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Community project given a kick-start

A group of Northamptonshire students are one step closer to securing sought-after apprenticeships after swapping their summer holidays for a community-focused work experience programme.

The five-week Kick-start course saw eight 16-18 year-olds taking part in work shadowing and training, finally putting their new skills into practice on a community project, where they

converted a community centre in Higham Ferrers.

Delivered by Spire Homes, a member of Longhurst Group, the programme worked in partnership with three national contractors who

the association work with: Aaron Services, Burleys and Keepmoat.

The partners and students came together to celebrate at a presentation in front of friends and family on Thursday 4th August.

Each student is now preparing to apply for one of the four apprenticeships available, with the successful candidates taking up their roles in September.

Sharon Boot, Resident and Community Involvement Officer at Spire Homes, said: "Working in partnership we've been able to offer eight young people an opportunity to really get their careers off the ground and I'm incredibly proud of how well all of the students have performed."

"Competition for the four apprenticeships will be tough but we're committed to supporting each of the students who completed the course to find the next step – whether that's through further work experience or advice on how to make the most of what they've learnt over the last five weeks."

Keepmoat Community Liaison Manager, Julie Baker, said: "We are thrilled with how hard the eight candidates on this programme have worked. I am sure they will all have bright futures in the construction industry ahead of them."

At Keepmoat, we believe that construction is not just about bricks and mortar, we aim to leave a lasting legacy wherever we work and the Kick-start programme is just one example of how we work with our partners to do this."



In Brief

Theft in Rushden

In the early hours of Thursday 4th August three pairs of Call ducks were stolen from the Boundary Avenue area of Rushden. The ducks, two pairs of white and one pair of black, were stolen from a secure garden. Any information which leads to the ducks being returned will result in a small reward. Please contact 01933 316060.

Flower show turns 40

The 40th Titchmarsh Flower & Vegetable Show will be held on 13th August in the village. This event, held in the church, is a popular attraction open to all, attracting both villagers and keen growers and cooks from further afield.

Nicholas Warliker has judged at the show every year for the past 40 years. In addition to that achievement, Nicholas turned 80 this year and, in recognition, an article about Nicholas is included in this year's programme. A 2017 calendar has also been commissioned, which will be available to buy at the show at an amazing price of just £5.

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Letters to the editor

Dear Editor,

I was very happy to read Cllr Peacock's letter that they are going to link The Greenway with the new Rushden Lakes project. However, could you take a moment to remind the cyclists to take it easy and remain aware of other (off)road users.

The dog walking community love to go down the Greenway; it's peaceful and interesting for our animals to explore, and above all, it's safe from cars. However, there are some cyclists who come flying down there. Their silent approach puts us at a disadvantage and puts both them and our dogs in danger.

Please fit a bell and ring it when you see people ahead, it'll give us a chance to call our dog to us so they don't step out in front of you. We don't want our dogs hurt and we certainly don't want a cyclist hurt, but you have to give us a chance. Either slow right down, or let us know you're coming please.

As the Greenway gets busier we'll need your help to prevent an accident. I'm already having to shout to speeding bikes to watch out for the dog as they fly by. When an accident

eventually happens it'll be us that have to keep our dogs on their leads, regardless of whether we have good dogs who behave. Like the sad loss of Hall Park – no more river on hot days – the dogs get their privilege cut before the people, but we could work together to keep everyone safe so we can all keep enjoying it.

Sue

Dear Editor,

Hi, I just moved to Higham and I was told to pay for a green waste bin outside my regular council tax pay. All other counties around Higham such as Kettering etc have their green waste covered by their council tax. I just think our council tax pay should cover all the wastes: green, recycle and general.

Kind regards, Oludayo

Dear Editor,

After reading the letter from Cristina White, I had already put in a suggestion, complete with maps, to my MP Peter Bone for a link road from the junction behind Waitrose to the roundabout at Lidl to run behind the Needle & Awl, so local traffic between Rushden and

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Higham doesn't have to use the A45, which will get busier when the Lakes open, to be paid for by the Lakes developer. The answer I got from Peter was go home, do all the hard work, bring

it back and he will put it through. I thought that the MPs worked for the people, not the people working for the MPs.

Yours, a confused David Knight

Editor's notes

Holidays remain in the air, either because people are keen to relate what happened on theirs or to tell you when and where they are going. The general feeling of well-being is helped by better weather and there seem to be more tourists in the area, keen to explore and hopefully to spend their hardearned money. Obviously, without children at the local schools it's easier to get around, especially at the start and end of the school day, but there is plenty of Summer School activity taking the place of local children, so hopefully that's a boost for local traders.

It's good to see a perceived problem being resolved through our pages and we're grateful to Cllr Sarah Peacock for bothering to write in answer to earlier concerns about access to the Rushden Lakes development. Obviously, if locals wish to have their questions addressed there are many ways they can do so but the advantage of using our pages is that the local authority's responses can be seen by all. East Northants Council took advantage of our last issue to highlight the small print around something we all take for granted – waste bin collections; so well done to them.

