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Rushden Maritime secures funding

The Rushden Unit of the Maritime Volunteer Service has secured funding of £3,583 for flood/water rescue equipment through their successful bid to the Department for Transport's Inshore and Inland Rescue Boat Grant Scheme for 2015/16.



Practice using the 3m rescue inflatable and 3m rescue raft (River Nene, Woodford Mill)

PHOTOGRAPH BY LEADING VOLUNTEER SARAH SMITH MVS

The Rushden Unit of the Maritime Volunteer Service is a dedicated volunteer member group of Northamptonshire's Emergency Response Corps (NERC). As specialists in flood and water rescue, members of the Rushden Unit are trained to support the professional Emergency Services in times of community need. To enhance their capability, the Unit successfully secured funding provided by the Department for Transport in order to purchase vital equipment.

In addition to its existing scale of water rescue equipment and boats the Rushden Unit is now the proud owner of a 3m inflatable rescue boat, a specialist 3m rescue raft, an inflatable 10m water rescue tube, replacement VHF radios and GPS satellite navigation aids.

For those of you who

have been out and about along the embankment of the River Nene near to Wellingborough and Thrapston on early Sunday mornings, you may have seen a strange group of orange-suited people either in small boats or up to their necks in the river being dragged out on the end of expertly thrown ropes. Now you know what they were doing!

If you're interested in the activities of the Rushden Unit of the Maritime Volunteer Service and would like to know more, please feel free to visit. The group meets every Wednesday evening, 7pm-9pm at the Nene Valley Community Volunteers Centre, just off the High Street in Rushden, or come and have a chat when you see us 'messaging about in boats on the river!'

Volunteer Officer Andy Smith MVS, Head of Unit (Rushden, Northants)

In Brief

St Peter's Church Appeal update

Chairman of East Northants Council, accompanied by Mr Tony Iacobucci, stopped off at the St Peter's Church Appeal stall to chat with Mrs Maureen Windust (Churchwarden), when she visited the Raunds Mayor's Show on Sunday 1st May.

Mrs Windust explained that the Heritage Appeal Fund is now supporting the project, but local fundraising must continue as the restoration costs are so high and urgent.

The stall raised a further £203 at the event for the Appeal.

Calling singers!

Auditions for Tchaikovsky's grand opera Eugene Onégin will take place on Sunday 5th June, 2-5pm, at The Thrapston Plaza, Cosy Nook, Thrapston NN14 4PS

Casting offers several principal roles in this, Thrapston Plaza Opera's 7th annual production (to be performed Feb 2017).

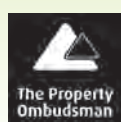
New chorus members are also welcome to come sing the 2pm warm-up.

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Editor's notes

The plans for dualling the section of the A45 south of Thrapston are intended to reduce congestion and improve safety, which we all would probably accept as entirely laudable objectives. The start of the work may be some way off yet but it's never too early to start thinking about the ramifications of this sort of improvement in the local infrastructure.

One point of concern must be the implications for the volume of traffic using the A605 north of Thrapston, already a stretch of road which is heavily used by traffic, particularly HGVs, taking a shortcut from the A14 to the A1 near Peterborough. There doesn't seem to be much recent statistical information on record about the use of this section of road but the improvements to the A45 hardly seem likely to reduce the use of the A605 and locals will have their own views about congestion and the consequences of traffic accidents.

Given the state of public finances, dualling the entire stretch is unfeasible and would probably be most unwelcome for a number of reasons. One option which might help would be a weight restriction, except for access, from north of Thrapston to the A1. Doubtless there would be problems enforcing the limit but this possibility seems to have merit, at least from a local perspective. However, bearing in mind the inevitable application of the law of unintended consequences, if you have any views on this issue please let us know.

You're probably awash with information, accurate or otherwise, about the EU referendum on 23rd June but the earlier important date is 7th June, by which time you need to be registered to vote. You can ensure that you are registered either online at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote or by contacting East Northants Council through one of their local Centres or their Cedar Road, Thrapston, office (Tel: 01832 742000).

Genealogy jottings

Have you ever searched for an ancestor in one area, only to find them elsewhere? Somewhere that you would never have thought of looking? It is always worth checking their occupation in that new area – especially if they are recorded as 'Apprentice'. Anyone who wanted to ply certain trades had first to take an apprenticeship, which had to last for at least seven years with fines being imposed upon anyone who practiced such crafts without proof that they had done so.

The Master was paid to apprentice the lad by the boy's parents or guardians and in exchange for this payment, promised to not only teach the boy the trade, but also to clothe, feed and provide accommodation. This agreement was laid out fully in an indenture, examples of which survive to this day. These beautifully scripted documents included the name of the Master and his trade, the apprentice's name (plus sometimes his date of birth and birthplace) and also the name and residence of the boy's father. If there was nobody who could

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take on an apprentice locally, then lads – girls very rarely served apprenticeships back then – would move further afield. Therefore, do not be surprised if your ancestor came from Tansor but you find him in Northampton! As time went on, many informal apprenticeships were set up where a father taught his son or even his nephew his trade. However, this was more prevalent in rural areas than in towns and cities.

The records for these apprenticeships are scattered far and wide: some are with the London Metropolitan Archives, others are held by the Guildhall Library in London but a few are also held in the County Archives. However, the indexes of Apprentices and Masters can be viewed at the National Archives at Kew. Something to check on your next visit to London, perhaps?

ENC opens refurbished Rushden centre

The newly refurbished East Northants Council Centre in Rushden was officially opened by Councillor Marika Hillson, Council Chairman, on 10th May.

The refurbishment makes the Centre a real asset to the town, providing an improved customer experience and making it easier to access the Council's services, which range from benefits claims to viewing planning applications.

Improvements to the centre include the addition of self-service computer screens,

enabling members of the public to access Council services and information for themselves, and for those wishing to engage with staff, advisors have been brought out from behind glass screens so that they sit with customers to help with queries in a more friendly way. There's also a fresh new colour scheme in keeping with ENC's easily recognised brand, providing a modern and welcoming feel.

In her opening speech, Marika Hillson noted that the local Police had been

welcomed into the centre along with other relevant community services and that placing these alongside a range of Council services makes good sense, as it gives the community a clear point of contact. The work to share space at this Centre has gone very well and opening up the refurbished facilities is part of delivering a flexible approach to services in the community, putting customers first and ensures that it's both easier and quicker to access vital services.



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Building excellence recognition for local housebuilder Grace Homes

On Friday 22nd April, local housebuilder, Grace Homes, was presented with two awards at the Local Authority Building Control (LABC) Building Excellence Awards for the Central region.

More than 250 people, including contractors, architects, designers and local authority building control surveyors gathered for the ceremony, often referred to as the Oscars of

the construction industry.

Grace Homes' White Lodge Farm development in Burton Latimer was named 'Best High Volume New Housing Development' and site manager Andy Redgwell was crowned

'LABC Residential Site Agent of the Year'. In addition, site manager Pat Guest was Highly Commended in the LABC Warranty Site Manager award category, and Duchy Farm (an ancient farmstead in Chelveston, restored and converted into a farmhouse and three barn conversions by Grace Homes) was a finalist in the 'Best Change of Use or Conversion' category.

LABC Managing Director Phil Hammond hosted

the event, which was all about the essence of good buildings, with finalists judged on the "excellence" shown from a construction and technical building control point of view.

Henry Barney, Managing Director of Grace Homes, said: "We are delighted to have had such great success at the awards as they celebrate all of our core values: outstanding craftsmanship, technical innovation, sustainability, and great design. The team



at Grace Homes works hard to achieve a rigorous standard of construction and a high quality of finish in our homes, so it's brilliant that this has been formally acknowledged again."

Grace Homes will automatically go into the LABC Grand Finals, which will be held on Monday 28th November at the Westminster Park Plaza in London.

East Northamptonshire Council supports campaign for compulsory display of food hygiene ratings

A move to raise food hygiene standards and protect public health is being strongly supported by East Northamptonshire Council.

Under the Food Hygiene Rating Scheme, council environmental health teams regularly inspect and score food outlets from 0 to 5 based on factors such as kitchen cleanliness, cooking methods and food safety management. However, in England, businesses do not have to display the 'Scores on the Doors' rating they have been awarded.

