

# Nene Valley

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### In Brief

#### Elton Tuesday Live Talk

Elton Methodist Church, Middle Street, Elton 7.30pm  
Free admission and refreshments.

Tuesday Live aims to bring speakers of note to Elton village and the next programme (Tuesday 21st June) is expected to attract much attention. John Vartan tells the story of how his great-grandfather, established the first hospital in Nazareth 150 years ago.

Historian and BBC broadcaster Malcolm Billings will attend the meeting.

#### Come Sing 'Dido & Aeneas' with Thrapston Plaza Opera

A concert version of Purcell's charming 'mini-opera' will be performed on Sunday 10th July at 5pm in St James Church, Thrapston.

All local singers are invited to join the chorus for rehearsals on 21st, 28th June and 6th July at St James Hall, Church Walk, Thrapston.

To confirm registration and further details please contact Music Director Vince Davy: 01832 733586, email: vinedavy@hotmail.com. Also visit website thrapstonplazaopera.vpweb.co.uk

## Double honours for Elaine

Elaine Nicholson, who founded a charity that started life in an Oundle residence, has recently been awarded a Queen's Honour, an MBE, for services to Education and Asperger's syndrome awareness.



Action for Asperger's, a unique charity that provides autism-specialist counselling for lives affected by autism and Asperger's syndrome, was born in 2008, and ticked along steadily from Elaine Nicholson's home address until a move to offices in Barnwell in August 2012. At this point the charity registered formally with the Charities Commission, and in its first year grew from 20 clients to 480.

The charity moved to larger, seven-roomed premises on the Corbygate Business Park in April 2015 to cope with year-on-year growth of over 80%. Currently, the charity has over 1,400 clients UK-wide, with around 5% coming to them from overseas via Skype/Facetime counselling. The charity also runs

outreach surgeries in North Yorkshire, North Wales, and Birmingham. School and College counselling is another service the charity provides for children and teenagers affected by autism and Asperger's syndrome.

In addition to receiving good news about the MBE on Friday 10th June, only the day before Elaine received news that she was to be the 551st 'Point of Light'. The Prime Minister David Cameron said, in his personalised letter to Elaine: 'You have dedicated yourself to raising awareness and understanding of how to best support people with Asperger's syndrome and other variations of Autism. It is wonderful that, through Action for Asperger's, you are using your considerable professional skills to support over a thousand people.'

Points of Light refers to a scheme whereby outstanding individuals, who are making a change in their community, are recognised by the Prime Minister.

Elaine said of her MBE award: "I was astonished to hear the news that I was being made an MBE by Her Majesty. It was only after much detective work that I learnt that it was the mother of one of my young male clients – a lad who has been in my care for the past four years – who had contacted Action for Asperger's charity Trustees and begged the question, 'Is anyone doing anything about this?' I understand that this was the catalyst for various heads getting together and the award subsequently being made.

"I am delighted to have been thought of so highly, and happily accept the MBE on behalf of all the clients I have seen, shall continue to see, and am yet to see. Long may Action for Asperger's continue its vital work."

Here at the NVN we feel particularly proud of Elaine and her achievements because she worked with us for almost two years as a member of the newspaper's Editorial Board. Many congratulations Elaine.

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# Editor's notes

It's difficult to focus on local issues in this edition because the big day is almost upon us! By the time we print our next edition we will know the result of the EU Referendum which is being held, as if you hadn't noticed, on 23rd June.

Right now the result looks to be on the proverbial knife edge, with a telling chunk of voters still undecided. Doubtless, both sides of the debate will be trundling out their big guns in the last few days before the poll in an attempt to gain our support, especially that cadre of the undecided who will be so crucial to the result.

The Bookmakers, who have a significant interest in this matter, currently have 'Remain' as favourites but only just and with the odds shortening on 'Leave'. So, it seems likely that the result will be close; is it possible that it will be too close to provide any real confidence in, or comfort from, the outcome? Not surprisingly, it's very difficult to get odds on a tied result; akin to there being no winner of the Grand National! Heaven forbid that the Electoral Commission should still be overseeing recounts by the time we next go to press.

Whatever the outcome, it seems certain that

there will be problems ahead for the Tories as they try to patch up the internal differences illuminated by the Referendum and get down to managing the Government through the remainder of this Parliament. The great temptation for us is to see the Referendum as a sideshow and the result as immaterial because we know that the British will rise above any problems and make the best of the result; that's fine but why make life more difficult than it needs to be?

One notable feature of the Referendum debate, which persists even at this late stage, is the public's perception of the poor quality of information available upon which to base a decision. Certainly, politicians of every stripe have been guilty of adhering to the adage attributed to Mark Twain, 'Get your facts first then you can distort them as you please.'

Sadly, at this stage it's too late to do much more than complain about this problem and get on with making a decision based on your own experience and understanding. Surely, the worst position of all for the individual voter will be to fail to use your vote and then regret your lack of influence on the outcome.

# Genealogy jottings

I do so love reading old advertisements! They can give you such an insight into what was happening back then. One example that I found in the Stamford Mercury of 9th June 1899 reads: Labourer (Farm) wanted – Good all-round Man (married) Wages 15s, good cottage and garden (in centre of small town and close to work) rent free. Refs. Nowadays, they would not get away with stipulations such as advertising just for a man – and married at that! Similarly, just women were expected to undertake domestic duties, as demonstrated in this advertisement of 20th April 1883: Help (Useful) – Young Person, not under 25, wanted. Must be able to cook, a good seamstress, and accustomed to children. Thoroughly domesticated. References and particulars. I love the "Useful" part!

Both of my grandmothers met their husbands through domestic service, miles away from where they originated. One was born on the Essex/Cambridgeshire border and met her husband in Hertfordshire, where she was a domestic servant and he delivered

the clean laundry to the house! I wonder if my grandmothers answered such advertisements – or if they found their positions through word of mouth. Whichever way it was, it just shows that people were prepared to travel for work.

Another reason for reading the old advertisements is to find out what was happening in your town or village at the time – what sort of shops were there? Are any still in existence? Some towns and villages also have guided walks where you can discover the history of where your ancestors once lived. There are Guided Town Walks from Oundle Library. Please contact them on [oundlib@firstforwellbeing.co.uk](mailto:oundlib@firstforwellbeing.co.uk) for more information or pop along to the Library and ask. Why not find out about tours that might be taking place in the town or village of your ancestors!

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# Young Farmers make hay

After a narrow second place at the County Rally, Oundle YFC have their eye on success, writes Tom Lane.

With a growing crop of new members, a diverse programme has seen us criss-cross the Nene Valley with talks and demos to entertain the breadth of our membership.

The year started with an impressive display of gun dogs' talents and a highly successful Great Oundle Bake-off meeting. Soon enough the competition season started with a good showing from our Pool team.

With victory on our minds, a livestock judging demo was organised at Seven Wells Farm, supplier to the Oundle butchery.

The Marshal Papworth Trust gave a brilliant talk, showing how education can give African farmers the more bountiful harvests they crave. A completely different talk came from local farmer Tom Martin (@FarmerTom). It was fascinating to hear his story of a country boy from Haddon going to LA to work in film, to return once again to take over the family farm.

Thanks to the resourcefulness of our committee, we also gave our members a taste of auctioneering. Thanks to Bletsoes and Thrapston Livestock Market everyone was able to try their hand at valuing and selling items with the bonus of fish and chips at the end! After a little more Stockjudging practice, our hard work finally paid off. Our team of Anna, Richard, Ed and Will were crowned victorious at the East of England Smithfield Show, beating all in the YF Stockjudging competition.

Our bonfire night came and went, and soon we were striding into a new year. 2016 started brightly with public speaking success for the Millbank sisters at East Midlands level.

Meetings of skittles, bingo and a look around the Fitzwilliam Hunt kennels kept us entertained before preparation for the Rally started in earnest.

The Young Farmers Rally is a country show and day of competition held by each county annually. The day sees wacky competitions, Stockjudging (we won, of course), Tug-of-War and a multitude of pre-prepared classes.

This year's Rally proved a great day out for all, with thanks to Kelmarsh YFC and the Hankins family for hosting. The day saw us become Ladies' Tug-of-War champions, try out wheelie-bin racing and secure victory in the Chairman/ Secretary challenge.

Looking towards the summer we have a number of events to look forward to. The biggest of all will be our very own Oundle YFC Annual Charity Clayshoot on the 19th June.