During a recent visit to Higham Ferraers

to see what's happening to the Methodist Church there, conversation turned to local concerns about social services, particularly in view of government financial cutbacks. As well as the common, and well publicised, problems about services for the young and care for the elderly it was surprising to hear concerns about the lack of support for immigrants; surprising because this is an issue more normally reckoned to be associated with the farming areas to the east rather than with this District. Whatever your views on the rights and wrongs of accepting foreigners who wish to live in the UK, it must be better to ensure that those who do come and for whom things don't work out as they hoped get some support, but from where is the question! A short story was told to illustrate the need for careful judgement of foreign visitors: a group of youths in a quiet street who were not conversing in English were seen to be paying particular attention to a parked car, particularly the roof and a door before moving on; the local who witnessed this walked around the vehicle to check that all was well and found that a set of earphones, presumably left on the roof by the car's owner, had been placed conspicuously on the driver's door handle.

Genealogy jottings

Last time, I mentioned an illegitimate ancestor, Mary Ann Dean Cross. It was not uncommon for illegitimacy to appear. If you are looking for a marriage of a couple, never take it for granted that it will be before the birth of the first child! But if you lay your hands on a birth certificate and no father is listed, what next? Here are some suggestions:

Baptismal registers

More often than not, a child will be recorded just with the mother's name. However, sometimes the parish clerk may have known the family – and the goings-on within the village or parish – and will make some comments in the margin, such as: "Purported father being John Smith" or "Bastard child of George Andrews." It is always useful to see the actual parish registers, not just transcriptions, which may have omitted such gems.

Poor Law Books

Remember Sarah? She had to apply for Parish Relief to help raise Mary Ann and had to name the father in order to apply.

By Jan Pearson

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Marriage Certificates

Ministers recorded only what they were told, but you may find that your illegitimate child grew up to marry and named a father on their marriage certificate. Although it might have been invented for respectability, use this as a starting point until you find something to back it up.

The Marriage of the Parents

If the unmarried mum married soon after the birth, there is a good chance that she has married the father. Use this as a springboard.

Wills

You may suspect that, because mum was working for a wealthy family, then a member of that family was the father. A check to see if any child was named in a will would point you in the right direction.

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and BUSiness. The UK movement began in 1966 as a luncheon club for retired ex-Rotarians to remain in contact with their colleagues socially. Currently there are over 2,000 clubs in the UK and over 4,000 worldwide.

Thrapston members meet once a month at the Bridge Hotel to enjoy good company over a drink and a meal. After a brief meeting to discuss club activities,

we are entertained by guest speakers on a variety of topics. Past topics have included: 'The Sinking of the Laconia' (an enthralling first-hand account by Jo Pratchett); local farmer Duncan Farrington's account of his successful production and marketing of Rapeseed Oil; and a

member's account of his lifetime's 'Cricketing Memories'.

Occasionally we arrange group outings to places of interest, usually accompanied by partners or guests. Previous visits have included the Houses of Parliament; Ten-pin Bowling; and Segway Riding.

Any readers who would like more information, or to attend a meeting as a guest, please call Alan Fox on 01933 355834.

Free Tennis at Spencer Park in Rushden

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If you have any queries, please contact Councillor Dorothy Maxwell, 01933 353301 or Rushden Town Clerk, Mrs Prodger 01933 316216.

Free Tennis was set up last year to encourage more outside activity for children and adults to help with people's 'Wellbeing'.

I also hope to put a Concrete Table Tennis Table in the park, but would like to hear from people about their views.

Please could people send their views to c/o clerk@rushdentowncouncil.gov.uk.

I hope to hear from you.

Councillor Dorothy Maxwell, East Northants Council

Churches lead holiday club for Thrapston kids

The week after school finished, the children of Thrapston enjoyed a week of fun and games at Thrapston Baptist Church's annual Holiday Bible Club.

Across the week over 80 children enjoyed lots of crafts, drama, music and Bible stories and made plenty of noise! The week finished with a barbeque for the children and their parents or carers on the Friday evening.

This year's theme was based around the popular Scripture Union 'Guardians of Ancora' smartphone app, with which the kids found themselves hunting for

'treasures' related to Bible passages, as they learnt about how God loves ordinary people, and how He loves to be involved in their everyday lives.

The club was headed up by Thrapston Baptist church's Tom Mayes, but as a joint Thrapston churches event it involved 53 helpers from the churches in the area, including some from Rock UK's Frontier Centre in Irthlingborough.

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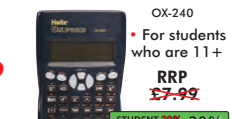
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Midnight – Crouched in the bottom of an old German artillery trench, a ration party of six men and a corporal wait, having just succeeded in getting the rations up to the firing line across the top before Jerry starts a wind up bombardment, frequent in

those windy days of the 1918 summer. The trench was a forward one and appeared to have connected up former German gun positions, and in small recesses along its length were stacks of gas shells. Behind the trench about fifteen feet away across a country road was

a small wood, containing more stacks of shells left abandoned by Jerry in his hurried retreat recently, and one or two battered guns.