The Local Government Association (LGA), which represents more than 370 councils in England, is calling for mandatory display of 'Scores on the Doors' ratings to

be legally extended to England to help raise food hygiene standards at restaurants, pubs, cafes, takeaways, sandwich shops, supermarkets and delicatessens, to improve transparency and reassurance for consumers. It believes that failure to comply should result in either a fine or prosecution.

Leader of East Northamptonshire Council, Steven North, says:

"In East Northamptonshire, 450 of our food businesses have achieved the top 5 star rating and just over 100 have a rating of 4 stars. We know that by displaying their scores on their doors, these businesses enjoy an increase in trade as

customers are confident that they are receiving a service of the highest possible standard.

"Compulsory display will mean that all businesses have to display this information, including those which don't maintain good standards of food hygiene. Customers can then make informed choices about the level of compliance with food hygiene laws. By empowering and informing consumers about food hygiene, research has shown that standards rise."

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Spotlight on Raunds

Raunds Town Council

Since the elections in May 2015, Raunds Town Council has been incredibly busy working on a range of town improvements. Amongst these projects, the children's play area at Saxon Hall was revamped, improvements were made to the London Road cemetery and the Council Chamber at the Town Hall was refurbished and licensed for weddings!

Cllr Helen Howell was elected as Mayor of Raunds for the 2015-2016 civic year and has now been re-elected as Mayor for 2016-17 with Cllr Nick Beck serving as Deputy Mayor.

Cllr Howell said: "I'm honoured to have been re-elected as Mayor of Raunds, I will continue to do my best to represent the town. Highlights of my year included introducing the Mayor's Citizens awards, celebrating the hard work that people put into making our community such a great place, and lighting a beacon in honour of the Queen's 90th Birthday.

"The first Raunds Mayor's Show took place on 1st May. During the day we saw falconry displays, belly dancing, kickboxing, dog agility, as well as performances from local bands and schoolchildren! The hugely successful event helped me raise over £4,000 for my chosen charity, the Firefighters Charity."

During 2016-17 the Mayor will be raising funds for the Air Ambulance and a calendar of events for the civic year will be announced shortly.

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Council becomes a Dementia Friend

East Northamptonshire Council (ENC) is supporting Dementia Friends, an Alzheimer's Society initiative, to help people develop an understanding of dementia and turn it into action to support residents who are affected by the condition.



The Dementia Friends programme is the biggest ever initiative to change people's perceptions of dementia. It aims to transform the way the nation thinks, talks and acts about the condition.

By becoming a Dementia Friend, staff at ENC will find out the little things that they can do to help people affected by dementia.

The programme aims to create four million Dementia

Friends by 2020 to help those affected by the condition live well for longer.

ENC is also proud to support this year's Dementia Awareness Week, which runs 15th–21st May. The week will encourage people who are worried about dementia to confront their worries by addressing dementia directly and going to Alzheimer's Society for information and support.

If you are worried about dementia, call the Alzheimer's Society National Dementia Helpline on 0300 222 1122 or email helpline@alzheimers.org.uk
Please visit www.alzheimers.org.uk/ for more information about Dementia Friends and/or Dementia Awareness Week.

Audience "Hooked" on Craig's Story

On Sunday 24th April an audience of over 60 people listened to Thrapston Baptist Church's Treasurer, Craig Hook, as he told the story of how God has been helping him and his wife, Mel, through very difficult periods.

In 2003 Mel suffered from what they thought was an ear infection. But it was actually meningitis. Initially undiagnosed,

it ultimately sadly led to Mel being dependent on 24-hour care and only able to move her mouth and eyes.

Craig, who heads up an engineering design department for a well-known construction company, said "I see myself as a stick of rock. Wherever you take a slice through my life you should still get the same person, but it is quite hard to know what God wants you to do

sometimes. I have never had writing on the wall, I have never heard Him speak. The way God seems to guide me is by pushing at doors. Try something and he makes it clear."

In 2014 Mel had a medical procedure done to her at home that did not work. This finished up with her back in hospital, unconscious, unresponsive and her body full of poison.

The medics seemed keen to let nature take its course and let her die as the alternative – to operate – might have meant the poison in her body would enter the bloodstream and she would die anyway.

But Craig responded, "Yes, Mel and I believe in heaven and hell, and yes, Mel will be going to heaven, her place is assured already, but there is no need to

rush there!"

He explained how, just as the consultant was leaving, he had had uncommon bravery, called him back, and said "I believe in God and I know that He will guide your hands."

He went on, "I did not take the decision lightly that Mel may not come out of the operating theatre alive, but I had an unshakeable trust that God knew Mel and knew His plan for her life."

After the operation the consultant said: "Mr Hook – that was a good decision, well made – she would have died."

Craig's talk was the second in the series of Thrapston Baptist Church's Sunday@6. The next is on 26th June and features Mark Lees – the Chair of Trustees for East Northants Community Services.

Little Addington lights beacon for H M Queen Elizabeth's 90th Birthday

Despite a cool wind, but a sunny evening, a fantastic party took place to commemorate Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's 90th Birthday at The Bell Inn, Little Addington with one of three official Beacon Lightings in Northamptonshire taking place.

Little Addington's beacon was lit as prescribed by the Queen's 'Pageant Master', in Mr John Bilson's field with 'thunderous fireworks and rockets'. Then followed the reading of a letter from HRH Prince Charles, about her Majesty for 'proclamation' to the nation and then repeated throughout the land by various dignitaries as and where such beacons were lit. The BBC Look East TV camera team was present

The Bell Inn had prepared a superb buffet and approximately 250 people enjoyed eating and singing, with rousing music played by The Raunds Temperance Brass Band who gave a lovely programme of very suitable music including 'Land of Hope and Glory', Henry Wood's 'Fantasia on British Sea Songs', 'Jerusalem', 'Rule Britannia', and many others concluding with The National Anthem.

A wonderful, memorable and uniquely historic occasion was enjoyed by all.

Green Meadows brings more international stars to Peterborough

Second wave of family friendly festival line-up announced.

Green Meadows Festival has revealed more of its line-up for this year's event at Elton Hall, near Peterborough.

Taking place 12th–14th August, the Festival had already announced a line-up that tops all previous years with acts including Space, Craig Charles, Raglan and chap hop hero, Mr B The Gentleman Rhymer. However, they have gone even further and added dance legends Utah Saints, who have sold over 2 million records worldwide as well touring with the likes of U2, Take That, Moby and The Prodigy. That's not all either, with the addition of many more nationally acclaimed bands, solo performers and DJs, there will be no shortage of great music and entertainment.

Continuing its policy of putting established names next to local talent, Green Meadows has teamed up with BBC Music Introducing Cambridgeshire for a stage takeover set to feature the best up and coming

acts our region has to offer. BBC Radio Cambridgeshire will also act as the festival's media partner chatting to people on site, broadcasting shows from the event and plenty more news, features and interviews in the weeks leading up to the festival.

The Festival prides itself on having a safe and family friendly atmosphere on site with plenty of free children's activities which include workshops, arts and crafts, cinema and talent contest. Complete with a family camping section, it makes it an ideal place for little ones to get a taste for festivals. There are even hot showers and flushing toilets for those who prefer their festival experience a little more refined.