With increasing support every year; the event continues to go from strength to strength. This year sees new sporting stands in new locations and an aim to beat the £7,000 raised last year. Money will be split equally between Macmillan Cancer, POPYRUS and Northants and Warwickshire Air Ambulance.

Attentions will then turn to the cricketing fixture of the summer. A developing Oundle YFC XI will be taking on the Fitzwilliam Hunt on 17th July.

If you're aged between 14-26 and interested in the countryside, join us and see what we get up to first hand. Search for us on Facebook or follow us on Twitter @OundleYF. To find your local club in Northamptonshire go to [northants-yfc.org](http://northants-yfc.org) and learn more about the YFC movement at [nfyfc.co.uk](http://nfyfc.co.uk)

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# Diamonds diary



## Northants Women's & Girls' Under 12 League Cup Final

### AFC Rushden & Diamonds 4 v Earls Barton FC 0

Massive congratulations to our Under 12 girls who, on a balmy Saturday morning put Earls Barton to the sword in the League Cup Final.

## League Cup Winners – Girls' Under 12s

Coming towards the end of this season Earls Barton had progressed significantly over the team that we had beaten in the league 14-0 in September last year, and so it proved with the game being quite an even, open game in the centre of the pitch. The biggest difference was our ability to play some lovely passing football when in the final third. Well done girls, coaches and parents you're all

amazing. A special mention for Stacey who after coaching our Under 12s went on to play in the Ladies plate final for Rothwell later in the day. They went down 4-0 to Woodford but how great that she got to play in her own final as well.

So, second honour of the season then for AFC Youth; there may well be one more in the offing as our Pan-disability open age side go into the final weekend sitting two points clear at the top of the table... Come on you stars! I hope to get down and support the team in their final round of matches, it will be great to see them again.

Quite a few of our coaches attended the annual AFC awards night at the Sharnbrook Hotel. We had put together a clubwide vote for Volunteer and Coach of the Year, just a

little something to say thanks to this chaps for working so hard through the year. Our winners were Dan Richards, the coach of our championship winning Under 13s, and the ever upbeat Tracey Stephen, who through her fundraising makes it possible for our players to proudly go out on the field in the

Diamond white shirts. Thank you to you both, you are amazing. Let's not forget all the others behind the scenes that give their time freely: thank you, too.

See you next time.

Mark Cullen,

AFC Rushden & Diamonds Youth



Diamonds on the attack: Girls U12s

## Has your teddy bear been on a zip wire?

Bring your teddy bear along to this year's Charter Fayre on Saturday 25th June at St James Church.

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Take him/her into St James Church and up to the launch platform in the tower. Register your teddy and leave him/her in the safe hands of the zip wire staff while you go back downstairs to enjoy the other activities in and around the church. When it is the turn of your teddy, your name will be called and you will then see your teddy having a fun ride on the St James Tower Teddy Zip Wire.

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- 100 dwellings and over
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### Apethorpe

**16/01076/LBC (09/07/2016) (LBRegs)** Internal and external alterations, as detailed under the heading "Current Proposals" in the Heritage/Design/Access/Impact and Justification Statement at The Manor House Main Street Apethorpe PE8 5DL

### Benefield

**16/00960/FUL and 16/00961/LBC (09/07/2016) (LB/CA) (LBRegs)** Renovation and extension of redundant coach house to provide a three bedroom detached house with two bay garage at Berkeley House Main Street Lower Benefield

### Brigstock

**16/00897/FUL (02/07/2016) (Info)** To create a drop down kerb and crossover to existing hardstanding in front garden at 27 Grafton Road Brigstock NN14 3EY  
**16/00967/FUL (09/07/2016) (LB/CA)** New detached dwelling with off road parking at 42 High Street Brigstock NN14 3HA

### Chelveston-cum-Caldecott

**16/00931/FUL (02/07/2016) (Info)** Two storey side and single storey rear extension at 19 Duchy Close Chelveston NN9 6AW  
**16/01114/FUL (02/07/2016) (Info)** Proposed new carport and front elevation. Treatments to main house and dormer cheeks at Meadowcroft Raunds Road Chelveston NN9 6AB

### Collyweston

**16/01050/FUL (02/07/2016) (Info)** Single storey extension for 24hr care and associated

domestic alterations at 40 Main Road Collyweston PE9 3PQ

**16/01091/FUL and 16/01092/LBC (09/07/2016) (LB/CA)(LBRegs)**

To replace outside front door with custom built Accoya wood planked cottage door with black iron-work furniture with midline horizontal letter box at 5 High Street Collyweston

### Easton-on-the-Hill

**16/01029/FUL (02/07/2016) (Info)** Proposed rear and side kitchen extension at 3 Westfields Easton On The Hill PE9 3LY  
**16/01060/VAR (02/07/2016) (Info)** Variation of Conditions 4 and 5 (dropped kerb and crossover) pursuant to application 13/01784/FUL three bedroom two storey house in the garden at 52 Westfields dated 23.01.14 at land adjacent 52 Westfields Easton On The Hill

### Higham Ferrers

**16/01066/FUL (02/07/2016) (Info)** Single storey dwelling with access at 108 Wharf Road Higham Ferrers NN10 8BH

### Irthlingborough

**15/02198/OUT (09/07/2016) (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

### Islip

**16/01073/FUL (02/07/2016) (Info)** Installation of two sprinkler tanks and pump house, two generators, lorry wash, 120,000 fuel tank and external access stairs in accordance with planning permission 15/01506/AMD and reserved matters at vehicle depot and adjacent land Kettering Road Islip

### Kings Cliffe

**16/00838/FUL (09/07/2016) (Art8)** Change of use of land and buildings from agriculture to use for the keeping of horses and construction of canter track at land south of Hall Farm Hall Yard Kings Cliffe

### Little Addington

**16/01104/FUL (09/07/2016) (LB/CA)** To erect a 3.0 x 3.0m summerhouse situated at the bottom of the garden on a concrete base 150m stone with 100m of concrete at 1 Rose Cottages Chapel Hill Little Addington NN14 4BG

### Lutton

**16/01004/FUL (02/07/2016) (Info)** Change of use of existing agricultural barn to children's play centre and cafe with associated

parking area at Woodbine Farm Oundle Road Lutton PE8 5ND

### Nassington

**16/00966/FUL (02/07/2016) (Info)** Single storey tourism lodge at agricultural building rear of Lilypad Northfield Lane Nassington

### Oundle

**16/01018/FUL (02/07/2016) (Info)** Construction of a detached single storey garage and store at Lamorna Glapthorn Road Oundle

**16/01025/FUL (02/07/2016) (Info)** Two storey rear and side extension at 98 Glapthorn Road Oundle PE8 4PS

**16/01047/LBC (09/07/2016) (LBRegs)** Replacement of previous removed canopy, replacement cellar doors, construction of boundary wall to West Street, ventilation and repairs to basement at 98 West Street Oundle PE8 4EF

**16/01074/FUL and 16/01075/LBC (09/07/2016) (LB/CA) (LBRegs)** Demolish existing flat roofed single storey side extension and outhouse, construct two storey side extension (with ground floor kitchen accessed as existing and first floor bathroom accessed through gable from master bedroom at first floor level extension) at 4 Mill Road Oundle

**16/01098/LBC (09/07/2016) (LBRegs)** Internal refurbishment works including the removal of a staircase and creation of new flooring, removal and erection of internal walls and glazed partitions, exposing previously covered over fireplaces, additional acoustic wall linings and renewing female and male WCs. Upgrade of lighting internally and structural repair work to be carried out to an external lintel at The Gascoigne Building 3 North Street Oundle PE8 4AL

### Raunds

**16/01119/REM (09/07/2016) (Art8)** Construction of accessible parking spaces for visitors to the open space area pursuant to planning permission 15/01051/VAR dated 13.8.15 - Variation of condition 13 - to increase floorspace limits - pursuant to planning permission 11/00700/OUT Outline: Demolition of existing buildings, development of employment park including A3/4/5, B1b and c, B8, C1, D1 and D2 uses together with access, parking areas and open space (all matters reserved except for access) at Phase 2 Warth Park Way Raunds

### Rushden

**16/00701/FUL (02/07/2016) (Info)** Single storey side extension at 43 St Margarets Avenue Rushden NN10 9YQ

**16/00968/FUL (02/07/2016) (Info)** Residential Development - Five two-bedroom dwellings and one one-bedroom dwelling including change of use from commercial to residential at 206 Wellingborough Road Rushden