One a.m. – The bombardment continues. Huddled together, we shout to each other what little we have to say, endeavouring to make ourselves heard above the never ceasing clamour and roar. A louder crash than before, and flames burst out in the wood, licking round the trees and crackling in the undergrowth.

Two a.m. – Flames, leaping and roaring, scorching and burning. Blasts of hot air from the inferno's mouth. Soaring sparks and burning twigs floating in the night sky. The wind fortunately blows to our rear, otherwise the trench would be untenable, and still noise, noise, tumultuous and uproarious, leaping and crashing all around.

Three a.m. – Thudding and trembling, quivering and quaking, Mother Earth receives the blows of the enemy guns. Bursting in front of us, crashing behind us, shrieking above us, and still we're not hit. An earth-shaking roar, and burst of flame, and a stack of gas shells along the trench spreads itself in all directions, the splinters thudding into the trench all around. Suddenly a roar, growing in less than

a second to a blasting crashing crescendo, a sea of flame, the world collapses in sudden deadly blackness and oblivion, – then peace.

Noise, noise, noise. A smashed and battered trench under a night sky. I seem to be in a deep dug-out with the crash of the barrage sounding above. Suddenly full consciousness returns and I heave and squirm myself free of the parados that has collapsed on me under a direct hit. My face is wet and bloody, and looking down I see my gas mask carrier is a deep red. The fingers of my left hand are likewise crimsoned and numbed. A look along the trench to see how my ration party has fared. At the end of the mound of earth which covers the spot where my six men were crouching there is one dragging himself out of the dirt and nursing an arm; otherwise it is motionless.

Blasting, crashing, tearing noise. We two scrape and dig at the earth with our hands with the aid of one or two near us who had felt the hit. In the terrible inferno of noise one hit was hardly noticed along the trench; besides the fellows further along were fully occupied with similar experiences. We clear one khaki head and shoulders, smashed – and so along the rest. We two, the first and

last, had been spared, hardly damaged. Going along the trench a little way we find an old fire-step covered by a bit of elephant iron, and there we sit, and with quivering fingers carefully light a cigarette, the shaded light of the match showing up ashen faces for one brief second.

Four a.m. – noise, noise, booming and howling all round. A pale dim glow shows in the eastern sky. 'Thank God', we breathe, for we hope when dawn shows, Jerry will ease up his wind up strafe and give us a chance to get to the rear. Blood soaked first field dressings over face and hand. Nerves torn and rended to shreds, our chances seem feeble. No communication trenches here; it's a case of over the top with the best of luck, round the wood, and past a derelict tank which serves Jerry as an aiming mark, and a mile across country to a main road which is regularly strafed, and an advance dressing station.

Four Thirty a.m. – The pale light of dawn shows the charred and blackened remains of the wood with fires still burning in patches. The remains of the trench show up more clearly, and one can stumble along without tripping over shells and comrades. Khaki figures squatted about, cigarettes

stuck in mouth. The bombardment ceases as suddenly as it began. One minute the devils are leaping and dancing, shouting and howling, booming and banging, crashing and blasting, filling the air with a hideous pandemonium, a veritable colossus of noise, then – a pop, a gradually increasing whistle, a shriek and a bang and a shell passes over our heads and bursts in the wood, – a boom and a rumble and the noise as of an express train passing through a tunnel, high in the air over our heads, and a shell from a heavy gun passes to its mark miles behind the line – and then the bombardment has ceased.

Now looking along the line, we see isolated figures heave themselves out of the ground and start making their way across the top to the rear, hoping to make the journey before daylight fully appears. Two of us decide that it is now or never and climbing out of the trench, make our way round the wood and report the fate of the ration party to the support trench and get permission to retire to the advance dressing station, which eventually turns out to be the first stage of my second 'Blighty' trip.

G. V. S. Mitchell





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Notice of planning applications received

Notice is given that the following applications have been received together with the last date for making representations:

Apethorpe

16/01477/FUL (03/09/2016) (Info) (LB/CA) New window and door openings and alterations to those existing in existing garage at Lilac Cottage Laundry Rd Apethorpe PE8 5DQ

Ashton

16/01486/FUL (03/09/2016) (Info) (LB/CA) Erection of Garage/Woodstore at Chapel Farm Barns The Green Ashton

Barnwell

16/01437/FUL & 16/01438/LBC (03/09/2016) (Info) (LB/CA) (LBRegs) Single storey rear extension and removal of flat roofed extension at 9 Main Street Barnwell PE8 5PH
16/01489/FUL (03/09/2016) (Info) (LB/CA) Single storey rear extension and first floor extension over garage at Cherry Trees Main Street Barnwell PE8 5QB

Benefield

16/01440/FUL & 16/01441/LBC (03/09/2016) (Info) (LB/CA) (LBRegs) Renovation and extension of redundant coach house, to provide a 3 bedroomed detached house with 2 bay garage (resubmission of 16/00960/FUL & 16/00961/LBC) at Berkeley House Main Street Lower Benefield PE8 5AF
16/01448/FUL (03/09/2016) (Info) (LB/CA) Enlargement of rear ground floor window at 19 Main Street Upper Benefield Peterborough PE8 5AN