With four music stages, many activity areas, handpicked food vendors and crafts stalls, Green Meadows 2016 is set to be a fantastic three days. Limited full weekend adult tickets at £55 (inc. camping) are available now. Kids weekend tickets: 4-13 years - £10, 13-17 years - £25 and children under 4 go free! Check the website for full line up, more information and tickets, <http://greenmeadowsfestival.org/>

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Ashton

16/00845/FUL and 16/00847/LBC (11/06/2016) (LB/CA) (Art8) (LBRegs)
Erection of 6 bungalows (4 Number 2 bedroom and 2 Number 3 bedroom) within walled garden at Ashton Wold House and associated site works at Potting Sheds Ashton Wold Ashton

Barnwell

16/00815/FUL and 16/00816/LBC (11/06/2016)(LB/CA) (LBRegs) Existing conservatory replaced with ground floor extension and existing brick built sheds replaced with granny annexe at 46 Main Street Barnwell PE8 5PS

Collyweston

16/00836/FUL (04/06/2016) (Info) Single storey extension on existing footprint to form lobby and utility area, removal of two internal walls and patent glazed entrance. New conservation rooflight added to bathroom at Pond Yard Back Lane Collyweston PE9 3PJ

Easton-on-the-Hill

16/00802/LBC (11/06/2016) (LBRegs)
Installation of defibrillator, construction of new soakaway and resiting of downpipe at The Village Hall New Road Easton On The Hill PE9 3NN

Glaphthorn

16/00853/VAR (04/06/2016) (Info) Variation of condition 4 - removable turntable - pursuant to application 15/01800/FUL Two storey domestic extension with provision for a disabled person with attached single storey pitched roof single garage, car turntable and new reduced level access at The Cottage Benefield Road Glaphthorn PE8 5BQ

Great Addington

16/00887/OUT (04/06/2016) (Info) Detached dwelling & B1 business unit at Carters Travel at Rectory Farm Cranford Road Great Addington NN14 4BH

Harringworth

16/00841/FUL (04/06/2016) (Info) First floor extension to provide storage area with external staircase over existing single storey detached garage at 1 The Bungalows Wakerley Road Harringworth NN17 3AA

Irthlingborough

16/00771/VAR (04/06/2016) (Info) Changing the material of the boundary retaining wall from stone to red engineering brick pursuant to planning permission Variation of condition - to allow the wall to be built in red engineering bricks pursuant to planning permission 14/01296/FUL dated 10.9.14 External works to 28 to 48 Baker Street. Demolition and rebuilding of the retaining walls, providing better disabled access and removal of the existing steps serving the majority of the existing properties at 38 Baker Street Irthlingborough NN9 5PR

16/00837/FUL (04/06/2016) (Info) Conversion of existing ancillary building to form annexe complete with new pitched roof, widening of existing vehicular access and alterations to roof over existing kitchen - resubmission due to changes to proposed pitched roof at 2 Wellington Road Irthlingborough
16/00647/FUL (11/06/2016) (LB/CA) Creation of separate dwellinghouse (approved as ancillary accommodation on application 06/02277/FUL) (retrospective). Change of Use from ground floor garage business workshop and first floor flat to two storey dwellinghouse to include replacement garage doors with UPVC sliding doors and additional ground floor window at The Old Fire Station College Street

King's Cliffe

16/00838/FUL (11/06/2016) (Art8) Change of use of land and buildings from agriculture to use for the keeping of horses at land south of Hall Farm Hall Yard Kings Cliffe

Oundle

16/00736/FUL (04/06/2016) (Info) Remove existing 2m high boundary wall and erection of new 2m high boundary wall at 28 Hillfield Road Oundle PE8 4QP

16/00807/FUL and 16/00808/LBC (11/06/2016) (LB/CA) (LBRegs) Single and two storey rear extension, internal alterations, detached single storey double car port with workshops and stores at 69 Benefield Road Oundle PE8 4EU

16/00810/ADV (11/06/2016) (LB/CA)

Erection of two totem style forecourt signs at Oundle Wharf Station Road Oundle PE8 4DE

16/00817/FUL (11/06/2016) (LB/CA) Two storey side extension at 1 East Road Oundle PE8 4BX

16/00874/FUL (04/06/2016) (Info) Single storey rear white UPVC conservatory at 18 Victoria Road Oundle PE8 4AY

16/00888/FUL (11/06/2016) (LB/CA) Three replacement windows and replacement of

window with French doors at 12 New Street Oundle PE8 4EA

16/00889/LBC (11/06/2016) (LBRegs)
Removal of internal ground floor walls, three replacement windows and replacement of window with French doors at 12 New Street Oundle PE8 4EA

Raunds

16/00632/FUL (04/06/2016) (Info)
Construction of a parking bay with retaining wall and associated steps in rear garden (retrospective) at 45 Holmes Avenue Raunds NN9 6SZ

16/00724/FUL (04/06/2016) (Info) Open front porch and canopy over front of garage at 34 Fair Oaks Drive Raunds NN9 6HJ

16/00801/FUL (04/06/2016) (Info) Two storey side and single storey rear extension at 19 Hill Street Raunds NN9

16/00864/VAR (11/06/2016) (Art8) Variation of condition 1 to vary the alignment of street 1 between Chelveston Road access at Rushmere through to plots 271/272 pursuant to planning consent 13/01604/REM.Reserved matters: Residential development for up to 460 dwellings at a minimum density of 30 dwellings per hectare together with all associated highway access and other infrastructure works pursuant to 07/02238/OUT at Darsdale Farm Site Chelveston Road Raunds NN9 6DA

16/00869/REM (04/06/2016) (Info)
Approval of reserved matters pursuant to application 13/00289/OUT - Outline: Two 2 storey detached dwellings and a detached garage, and widening of the existing access (all matters reserved except access) at 22 Rotton Row Raunds NN9 6HU

16/00903/FUL (04/06/2016) (Info)
Construction of 2 x 3 bed houses at Sub Station Site Midland Road Raunds

Ringstead

16/00859/VAR (04/06/2016) (Info) Variation of condition 4 - minor changes to the approved dwelling pursuant to planning permission 14/01750/FUL dated 23.12.14 Erection of a four bedroom detached house on the land between No.17 and 21 Denford Road on the original footprint of the approved scheme Ref 12/01162 but relocated 500mm back from the line of No.17 Denford road as requested by the planning officer at 21 Denford Road Ringstead NN14 4DF

Rushden

16/00776/FUL (04/06/2016) (Info) Erection of a single storey building to be used as a gospel hall, formation of car park and new vehicular

access, change of use to D1 at Land Adjacent 146 And 148 And 150 Northampton Road Rushden

16/00835/FUL (04/06/2016) (Info) Two storey extension to front of property at 95 Hayway Rushden NN10 6AQ

16/00839/FUL (04/06/2016) (Info) Change of use from vacant B1 to sui generis use as thirteen units of House in Multiple Occupancy at 42 Victoria Road Rushden NN10 0AS
16/00842/ADV (04/06/2016) (Info) 2no. 4m x 3m x 10cm metal advertisement boards forming a v shape erected on metal posts at land north of Northampton Road Rushden

16/00844/ADV (04/06/2016) (Info) 2no. illuminated 'ASDA' canopy fascia signs 2no. canopy fascia signs 1no. illuminated 'ASDA' kiosk fascia signs 2no. 'Welcome/No Entry' disc signs 2no. 'Give Way/No Entry' disc signs 1no. totem sign 2no. banner frame signs at The Bridge Service Station Higham Road Rushden

16/00857/FUL (04/06/2016) (Info)
Replacement of domestic garage with storage over at 1 Midland Road Rushden NN10 9UJ

16/00870/FUL (04/06/2016) (Info) Proposed Front and Rear Single Storey Extensions and 2 Storey Side Extension at 184 Bedford Road Rushden NN10 0SB

16/00872/FUL (04/06/2016) (Info) Erection of a pre-fabricated timber granny annexe for ancillary residential use at 11 Kenilworth Close Rushden NN10 0QH

Southwick

16/00772/FUL and 16/00773/LBC (11/06/2016)(LBRegs) (LB/CA) Demolition of existing agricultural barn and construction of a new barn on the same footprint along with reconfiguration of the entrance drive at Perio Mill House Cotterstock Road Fotheringhay PE8 5HU

Stanwick

16/00854/FUL (04/06/2016) (Info)
Replacement of mixed fir trees to front boundary with 2m high wooden feather edged fence at 25 Alfred Street Stanwick NN9 6QT

Sudborough

16/00862/FUL (11/06/2016) (LB/CA)
Installation of flue for new wood burner at Brewery Cottage Main Street Sudborough NN14 3BX

Titchmarsh

16/00781/FUL (04/06/2016) (Info) Change of use of existing holiday let property to a residential dwelling and the demolition of the existing stable block and the erection of a self

contained annexe ancillary to the proposed residential dwelling at Willow Banks The Lodge 37 Polopit Titchmarsh NN14

Woodnewton

16/00820/FUL (04/06/2016) (Info) Alterations to garage doors at Willowbrook Farm House Oundle Road Woodnewton PE8 5EG

Yarwell

16/00819/FUL (04/06/2016) (Info) Proposed shed and log store to rear garden alongside boundary fence and stone wall at 21 Main Street Yarwell PE8 6PR

16/00905/FUL (11/06/2016) (LB/CA) (Art8)
Porch extension to North face of Nave at St Mary Magdalene Parish Church Main Street Yarwell PE8 6PR

The reason for applications being advertised is as follows:

Part3 - Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 2015.