**16/01034/VAR (02/07/2016) (Info)** Variation of condition 2 to allow increase of footprint and height, and alterations to appearance and siting of building pursuant to planning permission 13/01468/FUL dated 27.8.13 New garage with MOT facility including remodelling redundant parking area at Plot 16 and car park Sanders Lodge Industrial Estate Rushden

**16/01045/FUL (02/07/2016) (Info)** Extend the rear of the property for a new kitchen/diner on the ground floor, replacing existing conservatory. Overall dimensions 6.8m x 4m. Extension of bedrooms on first floor. To build attached garage to replace existing carport with the addition of 1m forward of the house to replace existing porch at 322 Newton Road Rushden NN10 0SY

**16/01046/VAR (09/07/2016) (LB/CA)** Variation of condition 12 - plans - pursuant to application 15/01801/FUL - Demolition and redevelopment of site to form residential scheme with 9 no. two bedroom units and car parking at former garage High Street South Rushden

**16/01048/FUL (02/07/2016) (Info)** Two storey side extension at 10 Lavender Way Rushden NN10 0NQ

**16/01049/VAR (09/07/2016) (LB/CA)** Variation of condition 3 to allow Saturday and Sunday opening pursuant to application 15/01216/FUL - Change of use from meeting room (D1) to cafe (A3) at 15-21 Church Street Rushden NN10 9YU

**16/01051/FUL (02/07/2016) (Info)** Construction of crazy golf facility for temporary period of two years from occupation together with cafe extension and additional toilet facilities at Rushden Golf Range 135 Bedford Road Rushden NN10 0SA  
**16/01068/FUL (02/07/2016) (Info)** Garage conversion at 59 Clover Drive Rushden NN10 0UE

**16/01072/FUL (02/07/2016) (Info)** Retrospective planning for detached garage at 193 St Margarets Avenue Rushden

**16/01086/VAR (02/07/2016) (Info)** Variation of Condition 2 to allow for the installation of a mezzanine to the rear of the unit pursuant to application 16/00452/FUL: Change of use from B8 warehouse to A1 retail dated 06.05.16 at Unit 6 Brindley Close Rushden NN10 6EN  
**16/01087/FUL (02/07/2016) (Info)** Proposed conversion of ground floor commercial space into six flats at 216 Wellingborough Road Rushden NN10 9SX

**16/01094/FUL (02/07/2016) (Info)** Proposed rear extension including extension to existing conservatory, conversion of existing garage and raised decking area at 12 St Marys Avenue Rushden NN10 9EP

### Stanwick

**16/00944/FUL (02/07/2016) (Info)** Erection of detached garage with playroom/study over at 6 Marks Close Stanwick NN9 6UB

**16/01023/OUT (02/07/2016) (Info)** One bedroom dwelling at 2 Needham Road

Stanwick NN9 6QU

**16/01100/FUL (02/07/2016) (Info)** Single storey extension to rear of property to extend kitchen along full width of the house. Two new doors will be added to the house at 4 High Street Stanwick NN9 6QA

### Sudborough

**16/00863/LBC (09/07/2016) (LBRegs)** Installation of new wood burner and flue at Brewery Cottage Main Street Sudborough NN14 3BX

### Tansor

**16/01096/OUT (09/07/2016) (Art8)** Construction of a two storey detached dwelling house at Lornel Main Street Tansor PE8 5HS

### Thurning

**16/00865/FUL (09/07/2016) (LB/CA)** Single and two storey rear extension and loft conversion to main house with single storey extension to rear of garage at The Brambles Main Street Thurning PE8 5RB

### Titchmarsh

**16/00917/FUL (09/07/2016) (LB/CA)** Conversion of outbuilding to form artist's studio and store at 6 High Street Titchmarsh NN14 3DF

### Twywell

**16/00964/FUL (09/07/2016) (LB/CA)** Demolition of existing front and rear extensions. Replacement of existing roof including replacement of existing cement asbestos roof tiles with new slate. Installation of two rear roof lights. Demolition of existing side attached stone sheds and erection of single storey side extension at Oakdene, Twywell, at Oakdene Lower Street Twywell

### Woodnewton

**16/01063/FUL (09/07/2016) (LB/CA)** Partial raising of main roof, raising of side wing roof, moving of front door and construction of oak framed porch to rear at Willowbrook Barn Pound Lane Woodnewton

**The reason for applications being advertised is as follows:**  
**Part3 - Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 2015.**

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

**Info - Non-statutory - included for information only.**

**LB/CA - Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas Act 1990.**  
**LBRegs - Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990.**

**Paul Bland, Head Of Planning Services Dated 18 June 2016**

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

## Wellingboro' and District Athletic Club Results

Wellingboro' and District Athletic Club have had another exciting period with their members out in force at local races but it's not just been running, nor indeed local. Shaun Cherry and Mark Andrews completed their 13-day Land's End to John O'Groats cycle adventure and Natasha Wain and Martin Newman completed the Tour of Cambridgeshire. Here are some more results:

### Wednesday 1st June

#### Corby 5 Mile

Name	Position	Time	Category
Richard Loader	8	00:27:57	M Senior
Greg Spellman	22	00:29:48	M 50
Jon Kemp	25	00:30:14	M 40
Julian Blackwell	36	00:31:38	M 40
Kelly Barnett	38	00:31:47	F Senior
Dariusz Gertchen	41	00:32:04	M 40
Roger Bullen	52	00:33:01	M 50
Peter Cowler	64	00:33:44	M Senior
Martin Newton	82	00:35:02	M Senior
Lisa Smith	86	00:35:10	F Senior

Alan Griffiths	87	00:35:21	M 45
Neil McDonald	91	00:35:44	M 55
Christopher Jones	93	00:35:49	M Senior
Tim Ellwood	97	00:35:58	M 45
Mike Barrow	111	00:36:46	M 60
Tom Newton	122	00:37:35	M 55
Neil Mattinson	125	00:37:42	M 45
Andrew MacAvoy	145	00:38:57	M 45
Tony Hale	159	00:39:57	M 60
Louise Kemp	167	00:40:30	F 35
Natasha Wain	168	00:40:36	F40
Tony Frain	173	00:41:02	M 50
Paul Carvey	185	00:42:09	M 45
Margaret Bond	204	00:44:13	F 55
Daniel Coleman	208	00:45:18	M Senior
Felicity Aries	225	00:47:39	F 50
Yasmin Gooch	228	00:48:05	F Senior
Karen Lower	230	00:48:11	F 40
John Freeman	233	00:49:03	M65
Linda Dawson	234	00:49:10	F Senior

### Friday 3rd June

#### Wellingborough 5K

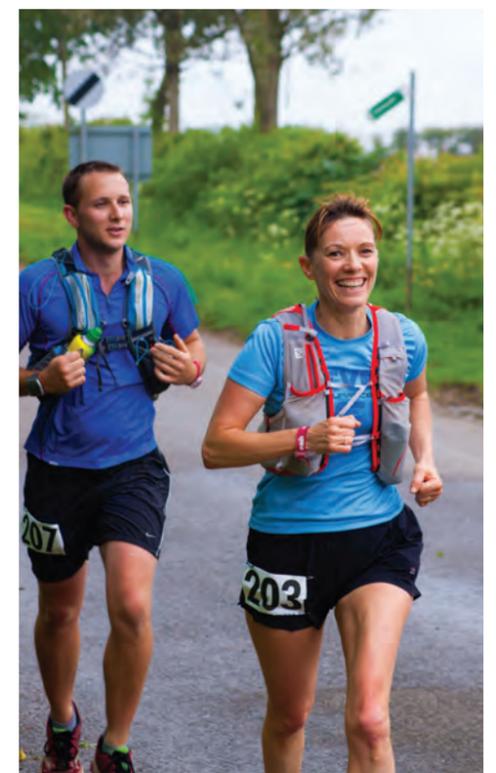
Name	Position	Time	Category
Dariusz Gertchen	7	00:19:13	M 40

Kelly Barnett	9	00:19:22	F Senior
Zac O'Neil	20	00:21:15	M Senior
Alan Griffiths	21	00:21:20	M 40
Mia Clark	28	00:23:07	F U13
Mark Boyce	47	00:26:05	M Senior
Sarah Scanlon	59	00:28:19	F 45
Yasmin Gooch	60	00:28:24	F Senior
Felicity Aries	66	00:28:57	F 45

### Sunday 5th June

#### Shires & Spires Ultra Marathon

Name	Position	Time	Category
Ben Shirley	16	05:07:21	Men Open
Nick Sinnott	22	05:13:04	Men 40+
Craig Clements	23	05:17:52	Men Open
Michael Quinn	39	05:49:49	Men 50+
Helen Etherington	52	06:07:05	Women Open
Guy Travers	74	06:30:43	Men 40+
James Terry	80	06:36:32	Men 40+
Neil McDonald	93	06:51:46	Men 50+
Nicola Walpole	110	07:01:54	Women 40+
Kevin Glendinning	111	07:02:13	Men 40+
Mike Farrow	118	07:12:17	Men 40+
Thomas Warner	119	07:13:50	Men 50+
Tracey Carstairs	132	07:23:06	Women 50+



# Wellingborough girl's charity effort



A little girl from Wellingborough was so affected by the recent deaths of her two grandmothers, one from cancer, that she decided to raise money for charities by taking on the 5km Waendel Walk.