Brigstock

16/01478/FUL (03/09/2016) (Info) (LB/CA) Rear single storey extension and a detached double garage with vaulted roof space for storage/small informal summer room at 3 Sudborough Road Brigstock Kettering NN14 3HP

Clopton

16/01492/FUL (27/08/2016) (Info) Change of use of garage to annexe at 23 Fayway Clopton NN14 3DZ

Deene

16/01225/ADV (27/08/2016) (Info) Hand painted signs to guide visitors and coaches to appropriate locations at Estate Office Deene Park Deene Corby NN17 3EW

Denford

16/01148/FUL (27/08/2016) (Info) To install wooden cladding to the front elevation and to erect a pitched canopy over the existing

double garage at 9 Chapel Lane Denford NN14 4EA

Irthlingborough

16/01427/FUL (27/08/2016) (Info) Proposed replacement of existing boundary fence with wall at 102 Addington Road Irthlingborough NN9 5UP

16/01431/OUT (03/09/2016) (Art8) Outline application for a 64 bed two storey care home and up to 100 residential dwellings including vehicular access, pedestrian links, open space, drainage and associated works (All matters reserved except access) at Nene Business Park Diamond Way Irthlingborough
16/01435/FUL (27/08/2016) (Info) Single storey side extension forming extension to kitchen and lounge at 2 Cross Way Irthlingborough NN9 5RR

16/01514/FUL (27/08/2016) (Info) Removal of lean-to to side of building and construction of single storey side extension. Removal of existing external timber staircase and deck and replacement deck with new steel staircase at 1 Pipers Close Irthlingborough NN9 5XU

Kings Cliffe

16/01430/FUL (03/09/2016) (LB/CA) To replace existing front door and windows at 37 Park Street Kings Cliffe PE8 6XN

Little Addington

16/01472/FUL (27/08/2016) (Info) Increase height of garage to accommodate gym with new dormer windows at 1 St Marys Court High Street Little Addington NN14 4BF

16/01142/FUL (27/08/2016) (Info) Change of use from industrial, and storage and distribution purposes to use as dog day care centre for up to twenty dogs (retrospective) at Units 3 and 4 Hill Farm Estate Irthlingborough Road Little Addington NN14 4AS

Nassington

16/01351/FUL (27/08/2016) (Info) Erection of detached two storey double garage with workshop to first floor and Orangery to rear elevation of dwelling at 71 Station Road Nassington PE8 6QB

16/01424/FUL & 16/01425/LBC (27/08/2016) (Info) & (LBRegs) Two storey rear extension at 8 Station Rd Nassington PE8 6QB

16/01465/FUL (03/09/2016) (Info) (LB/CA) Two storey extension to side / rear at 38 Church Street Nassington PE8 6QG

Raunds

16/01439/FUL (27/08/2016) (Info) Demolition of existing ground floor side extension and erection of two storey side extension at 8 Hollington Road Raunds NN9 6NH
16/01474/VAR (03/09/2016) (Art8) Removal

of Conditions 16, 25 and 26 relating to Code for Sustainable Homes, Sustainability Report and Energy Strategy Statement pursuant to application 14/01605/VAR : Variation of planning permission 07/02238/OUT - Outline application for residential development with all associated highway, access and other infrastructure works, (all matters reserved except means of access) at Darsdale Farm Site Chelveston Rd Raunds NN9 6DA

Ringstead

16/01389/FUL (27/08/2016) (Info) Two storey rear extension at 17 High Street Ringstead NN14 4DA

16/01426/FUL (27/08/2016) (Info) Erection of a 17.5m monopole to support 6no. antennas, 2no. dishes and 4no. ground based equipment cabinets to provide 2G, 3G and 4G mobile electronic communication services from the installation at Ringstead Farm Denford Rd Ringstead NN14 4DF

Rushden

16/01400/FUL (27/08/2016) (Info) Insertion of six new rooflights, provision of external access ramp, alteration to existing window openings to building, alterations to pedestrian access and repositioning of vehicle access gates at 2 Essex Road Rushden NN10 0LG

16/01412/FUL (27/08/2016) (Info) Single storey side extension at 82 Bedford Rd Rushden NN10 0NB

16/01413/FUL (03/09/2016) (Info) (LB/CA) Change of use from A1 (Bakery Shop) to A3 (coffee shop) with new extraction flue ducting to rear at 31-33 High Street Rushden NN10 0QE

16/01423/FUL (27/08/2016) (Info) Garage conversion to form bedroom and external and internal alterations and replacement single garage at 284A Newton Road Rushden NN10 0SY

16/01428/FUL (27/08/2016) (Info) Proposed single storey rear extension and partial garage conversion at 334 Newton Road Rushden NN10 0SY

16/01444/ADV (27/08/2016) (Info) 5no. fascia signs and 2no. internally illuminated signs behind cafe glazing at Unit 6 Southwalk Rushden Lakes Rushden NN10 6FH