Part16 - Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 2015.

Info - Non-statutory - included for information only.

LB/CA - Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas Act 1990.

LBRegs - Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990.

Significant applications

All "significant" applications are highlighted in green. These are defined in the 2006 Statement of Community Involvement as those for:

- 100 dwellings and over
- residential development of 3ha or over if number of dwellings not known
- 1000 square metres of floor space or over
- commercial/industrial development of 1ha or over if floor area not known
- would, in the council's opinion, alter the overall character of the locality by means of scale, use or visual appearance
- would, in the council's opinion, be sensitive due to substantial demolition in a conservation area
- would, in the council's opinion, be sensitive due to development next to a listed building

For more information on "significant" planning applications, visit www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/dcnofication

Paul Bland, Head Of Planning Services
Dated 21 May 2016

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

Hands on History

On Sunday 5th June, between 10am and 4pm, the Trading Places heritage project, run by the Rockingham Forest Trust, is proud to present Hands on History at Stanwick Lakes.

Discover modern craftspeople demonstrating a range of Victorian skills, and even have a go yourself! This free family event will celebrate the traditional skills and trades of the Nene Valley and is being provided thanks to support from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Visit the forge and watch the blacksmith heating and bending steel, meet a green woodworker, a dry stone waller and woodcarvers or see a traditional shoemaker at work. Take the chance to chat with the friendly craftspeople and find out the differences between Victorian times and the present day.

For children there will be a trail to follow and a Victorian archaeological dig to discover treasures, a traditional Victorian Peg Doll craft and authentic, tasty, Victorian refreshments! Children can get their 'hands on history' by making a woollen bracelet on a spinning wheel, helping to weave willow

sculptures and hand making bricks the traditional way.

There are no charges for the Hands on History activities, but normal car parking charges apply. For more information about this event, visit www.stanwicklakes.org.uk, the Trading Places Nene Valley Facebook page or call 01933 625522.

The Trading Places project works with schools and communities to discover and explore the heritage of the Nene Valley, it also provides traditional skills training for local young people who are not in education, employment or training. In 2015 the first programme of Traditional Crafts courses for the public was introduced at Stanwick Lakes and was very successful.

If you would like to learn how to make a willow basket, enjoy a blacksmithing experience, hand make a pair of shoes, try green woodworking, dry stone walling or woodcarving then visit www.tradingplacescrafts.org.uk



Council hosts event to help home buyers in East Northants

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There are new developments in Higham Ferrers, Irthlingborough, Oundle, Raunds, Rushden and Thrapston which have two, three and four bedroom houses available to buy on a shared ownership basis.

There are also a limited number of schemes with bungalows and apartments specifically for older clients.

East Northamptonshire Council (ENC) has organised a shared ownership event to showcase the properties available and allow residents to find out more.

The event is on Saturday 11th June, 11am-2pm, at Thrapston Plaza, Cosy Nook, Thrapston, NN14 4PS.

Come along to find out who can apply to buy on a shared ownership basis and what the mortgage and monthly payments could be.

Housing association staff and mortgage advisors will be on hand to answer questions and guide you through the process.

You may be surprised to find out how manageable and affordable owning a shared ownership property can be.

Register for the event now at housing@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk and ENC will send you a reminder.

Follow @ENCouncil on Twitter or like the ENC Facebook page for updates.



Diamonds diary



A team that has more than the closure of the league season to reflect upon, our current Under 11s will also see the departure of their manager in just a few weeks.

Neil Denny has been with the club for some eight years and has two sons playing for us this season. The eldest was in this year's under 16s Galaxy, while his younger son has been picked up by the MK Dons academy and will start next season as a player there.

Sticking with Neil for the moment, I'd like to put on record our immense gratitude for all the time and effort he has put into making football an enjoyable part of the lives of the kids that were under his care – two teams, both of whom have performed very well this season as they have throughout his time with us. A great coach who will be sorely missed, not just by the club but by his players too. If you every want to come back Neil, the door is wedged open for you. Thank you for all you have done and all the best for the future.

Let's throw the spotlight on the Under 11s then. I think it's probably right to assume that, had they been in a competitive league, they would have been our second champions of the season as their record this year is phenomenal. Here's how their season ended:



THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING FROM ALL AT AFC RUSHDEN & DIAMONDS

Ben Cooper, Jack Lilley, Brandon Clisitt, Charlie Hamilton, Jack Jolley, Ruben Farmer-Powell, Ryan Prott-Gibbs, Keenan Smith, Owen Wells, Mason Thomas, Harley Hill, Thomas Mann, Henri McNair

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I have no doubt in my mind that this would have been a table topping season, and can't wait for the real thing next season. Well done boys, proud to have you at AFC.

Just in case there isn't room for our usual Diamond Days first team action, a huge pat on the back for our first team, beating Kettering Town in the final of the NFA Hillier Cup in

front of 1,300 spectators at Sixfields in Northampton. What a fantastic achievement, so soon after the disappointment of losing in the playoff final – now that takes heart! Well done Andy Peaks and his team.

Details of the happenings at AFC presentation night next time. See you next time.

Mark Cullen,
AFC Rushden & Diamonds Youth

Honouring lives lost at the Somme

The legendary Battle of the Somme was an Anglo-French offensive fought against the German Army on both sides of the River Somme.

At 7.30am on 1st July 1916 the British troops rose from their front-line trenches after a week-long bombardment that was supposed to destroy the German barbed-wire and trenches. Before the sun went down 57,471 of them were casualties. It was the worst day in the history of the British Army.

The Anglo-French offensive against the Germans lasted until 18th November 1916. At the end of the battle the Allies had penetrated six miles into German-occupied territory.

Inevitably, amongst the casualties were men from Irthlingborough. In fact one local man fell on the very first day. He was 21-year-old John, or Jack, Ager of Highfield Road. Born in the town John was the son of Annie Neville and the late John Ager of 25 Spring Terrace. He had been employed by shoe manufacturers Jacques & Son of Rushden before enlisting for service in September, 1914.

News of John Ager's death was received by his wife in a letter sent to her by his friend, Pte. S. Perkins.

As the first Battle of the Somme neared its conclusion John's younger brother Percy was killed on Monday 13th

November.

In the first month of the battle, 10 Irthlingborough men were killed followed by six in August, four in September, five in October and two in November. Samuel Butler was the youngest to die at age 18; Arthur Sprigg was the oldest at 39.

It is, of course, quite probable that other local men died in the months after the battle as a result of injuries sustained during the course of the fighting. They would not necessarily have been listed as casualties of the Battle of the Somme.

The horror of the situation in which the men found themselves is succinctly captured in the diary kept by local man Pte. L.C. Lee who wrote, "Shells – three burst within 50 yards and was a-whistling over our heads."

"Poor silent things, they were the English dead
Who came to fight in France and got their fill."

Siegfried Sassoon

It is the intention of Irthlingborough Historical Society to publicly honour each of the 27 local men who made the supreme sacrifice in the first Battle of the Somme during the two weeks leading up to Remembrance Sunday in November.



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Our next Big Craft Day is on **Saturday 4th June** & will feature the following demonstrators:-

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The Oundle International Festival

8th-16th July 2016

'The Voice' is the theme of this year's Festival, but according to Kenneth Richardson, the Artistic Director, it wasn't necessarily a conscious decision.

He explains: "I didn't so much choose the theme as it chose the Festival! As I was pulling together events, it became clear that vocal music ranging from Renaissance Italy to energetic folk, smooth jazz and breathtaking opera was dominating the programme."

