell / Chris Adams also produced similar scorelines beating Bailey / Crawford 6-0, 6-1 and Hutchinson / Bland 6-2, 6-2.

The league was saddened to learn of the death of Sandy Letman. Sandy was a well liked and familiar figure on the East Northants circuit playing regularly for Burton Latimer in the Ladies and Mixed divisions. She was also club secretary at Burton for many years. Our condolences go out to all her family and friends at this time.

## Legion celebrates longevity

The Royal British Legion, Oundle Women's Section, recently celebrated a double anniversary: the Branch was formed 73 years ago and the current Secretary, Mrs Ruth Keens, has been a member for the past 70 years.

The celebration took the form of a lunch at the Red Lion in Warmington, attended by a dozen members including the Branch President, Lady Brassey, and the County Secretary, Mrs Mary Coleman; the Chairman, Mrs Eileen Broadbent, gave

the welcome address and Mrs Keens also spoke. After lunch coffee was served together with cake, made by Mrs Margaret Sauntson, which was decorated with icing commemorating the two noteworthy dates being celebrated.

Mrs Keen, who is a well-known figure around Oundle particularly at fundraising events for the British Legion, has held every office in the Branch but will retire in September this year; we take this opportunity to wish her a happy retirement.

## Swivel Club donates funds

The Swivel Club charity have recently provided funds for local individuals and good causes within our locality.

College Street Community Centre in Irthlingborough is one of the recipients of the Club's support. The centre provides Day Care facilities and are open on weekdays. The Centre is not funded by any authority and the volunteers work hard to get funds together, hence a request from them to The Swivel Club to help to buy new window blinds.

One community member, Irene Pugh of Irthlingborough, said: "Our old blinds weren't much good; they were bright orange and broken. These are very nice and much more pleasing to the eye and keep the sun out. We are all very happy with them, thanks to the Swivel Club's generosity."

The Manager, Janice Childs MBE, said: "There has been a community centre here for about 38 years and some of our members



have been coming here for many years. There are members now who used to be volunteers themselves. It is a long-term commitment with an army of volunteers and a lot of support from members of our community.

"There are no Local Authority Day Centres in our vicinity, so what we provide is essential to give Carers a break and also to get older people to socialise. We are very grateful to the Swivel Club for this donation, many thanks."

## Protection sought for Fineshade

The Friends of Fineshade Wood have appealed to Natural England for protection for the entire woodland complex.

In an open letter, details of which are on their website at <http://www.fineshade.org.uk>, the Friends have asked for urgent designation of the area as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). The trigger for this action was the initiation by Forest Holdings of yet another attempt to persuade local Councillors to support an application to develop a large holiday village of some 70 cabins in the wood.

Forest Holding's last application was

unanimously rejected by East Northants Councillors after they listened to hundreds of mostly local objectors supported by national conservation organisations and individuals across the country.

The Friends' letter to Natural England was co-signed by leading conservation groups including the RSPB and the local Wildlife Trust, by expert county wildlife recorders, by individual ecologists of national repute, by the local Parish Council and by former Forestry Commission employees who know Fineshade well; all agree that Fineshade Wood is a special place for wildlife which needs statutory protection.



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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:

- Aldwincle**  
16/00727/FUL (21/05/2016) (Info) Conversion and extension of garage to create detached dwelling with integral double garage at 110 Main Street Aldwincle NN14 3EP
- Ashton**  
16/00660/FUL (21/05/2016) (Info) To raise the garden fence to 1.7m high to boundary edge adjacent to highway at 9 Laxton Drive Oundle PE8 5TW  
16/00680/FUL and 16/00681/LBC (28/05/2016) (LB/CA) (LBRegs) Kitchen extension with outbuilding conversion and link back to rear extension. partial basement at Green Farm 21 The Green Ashton PE8 5LD  
16/00718/FUL (28/05/2016) (LB/CA) Re-location of oil tank at Pantile Building The Green Ashton  
16/00719/FUL (28/05/2016) (LB/CA) Re-location of oil tank at Chapel Farmhouse The Green Ashton Peterborough  
16/00721/FUL (28/05/2016) (LB/CA) Relocation of oil tank at Chapel Manor The Green Ashton PE8 5LD
- Brigstock**  
16/00654/OUT (28/05/2016) (Art8) Outline planning permission for up to 110 residential dwellings (include affordable housing) with all matters reserved, save for the main site access. Introduction of structural planting and landscaping, informal public open space and children's play area, surface water flood mitigation and attenuation, vehicular access point from Benefield Road and associated ancillary works at Land Off Benefield Road And Old Dry Lane Brigstock  
16/00751/FUL (21/05/2016) (Info) Porch to front elevation, brickwork cladding to front, side and rear elevations, single storey rear extension to replace existing conservatory at 60 Lyveden Road Brigstock
- Clopton**  
16/00725/VAR (21/05/2016) (Info) Variation of condition 2 to allow re-siting of dwelling and alterations to elevations pursuant to 15/01344/FUL: Erection of two storey dwelling with garage and access alterations dated 26.10.16 to allow re-positioning of the dwelling further back at Navisford House 14 - 15 Main Street Clopton
- Deene**  
15/00119/VAR (28/05/2016) (Art8) 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, Kirkby Lane, Deene, Corby', dated 10.02.2012 - Amended plan and Environmental Statement received at Priors Hall Site Kirby Lane Deene
- Denford**  
16/00759/FUL (21/05/2016) (Info) Two new dwellings and a detached garage on land at Hill House Chapel Lane Denford NN14 4EA
- Hargrave**  
16/00778/FUL (21/05/2016) (Info) Erection of a single storey oak framed garden room at Woodlands Church Road Hargrave NN9 6BQ
- Higham Ferrers**  
16/00777/FUL (21/05/2016) (Info) Single storey rear extension at 34 Lancaster Street Higham Ferrers NN10 8HY
- Irthlingborough**  
15/02198/OUT (28/05/2016) (Art8) Outline: Demolition of existing football stadium and associated infrastructure and erection of new retail and leisure development including retail (A1), cinema (D2), hotel (C1), restaurants (A3/A5) and new community football facility along with access and parking (All matters reserved except access) (Re-submission of 14/02310/OUT) (see also 15/02199/OUT) (application accompanied by amended Environmental Statement - EIA) at Nene Park Station Road Irthlingborough  
16/00753/FUL (21/05/2016) (Info) Side first floor extension and rear two storey extension at 35 Randall Close Irthlingborough NN9 5HE
- Kings Cliffe**  
16/00741/FUL (21/05/2016) (Info) Application of 90mm Envirowall Lambdatherm EPS insulation to the exterior of the dwelling. Finishes to match existing at 5 Blatherwycke Road Kings Cliffe
- Lowick And Slipton**  
16/00784/FUL and 16/00786/LBC (28/05/2016) (LB/CA) (LBRegs) Erection of two storey side extension, waste storage area and provision of two extra parking spaces at Lowick Mill House 11 Mill Lane Lowick NN14 3BQ
- Nassington**  
16/00656/FUL (21/05/2016) (Info) Erection of new industrial unit and associated offices, staff and visitor parking with services yard at Land South Of Unit 5 Kings Cliffe Industrial Estate Wansford Road Kings Cliffe  
16/00678/FUL (28/05/2016) (Art8) Change of use from agricultural to paddock land at TL06477 95902 Church Street Nassington  
16/00738/FUL (21/05/2016) (Info) Single storey rear sun room extension with chimney for log burner to the west elevation at 11 Church Street Nassington PE8 6QG
- Oundle**  
16/00679/FUL (21/05/2016) (Info) Proposed bedroom extension at first floor over garage at St Peters Road Oundle PE8 4NS  
16/00709/FUL (28/05/2016) (LB/CA) Installation of 2no. rooflights, replacement of Juliet balcony and erection of timber fence at 78 South Road Oundle PE8 4BP  
16/00720/LBC (28/05/2016) (LBRegs) Replace window frames and glazing to staircase turret at ground, first and second floor level at 4 Mill Road Oundle Peterborough PE8 4BW  
16/00755/FUL (28/05/2016) (LB/CA) (Art8) Oundle Church of England Primary School Hybrid Planning Application comprising: Full application for the retention and conversion of original school building to form five townhouses and a studio apartment. Outline: Application for the demolition of school buildings and erection of six apartments and four mews cottages. at Oundle Church Of England Primary School Milton Road Oundle
- Raunds**  
16/00723/FUL (21/05/2016) (Info) Two storey side extension - re-submission of 15/02253/FUL at 7 Windmill Avenue Raunds NN9 6JX  
16/00761/FUL (21/05/2016) (Info) Two storey rear extension at 29 Nichols Way Raunds NN9 6SB
- Ringstead**  
16/00739/FUL (21/05/2016) (Info) Application of 90mm SPS Envirowall Lambdatherm EPS insulation to the exterior of the dwelling. Finishes to match existing at 30 Back Lane Ringstead NN14 4DR  
16/00740/FUL (21/05/2016) (Info) Application of 90mm SPS Envirowall Lambdatherm EPS insulation to the exterior of the dwelling. Finishes to match existing at 35 Back Lane Ringstead NN14 4DR
- Rushden**  
16/00488/FUL (28/05/2016) (LB/CA) First floor extension to provide a mezzanine floor for the storage of tyres at Orbit Tyre Co Skinners, Hill Rushden NN10 9YE  
16/00737/FUL (21/05/2016) (Info) Demolition of existing garage and single storey side extension at 4 Drayton Close Rushden NN10 9HY  
16/00758/FUL (21/05/2016) (Info) Change of use from sui generis to combined use class of A1/A4 at Rushden Delivery Office College Street Rushden NN10 0NW  
16/00779/FUL (28/05/2016) (LB/CA) Single and second storey rear extension at 61 Higham Road Rushden NN10  
16/00780/FUL (21/05/2016) (Info) Demolition of existing garage and construction of archway with ancillary accommodation above. at 127 Queen Street Rushden NN10 0AY  
16/00803/ADV (21/05/2016) (Info) Four pole mounted vertical flag banners at DIY Store Crown Way Rushden NN10
- Thrapston**  
16/00562/VAR (21/05/2016) (Info) Variation of condition 32 - approved plans - pursuant to application 13/02185/FUL - Proposed development of 4 detached properties and associated external works (Re-submission of 13/00858/FUL rec 20/5/2013) at Land South Of Mill Marina Midland Road Thrapston
- Titchmarsh**  
16/00774/FUL and 16/00775/LBC (28/05/2016) (LB/CA) (LBRegs) Erection of a two storey rear extension at 13 High Street Titchmarsh
- Warmington**  
16/00744/FUL (21/05/2016) (Info) Single storey rear extension and new pitched roof over existing flat roof conservatory at 4 Drapers Close Warmington PE8 6UQ  
16/00750/FUL (21/05/2016) (Info) Bedroom, en-suite and conservatory extension at 16 Buntings Lane Warmington
- Woodford**  
16/00742/FUL (21/05/2016) (Info) Application of 90mm Envirowall Lambdatherm EPS insulation to the exterior of the dwelling. Finishes to match existing at 16 Mill Road Woodford NN14 4HH
- Woodnewton**  
16/00722/FUL (21/05/2016) (Info) Convert an existing double garage to a habitable room (children's playroom / lounge) at 2 Pridmore Close Woodnewton PE8