16/01471/FUL (27/08/2016) (Info) Replacement conservatory to rear of property at 15 Melloway Road Rushden NN10 6XZ

Stoke Doyle

16/01429/VAR (27/08/2016) (Info) Change to condition 2 (plans) pursuant to application 13/00966/FUL: Redevelopment comprising conversion of traditional farm building to form four residential units plus one additional new build residential unit and accompanying

removal of modern agricultural buildings at How Hill Farm Oundle Rd Stoke Doyle PE8 5TJ

Thrapston

16/01033/FUL (03/09/2016) (Info) (LB/CA) Erection of three dwellings with access and car parking at Land between 15 and 15A Chancery Lane Thrapston

16/01403/FUL (27/08/2016) (Info) Erection of 8 dwellings following demolition of existing buildings at Factory Premises Grove Road Thrapston NN14 4JX

16/01421/FUL (03/09/2016) (Info) (LB/CA) Change of use of from commercial to residential, erection of fence around the garden area, and demolition of vinery at 7 Chancery Lane Thrapston NN14 4JL

16/01422/LBC (03/09/2016) (LBRegs) Removal of minor internal partitions and reinstatement of one other partition wall constructed when the premises were converted to commercial use and demolition of existing vinery. (No other alterations to the structure, or changes to the appearance of the building) at 7 Chancery Lane Thrapston NN14 4JL

Woodford

16/01417/FUL (27/08/2016) (Info) Change of use of residential garage (C3 Use Class) to small batch nano-brewery (B2 Use Class) and associated exterior plant equipment and drainage (part retrospective) at Virginia Lodge 4 Thrapston Road Woodford NN14 4HY

Yarwell

16/01487/FUL & 16/01499/LBC (03/09/2016) (Info) (LB/CA) (LBRegs) Replacement of existing windows and some lintols; extension and alterations to convert existing rear storeroom to dining room at 5 Main Street Yarwell PE8 6PR

16/01497/FUL (03/09/2016) (Art8) New storage building (Class B8) with hard standing, car parking and portakabins (resubmission of 15/01814/FUL) at Site 32 Oil Depot Wansford Road Kings Cliffe

16/01527/FUL (27/08/2016) (Info) Two storey extension to side elevation and single storey to front elevation at 5 Dovecote Close Yarwell PE8 6PT

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 13 August 2016



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

Northamptonshire's tastiest treats revealed

The oven gloves are now firmly off among some of the county's finest producers as they battle it out for culinary glory in the Carlsberg UK Northamptonshire Food and Drink Awards.

The Awards, now in their eighth year, are aimed at celebrating all that is great about local produce and drink, recognising excellence within the county's dining venues and rewarding those who work so hard within the culinary sector.

After much deliberating, cogitating and digesting by two select panels of experts at the recent drink and product judging sessions, staged at the reigning

'Best Bar None – Town Pub of the Year', The Artisan in Northampton, and Holdenby House respectively, the shortlisted finalists in the five categories have been chosen from a record number of entries.

Local businesses Nene Valley Brewery in Oundle and Nobby's Brewery Company in Thrapston are shortlisted in the Artisan Local Drink of the Year category, with Nature's Fayre, Thrapston

shortlisted in the Artisan Savoury product of the Year category.

The winners and runners-up in all five categories will be decided by a second panel of judges later in the year and the results, along with those of the other 13 categories in the competition, will be announced at the Awards Dinner taking place at Northamptonshire County Cricket Club on Thursday 3rd November.

For more details on all 18 categories in the Carlsberg UK Northamptonshire Food and Drink Awards 2016/17, please visit the Awards' website at www.northamptonshirefoodanddrink.co.uk or contact Rachel Mallows on 01933 664437 or email rachel@rachelmallows.com You can also follow the Awards on Twitter at @foodawardsHQ or on Facebook at [facebook.com/foodawards](https://www.facebook.com/foodawards)

Go wild this summer at Irthlingborough Lakes and Meadows

During the summer holidays the Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire are running several drop-in activity mornings at Irthlingborough Lakes and Meadows Nature Reserve. Bug-Hunting Mornings will take place on 17th and 24th August. All the sessions are £2 per child and will run from 10.30am until 12.30pm.

Louise Tuffin, Nene Valley Education and Community Manager, says: "Summer is a great time to get out and explore our Nene Valley nature reserves with all the family, and Irthlingborough Lakes and

Meadows is no exception. Our activity mornings will give children the chance to get up close to nature and discover the watery world of the lakes, explore the marvellous minibeasts found in the meadows, and also have a go at a wildlife-inspired craft to take home too. We hope that lots of families will come along and join us!"

More information on these events can be found on the Wildlife Trust's website, www.wildlifebcn.org/whats-on, or Louise can be contacted on 01604 774043 / louise.tuffin@wildlifebcn.org.

Wartime sweethearts celebrate 72 years in their new home

Spire Homes' longest married couple are celebrating their 72nd wedding anniversary in their new home – even though they were separated by war for two and half years!