Back by popular demand is the golden opportunity for local singers to participate in a workshop led by one of the best early music vocal ensembles in the world, The Marian Consort, with the chance to be part of the choir in one of the performances (Breaking the Rules workshop on Saturday 9th July, performance Friday 15th July).

The Oundle International Festival presents an impressive 20 events over the course of eight days. There is music for all music tastes: classical, reggae/ska, jazz, folk, Celtic/World and choral. There are big names such as multi-award winning choral performers The Gabrieli Consort (this is the only chance to hear their a cappella programme outside London), 80s legends The Beat, the exhilarating internationally-acclaimed Jamie Smith's Mabon and the exquisite The Marian Consort, who were part of the Radio 3's line-up for the Free Thinking: Festival of Ideas. Plus there will be astounding young professional musicians who are just starting to forge their solo careers, for whom this platform is an invaluable.

The Lunchtime Recitals have been programmed deliberately to fit inside a lunch break! Please come and relax at the performances, including last year's Oundle Young Musician of The Year, Reuben

Goldmark on piano (11th July). A particular highlight this year is the winner of this year's Junior Menuhin Competition, only recently announced as 12-year-old Yesong Sophie Lee (12th July). If you love the violin or indeed have a child who is learning to play, what more inspiration could you ask for than coming to listen for 45 minutes to this young girl?

Opera sung by award-winning mezzo soprano Olivia Warburton and piano performed by internationally acclaimed Irish pianist Maire Carroll are on the menu on 13th July. Celebrated US organist and Oundle for Organists tutor, Janette Fishell's organ recital is on 14th July and, sponsored by the popular regional magazine Nene Valley Living, on 15th July, local girl and a previous Festival performer, saxophonist Amy Green plays both classic and modern pieces, and Christine Zerafa plays piano. All lunchtime recitals except Janette's organ recital are in St Peter's Church, Oundle 1pm-1.45pm.

There are three new events for 2016: at The Wharf, Luna Flix outdoor cinema presents an outdoor screening of Grease (16th July) which is sponsored by The Beauty Room of Oundle – if you have any fancy dress gear that needs an outing or you'd like a Pink Ladies' hairdo, the stylists will be on hand to help!

There is an encore screening of a West End play, Oscar Wilde's The Importance of Being Earnest, with David Suchet as Lady Bracknell (10th July) which received five-star reviews when it was released! Definitely one for all the family.



There's an opportunity to dress up again for a country house soirée in the historic Great Hall at Deene Park for the poignant and amusing look at the life of Madame Clara Novello Davies in Novello & Son.

So, why is the Festival important to Oundle? Kenneth says: "The festival is an important expression of creativity within the region and of local identity: it demonstrates to the outside world that Oundle is a place where interesting things happen. It is also important to the local economy, bringing people into the town, particularly for the bigger events – Party at the Wharf (9th July) and the Food Festival (16th July)."

So, what would be the highlight this year? "I look forward to it all! My favourite thing is to see the transformation that happens to an audience over the course of a performance. People often arrive full of their worldly cares and by the end of the evening or lunchtime performance have entered a different state of being through the transformative power of music and drama."

Between 8th-16th July there will be up to two concerts each day plus many informal events such as the immensely popular Illyria open-air theatre, sponsored by the Ofsted rated 'outstanding' local nursery Small Wonders.

Dance the night away to The Beat and The Tin Pigeons at the Party at The Wharf. Come with friends and family and a picnic.

The Bach Walk, featuring classical guitar soloist Simon Davies, invites the audience to walk between two idyllic Northants villages enjoying a concert in two separate churches before concluding with an informal supper. And of course to finish the week, there's the highly acclaimed popular gastronomic highlight of the week, the all-day Oundle Food Festival in the town's Market Place.

The Artistic Director of The Oundle International Festival would like nothing more than to meet as many people as possible from the area and those visiting Oundle. He says: "In addition to our regular and loyal audience, I always hope to see new faces who are discovering the festival and its events for the first time, and hope that we convert them to regulars."

To book tickets and for more information on The Oundle International Festival visit: www.oundlefestival.org.uk facebook.com/oundleinternationalfestival twitter @oundlemusic Tel: 01832 274734 or in person at 4, New Street, Oundle, PE8 4ED

All change at No. 1



After five years as Manager, Stephanie Bradley is retiring from No. 1, the community project run by Oundle Baptist Church at No. 1 St Osyth's Lane, Oundle.

"It has been a fantastic job, and I have been so grateful for the many volunteers who have worked so hard to make all our friendly groups a success," said Stephanie. "We have enjoyed welcoming hundreds of folk into No. 1. I shall miss my work but am looking forward to having more time to spend with our grandchildren."

Rev John Singleton commented: "Thanks to our cheerful team of volunteers the door at No. 1 will stay open as before; StitChat, Tuesday's Baby & Toddler group, Thursday's drop in, Move for Health, the Ex-Carers Group and our monthly Men's Breakfast. Our free support services for job seeking, debt, and housing advice and our confidential counselling service will all continue by appointment. To find out more do pop in on a Thursday between 10am-2pm or call 01832 770010."

Carers Sitting Service

Volunteers are needed in the Oundle and Thrapston areas to give carers a break.

- Do you have a few hours to spare?
- Would you like to help a worthwhile cause?
- Use your skills and experience to help carers take a break

What's involved

The Carers Sitting Service provides support by giving a break to those who have a caring responsibility for a husband, wife, partner, parent, relative or friend.

Sitting sessions take the form of befriending and

involve meeting the same person in their own home.

As a volunteer befriender you would be visiting someone in your town or nearby village. Volunteers do not give personal care or cook meals, undertake cleaning or do shopping.

No qualifications are needed; we will provide induction training and on-going support. However, it is important that you are understanding, patient, non-judgmental, a good listener and open-minded.

- You could use your spare

time to help someone else, or gain experience while you search for paid employment. You could also gain a reference to use when you apply for jobs.

- All volunteers have an informal interview, will need to complete an application form and provide two references. If you are successful we will request a disclosure and barring service (DBS) check, which we will pay for.
- Travel expenses will be paid for any visits you make.

To find out more call Adam Wilson on 01933 677837 or email him at adamw@northamptonshire-carers.org

Fishy Business: Humanity and the Oceans

Come and hear writer Alec Connon talk about his new book, *The Activist*, and discover what inspired him to write it – Friday 27th May, 7.45-8.45pm, at St Peter's Church, Oundle PE8 4AL.

It has been predicted that if current fishing trends continue, every commercial fishery in the world could collapse by 2048. Join us for an evening with author of ocean-based adventure novel, *The Activist*, Alec Connon, to discuss how the compromised state of the planet's oceans compelled him to pick up his pen and create a character that is fighting to solve some of the most controversial and complex problems facing the oceans today.

The book follows the journey of Thomas who, unfulfilled by university, decides to explore the world, from his first tentative steps into the life of an activist in Vancouver, to his battles with a Japanese whaling fleet in the Southern Ocean. An ecological thriller, *The Activist* will shock and inspire anyone with an interest in marine life, conservation and the splendour of the natural world. Over several years his travels take him to four continents and almost a dozen countries, but it isn't until he goes scuba diving and falls in love with the oceans that he finds his calling in life.

Travelling from the rain battered streets of Glasgow to Caribbean beaches and the icy shores of Antarctica, we follow one young man's struggle to come to terms with the degradation of the world's ocean before he ultimately decided to risk everything to try

and save them.

'Alec Connon's extraordinary adventures into the world of the whale epitomise the vast disconnect between the human and natural world. In this heartfelt novel, he explores the outer edges of the world which we have dominated, and the price it has had to pay for that domination. In picaresque episodes which are by turns funny, tragic and deeply moving, Connon addresses, in a highly personal and evocative manner, the ways by which we might make amends for what we have done'.

Philip Hoare, winner of the 2009 BBC Samuel Johnson prize and author of *Leviathan* or, *The Whale* and *The Sea Inside*.