**The reason for applications being advertised is as follows:**  
Part3 - Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 2015.  
Part16 - Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 2015.  
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Paul Bland, Head Of Planning Services

Dated 7 May 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](http://www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/dcnofication)

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

## Olympic medallist unveils Pitsford School's new sports centre

Pitsford School's brand new £2 million Sports Centre was officially opened by Colin Jackson CBE on Friday 29th April. The School also held a 24-hour inter-house cyclothon in the Sports Centre between 28th and 29th April.

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

He told the school: "It is absolutely fabulous to join you today and I am very pleased as a former international sportsman to see Pitsford School's new sporting facilities.

"The key thing about being a role model is helping make the dream happen by being motivated. I looked after Usain Bolt when he was 15 years old and he asked me what it was like to be a champion. I thought about what inspired me every day to be the best I could be. It is important to learn from your mistakes; not everything you do is perfect. When I was trying to win an Olympic Gold Medal, the qualifying round was easy and

so I didn't bother warming up for the next round. As I hadn't prepared, I got injured and although I got through to the final, I finished in seventh place. It was important to learn from that and ask why it happened.

"Preparation for anything you do in life is key. Remember to prepare well and deliver what you are capable of. Make good use of role models around you and ask them what got them to the top of their game. Many of you will be fantastic at whatever it is that you set your heart

and mind to. Be the best that you can be and enjoy what you do; that is the most important thing."

Large enough to hold four full-sized badminton courts, plus a fully-equipped cardiovascular fitness suite, café area and changing facilities, the Sports Centre offers a wide choice of sports facilities including volleyball, badminton and 5-a-side football together with panoramic views across the School's 26 acres of parkland and sports fields.



## Ranger Cadets explore the great outdoors

Ranger Cadets and leaders had a great day at Irchester Country Park on Sunday 24th April when they took part in a navigation exercise. Cadets and leaders walked the Ironstone Trail using compasses and maps and afterwards explored the woods and visited the dinosaur play area.

Mrs Eileen Mander, one of the group's leaders, commented: "This is the first trip we have arranged since the unit's formation last October and the day went well and we are now looking forward to a return visit in June. We are proud of our Cadets as they are new to navigation."

The Ranger Cadets formed its first unit at Crow Hill Community Centre, Fettleline Road, Irthlingborough in October 2015 and offers younger children as well as teenagers, the opportunity to become involved in adventure training and sporting activities. Membership is open to 8-13 year olds, as Junior Cadets, and 14-18 year olds.

Waterloo Contingent meets at Crow Hill Community Centre each Thursday evening 6.30pm-8.30pm. Activities include sports

and games, waterborne activities, camp-craft, ceremonial, Signals training (radios), weekend camps and musical activities with the marching band.



Information about joining or becoming an adult leader is available from:  
Telephone: 01933 412099, email: [rangercadetsnorthants@gmail.com](mailto:rangercadetsnorthants@gmail.com)

# Outdoor film events to return this summer

Steven Spielberg's thrilling blockbuster *Jaws* (12A) heads the return of open-air screenings at Stanwick Lakes, part of this summer's expansion of locations within the county for the popular LUNA FLIX Outdoor Cinema.

Organiser, Simon Hopkins said: "I'm delighted the idea has

caught on so well! Last year, local audiences sold out most of our classic movie shows so it's great to be at new sites, partnering with Kettering's Boughton House, Wellingborough School, Oundle and East Carlton Park as well as screening our main season again at Stanwick Lakes."

All of the summer's titles

are now open for online booking at [www.lunaflix.co.uk](http://www.lunaflix.co.uk), with screenings beginning from Friday 27th May at Stanwick Lakes.

First up is Spielberg's 70's thriller *Jaws* (12A), followed by the latest *Star Wars* blockbuster *The Force Awakens* (12A) and the ever-popular Abba musical *'Mamma Mia!'* (PG). Due to the recent

tragic death of pop star Prince, a tribute screening of his smash-hit movie, *'Purple Rain'* will play on Saturday 11th June.

Purchase tickets online only (see booking for prices at each location) with free parking included at all shows. Note: The

screenings each have limited attendance so book early to avoid disappointment: [www.lunaflix.co.uk](http://www.lunaflix.co.uk)

## Women's tennis league report

Early season matches in the Ladies Division of the East Northants Tennis took place recently and it was newcomers Corby C who began the campaign with a difficult match against defending champions Corby A, and despite several hard fought sets the A team always looked in control and Deborah Briggs / Juliet Croucher along with Karyn Slatter / Sam Chapman all secured maximum wins.

Market Harborough have always had a strong Ladies section, as shown last season when they fielded 17 different players over their eight matches. Adopting the same policy in their opening two fixtures this term brought them mixed fortunes.