Alexa Mac's efforts, and she walked every step of the way accompanied by her mother, are even more noteworthy because she suffers from a mild form of cerebral palsy. Alexa

raised £172, half of which she donated to the Cancer Research organisation through their shop in Rushden, with the other half going to Marie Curie in Northampton. The Cancer Research

shop's mascot 'Can Bear' was on hand to see Alexa cross the finish line at the end of her walk, and again when she called in to the shop to make her donation. An inspiring effort from a great little girl.

## 'Anger, Atheism and Meeting the Taliban'

Following on from the first two highly successful Sunday@6 events at Thrapston Baptist Church, the third will take place on Sunday 26th June.

This time it is the turn of Rev Mark Lees to share his story. Mark is one of the ministers at Rushden Full Gospel Church and is Chairman of East Northants Community Services.

Telling how he once rejected his Methodist upbringing, became a communist and a confirmed atheist,

Mark's story is an honest and gripping account that touches on issues of politics, social justice, life's struggles, and a life transformed by an experience of God.

In his words: "I will be sharing from some of the rich, deep and sometimes disturbing aspects of my past and the experiences that have shaped my life and led me to a life of service in some of the most sensitive and dangerous parts of the world."

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

## Irthlingborough Scout Group

At the Annual General Meeting of the Scout Group, we were very pleased to be able to recognise and thank the Councillors of the County, District and Town Councils to acknowledge their support for Scouting in Irthlingborough.

During the last year or so there has been a new Development of 21 houses managed by Orbit adjacent to our headquarters building, the Harold Bugby Scout Centre.

The Group have used the building since 1947 and the only previous access had been a six-foot wide path linking the High Street and Victoria Street, Irthlingborough.

Viewing the plans, our Secretary David Maddock met with the Officers from East Northamptonshire Council and negotiated access from the new road right up to our

building, facilitating loading and parking for us.

Our Councillors gave support to the Development Plans and our requests and kindly amended plans to provide this valuable access.

With the support of the Councillors, the new road was named Baden Powell Way, in recognition of the founder of scouting.

Thanks Badges were accepted on behalf of the County and District Councils by retiring Chair Cllr Marika Hillson and Cllr Sylvia Hughes from NCC.

Cllr Allan Short, our Mayor, accepted the Thanks Badge on behalf of the Town Council and a Thanks Badge was given to past Councillor Bob Nightingale to recognise his support with the early planning.

  
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# Sue is runner-up in the National California Prunes Bake Off

Following in the footsteps of Nadiya Hussain, speech and language therapist Sue Foster from Stanwick, Northants has been confirmed as runner-up in a national Bake Off competition, following a closely fought final judged by celebrity chef Rosemary Shrager, at Rosemary's eponymous Cookery School in Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

Sue entered the competition run by the Women's Institute and California Prunes, back in February. Her tasty California Prune, Almond and Pistachio Polka Dot Swiss Roll recipe was one of four shortlisted by Ms Shrager, leading to an invitation to take part in the official live California Prunes Bake Off.

Judges Rosemary Shrager, Kaye McIntosh (editor of WI Life) and representatives from California Prunes looked on as the four amateur bakers crafted their culinary masterpieces. After two hours in the kitchens, the finalists retired to another room for a well-earned rest whilst the judges scored each of the four bakes, based on appearance, texture, presentation and of course, the all-important taste!

Commenting on Sue's recipe, 'Queen

of Prunes', Rosemary Shrager who has developed a whole series of recipes featuring California Prunes said: "It was a difficult decision, as all of the ladies did such a superb job creating delicious showstopping bakes and Sue should be really proud of her achievements in reaching the final four in a national competition."

As one of the runner-ups in the competition, Sue won a signed cookery book, a voucher from Lakeland and a host of other cooking related gifts – and was treated to a sumptuous afternoon tea with Rosemary and the other finalists.

For more details on Rosemary's recipes featuring California Prunes visit [www.californiaprunes.co.uk](http://www.californiaprunes.co.uk).



## Local MP opposes Fineshade development

Local MP Tom Pursglove recently visited Fineshade Wood to see for himself the likely impact of any development in this part of the ancient Rockingham Forest. While he was on the site he spoke with a group from the Friends of Fineshade and confirmed his opposition to the Forestry Commission's proposal to allow Forest Holidays to develop a large holiday complex within the wood.

Fineshade, which is managed by the Forestry Commission, is one of the largest remaining parts of Rockingham Forest and consists of an ancient mixed broadleaf and conifer woodland with way-marked walks, car park and visitor centre. It's estimated that the Wood receives 100,000 visits per year for walking, cycling and watching wildlife but a large part of the wood is threatened by the development of a large holiday camp comprising 70 log cabins. The development was rejected by the local planning authority early in 2015 but Forest Holidays are working on a new application and their ecological surveyors have been working in the wood this spring. However, the

new North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy is set to give Fineshade even greater protection, placing the wood inside a newly defined "Area of Tranquility".

Tom Pursglove said: "To my mind, what should happen is the Forestry Commission and Forest Holidays should have another look at this. The local opposition is overwhelming. I'm going to be writing to the Chief Executive of the Forestry Commission to ask for a meeting to talk about this as soon as I leave here later today. I think there are some really serious concerns that are being raised and they need to be heard and they need to be acted upon. In our area

we need more amenity space not less, we need more community facilities not less. We certainly don't need unacceptable and unnecessary development in our woodlands. We need to protect them for generations to come. This is a beautiful spot and it must remain so. I just don't think that Fineshade is a suitable site to be developed in the way that is proposed. I would argue that it's been incorrectly categorized as a site that is suitable for this sort of development and the Forestry Commission need to go back to the drawing board, have another look at this, review the situation and I believe they should walk away from this proposed development."



## Thrapston Charter Fair

Don't forget, 25th June is Charter Fair day! This commemorates King John's granting the town a Market Charter in 1205. It is the most prestigious event of the year for the town, when the shops come out with their wares. The High Street will be filled with stalls selling everything from jam to plants and shrubs, and there will be entertainment for all, including fairground rides, a kiddies' play area by the Library and entertainment and Teas in the Plaza.

The theme of this year's event is the Wild, Wild West in honour of a very well-known member of the Community and Charter Fair Committee, Gilbert Lee, who sadly died last

autumn. Gilbert was a great Country and Western enthusiast, hence the decision for the theme. Gilbert's daughter Ann Lovell has been asked to open the Fair as a fitting tribute to her Dad.

There will be a parade from the Bridge Hotel commencing at 1.50pm, which everyone is welcome to join. So come on, dig out your cowboy boots, jeans and checked shirts and mosey on down.

Everyone is encouraged to dress up, children and adults alike, and shops and businesses are encouraged to dress like a Wild West town. How about building a stagecoach or covered wagon? Prizes will be awarded to the best.



## Remembering the Battle of the Somme

On Friday 1st July communities across the UK will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the start of the Battle of the Somme.

Fought by the Allies over nearly five months, the Battle of the Somme was one of the major battles of World War One and for many of us has come to define the loss and suffering of the war. By the end of the first day 19,240 soldiers had been killed and

nearly twice that number wounded. It remains the bloodiest day in the history of the British Army.

In Oundle, the U3A's military history groups will be giving a talk about the battle at Oundle Library.