'*The Activist* is a bold and deeply affecting book – sharply atmospheric, the reader feels the ever-shifting setting with total immediacy. The enthralling tale presents the plight of the natural world – and its relationship with the human race – with an intimacy that is unlike anything I've ever seen in a novel. Connon has found a new and invigorating way forward for the nature writing novel.'

Peter Mountford: author of the Washington State Book Award-winning novel *A Young Man's Guide to Late Capitalism* and *The Dismal Science*, a novel

that was selected as a New York Times Editor's Choice.

BBC Wildlife magazine has confirmed that Alec will feature in their 'Meet the Author' section in the June issue. *The Activist* was Book of the Month in the May edition of *Coast* magazine.

Alec lives currently in Seattle and works on various projects on climate activism.

<http://www.alecconnon.com/>

Tickets £8 (£6), £1 off early bird tickets bought before 20th May, available from the Oundle Box Office, 4 New Street, Oundle.

Open hours: 10am-4pm Monday to Friday, Tel 01832 274734, online at www.oundlefest.org.uk

Details of all events can be found at www.oundlelitfest.org.uk

Any queries call Helen on 07743 988181 or email oundlelitfestival@hotmail.co.uk

Knowledge and strategies to combat stress during exams and beyond

Year 11, 12 and 13 students at Huxlow Science College were privileged to be involved in an 'Exam Stress' workshop on Thursday 5th May, led by Caroline Prout, a clinical hypnotherapist.

The purpose of the workshop was to help students understand how the brain works and is affected by stress, in order that they can use this knowledge to take back control when they begin to feel stressed. As well as giving a detailed but

accessible account of the workings of the human brain, Caroline talked to students about strategies and techniques they can use themselves at any time during the exam period and beyond.

"The talk was really interesting and the methods will be useful in managing exam worry," said Ben (Year 11).

"I think I was starting to feel a bit stressed about exams and it would have got worse, but the workshop helped because

now I see what I can do to prevent stress building up – I'm glad we had this now," said Grace (Year 11).

Caroline says: "I work with people who want to take back control from the stress and anxiety that has held them back and prevented them from reaching their full potential. I use modern, clinically proven techniques to help you understand how your brain works, why you feel the way you do and then work with you to get back control."

East Northants Tennis Report

With Kettering A starting their Men's league challenge in almost faultless fashion with two comfortable victories, attention turned to the Mixed division where again Kettering began in style defeating last year's runner-up Rockingham 7-1. Wayne Tidswell / Leah Milligan were in commanding form defeating Kerry Anderson / Helen Marriott 6-4, 6-2 and Roger Singh / Mary Chapman 6-0, 6-0. Graeme Milligan / Judy Hills also picked up a further three points beating Singh / Chapman

7-5, 6-1 and halving 6-3, 2-6 with Anderson / Marriott.

After failing to win a match all last season, Burton Latimer A opened their Mixed division two campaign with a decisive 7-1 victory over Ferrers & Rushden B. Sue Hart / Richard Chapman experienced few problems in beating Karen Stokes / Rob Cherry 6-2, 6-0 but Beth Ascott / Lewis Britchford were made to fight hard for their 7-6, 6-4 win over Karen Brown / Matt Vaughan. In the reverse rubbers, Burton claimed the opening sets in each match before bad

light halted play, leaving the final two sets halved.

Burton's second game pitted them against their B team and it was the latter who triumphed 4 1/2 - 3 1/2. Hart / Harvey Miller were the pick of the A side beating Jimmy Mac / Hattie Mason 6-0, 6-1 and halving 2-6, 6-2 with Mike Cave / Tina Cattle. The B team fought back when Mac / Mason edged out Britchford / Sally Nayland 6-4, 6-4 and Cave / Cattle took the first set 6-4 against Britchford / Nayland but bad light once again intervened leaving the remaining set halved.

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council or a dog shelter, the microchip can be scanned and matched to contact details stored on a database, making it much easier to reunite pooch with owner.

On 6th April 2016, it became law to have your dog microchipped; not doing this could land you a £500 fine.

In March, East Northamptonshire Council (ENC) offered free microchipping to any dogs that took part in their '5000 Paws' dog walking challenge. With help from Wood Green, The Animals Charity, 32 dogs and their owners completed the challenge at Stanwick Lakes and Barnwell Country Park, with the dogs being microchipped there and then.

ENC's Green Dog Club

also welcomed 43 new members whose details are stored to help reunite stray dogs with their owners more quickly.

Environmental Services Manager, Charlotte Tompkins, said: "We urge all dog owners to get their dog microchipped for their own peace of mind and to save larger costs picked up by ENC.

"Each stray dog found in East Northants costs us £250. We can spend many hours recovering a stray and taking it to kennels. If a dog is not claimed within the week, ENC pays for all the kennelling costs as well, so potentially each stray could cost nearly £400!"

Carla Leete, Community Engagement Officer at

Wood Green, The Animals Charity, added: "Each year, Wood Green sees around 450 stray dogs. On average, less than 40% are microchipped and over half do not make it home to their owners! Why take that risk with your beloved pet?"

Dog owners are also reminded to keep microchip details up to date. If you move address or change telephone number, please inform your chip provider. Incorrect contact details make reuniting lost dogs very tricky and expensive.

If you lose or find a dog in East Northamptonshire, report it to 01832 742000 during office hours or 01832 733530 outside of office hours.

To find out more about the Green Dog Club and/or to join for free, visit www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/greendogclub

Visit www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/dogs for more information about ENC's dog warden service.



Stanwick student publishes his first novel

Local student Dominic Hodgson has had his first novel published on Amazon. The 18-year-old said: "For as long as I can remember I have been creating and writing stories. I am very excited that Gift of the Mancynn has been accepted by Ravenswood Publishing."

Gift of the Mancynn is the first of a series of four books following the adventures of Philip Quint, an almost normal teenager who suddenly receives visits from mysterious figures determined to make him part of their plans. Philip must decide who to believe and how our world is to be saved.

Dominic has been working on his novels whilst studying for his A levels. He is looking forward to studying English and Creative Writing at Birmingham University this autumn.



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Scary Play

The Stahl Theatre
7.45pm
Admission: £6
Oundle School's First and Second Form perform in this dramatic exploration of the powerful hold the imagination has over us.

Quiz Evening

Roman Catholic Church Hall, Hayway, Rushden
7pm
Admission £6
Chris 01933 317719
Teams of four, Hot Potato Supper. Everyone welcome. Proceeds for Community Centre and Church at Higham Ferrers.

Coffee Morning and Plant Sale

Oundle Primary School Hall, Milton Road, Oundle
10.30am–12noon
£1 includes tea/coffee
Coffee morning and plant sale to support the summer show and winter talks, all welcome.

Spring Fete

Woodford C of E Primary School
12noon–4pm
Admission free
Claire Clay 07717 696153
Please come along and support our local school, stalls, games, tombola, refreshments and more.

Rushden & District History Society

Rushden Hall in Hall Park
3pm
Admission free
01933 651084
Unveiling of information plaque bought by the late Robert Freeman.

Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd May

Woodford Open Gardens

NN14 4HE
1pm–5pm both days
Tickets £4 (U16's free)
Brian Mearns 01832 734929
Open Gardens in the village with tea and cakes in the church.

Sunday 22nd May

Organ Recital – Andrew Reid

Oundle School Chapel
5.30pm
No tickets required
The first of a four part series of organ recitals with organist Ben Horden.

Whitefriars Church – Morning Worship with Holy Communion

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

Rushden & Higham Ferrers Council of Churches – United Service

Park Road Baptist Church, Park Road, Rushden
6pm
Andrew Presland 01933 316927
A church service open to all, with guest speaker Rev Rob Bewley of Kettering.

Morning Service

Thrapston Baptist Church
10.30am
Preacher: Mat Hussain
More persecution. Acts 6:8-15.

All Age Morning Worship

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

Monday 23rd May

Monday Night Live for 7 to 11 year olds

Thrapston Baptist Church
6.15pm–8pm
£1 per child
Lively and fun group with tuck, games, songs and bible based illustrations.