Ken, 94 and Irene Thompson, aged 91, from Oakham, first met in 1942 at RAF Allington when Ken was an airframe fitter and Irene a NAAFi girl.

They married in 1944, but shortly afterwards Ken was deployed to Bombay and Irene moved to London to care for her mother. They didn't meet again for more than two years.

Ken said: "We bought the ingredients for the wedding cake with ration vouchers and then that was it, I was gone."

The couple, who have

three daughters, one son, seven grandchildren and four great grandchildren, settled in Wisbech once reunited, where Ken worked in a butchery and Irene in a printing works, before moving to Oakham where they lived in Brooke Road for more than 60 years.

Poor health has recently seen the couple move to a one-bedroomed

retirement flat at The Lodge in Oakham, which is run by Spire Homes, member of the Longhurst Group, giving them a whole new lease of life.

Irene said: "We are really settling in and are grateful for the help we have had from Spire Homes. We both have mobility issues, so together living here, we can now pop into town whenever we like.



"We have had a great 72 years together and had a lovely big family celebration

for our anniversary and hopefully there's more to come."

Calling all Vintage Sellers!

This Saturday was the first Craft & Vintage Fair in Higham Ferrers' Working Men's Club during the ever popular Farmers' Market. We had a fantastic day and footfall was really good, especially considering this was the first one. Lots of customers commented on the wide range of high quality items for sale and plenty enjoyed a cuppa and cake while browsing the many stalls. Stalls included wooden turned items, vintage inspired crochet, small leather goods, jewellery, vintage kitchenalia and haberdashery amongst many more. The next Craft & Vintage Fair at the Higham Ferrers Working Men's Club will be on Saturday 27th August 9am–1pm. Stalls are filling up fast but there a couple of space, so please get in touch if you're interested in getting involved. So

far, we have photographic prints, fabric gifts, face painting, pyrography, handmade scarves, wood carvings, needle felted animals, jewellery, scented candles among other fabulous handmade items.

Over the past eight months of organising craft fairs, I have met many craft sellers but am keen to make contact with more vintage sellers for these monthly events in Higham Ferrers and also the Handmade, Vintage and Gift Shopping Events I hold in Raunds.

If you would like more information please email me for an application form at rainbowcraftevents@yahoo.co.uk. Thank you. www.facebook.com/rainbowcraftevents, www.rainbowcraftevents.co.uk

Wadenhoe Family Fun event

Wadenhoe House is hosting a Family Fun event from 2pm–5pm on Bank Holiday Monday 29th August, with proceeds going to WaterAid.

WaterAid is an international organisation whose mission is to transform the lives of the poorest and most marginalised people by improving access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene. NB we need Volunteers to help on the day, please contact us if you have time to spare.

Traditional jazz music will be provided by The Silk City Strutters, and the event will include a variety of games including hook a duck, a coconut shy and lots more. Silly Moo face painting will be there to transform young and old alike, and there will also be a raffle.

With afternoon teas, ice cream and candyfloss the event offers the chance to go

back in time to enjoy an afternoon of carefree entertainment set in over eight acres of beautifully landscaped gardens in the heart of the glorious Northamptonshire countryside near Oundle.

In the evening the tempo changes when we will host a jazz night with two great bands, the Cool Jazz Collective and Lizzie Cooper and her Jazz Trio delivering magical musical memories from the Great American Songbook. With years of performing experience between them, the groups promise to strike the perfect musical note for a mellow summer's evening.

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From the East Northamptonshire Chairman

Last month I chaired a meeting at East Northamptonshire Council. The meeting received reports from the council's committees on decisions they had taken and voted on recommendations where the decisions need to be taken by the full council.

The role of a council's Chairman is similar to that of the Speaker of the House of Commons – calling councillor colleagues who indicate their wish to speak and ruling on points of order, in accordance with the advice of the Chief Executive.

I attended the University of Northampton Summer Ceremonies, at which David Laing, the Pro Chancellor, coincidentally also the Lord Lieutenant of Northamptonshire, handed graduands their certificates as graduates of the university. In this university's constitution, the Chairman of East Northamptonshire Council is ex-officio a member of the

University Court. The ceremonies were well organised, reflecting great credit on the university of our county. Higher education and academic freedom are vital elements in our society.

I was the guest of ABF The Soldiers' Charity and the Soldiers' Sailors' Air Force Families' Association, an event in Northampton, attended by the Lord Lieutenant, at which the guest speaker was Colonel Bob Stewart, DSO, MP. Colonel Stewart, a soldier with a distinguished record of active service and senior staff appointments at NATO is now Chairman of the House of Commons Defence

Committee. He gave us a clear, forthright and very impressive speech on what is necessary to adjust our Armed Services to meet the challenges we all face. Colonel Stewart's points are very relevant to all our lives and it will be helpful for councillors to consider what they can do towards improved cooperation, where necessary, with our Armed Services.

I was also the guest of The Royal Anglian Regiment at the Freedom Parade in Northampton Market Place, at which David Laing took the salute and at the Service of Thanksgiving, laying up the Old Regimental Colour of the Second Battalion in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Northampton. The present Royal Anglian Regiment embodied, when regiments were merged, the former Northamptonshire Regiment and has ongoing links with Northamptonshire.