"One of the most tragic aspects of the Battle of the Somme was that many of the men lost weren't professional soldiers but were part of Kitchener's Volunteer Army," says Brian Buckley, leader of

one of the groups involved. "Historians will continue to debate the necessity and effect of the battle, and to question the politics and military tactics. Our talk will look at all these things and we'll tell some personal stories which illustrate the courage and suffering of the soldiers."

The talk begins at 11.30am on Friday 1st July at Oundle Library. Free admission. Everyone welcome.

# Rushden make a splash at regional competition

Over the weekend of 30th April–2nd May, Rushden Swimming Club took 15 swimmers to the East Midland Regional Championships at Ponds Forge in Sheffield. A fantastic weekend was had by all, with many PBs being achieved.

Day 1 saw Ciara Usher and Philippa Kabi qualify for the 100m backstroke finals with Ciara gaining 2nd and Philippa 3rd in their age groups. Ciara also qualified for the 100m freestyle final along with Freya Cole, with Ciara taking 2nd place.

Day 2 continued in the same way, with more swimmers reaching finals. Nathan Jones – 400m freestyle, Philippa 200m backstroke and Ciara 200m freestyle, 2nd place and

200m backstroke, 3rd.

The final day brought more PBs and great swims from the rest of the team, who, after an already long weekend, we're ready to give their all. Freya qualified for the 50m breaststroke and 50m freestyle, Travis Boddington 50m butterfly, Harris Hoyte 50m butterfly, Marcus Eaton 50m butterfly, Jack Chapman 50m backstroke, Philippa 50m backstroke and Ciara 50m backstroke 2nd and 50m freestyle 2nd.

Rushden swimmers also put in solid performances in the relays. The boys 14/16 years freestyle and medley teams – Jack, Callum Prott-Gibbs, Harris, Nathan and Travis – finished in good positions. The girls 14/16

years freestyle team – Amber Bales, Chloe Bushell, Ciara and Freya – finished a fantastic 6th out of 16. RSCs other team members – Molly Britchford, Charlie Savage and James Merriman – also put in great performances

with Brett Davies, swimming under Northampton, following in the same way.

Four weeks later it was the turn of the younger swimmers at Corby Pool. Olivia Snook had a good weekend qualifying for the

final of the 50m butterfly. Grace Devlin-Hogg also qualified for the meet but was unable to attend.

Two Rushden Swimming Club members have qualified for the English Nationals, which take place

in August in Sheffield. Ciara Usher has qualified for six events and Brett Davies three events.

A great end to the season, with the Club looking forward to more achievements in the next.



Rushden Swimming Club will be holding an open evening at Splash Leisure Pool Rushden on Saturday 2nd July 5pm – 7pm as part of Rushden's Party Week. For the first time our doors will be open for all to come and watch our swimmers in training.

Any children interested in being assessed for competitive swimming material (we are now taking in swimmers from Keystage 1 upwards) or taking on an RSC swimmer in a fun challenge, please contact us in advance to book yourself in: [www.rushdenswimmingclub.co.uk](http://www.rushdenswimmingclub.co.uk), telephone 07502 492440 or find us on Facebook.

## East Northants residents keep it clean in 2016

Communities across the district have been sprucing up where they live, work and play this year with a little help from East Northamptonshire Council (ENC).

Friends, neighbours, litter clean-up groups, local businesses and schools have been getting together to help tidy up East Northants' high streets, residential and business areas, villages and parks.

ENC is helping by providing groups with everything they need for a clean-up, including litter pickers, gloves, and hi-vis vests. ENC also picks up and disposes of the rubbish collected and advises on what to do if any dangerous or harmful materials are found.

Higham Ferrers Town Council rallied volunteers to Clean for The Queen, as part of an anti-litter campaign to clean up the UK in time for Her Majesty's 90th birthday.

District Councillor and Mayor of Higham Ferrers, Cllr Pam Whiting, said: "We managed to clear quite a bit from the Vine Hill Drive moat, Bury Close and Station Road. Cllr Jackson even fetched out a shopping trolley from the cup and saucer moat!"

In March, the Stanwick Environment Project (STEP) teamed up with members of the Stanwick Pocket Park Group (SPPARK) for a joint effort to give the village a thoroughly good tidy up.

Tim Page, member of STEP and

SPPARK, said: "Over 30 residents, both young and old, took to the streets and surrounding countryside to take part in the annual litter pick.

"The usual items of litter such as fast food packaging, cups, cans, plastic bottles and crisp packets were all found in abundance and once all this had been bagged up it was plain to see how much people treat the countryside and the roadside verges as a tip.

"Larger items were also found including BBQs, tyres, bricks/rubble and broken glass, which had been thrown over the back of a garden fence onto a public footpath. Not to mention dog poo in plastic bags. Lost for words.

"A huge thank you to 2nd Raunds Scouts and everyone from Stanwick and beyond who gave their time. Also, thank you to ENC's Waste Management Team for their support."

Leader of the Council, Steven North, added: "We value town and parish councils and groups like STEP and SPPARK, who give up their own free time to help make sure our public spaces are kept litter free. I'm really pleased to see so many communities signing up to borrow our litter picking equipment. Together we really can make a difference."

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# Oundle Eagles reveal new coaching team

Last year was a phenomenal success for Oundle RFC, the 1st XV gaining promotion to their highest level to date and becoming Midlands Senior Vase winners. With the Development side and the Colts also performing well, it could be a time to become complacent.

To boost their efforts to continue moving forward and improve the player experience, they have put in place a very strong coaching team to boost the efforts of the current coaching team of Peter Croot and Fred Sagoe.

Joining them will be Mark Rossouw, moving from Peterborough Lions as a back line player/coach. Mark, who originally hails from South Africa, and played to a high level in his junior rugby, moved across from the Lions to add his experience and talent to the exciting back line Oundle have. He can play fly half or centre, and will give a new dimension to the Eagles.

The second appointment is former Saints and Bedford lock Jon Phillips. Jon made 350 1st XV appearances for Northampton and over 100 for Bedford. He is now Director of Rugby at Moulton College. He

worked with Peter Croot for three years coaching East Midlands U16s before taking various RFU coaching posts, including Midlands Under 20s and RFU Coach Educator.

Director of Rugby for Oundle, Peter Croot said: "I am delighted with recruiting the experience of both Mark and Jon, we have a talented bunch of players here, and I want to challenge them all at whatever level to be the best they can be. To do that you need a great team to support them and I believe we now have that.

"Also, we have key players who want to develop a coaching element to their game, and I will encourage them to do that. Saad Sait brought a lot of new ideas to the club last year and he will continue in a coaching/development role as well as being a key player. John Ironmonger will act as a development coach working

with the second team and young players to broaden their skills and improve individually.

"We have a clear desire to keep pushing up the

league structure, keeping an exciting brand of play and retaining our identity as Oundle. We have a coaching team in place, and I am confident can deliver that

objective."

Oundle RFC are an inclusive RFU accredited club and are looking to recruit players of all ages and abilities to the club.

2nd July 2016: Senior Players registration day 11am-3pm followed by a social meet and greet. Anyone wishing to join is welcome. The day will be used to assess skills and

fitness.

Oundle RFC also are celebrating 40 years this year and the opening weekend will feature a pre-season fixture for both 1st and 2nd XV on Saturday 3rd September, followed by a Celebration Dinner. Sunday will be a fun day for the Mini and Junior section, and registration will be open for them.



## Annual carvers' exhibition

The Rockingham Forest Carvers holds its annual exhibition of over 100 woodcarvings at Elton Village Hall on Sunday 19th June.

The Oundle area has many talented carvers and this exhibition

will inspire those who wish to learn more.

Tools and timber are for sale, as well as a chance for visitors to try their hand at the art of woodcarving under the watchful eye of Glyn Mould, professional woodcarver

from Sacrewell Farm Centre.

Entrance to the event is £1 adults and free for children under 18.

Doors open from 10am to 5pm.

For further information contact Glyn Mould on 07753 298 501.



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Our next Big Craft Day is on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July** & will feature the following demonstrators:-

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Workshops are held in an informal, fun atmosphere at The Craft Warehouse.

To book, check availability or to request a leaflet detailing the dates and content of our Workshops please tel: 01933 355530. Alternatively, please visit our website [www.colemans-online.co.uk](http://www.colemans-online.co.uk).