Wednesday 25th May

Bridge of Grace Food Bank

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

Thursday 26th May

Lunchtime Concert

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

Tiddlers Group for 0 to 3 year olds

Thrapston Baptist Church
9.30am–11.30am
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Friday 27th May

Fishy Business: Humanity and the Oceans – Author talk with Alec Connon

St Peter's Church, Oundle PE8 4AL
7.45pm–8.45pm.
Tickets £8 (£6), available from the Oundle Box Office 01832 274734.
Alec's novel, The Activist, follows one young man's struggle to come to terms with the degradation of the world's ocean before he ultimately decided to risk everything to try and save them.

Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th May

Cowboys and Indians Weekend

Rushden Station, Station Approach, Rushden, Northants NN100AW
Train times: 11am; 11.45am; 12.30pm; 1.15pm; 2pm; 2.45pm; 3.30pm; 4pm.
Fare apply
Adults and children are invited to dress up as Cowboys and Indians and travel on a diesel hauled train. Includes games and activities with a Wild West theme.

Sunday 29th May

Whitefriars Church – Morning Worship

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

All-Age Family Service

Thrapston Baptist Church
10.30am
Who is this Jesus? Find out from the people who met him – this month, Nicodemus.

All Age Morning Worship

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

Evening Service

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

Monday 30th May

Southwick Hall Open Day

Southwick near Oundle
2pm–5pm (last admission 4.30pm)
Adult £8 Child £3.50
01832 274064 or email southwickhall@hotmail.co.uk
Medieval/Elizabethan manor house open with family, archive and local life exhibitions.

Wednesday 1st June

Raunds & District History Society

Drayton House, near Lowick
Depart at 6pm for 6.30pm start, sharing cars.
£10 per person, advance booking essential.
Rachel 01933 461545
Private guided tour of the house.

Thursday 2nd June

Nene Valley Astronomical Society Lecture by Dr Mike Leggett on 'Space Stations: From Salyut to the International Space Station'

Sudborough Village Hall, Main Street, Sudborough, Kettering NN14 3BX
8pm
Visitors and Members welcome. £3 per person including tea/coffee and biscuits.
Steve Williams 01933 650331 or email chilternastro@yahoo.co.uk or Mrs Peta Jellis on 01933 356914 or email pej@petaj26.me.uk This talk will cover past and current space stations and their role in the development of future space travel.

Friday 3rd June

Film: A Walk in the Woods (15)

Ringstead Social Club, High Street, Ringstead
Doors open 7.30pm, film starts 7.45pm
Tickets £5
01933 460373
A humorous, true account of author Bill Bryson's attempt to walk the Appalachian Trail, starring Robert Redford.

Whitefriars Church Retireds' Group: Quiz Afternoon

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

Sunday 5th June

Higham Ferrers Footpath Group

Saffron Road car park
Higham Ferrers for car sharing
9.30am
Admission free
01933 386839
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Whitefriars Church – Morning Worship

Whitefriars Church at Whitefriars Junior School NN10 9HX
10.15am
Chris Youngman 01933 551769
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Cream Teas

Rushden Station, Station Approach, Rushden NN100AW
Train times 1.30pm; 2.30pm; 3.30pm
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Morning Service

Thrapston Baptist Church
10.30am
Preacher: Mat Hussain
A lesson in history. Acts 7:1-53.

Saturday 11th June Church Fete

St Mary's Church, Rushden
2pm
Admission Adults 80p – children free
Edna Wadsworth 01933 357253
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Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th June

Art Exhibition

Chichele College, Higham Ferrers
10am–4pm.
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Oundle Museum, The Courthouse Mill Road, Oundle PE8 4BW
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01832 272735, email oundlemuseum@gmail.com (Please note we are a charity trust N0 1045378).

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

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



Oundle Ladies Running Group

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

Wesley Centre Art Class

Irthlingborough Methodist Church
2pm–4pm Monday
01933 624847

Aqua Aerobic Classes (Term Time Only)

Oundle School Swimming Pool, Milton Road, Oundle
8.45am–9.30am
Admission: £25 for 5 sessions,
Tel: 01832 277208/277195

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Studio 2, Pemberton Centre, HE Bates Way, Rushden
10am–11am
Tel: 01933 382837 or 07873 743256, carole.wyatt@virginmedia.com
£5 per session, no block booking commitment.

Praise and Play (during term time)

St James' Church Thrapston
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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.

Oundle & District Royal British Legion Meeting

The Ship Inn, Oundle
7pm
Les Mallory-Starks 07745 996428

Every 2nd Monday (except January & August) Thrapston & District Royal British Legion Branch Meeting

The Thrapston Centre, High Street, Thrapston
7.30pm
Veronica McCurdy 01832 735206

2nd Monday of the month Royal British Legion Rushden Branch Monthly Meeting

Rushden Football & Social Club, Hayden Road, Rushden
7.15pm
Annual Fee £15
Jake Baker 07525 441267

3rd Monday of the month Diabetes Support Group Type 2

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

2nd & 4th Monday of the month Stitchat

No. 1 St Osyth's Lane
1pm–4pm
Free
Stephanie Bradley 01832 770011 mornings managerno.1@oundlebaptist.org.uk

Once a month on a Monday evening Woodturning Club

Hardwick Village, Nr Wellingborough NN9 5AL
7pm–10pm
Paul Lawman 01933 674260

Every Monday & Thursday Oundle Bridge Club

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

Every Tuesday Coffee Stop

Rushden Mission Church, Wellingborough Road NN10 9TA
10am–12.30pm
Alan Richardson 01933 355302

East Northants Classic Motorcycle Club

New Inn Public House, Wymington
Meet around 7.30pm
Free

Sling Walk

11am
01933 410112
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01933 625522
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10.30am-12noon
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Returners to Work
No.1 St. Osyth's Lane
10am-12noon
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Irene Issitt – Manager
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Every Wednesday (Term Time Only)
Community ICT Classes
Needham Building, Oundle School SciTec, Glapthorn Road, Oundle
2.30pm-4pm

Yr 7 & 8 Sports Club
Sports Hall, Milton Rd, Oundle
7.45pm-8.45pm
Free admission

660 Club
Two Acre Club, off Milton Road
2.15pm-3.45pm
Free admission
Afternoon tea with entertainment for the over 60s hosted by Oundle pupils.

Community ITC Classes
Needham Building, Oundle School SciTec, Glapthorn Road, Oundle
2.30pm-4pm
Free admission

Every Wednesday (except school holidays)
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7.30pm-9.30pm
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Veronica 01832 732611 or 07753 472225

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

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Thrapston Country Dancers
St Johns Ambulance Hall
2pm-3.30pm
ghearnden@tiscali.co.uk
G Hearnden 01933 622827

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

2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month
Northants Model Makers
Windmill Primary School, Raunds NN9 6LA
Main meeting starts 7.30ish
First couple of meetings free
Bob Humpage 07960 054405
modelmaker@tiscali.co.uk

3rd Wednesday of the month
Wellingborough Flower Arrangement Society
St Mary's Church Hall, Knox Road, Wellingborough NN8 1HU
7.30pm
£5
Chairman 01933 222326 or Secretary 01604 870275

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

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

Wednesday & Thursday
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APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE
(SECTION 17)**

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The Licensing register may be inspected at the Licensing Authority, East Northamptonshire Council, East Northamptonshire House, Cedar drive, Thrapston, Northants, NN144LZ between 09:00-4.30. Any representation by a Responsible Authority or Interested Party must be made in writing to the above address by 8th June 2016.

It is an offence to knowingly make a false statement in connection with an application punishable on summary conviction by a maximum fine of £5000.

Andrew Catherall

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

**THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(MILL ROAD, OUNDLE AND BARNWELL ROAD,
BARNWELL)**

**(30 MPH SPEED LIMIT & REVOCATION OF
20 MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2016**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council intends to make an Order under Sections 82, 83 and 84 and Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to prohibit any motor vehicle from travelling at a speed exceeding 30 mph along that length of Mill Road, Oundle and Barnwell Road, Barnwell – between a point 4 metres north of its junction with South Road, Oundle and a point 714 metres south of that junction.

A FURTHER EFFECT of the Order will be to revoke the existing 20 mph speed limit along Mill Road, Oundle and Barnwell Road, Barnwell.