A visit to Thrapston saw the home side in excellent form, winning 7-1. Lizzie Sloan / Rachel Wildman raced to

a clean sweep defeating Jane Cotterill / Liz Rothero 6-3, 6-0 and Julie Hunt / Chris Smith 6-4, 6-3. Vanessa Woodhead / Hillary Baseley also beat Hunt / Smith but had to settle for a 4-6, 6-3 half with Cotterill / Rothero.

Playing hosts to Corby A in their next match Harborough deployed a much stronger quartet and almost inflicted a rare defeat on the Corby team. The visitors started the better to lead 3-1 at the halfway point, with Slatter / Chapman beating Sarah Parr / Jacky Deans 6-0, 6-4 and Briggs / Susie Archer halving 6-4, 4-6 against Katie Gillanders / Christine Richardson. But the home side fought back as Parr / Deans produced a quality performance to beat Briggs / Archer 6-3, 6-3 while Gillanders / Richardson gained a 6-3, 1-6 half against Slatter / Chapman to leave matters all square at 4-4.

## Voluntary service recognised

Congratulations to Flight Sergeant (ATC) Dominic Chisholm who has been awarded the Lord Lieutenant's Certificate for Meritorious Service.

This is in recognition of his long commitment to voluntary service within the Air Training Corps and young people within the county and wider areas and especially his involvement within Wing level training teams.

Dominic, from Rushden, joined the Air Training Corps back in 2000 at the age of 13. He joined 1101 (Kettering) Squadron and progressed through his cadet career gaining his Staff Cadet qualification, Gold Duke of Edinburgh, both flying and gliding scholarships. Progressing through the ranks and reaching Cadet Warrant Officer, Dominic went to University in Liverpool and joined 7F (1st City of Liverpool) Squadron.

Whilst at University, Dominic furthered his skills and qualifications and gained his Weapons Instructor and Weapons Handling Test Conductor qualifications. Reaching the age of 20, Dominic continued his service as a civilian instructor at 7F and once he graduated from University, he returned home to

Northamptonshire and rejoined 1101.

Dominic was promoted to Sergeant (ATC) in 2009 after successfully passing the Pre-Uniform Course with South and East Midlands Wing. Once appointed he moved to his current unit of 858 (Rushden) Squadron and has remained there since.

Dominic's role at Rushden has developed over the years as he has gained more qualifications. He is responsible for the Weapons training, First Aid, Shooting, Drill, Discipline and Ceremonial. He has helped many cadets that have attended 858 gain qualifications in all of the above.

Along with his high commitment to his unit, Dominic has also been a key member of South and East Midlands Wing's Cadet Development Team. Within the team he was tasked with providing a variety of training courses for the cadets within the Wing, notably the Initial NCO Course. Dominic assumed the role of the Principal Drill Instructor for the Initial NCO Course, delivering the Drill, Dress and Discipline aspects of the course.

The level of commitment that Dominic has and continues to show for his unit, the Wing and the wider Corps is why he has been duly awarded the Lord Lieutenant's Certificate for Meritorious Service.



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- Sat 4 Sheringham & NNRW
- Sun 5 Great Yarmouth
- Wed 8 Linc's Aviation Heritage Ctr
- Sat 11 National Railway Museum
- Sat 11 York
- Sun 12 Mystery Tour
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# Local athletic club supports work of Cransley Hospice

The Wellingborough & District Athletic Club have continued their great work for local charities, recently presenting a cheque for £870 to the Cransley Hospice.

The cheque was accepted by Debbie Grant, who expressed her grateful thanks on behalf of the charity which provides hospice and palliative care services for the population of North Northamptonshire; further information about their fantastic work can be found on their website [www.cransleyhospice.org.uk](http://www.cransleyhospice.org.uk).

The Athletic Club adopts a different charity each year and donations have previously been made to the Deaf Children's Society, Mind and the Lakelands Hospice among others. The charity being supported this year is the Brain Tumour Charity.

The Club draws its diverse membership from all over the county and

has running groups to suit almost anyone from the fastest 'elite' runners, who continually build bigger trophy cabinets, to successful beginners' groups; they also have an active junior section. So, no matter what your aims or goals, whether it is keeping fit, losing weight, joining a social group or running to be

competitive, they can help! Training sessions are held on Tuesday and Thursday nights at 6.30pm at Wrenn Academy, Doddington Road, Wellingborough, NN8 2JJ. For more details see the club's website [www.wdac.org.uk](http://www.wdac.org.uk)



## Harringworth gears up for month of special celebrations

Harringworth Village plans to hang its new Union Jack Bunting for the whole of June, with so many special occasions to mark!

The focus of the celebrations has to be the party to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday (4th June), with the return of the Flying Scotsman steaming over the viaduct (4th and 25th) a close second. With a Car Boot Sale and Village Fete on 25th June and Open Gardens on 12th there will be a great number of cakes to bake for the expected number of visitors!

The festivities for the Queen's 90th Birthday on Saturday 4th June will be a village affair, with family and friends welcome to join in the fun and games organised in the afternoon with a special aim to entertain the children. The Afternoon Tea and Games will be followed by a family BBQ in the evening with the guest of honour, a second visit from the Flying Scotsman, around 8pm.

Anyone interested in visiting the area to see the Flying Scotsman 'steaming' over the viaduct around 10am will be encouraged by local radio and the Police to make use of the free parking in the fields adjacent to the viaduct on the Seaton Road (NN17 3AF) rather than park on the local verges. Visitors will be able to purchase refreshments including

tea and coffee and bacon butties served by village volunteers.

After the success of the Harringworth Open Gardens two years ago, Sunday 12th June (2-5pm) promises to have a fine show of eight gardens with splendid Afternoon Teas served in the Village Hall and a Plant Sale. Tickets will be available from the Village Hall from 2pm and a map provided to gain access to the gardens.

The Car Boot Sale on the same day as the Fete on Saturday 25th June is another winning formula and this year Harringworth has even more to offer.

To complement the historic journey of the Flying Scotsman, the exhibition in Harringworth St John the Baptist Church will focus on the history of the famous Harringworth Viaduct which was opened in 1880 and spans the Welland Valley with its 82 magnificent arches as featured on the Harringworth Village website.

Updates on all the events in Harringworth this June will be posted on the Harringworth Website [www.harringworthvillage.org](http://www.harringworthvillage.org) village Facebook Page (Harringworth Village News) and Twitter page (@harringworth).

### Sunday 17th April 2016

#### Duston Sprint Triathlon

Name	Position	Time	Category
Daniel Bates	44	01:09:03	V35
Julian Blackwell	53	01:10:25	V45
Christopher Jones	69	01:11:44	V35
Sally Richards	106	01:15:10	V35
Tony Hale	161	01:21:56	V65
Amy Vaughan	173	01:23:11	Senior Female
Stuart Rowse	182	01:24:14	V50
Trudi Knight	226	01:30:51	V40

#### Brighton Marathon

Name	Position	Time	Category
Helen Etherington	167	03:40:57	V35
Tony Frain	3760	04:20:20	V50

#### Great Welsh Marathon

Name	Position	Time	Category
James Terry	172	04:07:40	M40

#### Brecon Beacons Half Marathon Trail Run

Name	Position	Time	Category
Grant Nixon	22	02:18:16	V45
Mark Boyce	53	02:36:41	Senior Male

## Genealogy jottings

Have you ever considered museums as a source for discovering more about your ancestors? When I was rootling about amongst some old photographs, I found a postcard of Ashdon School, near Saffron Walden in Essex. Remarks on the reverse explained that it was the school which my grandmother and her siblings had attended – and it piqued my curiosity.

Ashdon has a lovely little museum and, like many of those that are not in large towns and cities, is open only on certain days. I was living in Hertfordshire at the time but made the foray out to the village to see what was there. It was a mine of information, set in what looked like an old Nissen Hut, with rooms laid out to depict a shop, a cottage front room, a bedroom etc. It had a little tea shop attached, which was run by volunteers and so, over my coffee and cake, I chatted to the ladies there. I mentioned the postcard, to which one of them said, "You need to show that to our Glenn as I know that he would be interested," and went off in search of the chap.

The Ashdon Museum is run by Glenn Miller. Yes, that is his name! Glenn came

**By Jan Pearson**  
*Genealogy Specialists, Tracing Our Past, Discovering Our Genes (TOP DOG)*  
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out from his back office and greeted me enthusiastically. The conversation went rather like this:

Glenn: What is the family name that you are researching?