Cllr Rupert Reichhold

Chairman of East Northamptonshire Council



East Northants Snooker League

The last two weeks have seen a number of changes in the tables, as we now approach the final few games for this season.

Mecca remain in the top spot, which they have held since the very beginning, never faltering. However, as they had to sit out for a BYE, Ball Bashers, Coopers C, and Coopers A have all made real progress. Ball Bashers are now just one point behind the leaders, with Coopers C and Coopers A just four points adrift respectively. From nowhere Coopers A recorded one of the only 6-0 whitewashes as they beat Coops Troops this week – a fantastic result. Well done to Justin Gaggini, Steve Biggs and Steve Neighbour – this win has now put them in real contention for the Title Race!

As much as there's been stiff competition for the top spots, there has also been real competition at the bottom of the table. Coopers G, who were in bottom place have now jumped up, thanks to a couple of better performances – this included Jay Thomas making a return, having been out of the team for some time, winning three of his four frames

and knocking in a break of 47. Surprisingly, Coops Troops are now trailing in bottom position – can they make a move up this week?

The Player Rankings are also hotting up, with just three games left in the season. Matt Barcock is still technically in top position, but he has real competition from Steve Ridgewell and Stuart Richardson. Steve has played some 'nominated players' so he needs to win just a couple more legitimate frames to have a chance, and Stuart has currently only played 10 frames, but if he can play at least another four frames he will also be eligible for the Player Rankings prize. Can Matt Barcock hold his nerve for the next three weeks?

Results for week 10:

Coopers A 3-3 Coopers G

Windmill Warriors 3-3 Coopers Mecca

Coopers C 2-4 Ball Bashers

Results for week 11:

Ball Bashers 3-3 Windmill Warriors

Coopers G 4-2 Coopers C

Coops Troops 0-6 Coopers A

Snooker Summer League 2016 – High Breaks – sponsored by Justin Gaggini

Position	Player Name	Team	High Breaks (30+)
1	Matt Barcock	Coopers Mecca	58, 43, 33, 32
2	Jay Thomas	Coopers G	47
3	Sean Britchford	Coops Troops	46
4	Colin Hinds	Coopers C	43, 30
5	Wayne Gardner	Coopers Mecca	36, 32
6	Richard Wright	Windmill Warriors	34
7	Neil Darling	Coops Troops	33
8	Roger Hayes-Roome	Coopers C	31
9	Paul Lewis	Windmill Warriors	30

If you are interested in joining the East Northants Snooker League, you can find us via Facebook – East Northants Snooker Summer League.

Snooker Summer League – Table – sponsored by Expense Reduction Analysts

Position	Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points
1	Coopers Mecca	9	6	2	1	34
2	Coopers Ball Bashers	10	3	5	2	33
3	Coopers C	9	4	2	3	30
4	Coopers A	10	3	4	3	30
5	Windmill Warriors	10	3	3	4	27
6	Coopers G	9	2	4	3	24
7	Coops Troops	9	1	2	6	20

Player Statistics – 2016 – sponsored by Gardiner Motors Wellingborough

Position	Player Name	Current H/cap	Team	Played	Won	Lost	% Won
1	Colin Buckby	14	Coopers Mecca	2	2	0	100%
2	Steve Ridgewell	21	Ball Bashers	14	10	4	71%
3	Stuart Richardson	28	Windmill Warriors	10	7	3	70%
4	Matt Barcock	-7	Coopers Mecca	16	11	5	69%
5	Michael Gordon	14	Coopers G	6	4	2	67%
6	Roger Hayes-Roome	28	Coopers C	14	9	5	64%
7	Anthony Pinard	21	Coopers G	16	10	6	63%
8	Darren Fenner	21	Coopers Mecca	18	11	7	61%
9	Lee Bunker	28	Ball Bashers	20	12	8	60%
10	Martyn Freeman	42	Coopers C	12	7	5	58%
11	Justin Gaggini	7	Coopers A	14	8	6	57%
12	Sean Britchford	21	Coops Troops	16	9	7	56%
13	Wayne Gardner	7	Coopers Mecca	16	9	7	56%
14	Steve Neighbour	28	Coopers A	20	11	9	55%
15	Colin Hinds	0	Coopers C	14	7	7	50%
16	Joe Evans	35	Coopers C	14	7	7	50%
17	Justin Wynne	21	Coopers Mecca	2	1	1	50%
18	Jay Thomas	14	Coopers G	6	3	3	50%
19	Steve Biggs	14	Coopers A	18	8	10	44%
20	Martyn Hatton	35	Ball Bashers	16	7	9	44%
21	Richard Symons	35	Ball Bashers	10	4	6	40%
22	Michael Dicks	7	Windmill Warriors	18	7	11	39%
23	Paul Lewis	14	Windmill Warriors	16	6	10	38%
24	Richard Wright	14	Windmill Warriors	12	4	8	33%
25	Neil Darling	35	Coops Troops	14	4	10	29%
26	Ben Pacan	28	Coops Troops	8	2	6	25%
27	Steve Williams	28	Coops Troops	8	2	6	25%
28	Craig Back	21	Coopers G	18	4	14	22%
29	Colin Warroll	28	Coops Troops	6	1	5	17%
30	Michael Tartagliani	21	Coopers A	2	0	2	0%

Jolly Good Company – 10 year celebrations

A fitness group from Ringstead celebrated their 10th anniversary with a trip on the Grand Union Canal. Twenty members of the group who range from 65-84 years of age joined the Mountbatten Crusader boat from Gayton to Bugbrooke this week.