A COPY of the proposed Order, together with plans showing the exact lengths of roads to which it relates and a statement of the Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order, may be inspected at Oundle Library, Glapthorn Road, Oundle during normal opening times or at the offices of the Traffic Orders Section, Riverside House, Riverside Way, Bedford Road, Northampton during normal office hours.

OBJECTIONS to the proposed Order, stating the grounds on which they are made should be sent in writing to the Traffic Orders Section, Riverside House, Riverside Way, Bedford Road, Northampton NN1 5NX by 13th June 2016.

Dated this 21st day of May 2016

QUENTIN BAKER,
Director of LGSS Law
DSW/P1424

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AND SECTION 101 OF THE LOCAL
GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

**THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(VARIOUS BYWAYS AND UNCLASSIFIED
HIGHWAY, EAST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE
DISTRICT, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE
AND HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT,
CAMBRIDGESHIRE) (PROHIBITION OF
VEHICLES) ORDER 2016**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council with the permission of Cambridgeshire County Council who wish to discharge its functions in relation to the Act, and in pursuance of its powers contained in Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972, intends to make an Order under Sections 1 to 5 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. The general effect of the Order will be to prohibit any motor vehicle or horse drawn vehicle (except two wheeled motor vehicles, motorcycle combinations or horse drawn vehicles the width of which does not exceed 5ft - 6") from proceeding along those lengths of Byways or Unclassified Highway as specified in the Schedule below.

REASON FOR RESTRICTION: This Order is required to reduce fly tipping and damage to the surface of the said lengths of Byways. Vehicles proceeding to or from any premises, property or land which is situated on or adjacent to the said length of Byways or Unclassified Highway will be exempt from the Order.

A COPY of the proposed Order, together with a plan showing the exact lengths of Byways to which it relates and a statement of the Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order, may be inspected at Thrapston Library, High Street, Thrapston during its normal opening hours or at the offices of the Traffic Orders Section, Riverside House, Bedford Road, Northampton during normal office hours.

OBJECTIONS to the proposed Order, stating the grounds on which they are made should be sent in writing to the Traffic Orders Section, Riverside House, Bedford Road, Northampton NN1 5NX by 13th June 2016.

Dated this 21st day of May 2016
QUENTIN BAKER, Director of LGSS Law
DSW/1537B

SCHEDULE

Unclassified Highway known as Gibbet Lane (Northamptonshire)
Gibbet Lane (Unclassified Highway) between Old Weston Road, Clopton and Byway MN8.

Byways (known as Gibbet Lane) MN8 Clopton, MF15 Barnwell, NY13 Thurning and NK2 Luddington (Northamptonshire)
Byway MN8 beginning off Gibbet Lane (Unclassified Highway) at NGR TL 0820 8061, travelling north-east to NGR TL 0837 8068, continuing as Byway MF15 to NGR TL 0862 8080, continuing as Byway NY13 to NGR TL 0907 8126 and continuing as Byway NK2 to NGR TL 0959 8163 at Winwick Road.

Byway known as Broad Lane (Cambridgeshire)
Byways Right of Way 7 and Right of Way 9 known as Broad Lane between Gibbet Lane at NGR TL 0820 8061, travelling south to NGR TL 0832 7936 at Clopton Road.

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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

**THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(MILL ROAD, OUNDLE &
BARNWELL ROAD, BARNWELL)
(PROHIBITION OF HEAVY COMMERCIAL
VEHICLES OVER 18 TONNES
MAXIMUM GROSS WEIGHT
AND REVOCATION OF 3 TONNES STRUCTURAL
WEIGHT RESTRICTION
AND REVOCATION OF 2.1 METRES WIDTH
RESTRICTION)
ORDER 2016**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council intends to make an Order under Sections 1 to 5 and Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ("the Act") to prohibit any heavy commercial vehicle over 18 tonnes maximum gross weight from proceeding along those lengths of roads as specified in the Schedule below. Exemptions will be made for loading / unloading / access / agricultural purposes.

A FURTHER EFFECT of the Order will be to revoke the existing 3 tonnes structural weight restriction and also the existing width restriction on the river bridge located in Mill Road, Oundle.

A COPY of the proposed Order, together with a plan showing the exact length of road to which it relates and a statement of the Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order, may be inspected at Oundle Library, Glapthorn Road, Oundle during its normal opening hours or at Riverside House, Riverside Way, Bedford Road Northampton during normal office hours.

OBJECTIONS to the proposed Order, stating the grounds on which they are made should be sent in writing to the Traffic Orders Section, Riverside House, Riverside Way, Bedford Road, Northampton, NN1 5NX by 13th June 2016.

Dated this 21st day of May 2016
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Chess Corner



By Derrick Sims

Rushden were involved in two matches over consecutive days. Rushden A entertained Corby at the Bowls Club and the following day Rushden C were over in Northampton to face Chess Mates C.

The Silver King League I spoils have gone to Kettering A this year and victory for Rushden A would make them joint runners-up alongside Chess Mates A. On board 1 Hugh Murphy harried the lower graded Robert Taylor's pieces with a Kingside pawn attack that ultimately resulted in Taylor going a Knight down. Shortly after this he failed to defend a crucial pawn position, leaving Hugh the opportunity of checkmate in two moves. Taylor resigned! James Gardner on board 2 had a cagey opening against John Thomson but the game turned when Thomson sacrificed his Knight needlessly and then exchanged Bishops. After this Thomson was never in with a chance and eventually conceded the game.

Nik Puryer was disappointed to draw against the higher graded John Hart on board 3, leaving the match in the balance with Corby needing to win the remaining boards to salvage a draw. On-form Sajan Ganger was

hoping to extend his unbeaten run to eight games against Corby's John Sawiak. He calmly weathered John's hostile incursions after he sacrificed the exchange for an attack, and then gently and efficiently squashed the endgame. Rushden's Captain, Alan Lewis, left Saj to do the heavy lifting on board 4 while he had a cushty time of it on board 5, helped in no small part when Tony Blott played like a plonker and blundered a Knight into a no-escape zone on move 15.

Northants SKL Division I Match Monday 25th April

Rushden A 4½ - ½ Corby

Bd1: Hugh Murphy (198) 1-0 Robert Taylor (172)
Bd2: James Gardner (159) 1-0 John Thomson (152)
Bd3: Nik Puryer (139) ½ John Hart (159)
Bd4: Sajan Ganger (126) 1-0 John Sawiak (121)
Bd5: Alan Lewis (131) 1-0 Tony Blott (112)

Meanwhile in League II Rushden C were facing Chess Mates C, who were looking for victory to secure their place in League I next season. The team were treated to a motivational talk on the journey over to Northampton by our esteemed Chairman, Nik

Puryer. Make sure you Castle early and whatever happens don't move the 'f' pawn were among some of the gems imparted. Now for whatever reason Sarah Collins must have been in la-la land and was oblivious to every word. Not only did she manage to lose her 'f' pawn to Tim Broad's Knight but she was forced to re-take using her King, thus destroying any chance of Castling.

After what must have been one of the most unorthodox openings in the annals of chess, Sarah made a remarkable recovery and managed to retain a piece advantage until a draw was agreed on move 29. On the other hand I religiously followed Nik's advice until I resigned in the face of an onslaught on my Queen. In retrospect this turned out to be more of a panic reaction rather than any logical decision on my part. When I played the game back later, I discovered that by taking Saif's Knight I would have indeed lost my Queen but would have had a two Rook advantage against his Queen.

With the rest of the team going down to their respective opponents, it's fair to say that the only player to totally ignore Nik's advice was the only one not to lose. I'm sure there's a

moral in there somewhere but don't quite know what it is! Needless to say Chess Mates C were delighted with the win and their place in League I next season.

Northants SKL Division II Match Tuesday 26th April

Chess Mates C 4½ - ½ Rushden C

Bd1: John Warnes (131) 1-0 James Wicks (68)
Bd2: Jesta Jawi (U) 1-0 Tom Murts (61)
Bd3: Saif Uddin (100) 1-0 Derrick Sims (44)
Bd4: Ian Revitt (99) 1-0 Eddie Francolini (37)
Bd5: Tim Broad (83) ½ Sarah Collins (U)

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