Me: Smith

Glenn: Okay... any first name?

Me: Erm... John...

Glenn: Okay... now, we had a couple of Smith families in the village so do you have any other names?

Me: Well, he had an older brother named Pharaoh....

At this point, this wonderful chap took a box file down off a shelf, had a rummage and produced a photograph of my great grandfather! I was absolutely amazed and Glenn and I have been in contact ever since.

Check out the museums in the areas where your ancestors came from. You never know – you might find a Glenn Miller of your own!

## Switch Save Smile: the results

Hundreds of residents have saved money on their energy bills thanks to East Northamptonshire Council (ENC).

282 households are now paying less for their gas and/or electricity because they switched suppliers earlier this year.

99% of those who registered for 'Switch Save Smile' (a collective switching scheme run by ENC and iChoosr) were offered a better deal, with average savings per household of more than £350!

Energy companies SSE, E.ON and Ovo won the auction, putting forward the cheapest energy tariffs.

Rob from Higham Ferrers

has saved £572! He said: "We're getting married this month, so this easy way to save couldn't have come at a better time. All we needed to do was fill in the form with our gas and electricity statements to hand, then sit back and wait. Switching has been absolutely pain-free and we'd recommend it to anyone."

Karen Pell, Interim Environmental Protection Manager at East Northamptonshire Council, added: "I hope everyone who switched is pleased with their savings and found the process as hassle-free as Rob. The majority of residents saved at least £100 and a few have pocketed over £1,000! Those of you

that switched in the first auction, remember to look out for the next winter round when it will be time to think about switching again.

"For those who missed out this time, don't worry, we're offering this great opportunity to you again. If you know someone who didn't switch, why not let them know they've got a second chance or even give them a hand to register? We want all your neighbours, friends and family to benefit from the scheme, so please help to put a smile on their face."

To take part in the spring round, visit [www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/ssss](http://www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/ssss) to register by 16th May.

# Diamonds diary



## AFC Rushden & Diamonds Under 13 Whites are League Champions

	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
<b>1 AFC Rushden &amp; Diamonds Whites</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>34</b>
Corby Kingswood White	14	10	1	3	35	31
Ise Lodge Youth	13	9	1	3	30	28
Stewart & Lloyds Tigers	13	8	0	5	22	24
Corby Warriors Spartans	14	7	1	6	-8	22
Irchester Romans	14	6	0	8	8	18
AFC Rushden & Diamonds Blues	13	1	0	12	-51	3
Great Doddington	13	0	0	13	-67	0

There are a couple of games yet to be played in the league but no one can now catch our Whites, they are the first team to win a league since South Rushden came together with AFC Rushden & Diamonds to form the community youth setup of AFC.

And finally to Dan Richards and Damian Millar for coaching the boys through the season, I know how proud you are of your team.

Dan spoke shortly after the league had confirmed his team had won the league.

"I'm very proud of the boys, it's taken two seasons and a lot of hard work to get to this point but we are finally champions! I think a lot of the credit should go to Mark Cullen for having the courage to take on the coaches, players and parents by challenging us to move to ability based teams when we changed from 9 to 11-a-side. As

difficult as it was at the time, ultimately this change has facilitated the development of both sets of players not just the Whites but the Blues too. When you consider that eight of the title winning team came from the Blues that's a pretty good advert for development of players at our club. We haven't got it right every time of course and I've made mistakes along the way but that's how we learn as coaches. "It's not just me that has put time and effort into these lads, my co-coaches at this age group, Damian Millar, Darren Fisher and Scott Bayes also deserve equal praise for their dedication and application during their time with the club, thank you gentlemen.

"And to our players, thank you for your work over the last two years, I believed you could do it and I tried to instil in you the belief in you that you could, now you've gone one better and proved it to yourselves, you're an inspiration to me.

"Lastly to the parents of the players, thanks for standing in the rain, coming on sponsored walks, travelling around the county and supporting the team, the club and the coaches throughout. Special mention for the bearded Lino."

**Reminder:** Northamptonshire Women's & Girls' Under 12 League Cup Final, 28th May, AFC Rushden & Diamonds v Earls Barton FC, Visit [www.afcdiamondsyouth.com](http://www.afcdiamondsyouth.com) more details.

The end of the playing season is almost upon us, a point where the preparations for next season start. We already have to get our kit orders ready as our kit is not 'off the



shelf' and requires that little bit longer to get ready. The end of season also brings with it our footy fun day, presentation evening for the first team, AFC youth at 'Party in the Park' as well as friendlies galore as some teams ready themselves for a change of format next year. There are now four formats for youth football, 5 v 5, 7 v 7, 9 v 9 and of course 11 v 11, ideal for helping with the development of young players, giving them pitches and goals in relation to their size – not rocket science I admit, but it still took us some years before we adopted it in this country.

At the time of writing the first team still have the NFA Hillier Senior Cup Final against Kettering to compete in. I will bring you details of what happened in a couple of weeks.

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

# Pupil shortlisted for prestigious national poetry competition

Oundle School pupil Ed Pryor (17) was shortlisted for this year's Christopher Tower Poetry Competition, with his poem 'Driving Lesson' receiving a prize of £250 awarded at a ceremony held in the McKenna Room in Christ Church College, Oxford on 20th April.

This year's theme of 'wonder' attracted over 1,100 entrants (all born between 1997 and 2000) for the UK's most prestigious poetry competition for 16-18 year olds. It has been running for 16 years, with many schools encouraging entrants for the first time this year.

The judges were Peter McDonald, Christopher Tower Student and Tutor in Poetry at Christ Church, Scottish poet and critic, Alan Gillis and Katherine Rundell, author and Fellow of All Souls College. Prizes were awarded by the Dean of Christ Church, after which the winners were interviewed by the media and filmed reading their poems.

Photographs after the presentation were taken in the Dean's garden, which was once Alice Liddell's garden, hence the theme of

'wonder'. The tree in the background is the Cheshire cat's tree and the doorway is the locked door to the students' garden that Alice was not allowed to open.

The Christopher Tower poetry competition has a reputation for discovering fresh and exciting poetry talent. Previous prizewinners such as Helen Mort, Caroline Bird, Richard O'Brien, Anna Lewis and Annie Katchinska, are now gaining further acclaim in other competitions or within the publishing/ writing world. The competition is just one of the initiatives developed by Tower Poetry at Christ Church to encourage the writing and reading of poetry by young adults. Other projects include summer schools (to which the first three winners are invited as part of their prize), poetry readings, conferences, an ongoing publication programme and website, which is used as an educational resource in schools.

Ashani Lewis, from The Tiffin Girls' School, Surrey, was awarded the £3,000 first prize for her poem 'Flowers From The Dark'. The winner of the second (£1,000) prize was Safah Ahmed (Newham Collegiate Sixth Form Centre, London) with 'Accent' and the third prize winner, Sophia West (Oxford High School) won £500 with 'The Awakening'. Their schools receive £150 each. Each of the three prizewinners are invited to the Tower Poetry Summer School, worth £750 approximately. The other two short-listed winners were: Natasha Blinder (South Hampstead High School, London) and Grace Fraser (Hartismere High School, Suffolk).

109 entrants (excluding the winners) from 97 schools were placed on the longest representing most regions of the UK.

Alan Gillis commented: "Reading through all the poems, I was struck first of all by the great

range and diversity of work in terms of voice, style and subject matter. But overwhelmingly, I was impressed by the consistency of excellence. The experience of judging has

been really uplifting because of the passion and daring, boldness and confidence of the poems entered. This is a wonderful competition."



You can see the winning entries on the Tower Poetry website where the talented young authors read their own poems ([www.towerpoetry.org.uk](http://www.towerpoetry.org.uk)), and further information on the competition and other Tower projects from [info@towerpoetry.org.uk](mailto:info@towerpoetry.org.uk) or on 01865 286591. Follow on Twitter @TowerPoetry; on Facebook at <http://on.fb.me/HrGdyZ> or on YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/christophertower1>.