### Jennie Rayment - Workshops & Talk



Sewing legend **Jennie Rayment** is totally obsessed with 'Nipping and Tucking' - fabric manipulation and surface texture. Unique in her field, she's now internationally known for her quick, simple, innovative and original techniques. Jennie teaches a wide variety of classes for all levels and abilities. Don't miss Jennie's **Patchwork Workshops** on **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> & Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July**.

Jennie will also be giving a talk between 6.30 & 8.30pm on **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July**. Refreshments will be free-of-charge. Tickets will be £5 with all proceeds going to Alzheimer's Research. Please ring or call in to book your ticket.

[www.colemans-online.co.uk](http://www.colemans-online.co.uk)

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OPEN FOR SHOPPING

We open for shopping on **Thursday & Friday** (9.00 to 4.00), **Saturday** (8.30 to 4.00) & **Sunday** (10.00 to 4.00).

**Until 2nd July**  
**Oundle School A Level Show**  
 Yarrow Gallery  
 Admission free  
 Showcasing work from the Upper Sixth Form from their final year at Oundle School.

**Saturday 18th June**  
**The Swivel Club presents Linda Gail Lewis LIVE on stage, supported by Glen Darren and the KrewKatz**  
 Rushden Bowls Club, Northampton Road NN10 6AN  
 8pm til late  
 Tickets £12 available from [www.swivelclub.org.uk](http://www.swivelclub.org.uk) or 0773808047, or Bowls Club 01933 312680  
 Linda, sister of Jerry Lee Lewis is a unique Rockabilly/Boogie Woogie/Rock star phenomenon.

**Sunday 19th June**  
**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

**Together in Prayer & Praise**  
 Highfield Community Baptist Church, Highfield Road, Rushden NN10 9QD  
 10.15am  
 Steve Pearman 01933 395608  
 United churches' gathering for prayer and praise – all are welcome.

**Black Hairstreak Butterfly Walk**  
 Glapthorn Cow Pasture on the Glapthorn to Benefield Road opposite green lane  
 2pm  
 Admission free  
 Guided walk to find the scarce Black Hairstreak butterfly. Meet at entrance to wood.

**Morning Service**  
 Thrapston Baptist Church  
 10.30am  
 Preacher: Allan Pope  
 Some things money can't buy, Acts 8:9-25.

**Monday 20th June**  
**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.

**Nene Valley Astronomical Society lecture by Jerry Stone**  
 Chelveston Village Hall (off B645 near Higham Ferrers)  
 8pm  
 Visitors & Members welcome. £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)  
 FBIS Space expert, broadcaster and author Jerry Stone on 'The Way to the Stars: Our search for a starship!'

**Higham Ferrers WI**  
 The Adult School, Westfield Terrace, Higham Ferrers..  
 New members most welcome  
 Olga Earl 01933 412848  
 The subject this meeting will be USA Western Highlights

speaker Brian King. This Month's competition is Fancy Scarf, also a Table Top Sale.

**Tuesday 21st June**  
**Easy Folk Art Floral painting**  
 Ringstead Social Club  
 9.30am-1.30pm  
 £21  
 01933 460676  
 Folk Art Floral painting on canvas board, includes pattern pack & instructions to take home.

**Wednesday 22nd June**  
**Wild Roses Painting**  
 Ringstead Social Club  
 1pm-4.30pm  
 £17  
 01933 460676  
 Painting Wild Roses using watercolours includes use of all materials.

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

**Thursday 23rd June**  
**Tiddlers Group for 0-3 year olds**  
 Thrapston Baptist Church  
 9.30am-11.30am  
 Note: No Tiddlers today, as the church is being used as a Polling Station.

**Lunchtime Concert – Strings, Songsters and Choirs**  
 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.

**Higham Ferrers Footpath Group**  
 Saffron Road car park Higham Ferrers for car sharing  
 8.55am  
 Admission free  
 01933 418983  
 6.5 miles from Billing Mill.

**Saturday 25th June**  
**Baby and Kids Nearly New Sale**  
 The Pemberton Centre, Rushden  
 10am-12noon  
 Entrance £1, kids free  
 To book a stall please call 07577 701161 or [karen\\_aves@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:karen_aves@hotmail.co.uk)  
 Lots of stalls to browse! Refreshments available.  
 Lots of preloved items (toys, clothes etc) at a fraction of the high street cost!

**Seagrave Singers Summer Concert**  
 London Road United Reform Church, Kettering  
 7.30pm  
 £7 including refreshments  
 For tickets Pippa 01536 391778 or from Fuller Coffee House, Newland St, Kettering on Monday & Friday mornings. All proceeds raised will go to our chosen charity Teamwork Trust.

**Summer Fair: The Queen & Commonwealth – 90 Glorious Years**  
 St Peter's Church, Irthlingborough  
 10.30am-2.30pm  
 Margaret 01933 51360, Alan 650369 or Linda 778299  
 Punch & Judy, Dancing Groups, Trips up the Tower, Stalls, Competitions and Games, Homemade Cakes,

Bottle Stall, Jewellery, Bric-a-Brac, Raffle, Ploughman's Lunches, cakes and so much more.

**Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th June**  
**Peterborough Artists Open Studios Event**  
 Fotheringhay Village Hall  
 11am-4pm daily  
 Free admission  
[pinkhousearts@hotmail.com](mailto:pinkhousearts@hotmail.com)  
 Exhibition by local artists, art demonstrations, mini craft workshops, refreshments.

**Oundle Gilbert & Sullivan Players Summer Concert: Transports of Delight**  
 Stahl Theatre, Oundle  
 7.30pm  
 Tickets £10 available from Oundle in Stitches, 5 Crown Court, Market Square, Oundle, telephone 01832 274433  
 Our forthcoming Summer Concert will be our usual light-hearted look at a theme. This year, come and be transported as we fly, drive, ride and sail to songs that are tenuously linked to Transport.

**Sunday 26th June**  
**Open Studio event**  
 Ringstead Village Social Club  
 11am-4pm  
 Free  
 01933 460676  
 Free mini painting classes for adults, free refreshments, preview classes for July, August & September.

**Whitefriars Church – Morning Worship with Holy Communion**  
 Whitefriars Church at Whitefriars Junior School, NN10 9HX  
 10.15am  
 Chris Youngman 01933 551769  
 An informal church service open to all.

**All-Age Family Service – one hour service for all ages**  
 Thrapston Baptist Church  
 10.30am  
 Who is this Jesus? This month: Zacchaeus.

**Sunday@6 Informal Sunday evening event**  
 Thrapston Baptist Church  
 6pm  
 Mark Lees: Anger, Atheism and Meeting with the Taliban

**Monday 27th June**  
**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.

**Thursday 30th June**  
**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!!

**Paint a Hibiscus**  
 Ringstead Social Club  
 1pm-4.30pm  
 £17  
 01933 460676  
 Lovely floral painting of a Hibiscus using acrylics on a canvas board, all materials included.

**Music for a Summer's Evening**  
 Fotheringhay Church  
 6pm-7.30pm  
 £15 from the Stahl Box Office  
 01832 273930  
 An idyllic setting for one of the last Oundle School concerts.

**Friday 1st July**  
**Whitefriars Church Retirees' Group: Researching Rushden people (Heritage Lottery Fund project)**  
 The Bridge Community Office at Whitefriars Junior School  
 NN10 9HX  
 1.30pm-3pm  
 Admission free  
 John & Celia Underwood  
 01933 676989  
 A friendly group to which all of retirement age are welcome.

**Concerto Opportunity**  
 Oundle School, Great Hall / Viney's Lawn  
 7.30pm  
 Tickets free and available from Stahl Box Office 01832 273930  
 Oundle School's keen and gifted musicians get together for one final concert.

**Remembering the Battle of the Somme**  
 Oundle Library  
 11.30am  
 Free  
[oundlib@firstforwellbeing.co.uk](mailto:oundlib@firstforwellbeing.co.uk)  
 Talk by Oundle U3A Military History Groups commemorating 100th anniversary of Battle of the Somme.

**Friday 1st & Saturday 2nd July**  
**Festival of Flowers to celebrate the 90th birthday of HM the Queen**  
 St Nicholas Church, Islip  
 10am-5pm both days  
 Entrance £1  
 Morning coffee & cream teas available on both days. Cakes and home produce stall.