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## Corby Outdoors Festival

**C**orby Walking Festival is in its 8th annual year and has a new look. The event is now being renamed the Corby Outdoors Festival and will be taking place from 30th May–5th June.

A wider range of outdoor activities will be offered, including cycling and outdoor cinema. It's hoped this will encourage more people to be involved with the Festival and experience the health and social benefits that walking and general outdoor activity offers.

As in previous years, the walk programme will still form an important part of the week-long event and will celebrate the wealth of walking opportunities in and around Corby, Northamptonshire.

Cllr Paul Beattie, Corby Borough Council member champion for Cycling and Walking said: "I'm pleased to be supporting this event. Corby borough is rich in open spaces in the town itself and also has the magnificent Rockingham Forest and Welland Valley on its doorstep. The

Festival showcases the fact that you don't have to travel far to enjoy a pleasant walk in one of our parks or woodland areas, like our medieval Kingswood. It's a great way to gain health benefits at the same time."

For regular updates and a copy of the programme visit the website [www.corbywalkingfestival.org.uk](http://www.corbywalkingfestival.org.uk) or contact Suzanne Preston, Rural Pride Officer on 01536 463177 or email [Suzanne.preston@corby.gov.uk](mailto:Suzanne.preston@corby.gov.uk)

## Running clubs combine in memory of Captain David Seath

**F**ollowing the sad news of the death of Afghanistan veteran Captain David Seath, during the Virgin Money London Marathon on Sunday 24th April, Team Balancise of Higham Ferrers and Rushden Runners are planning to get together and run 3.2 miles to raise funds for his chosen charity.

Captain Seath (31) suffered a cardiac arrest near the 23-mile mark just 3.2 miles short of the finish line; he was running in aid of Help for Heroes and had hoped to raise £250 for the forces based charity.

The main run will take place on Sunday 8th May at Stanwick Lakes, a £1 donation will be collected from each runner and donated to Captain Seath's Just Giving page. The run will start by the toilet block near the main Stanwick Lakes building and will cover a 3.2 mile route. Runners are to

gather at 1.45pm for a prompt 2pm start. All members and their families are planning to join in to run or walk the 3.2 miles to honour Captain Seath, including children and dogs.

Keith Hall, the Chairman of Team Balancise, said: "One of our members brought to our attention the fact that Captain Seath's friends and family were finishing his race for him to raise money for his Just Giving page and suggested we may do the same. We thought it was a great idea and Rushden Runners kindly agreed to join us.

"If anyone else wants to join in and donate £1 they would be welcome but please note this is not an official event just a bunch of people getting together to contribute to a worthy cause on David Seath's behalf. All will be welcome."

## Henry Chichele Primary School praised in latest Ofsted report

**S**taff and pupils at Henry Chichele Primary School have been praised by Ofsted inspectors, as the school was awarded a glowing Ofsted report.

The school, based in Higham Ferrers, achieved a "good" status with inspectors praising the work of the Headteacher, Mr McClymont, and his partnership with teachers and governors resulting in a positive outcome.

Inspectors noted that, "there is a shared vision that enables good teaching to flourish

and pupils behave and achieve well."

Mr McClymont said: "I am delighted with our latest inspection result. The school as a whole has worked tremendously hard to improve in all areas. The children love learning and are well prepared for life and reaching their full potential."

The full report can be viewed here <http://henrychichele.northants.sch.uk/index.php/about-us/our-last-ofsted>

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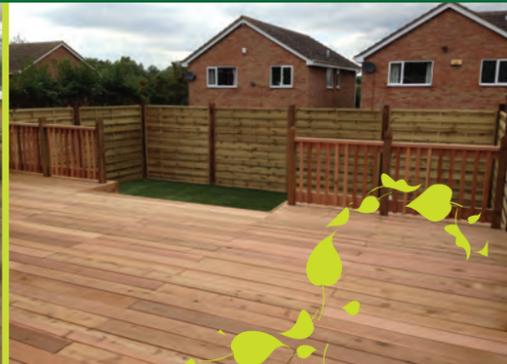
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**Saturday 7th May**  
**Oundle Strollers**

Leave Fletton House, Glapthorne Rd 12.30pm  
Walk starts 1pm, Willbaston Village Hall  
Leader Len Johnson  
07796 916644  
Explorer 224. Grid Ref. 815/885. Distance 6 miles.

**Writing in Wonderland**

Northampton Museum and Art Gallery, Guildhall Road, Northampton  
10.30am-3pm with a break for lunch and cake!  
£10  
Tickets available from the museum.  
01604 838111 or museums@northampton.gov.uk  
Creative Writing Workshop inspired by Tenniel's Alice in Wonderland illustrations on exhibition at Northampton Museum.

**Sunday 8th May**  
**Organ Recital - James Parsons**

Oundle School Chapel 5.30pm  
No tickets required  
The second of a four part series of organ recitals with organist James Parsons.

**All Age Morning Worship**

Rushden Mission Church Wellingborough Road 10.45am  
Alan 01933 355302  
Informal service led by the Music Group with children's activities.

**Morning Service with Communion**

Thrapston Baptist Church 10.30am  
Preacher: Mat Hussain  
Persecution begins. Acts 5:17-42.

**Whitefriars Breakfast**

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

**Whitefriars Church Silver Service**

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

**Whitefriars Church, Rushden, Countryside Walk - 'Nene Calling'**

Central Northampton - details to be finalised: ring for details 10.30am  
Andrew Presland 01933 316927  
Walking near countryside near the River Nene on the edge of Northampton town centre  
[Previously notified as bring at Nunn Mills Road but that is closed for building work].

**Monday 9th May**  
**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.

**Oundle U3A Monthly Meeting**

Queen Victoria Hall, West Street, Oundle  
Doors open 2pm  
Members £1, Non-members £2  
01832 275933  
"Life in Music" with Andy Smith, a songwriting multi-instrumentalist and singer.

**Wednesday 11th May**  
**Oundle Strollers**

Lower Benefield Church  
Walk starts 6.30pm  
Leader Brian Collis  
01832 272659  
Explorer 224. Grid Ref. 884/988. Distance 4 miles.

**Open Social Tennis Club Night**

Ferrers and Rushden Tennis Club, Higham Ferrers Recreation Ground, Wharf Road, Higham Ferrers 6.30pm-8.30pm  
Steve Roberts (Secretary) 01933 461028  
Open, free night for non members at friendly club.  
Only a little tennis experience needed.

**Corby, A Northamptonshire Village**

Methodist Church, Drummingwell Lane, Oundle PE8 4AA  
7.30pm  
Members free/ Visitors £2  
[www.northants-fhs.org/oundleinfo@northants-fhs.org](http://www.northants-fhs.org/oundleinfo@northants-fhs.org)  
A talk by Billy Dalziel covering the history of Old Corby Village and the Steelworks.

**Bridge of Grace Food Bank**

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

**Thursday 12th May**  
**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.

**Lunchtime Concert - Pianists**

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

**Raunds WI**

The Saxon Hall, Raunds 7.30pm  
£3.50 for Visitors  
Mary Harber 01933 624271  
Evening to discuss Resolutions for 2016 with Malvina Keech. Coffee & Cakes.

**Friday 13th May**  
**Music in Quiet Places: Julian Perkins, clavichord**

St Mary Magdalene Church, Geddington 7.30pm  
Admission: £14, £12 concessions, £4 under 18s,  
Special offer - buy tickets to any three concerts at the same time and save £1 per ticket (applies to full price and

concessions only)  
In Person: Oundle Box Office, 4 New Street, Oundle, PE8 4ED  
Tel: 01832 274734 Opening hours: 10am-1pm  
[www.oundlefestival.org.uk](http://www.oundlefestival.org.uk)  
This recital includes works from Froberger, Herbert Howells, J S Bach and others.

**Oundle Historical Society: The Princess and the Gunpowder Plot**

Methodist Church, Drummingwell Lane, Oundle 7.30pm  
Members free, non members £2  
Perdita Cawthorne 01832 270372  
The Princess and the Gunpowder Plot - Talk by Malcolm Deacon.

**Saturday 14th May**  
**Oundle & District Care Spring Fair**

Victoria Hall, Oundle 9am-12.30pm  
Admission free  
Toys, Books, Cakes, Bric a Brac, Plants, Tombola, Raffle, Refreshments.

**Leilani Barratt sings Berlioz - Les Nuits d'ete**

Church of St Mary the Virgin, Titchmarsh 7.30pm  
Tickets £10 from [berlioztickets@gmail.com](mailto:berlioztickets@gmail.com), 07952 818235 or on the door.  
Mezzo-soprano Leilani Barratt presents an evening of French Song with music by Berlioz, Debussy, Faure, Hahn and Poulenc.

**Wellingborough Gospel Choir**

St James Church Thrapston 7.30pm  
£8 Adults £3 Children  
Lindsey Burch 01832730019/[theburchbunch@btinternet.com](mailto:theburchbunch@btinternet.com)  
Glass of wine and nibbles included in ticket.

**Spring Book Sale**

Oundle Library 10am-2pm  
Free admission  
Ex-stock bargains and donated books at amazing prices!

**Breakfast with the King**

Rushden Mission Church Wellingborough Road 9am-11am  
£3 inc. breakfast buffet  
Sandra Fall 01933 312919  
Ladies meeting for teaching, prayer, reflection.

**Sunday 15th May**  
**Evening Service**

Rushden Mission Church Wellingborough Road 5.30pm  
Alan 01933 355302  
Traditional service with well-known hymns led by Sharon Hollamby.

**Whitefriars Church - Morning Worship**

Whitefriars Church at Whitefriars Junior School, Rushden 10.15am

**All Age Morning Worship**

Rushden Mission Church Wellingborough Road 10.45am  
Alan 01933 355302  
Informal service led by the Music Group with children's

activities.

**Higham Ferrers Footpath Group**

Saffron Road car park Higham Ferrers for car sharing 9.15am  
Admission free  
01858 465852  
6.5 mile walk from Wilbarston.

**Thrapston Bowls Club Open Day**

Thrapston Bowls Club, The Green, Market Road, Thrapston NN14 4JP 2pm  
Admission free  
Jen Hetherington 01832 734230, email [thrapstonbowlsclub@gmail.com](mailto:thrapstonbowlsclub@gmail.com)  
New players always welcome. Experience not necessary. Come along and roll a bowl or two.

**Spring Book Sale**

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**Morning Service Thrapston Baptist Church**

10.30am  
Preacher: Graham Timson  
The value of serving at tables. Acts 6:1-7.

**Monday 16th May**  
**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.

**Lecture by Dr Robin Catchpole, University of Cambridge: "Are we alone?"**

Chelveston Village Hall 8pm  
£3 per person including tea/coffee and biscuits  
Steve Williams 01933 650331 or [chilternastro@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:chilternastro@yahoo.co.uk) or Mrs Peta Jellis on 01933 356914 or [pej@petaj26.me.uk](mailto:pej@petaj26.me.uk)  
Dr Catchpole will consider why we might be the only self-aware observers of our universe.

**Higham Ferrers WI Meeting**

Ault School, Westfield Terrace, Higham Ferrers 2.15pm  
Olga Earl 01933 412848  
This month's subject will be 'Resolutions'. Tea and cake will be served. The competition will be a plate of 4 cakes. As always new members are always welcome.

**Thursday 19th May**  
**Summer Tea Dance**

Rushden Academy, Hayway, Rushden, Northants NN10 6AG 2pm-4pm  
Jo Holmes 01933 350391  
Traditional Tea Dance open to the public. Raffle and refreshments provided.

**Tiddlers Group for 0-3 year olds**

Thrapston Baptist Church 9.30am-11.30am  
Friendly and welcoming with lots of toys and play equipment for the little ones



to enjoy. £1 per carer - as many toddlers as you like!

**Friday 20th May**  
**Music in Quiet Places: The FB Pocket Orchestra**

St Mary the Virgin & All Saints Church, Nassington 7.30pm  
Admission: £14, £12 concessions, £4 under 18s  
Tel: 01832 274734 Opening hours: 10am-1pm  
[www.oundlefestival.org.uk](http://www.oundlefestival.org.uk)  
A contemporary slant on popular acoustic music from the late 19th and early 20th Centuries.

**Rushden Lams presents Northampton Male Voice Choir**

Rushden Masonic Hall, Wellingborough Road, Rushden NN10 9YJ 6.45 for 7.15pm  
Tickets £15 inc finger supper  
Sheila 01933 665684  
Proceeds in aid of Alzheimer's Society and Parkinson's UK.

**Saturday 21st May**  
**Coffee Morning and Plant Sale**

Oundle Primary School Hall, Milton Road Oundle 10.30am-12noon  
£1 includes tea/coffee

**Coffee Morning and Plant Sale**

Glapthorn Village Hall PE8 5BE  
10.30am-12noon  
Admission free  
Pauline Davidson 01832 273526

**Spring Fete**

Woodford CE Primary School 12noon-4pm  
Admission free  
Claire Clay 017717 696153  
Please come along and support our local school. Stalls, games, tombola, refreshments and more.

**Every Monday**  
**Headway East Northants Craft Club**

The Baptist Chapel, Meeting Lane, Irthlingborough 1.30pm-3.30pm  
£1 admission  
Claire Phillips 01933 652311, [claire.phillips@headwayeastnorthants.org.uk](mailto:claire.phillips@headwayeastnorthants.org.uk)

**Titchmarsh Folk Dance Club**

The Club Room, High Street, Titchmarsh NN14 3DF 8pm-10pm  
£1 inc tea/coffee

Julie Bubbles 01536 726858 or [bubbles.folksinger@hotmail.com](mailto:bubbles.folksinger@hotmail.com)

**Oundle Ladies Running Group**

Oundle pool car park 6.45pm  
Jane Walker 01832 272898, [janewalkercakes@icloud.com](mailto: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](mailto:Carole.wyatt@virginmedia.com)  
£5 per session, no block booking commitment.

**Praise and Play (during term time)**

St James' Church Thrapston 1.30pm-2.45pm  
Free, refreshments available  
Anita 735443

**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

**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](mailto:oundlediabetes@gmail.com)

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Stephanie Bradley 01832 770011 mornings  
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**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  
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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

**Short Mat Bowls**

Saxon Hall, Raunds  
1.45pm-4pm  
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Tel: 01933 624545

**1st Tuesday of every month Great Companions**

Rushden Bowls Club, Northampton Road  
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Pat Bazeley 07931 964360

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**Club Night**

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From 6pm

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7.45pm-8.45pm

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**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  
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**2nd Wednesday of the month Coffee Morning**

Raunds Methodist Church  
10am-12noon  
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**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](mailto: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  
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**Every Thursday Rushden Folk Dance Club**

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**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)  
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**Every Thursday during school term time Music Makers**

Titchmarsh Pavilion  
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£4 per child and £2 per sibling.  
Naomi Cooper on music [makersnorthants@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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  
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**Community Art Classes**

Oundle School Art Department  
7.30pm-8.30pm  
Free admission  
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**1st Thursday of the month Raunds & District History Society**

Saxon Hall, Raunds  
7.30pm-9.30pm  
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**Every Friday (Term Time Only) Over 60s FREE swim**

Oundle School Swimming Pool, Milton Road, Oundle  
3pm-3.45pm  
Free admission  
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**Pre-School Swimming Lessons**

Oundle School Swimming Pool, Milton Road, Oundle  
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**1st Friday of the month (recommend checking before travelling) Craft Cafe**

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[www.stanwicklakes.org.uk](http://www.stanwicklakes.org.uk)

**3rd Friday of the month Raunds Tea Dance**

Saxon Hall, Raunds  
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**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.  
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[www.stanwicklakes.org.uk](http://www.stanwicklakes.org.uk)

**1st Saturday of the month Coffee Morning**

St Mary's Church, Ringstead  
10am-12noon  
01933 624262 for details

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Thrapston High Street  
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**THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**(PUBLIC BYWAY NH16 - PARISH OF LOWICK & PUBLIC FOOTPATHS ND10 & ND12 - PARISH OF ISLIP)**

**(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2016**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit all motorised vehicles, pedestrians, equestrians and cyclists from proceeding along that length of Public Byway NH16 in the Parish of Lowick and Public Footpaths ND10 and ND12 in the Parish of Islip as specified below. Access to land or premises adjacent to the said lengths of byway and footpaths is unaffected.