**Saturday 2nd July**  
**Merry Tom Folk Festival**  
 The Walled Garden, Rushden Hall Park  
 12noon-11pm  
 For tickets [www.wegotickets.com](http://www.wegotickets.com)  
 Please visit [www.merrytom.co.uk](http://www.merrytom.co.uk) for more information  
 A great fun day out for the family, live music, food & drink.

**Baby and Kids Nearly New Sale**  
 The Pemberton Centre, Rushden  
 10am-12noon  
 Entrance £1, kids free  
 To book a stall please call 07577 701161 or email [karen\\_aves@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:karen_aves@hotmail.co.uk)  
 Lots of stalls to browse! Refreshments available. Lots of preloved items at a fraction of high street cost!

**Newton Bromswold Village Fete**  
 Church Lane, Newton Bromswold  
 1pm  
 Helen Lines 03301531059  
 Flypast 1.15pm. Rushden Mission Band. Stalls and Games. Children's fancy dress 3.10pm with a royalty theme.

**Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd July**  
**Irthlingborough Open Gardens for Christian Aid**  
 Sat 11am-5pm;  
 Sun 12.30pm-5pm



£4 Adults £3 Senior Citizens also from The Green during the weekend. Advance programme from Salvation Army Shop. Refreshments, Plants and items for sale. Silent Auction for Haddenstone Urn.

**Sunday 3rd July**  
**Morning Service**  
 Thrapston Baptist Church  
 10.30am  
 Preacher: Mat Hussain  
 A divine appointment, Acts 8:26-40.

**Whitefriars Church – Morning Worship**  
 Whitefriars Church at Whitefriars Junior School  
 NN10 9HX  
 10.15am  
 Chris Youngman 01933 551769  
 An informal church service open to all.

**Up Your Street**  
 St Peter's Church, Oundle  
 7pm  
 Free  
 01832 770010/275675  
 An evening of Live Folk Music, written and performed by Simon Stokes. "A great night of entertainment, original exciting tunes, where lyrics come to life."

**First Sunday Event**  
 The Salvation Army, Church Street, Rushden  
 6pm  
 Admission free  
 G.Ellitson 01933 313106  
 Guests for the evening: The Songbirds, Ladies Choir from Kettering and prior to the event refreshments at 5pm.

**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  
 Kev Prigmore 01536 514023 or email [titchmarshfdc@gmail.com](mailto:titchmarshfdc@gmail.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,  
 01832 277208/277195

**Baggy pants Yoga**  
 Studio 2, Pemberton Centre, HE Bates Way, Rushden  
 10am-11am  
 Tel: 01933 382837 or 07873 743256, [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)  
 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](mailto:oundlediabetes@gmail.com)

### Alternate Mondays (2nd & 4th Mondays) StitChat

Oundle Baptist Church  
1pm-4pm  
Judith Brashaw 01832  
770010 or office@  
oundlebaptist.org.uk  
Knit or stitch together over a  
cuppa.

### 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  
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  
£3  
Tel: 01933 624545

### Every Tuesday (term time) Open House for Babies, Toddlers and their Carers

No. 1 St Osyth's Lane,  
Oundle  
9am-11am

### 1st Tuesday of every month Great Companions (single people 55+)

Rushden Bowls Club,  
Northampton Road  
7pm-9pm  
Yearly Membership £6  
Pat Bazeley 07931 964360

### 2nd Tuesday of the month Tea Dance

Pemberton Centre, Rushden  
Dancing to 'Music Box'  
2pm-4pm  
£3 per person including tea/  
coffee & cake

### Higham Ferrers Guided Tour

Groups of 6-24 people.  
Trained guides  
Tea and cakes, optional extra  
01933 411191

### Wildlife Trust Little Bugs Club

10am-11.30am

£1 per child (adults are free)  
Louise Tuffin 01604 774043  
louise.tuffin@wildlifebcn.org

### 50+ Adventure Club

Tel: 01536 505548 for further  
information or visit:  
www.fiftyplusnorthants  
adventureclub.org.uk

### Every Tuesday & Thursday Health Walks Stanwick Lakes

10am-11am  
Free – normal car park  
charges apply.  
01933 625522  
www.stanwicklakes.org.uk

### Tuesdays to Fridays in June Countryside & Town Explorations

Via local Bus or Coach  
service. From Raunds, or  
Thrapston Library.  
Mornings or days out, from  
£2 each per trip, for the re-  
usable map.  
Bus pass needed, but free  
travel for all, on Tuesdays.  
Susan 01933 461480.

### Every Wednesday Dog Training and Socialisation and Ringcraft

Halefield, Woodnewton,  
near Oundle  
Classes from 6.45pm  
01832 293432,  
oundledogs@aol.com or  
www.oundledogs.co.uk

### Rainbow Cafe for Tots

(aimed at up to age 5 and  
their adults)  
Stanwick Lakes  
10.30am-12noon  
£2 per child – normal car  
park charges apply.  
01933 625522  
www.stanwicklakes.org.uk

### Club Night

Apethorpe Tennis Club  
From 6pm

### Returners to Work

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

### Art & Craft Class

Oundle Rural Mind  
1 Herne Park, East Road,  
Oundle PE8 4BZ  
Irene Issitt – Manager  
01832 275020

### Inflatable Fun Session (Times May Vary During School Holidays)

Oundle School Swimming  
Pool, Milton Road Oundle  
5pm-6pm  
£3 Adult & £2.25 Child  
Tel: 01832 277208/277195

### Cambridge First Certificate in English

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

### French Tuition

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

### Every Wednesday (Term Time Only)

**Community ICT Classes**  
Needham Building, Oundle  
School SciTec, Glapthorn  
Road, Oundle  
2.30pm-4pm

### 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) 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 & 3rd Wednesday of the month Thrapston Country Dancers

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

### 2nd Wednesday of the month Coffee Morning

Raunds Methodist Church  
10am-12noon  
01933 383378

### 2nd & 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 Free Counselling

No.1 St. Osyth's Lane Oundle  
By appointment  
0793 6015965 (leave message  
if no answer)

**Wednesday & Saturday  
East Northants Athletics  
Club – 'Getting Kids Into  
Athletics'** The Ferrers School,  
Higham Ferrers  
Wed 6-7pm, Sat 9-10am

£4 per session or  
Wednesday & Saturday £7  
Graham Bufton 07788 698883,  
grahambufton.ena@gmail.  
com

### Every Thursday

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

### The Silverfox Turners Club

Dale End Scout Headquarters,  
Croyland Road,  
Wellingborough  
10am-1pm  
£2 all members  
Secretary Trevor Rhodes  
01933 382790

### Free guided walk around Oundle

Oundle  
11am  
Admission free  
oundlib@northamptonshire.  
gov.uk or 0300 126 1000

### Move for Health

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

### Market Drop-in

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

### Enjoy Yoga

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

### Adult & Child Swim Sessions (Term Time Only)

Oundle School Swimming  
Pool, Milton Road Oundle  
9.15am-9.45am  
Booked in advance as a block  
(£4.75 per lesson)  
01832 277208/277195

### Little Ducklings Pre-School Stay and Play 'Tea and Tots' Sessions

1.30pm-3pm  
£1.50 per family.  
01832 358085

### Every Thursday during school term time Music Makers

Titchmarsh Pavilion  
9.30am-10.15am  
£4 per child and £2 per sibling.  
Naomi Cooper on  
musicmakersnorthants@  
gmail.com

### Music Makers

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

### Little Treasures Tots Group

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

### Music Makers

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

### Community Art Classes

Oundle School Art Department  
7.30pm-8.30pm  
Free Art Classes for people  
with a physical or learning  
disability.

### Coffee/Tea and Biscuits in the Bede House

St Mary's Church, Higham  
Ferrers  
10am-12noon  
No charge just a donation to  
cover costs.