**RIGHT OF WAY TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES:** The route of NH16 to be closed starts at point A on the map at National Grid Reference (NGR) SP97430 80409. The route travels generally south west for approximately 2107 metres to point B at NGR SP96707 78721. The route to be closed is shown by a solid black line between points A – B. The route of ND10 to be closed starts at point C on the map at National Grid Reference (NGR) SP98388 79001. The route travels generally west for approximately 1633 metres to point D at NGR SP96781 79077. The route to be closed is shown by a solid black line between points C – D. The route of ND12 to be closed starts at point E on the map at National Grid Reference (NGR) SP96793 79080. The route travels generally north for approximately 433 metres to point F at NGR SP96737 79508. The route to be closed is shown by a solid black line between points F – E.

**REASONS FOR RESTRICTION:** The restriction is required on the grounds of public health and safety.

**PERIOD OF CLOSURE:** The proposed Order will come into effect on 8th May 2016 and will continue in force for a period of six 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 notices.

**ALTERNATIVE ROUTE:** There are no suitable alternative routes.

Dated this 7th day of May 2016  
QUENTIN BAKER, Director of LGSS Law

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

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

#### DESIGNATION OF NEIGHBOURHOOD AREAS

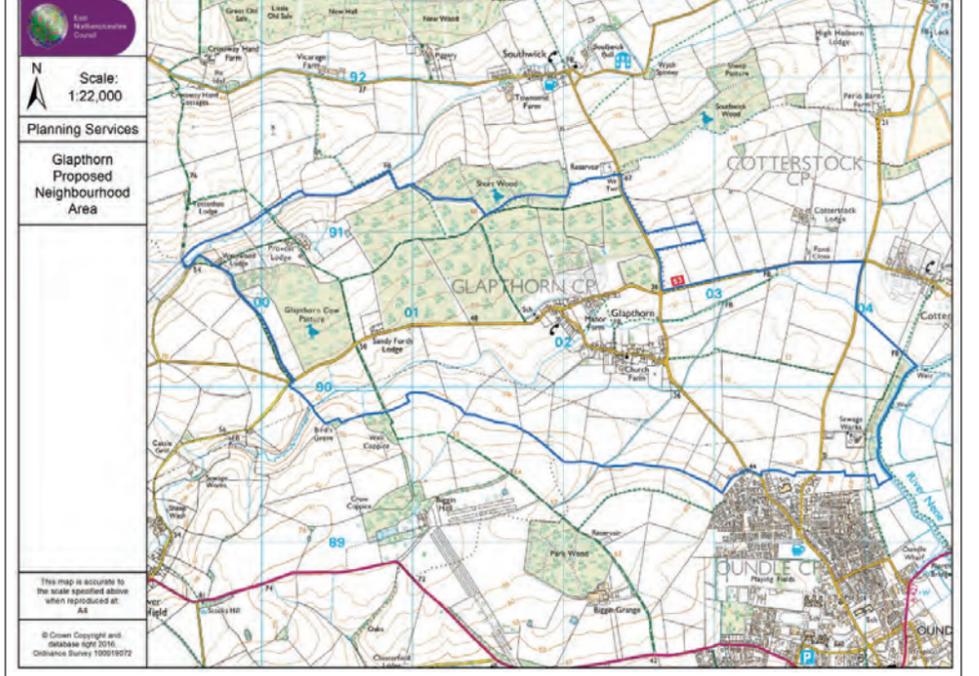
Notice is given that an application has been made by the following parish council for the designation of a Neighbourhood Area, under Section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and Regulation 5 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended):

- **Glaphorn Parish Council (designation of a new Neighbourhood Area)**

This will enable the Parish Council to undertake neighbourhood planning and in particular to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan for the parish. It is intended that wider, strategic planning issues will be addressed through the adopted Local Plan for East Northamptonshire Council, which consists of the North Northamptonshire Core Spatial Strategy (adopted June 2008); Rural North, Oundle and Thrapston Plan (adopted July 2011); and saved policies from the East Northamptonshire District Local Plan (adopted November 1996).

Preparation of a replacement Local Plan is already underway, which will consist of the North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy (JCS) 2011-2031 and relevant site specific Plan(s), prepared by East Northamptonshire Council. It is anticipated that the JCS will be adopted during summer 2016, when it will entirely replace the 2008 North Northamptonshire Core Spatial Strategy and saved policies from the East Northamptonshire District Local Plan. It will also replace a number of policies from the 2011 Rural North, Oundle and Thrapston Plan.

East Northamptonshire Council is seeking to designate a Neighbourhood Area boundary for the entire area of the parish of Glaphorn.



In accordance with Regulation 6 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, 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 online: [www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/consultation](http://www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/consultation)

Copies of the proposed Neighbourhood Area boundary shall be available to view at the following locations, between **Friday, 6 May** and **Monday, 6 June 2016** inclusive:

- Customer Service Centre, Cedar Drive, Thrapston, NN14 4LZ (8:45am-5pm, Monday to Friday)
- Customer Service Centre, Newton Road, Rushden, NN10 0PT (9am-4:30pm, Monday to Friday)
- Customer Service Centre, Oundle Library, Glaphorn Road, Oundle, PE8 4JA (10am-1pm, Monday to Friday)
- Thrapston Library, High Street, Thrapston, NN14 4JJ (10am-6pm, Tuesday to Friday; 10am-2pm, Saturday; 11am-2pm, Sunday).

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 e-mail to [planningpolicy@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk](mailto:planningpolicy@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk) no later than 4pm on **Monday, 6 June 2016**.

Paul Bland  
Head of Planning Services  
East Northamptonshire Council

**LICENSING ACT 2003**

**APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE (SECTION 17)**

Notice is hereby given that Oliver Sharp/Robert Langridge have applied to East Northants District Council for the grant of a Premises Licence in respect of farmland between Elton and Warrington (Grid Reference 092926) and intend to carry on the following licensable activities: sale of alcohol, late night refreshment and provision of regulated entertainment. The premises licence is proposed to run from 12 noon on the second Friday in August until 12 noon the following Monday annually.

The Licensing register may be inspected at the Licensing Authority, East Northamptonshire Council, Cedar Drive, Thrapston, Northants NN14 4LZ Y, between 08.45am-5.00pm Monday to Friday.

Any representation by a Responsible Authority or interested party must be made in writing to the above address by 27th May 2016.

It is an offence knowingly to make a false statement in connection with an application punishable on summary conviction by a maximum fine of £5,000.

Oliver Sharp/Robert Langridge

**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14**

**THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (THE LANE, EASTON ON THE HILL)**

**(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of The Lane, Easton on the Hill as set out below.

**LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES:** That length of The Lane, Easton on the Hill from West Street to Church Street.

**REASONS FOR RESTRICTION:** The restriction is required for safety during new gas connection.

**PERIOD OF CLOSURE:** The proposed Order will come into effect on 23rd May 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 five days.

**ALTERNATIVE ROUTES:** use West Street, High Street and Church Street.

Dated this 7th day of May 2016  
QUENTIN BAKER, Director of LGSS Law

PKG/T16/141  
If you require any further information please contact Gary Thorp on 01604 883400.

**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14**

**THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (MARKET ROAD, THRAPSTON)**

**(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of Market Road, Thrapston as set out below.

**LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES:** That length of Market Road, Thrapston from Grove Road to Hortons Lane.

**REASONS FOR RESTRICTION:** The restriction is required for safety during BT works.

**PERIOD OF CLOSURE:** The proposed Order will come into effect on 5th June 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 one day.

**ALTERNATIVE ROUTES:** use Huntingdon Road, High Street and Midland Road.

Dated this 7th day of May 2016  
QUENTIN BAKER, Director of LGSS Law

PKG/T16/146  
If you require any further information please contact Gary Thorp on 01604 883400.