### 3rd Thursday of the month Painting Class with Nick Baldwin

Chelveston Village Hall,  
10am-4pm  
£17 per session  
Kathy Gyngell 01933 389936

### Every 3rd Thursday of the month

**Ise & Nene Valley Turners**  
Counties Community Centre,  
Hertford Rd, Kettering  
NN15 6LG  
7pm  
Members Free, Visitors £7  
Peter Bond 01933 741835 or  
peterjbond@btinternet.com

### Thursday Market Day Mornings

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

### Every Friday

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

### Music Makers

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

### Every Friday (Term Time Only)

**Over 60s FREE swim**  
Oundle School Swimming  
Pool, Milton Road, Oundle  
3pm-3.45pm  
Free admission  
01832 277208/277195

### Pre-School Swimming Lessons

Oundle School Swimming  
Pool, Milton Road, Oundle  
1.55pm-2.25pm &  
2.30pm-3pm  
Booked in advance as a block

(£6.75 per lesson)  
01832 277208/277195

### 1st Friday of the month (recommend checking before travelling)

**Craft Cafe**  
Stanwick Lakes  
10.30am-1pm  
Modest charges for some  
materials – normal car park  
charges apply.  
01933 625522  
www.stanwicklakes.org.uk

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

Saxon Hall, Raunds  
2pm-4.15pm  
£3 (plus 50p for Raffle)  
Mrs Wicks 01933 312623

### U3A Branch Meeting

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

### 3rd Friday of the month (recommend checking before travelling)

**Stanwick Stitchers**  
Stanwick Lakes  
10.30am  
Free entry – normal car park  
charges apply.  
01933 625522 or Pauline  
on 01933 229817  
www.stanwicklakes.org.uk

### 1st Saturday of the month

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# Summer meadows at National Trust sites in the East Midlands

*Did you know that it's National Meadow day on Saturday 2nd July?*

Although only in its second year, this national event is helping to raise awareness of the important part meadows play in the UK's natural and cultural heritage. Once there was a natural wildflower meadow in every parish – today only 2% of the meadows that existed in the 1930s remain. When in keeping with the history of the places they care for, the National Trust make great efforts to restore these areas of natural beauty.

Meadows and grassland are great places for whiling away summer days. They are home to a range of wildlife including wildflowers, fungi, birds, beetles, moths, butterflies and small mammals, to name but a few. As well as providing a habitat for creatures great and small, they have environmental benefits too. These include water retention to prevent flooding and carbon storage (capturing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere).

The National Trust has a selection of flower rich meadows and pastures across the East Midlands.

In Derbyshire, Longshaw has a group of hay meadows, at Grouse Inn Fields. Here the National Trust has been working hard

to enhance the diversity of wildlife by following traditional haymaking techniques over the last 20 years. The meadows are at their best in June when visitors can spot marsh orchid, common twayblade, milkwort, moonwort, chimney-sweeper moth and six spot burnet (moth). They can be accessed by parking at Hay Wood car park and walking a short distance on the footpath towards the Grouse Inn.

Calke Abbey has not one, but three established summer meadows surrounding the historic mansion. They are known as the "meadow lawns" but are managed as hay meadows. The array of flowering plants includes meadow saxifrage, twayblade and bee orchids but the distinctive colour of yellow rattle is often what catches the eye first.

In Lincolnshire, take the Monksthorpe Chapel walk from Gunby Estate, Hall and Gardens and the track passes by a fine example of a traditional meadow. The Hunger Hill Meadow is wetter than some but has a spectacular array of wildflowers and butterflies, as well as a less common plant called great burnet.

In Northamptonshire at Lyveden, the three

established wildflower meadows are home to many plant species including oxeye daisy, yellow rattle, lady's bedstraw, black knapweed and some native hardy orchids. The meadows support a variety of creatures too, especially common blue and meadow brown butterflies, brown hares, and skylarks. For ease of access for visitors, lines of an Elizabethan parterre are mown into one of the meadows, and mown paths are added to another.

At Canons Ashby the wildflower paddock attracts a variety of butterflies and insects. The inclusion of plenty of picnic benches makes it the perfect location for a summer afternoon and some bug hunting.

Carl Hawke, National Trust Wildlife and Countryside Adviser said: "Hay meadows were created from cleared shrub or woodland throughout the countryside as a vital source of animal feed in winter. They are "shut-up" for the summer months and allowed to grow before being cut for hay and stored until the winter. Because our aim is to restore and maintain the places in our care with historical accuracy, sometimes we convert land back to meadows or pastures. It's great for visitors to get a true feel of how estates were run but it's also fantastic for wildlife. I'm pleased to say that we've seen a few less common species of plant and insects returning to some of the sites."

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**20, 21, 22, 26, 27 and 28 July 2016**)

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Planning Inspectorate Reference: APP/G2815/W/15/3134976.

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

**THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**(GLAPTHORN ROAD, OUNDLE)**

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County  
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LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That  
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ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Cotterstock Road, Oundle Road,  
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Dated this 18th day of June 2016

QUENTIN BAKER  
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If you require any further information please contact Gary Thorp on  
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**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 -**  
**SECTION 14**

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# Chess Corner



It's a few weeks since I reported on Rushden's sad exit from the John Robinson Knockout Competition, made even sadder by the fact that we drew and were eliminated on the tiebreak rule (again)! The victors were Chess Mates A who went on to face Kettering A in the final. Kettering A made a good start with a win for Graham Arch and draws for David Walker and Jonny Martin. In a break with tradition, the report on the match is compiled by our illustrious Chairman, Nik Puryer, who reports in his own inimitable style.

"In terms of grading, this year's JRKO Finalists were quite fairly matched with Kettering evenly strong throughout and Chess Mates having a slight advantage on the top two boards and being led by one of the country's best blind players, Chris Ross, who has been invited to play in the Blind Olympiad team later this year (good luck Chris!)

"The match started with a poultry limp on Bd2 when David Walker & Frank Kamau cluckety-clucked out by agreeing 'a Grandmaster draw' after only 10 moves – Boooooo! Hiiissss! The same result then

befell Bd3 but not for want of trying as Nigel Young and Kettlers Captain Jonny Martin had teased and tested each other to prove the draw. With three games in play and the score level Graham Arch put the Kettlers 2-1 up with a devastating Queen & Bishop incision on Dave Curran's trapped and uncastled King. Advantage Kettering, needing only a point from the two remaining games to take the trophy – one win or two draws.

"Here's the rub: Chris Ross was winning on Bd1 for Chess Mates and opponent Peter Jaszkiwskyj was in deep time trouble, but Chris Keech was easily winning for Kettering on Board 4, which would give Kettering the match regardless of events on Bd1. The Kettlers were smiling, on the verge of offering the handshakes, and nipping in and out of the bar to filch the poker players' leftover food (indeed Graham Arch returned with a rather nice looking pie quickly spotted and noted by game reporter Nik) as they all gathered around Bd4 to enjoy watching Chris Keech play out a Queen and 400 storming pawns endgame against Jefta Jawi's two miserably

unco-ordinated Rooks. Jefta's resignation was expected without delay. Kettlers Cappy Jonny Martin knew it was over – after all Chris Keech couldn't possibly lose, so grabbed his silverware polish and popped over to Bd1 where incredibly Chris Ross had made a huge blunder and was now also losing. Realising the game was up he offered Peter a draw, who then asked Captain Jonny if he could accept as he was short of time and felt bad winning the game through such a blunder from Chris.

"Kettering were winning anyway, and with Chris Keech's pending win 'in the bag' Jonny Martin permitted Peter to accept a draw. Not so fast Tonto! Incredibly, astoundingly, Chris Keech then made a prodigious, trophy-shattering blunder which cost him his Queen and left Jefta with a Rook v four pawns which he then mopped up to win the game and tie the match score, while the Kettering players mopped up only their tears and distraught Captain Jonny Martin was left rueing the decision to allow a draw on Bd1. Chris Keech wasn't dancing around the room either, but there was one smile in the room, from Rushden's Nik Puryer, after successfully persuading Graham Arch to go and fetch him a pie and some roast tatties.

"So the final scoreline was a tied, but... the tiebreak rule removed the bottom board result – a win for Kettering – and the recalculation gave the Cup to Chess Mates in probably the most surprising turn of events in the John



By Derrick Sims

Robinson KO Cup Final's history."

It all goes to show that you shouldn't count your chickens till they're hatched or chicken out with an early 10-move draw. The only consolation for Kettering was that the Kingsley Park Working Men's Club where the match was held laid on some exceedingly good pies. In fact, Nik found them so good that he had three!

#### John Robinson Knockout Final Kettering A 2.5-2.5 Chess Mates A

Bd1: Peter Jaszkiwskyj (180) ½  
Chris Ross (197)

Bd2: David Walker (163) ½ Frank Kamau (167)

Bd3: Jonny Martin (161) ½ Nigel Young (152)

Bd4: Chris Keech (153) 0-1 Jefta Jawi (135)

Bd5: Graham Arch (144) 1-0 Dave Curran (117)

Chess Mates win on the tiebreak rule!

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