**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14**

**THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (HIGH STREET, LITTLE ADDINGTON)**

**(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of High Street, Little Addington as set out below.

**LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES:** That length of High Street, Little Addington from the junctions with Back Lane.

**REASONS FOR RESTRICTION:** The restriction is required for safety during repairs to leaking hydrant.

**PERIOD OF CLOSURE:** The proposed Order will come into effect on 17th May 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 three days.

**ALTERNATIVE ROUTES:** use Back Lane.

Dated this 7th day of May 2016  
QUENTIN BAKER, Director of LGSS Law

PKG/T16/140  
If you require any further information please contact Gary Thorp on 01604 883400.

# Members' Allowances 2015/16

In accordance with the provisions of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, the Local Government Act 2000 and the Local Authorities (Members Allowances) Regulations 2003, the following allowances and expenses were paid to or on behalf of councillors, as well as town or parish councillors who are members of the Joint Standards Complaints Committee and

the independent person (and their reserve) appointed to be consulted by the Monitoring Officer in respect of complaints over councillor conduct, in 2015/16. The value of the basic and special responsibility allowances and travel and subsistence expenses paid were in line with the adopted Members Allowances Scheme for East Northamptonshire.

COUNCILLORS	Allowances			Expenses			TOTAL £
	Chairman of the council £	Basic £	Special responsibility £	Travel and subsistence £	IT provision £	Provision of car for civic duties £	
Baden P		447.04			20.84		467.88
Beattie R		4089.78			250.00		4,339.78
Boto T		4536.82	1,227.96	234.00	387.88		6,386.66
Brackenbury D		4536.82	3,683.04		250.00		8,469.86
Brackenbury W		4536.82			250.00		4,786.82
Bradberry P		447.04	376.22	227.70	22.05		1,073.01
Capp D		447.04			29.42		476.46
Carter V		4089.78		35.70			4,125.48
Farrar J		4536.82		59.40	407.20		5,003.42
Gell R		4536.82	3,118.70	273.60	266.40		8,195.52
Gilthero M		4536.82	1,227.96	755.95	465.16		6,985.89
Greenwood-Smith G		4536.82	1,782.03	440.50	457.60		7,216.95
Harrison H		4089.78			250.00		4,339.78
Harwood G		4536.82	4,628.22	596.20	538.00		10,299.24
Hillson M	5,100.00	4536.82		435.10	250.00		10,321.92
Hobbs S		4536.82		147.60	144.00		4,828.42
Hollomon M		4536.82			119.88		4,656.70
Homer S		447.04			29.42		476.46
Howell H		4089.78		233.10	250.00		4,572.88
Hughes D		4536.82		117.00			4,653.82
Hughes SJ		4536.82		40.50			4,577.32
Jenney B		4536.82	777.25	1,168.20			6,482.27
Jenney JD		4536.82	917.06	346.50	250.00		6,050.38
Jones L		4089.78			250.00		4,339.78
Lewis R		4536.82	3,683.04	504.45	370.00		9,094.31
Lucille E		447.04			29.42		476.46
Maxwell D		4089.78		108.00	250.00		4,447.78
Mercer A		4536.82		190.80	433.72		5,161.34
Mercer G		4536.82	1,039.80	954.95	250.00		6,781.57
Nightingale R		447.04		40.50	26.75		514.29
North S J		4536.82	7,882.25	235.15	250.00		12,904.22
Northall B		447.04		8.10	20.72		475.86
Peacock S		4536.82	165.94		183.72		4,866.48
Pinnock J		4089.78		121.50	250.00		4,461.28
Pinnock R		4536.82		72.90	490.00		5,099.72
Powell R		4089.78			250.00		4,339.78
Raven-Hill V		4089.78		157.95	250.00		4,497.73
Read D H		447.04	376.22		29.42		852.68
Reichhold CR	850.00	4536.82		501.20			5,888.02
Sauntson A		4536.82		195.30	258.00		4,990.12
Shacklock G		4089.78		199.35	258.58		4,547.71
Smith A		4536.82					4,536.82
Stearn P		4536.82	3,616.68	257.40	409.72		8,820.62
Taylor C		447.04					447.04
Underwood R		4536.82		396.00	247.44		5,180.26
Vowles J		4536.82	2,751.98	37.35	538.00		7,864.15
Wathen P		4536.82	1,083.00	342.40	252.00		6,214.22
Whiting P		4536.82		200.70	90.00		4,827.52
Wood C		447.04					447.04
Wright C		4536.82	3,249.96	72.00	466.00		8,324.78
<b>Joint Standards Complaints Committee</b>							
Tyman R - Parish Council Representative							0.00
Munday D - Parish Council Representative							0.00
Cowan F - Parish Council Representative				59.40			59.40
Sparkes R - Parish Council Representative							0.00
Lawson D - Parish Council Representative							0.00
Whittaker A - Parish Council Representative							0.00
<b>Others</b>							
Owen E - Members Remuneration Panel							0.00
Haynes A - Members Remuneration Panel				31.50			31.50
Barnard V - Independent (non elected) Person		1,134.17		44.43			1,178.60
Sortwell A - Independent (non elected) Reserve		453.49					453.49
	5,950.00	183,060.46	41,587.31	9,842.38	10,491.34	0.00	250,931.49

Glenn Hammons, Chief Finance Officer, East Northamptonshire Council, Cedar Drive, Thrapston, Northamptonshire NN14 4LZ



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# Chess Corner



By Derrick Sims

It is just over 12 months since Rushden A were competing in the semi-final stage of the John Robinson Knockout competition. On that occasion they were up against the eventual winners, Chess Mates B. Although the game was drawn, Rushden were eliminated on the tiebreak rule. This year Rushden faced Chess Mates A in the battle for a place in the final.

Hugh Murphy was competing against Chess Mates' Chris Ross on board 1. Hugh developed a sound opening with extra space on the Queen side but in the end, in what Hugh admitted was a slightly reserved performance, a draw was agreed. James Gardner was progressing reasonably well on board 2 until he pushed his King forward, exposing it to attack by Kamau's pieces. James was unable to recover from this and resigned shortly afterwards. Rushden's Captain, Alan Lewis, had a good game on board 5 when Curran's Bishop was pinned in front of his King after Alan

captured his Knight. Alan maintained his piece advantage and Curran eventually conceded defeat. Nik seemed in trouble early on against Northampton's Eva Ressel when she pushed her pawns forward harrying his Knight. She then managed to gain and keep a pawn advantage. The final nail in the coffin for Nik was when he exchanged his Queen for a Knight and a Rook. Saj had a tight game against Jefta Jawi but skilfully engineered an endgame advantage, leading to Jefta's resignation and a tied result. As in the previous year Rushden were eliminated from the competition on the tiebreak rule. In the words of the immortal bard Rushden once again suffered the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune.

**John Robinson Knockout Cup Match  
Monday 18th April  
Rushden A 2½ - 2½ Chess Mates A  
Bd1: Hugh Murphy (198) ½ Chris Ross**

(197)  
Bd2: James Gardner (159) 0-1 Frank Kamau (167)  
Bd3: Nik Puryer (139) 0-1 Eva Ressel (137)  
Bd4: Sajan Ganger (130) 1-0 Jefta Jawi (U)  
Bd5: Alan Lewis (131) 1-0 Dave Curran (117)  
Rushden knocked out on the tiebreak rule!

It was fascinating to watch Hugh Murphy and Chris Ross go through the post-match analysis of their game. This is normally undertaken on boards set out away from the match room. Chris is an exceptional player who despite blindness plays at the highest level of the game. In this instance

Hugh also demonstrated his ability to visualise the game and they carried out their analysis without a board and pieces whilst stood at the bar enjoying a well earned drink. I have only seen this ability demonstrated once before and that was when world champion Magnus Carlsen took on and beat three opponents while blindfolded. The official record held for most games played in a simultaneous blindfold exhibition was set in 1947 by Miguel Najdorf. Najdorf played against 45 opponents in São Paulo winning 39, drawing four and losing two games.

Chris has been selected to take part in the 16th Blind Chess Olympiad being held in Azerbaijan this September. I look forward to reporting on his progress later in the year.

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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