"We have a summer and a winter outing each year," said their leader Gill

D'Hooghe. "The social aspect is an important part of the group."

Ringstead's Jolly Good Company formed in 2006 providing exercise and dance in a friendly and fun atmosphere. Oldest member Eileen, aged 84, who has been with the group since the beginning, says "The name 'Jolly Good Company' is very

true. We've been 10 years keeping fit and active in a very friendly group."

The group have taken part in stage performances at The Castle in previous years and one of their latest routines is set to The Floral Dance as their own special

tribute to the late Sir Terry Wogan. "We all feel better for the exercise, laughter, good leadership, music and really good friendships," said founder member Marion. "We are so fortunate to have been part of this wonderful class for so long."

The group meets at The Shared Church, Ringstead on Tuesday mornings at 10am–11am. For more information contact Gill D'Hooghe on 01933 274011.



Development in the Nene Valley

Managing development pressures within the Nene Valley

Much of the Nene Valley within the East Northamptonshire district incorporates the Upper Nene Valley Gravel Pits Special Protection Area (SPA)/Ramsar site. This area of internationally recognised biodiversity importance requires the relevant local authorities (East Northamptonshire Council and the Borough Council of Wellingborough), working with Natural England, to take extra special measures to ensure that

the SPA/Ramsar sites along the Nene Valley are protected from the possible adverse impacts of new development.

Why is it necessary to introduce additional protections for the Upper Nene Valley Gravel Pits SPA/Ramsar site?

On 14th July 2016, the North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy (JCS) 2011-2031 – the new Local Plan Part 1 (strategic policies) was adopted. Alongside this, East Northamptonshire Council (ENC) and the Borough Council of Wellingborough

(BCW) are required to prepare and implement a mitigation strategy. This is necessary to ensure that the impacts of increased visitor numbers along the Nene Valley arising from new housing development do not give rise to any significant adverse impacts upon the SPA/Ramsar sites.

Working with the two local authorities, Natural England has reviewed the implication of the significant quantum of new housing development (and therefore population increase) that will take place along the Nene

Valley over the next 15 years. Natural England, ENC and BCW have concluded that the 'in-combination' impact of all developments involving any net increase in the numbers of dwellings will have an impact upon the SPA/Ramsar site. To this end, a mitigation strategy has now been prepared.

What is the mitigation strategy?

The mitigation strategy sets out a range of measures, including financial contributions, to ensure that the SPA/Ramsar sites along the Nene Valley remain protected from the impacts of additional visitor numbers. Implementation of the mitigation strategy is essential to ensure that development along the Upper Nene Valley complies with the relevant legislation; specifically The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 (SI 2010 No 490; the 2010 Habitat Regulations), as amended.

To integrate the

mitigation strategy into statutory planning policy, this has been incorporated into an Addendum to the Special Protection Area Supplementary Planning Document (SPD), adopted February 2016. Conversion of the mitigation strategy into an SPD gives this statutory status as planning policy.

Extent of the mitigation strategy

The extent of the mitigation strategy is defined by a 3km buffer around the Upper Nene Valley Gravel Pits SPA/Ramsar site.

It will apply to all new residential development within this 3km buffer zone, where a net gain in new dwellings is achieved. The 3km buffer around the SPA encompasses a large area in the south of East Northamptonshire. Affected parishes include all, or some of the following:

Aldwinckle
Barnwell
Chelveston cum Caldecott
Clopton

Denford
Great Addington
Higham Ferrers
Irthlingborough
Islip
Lilford-cum-Wigsthorpe
Little Addington
Lowick
Pilton
Raunds
Ringstead
Rushden
Stanwick
Sudborough
Thorpe Achurch
Thrapston
Titchmarsh
Twywell
Wadenhoe
Woodford

How do I find out more?

The North Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit is leading the consultation for the Addendum to the Special Protection Area Supplementary Planning Document. This consultation will run until 5pm on Friday 16th September 2016. Further details about the consultation are set out in the statutory notice on page 15.

Advice charity urges people to seek early help with money worries

Community Law Service is encouraging anyone in East Northamptonshire who is experiencing financial difficulties to contact them for help as early as possible.

A recent report from the national Money Advice Service highlighted the fact that a third of all workers are struggling to make their money last each month. Many people resort to using credit and overdrafts to get through to payday which can cause serious debt problems and impact on health as a result of stress and anxiety.

CLS is also seeing the impact of recent Welfare Reforms, which are affecting many people who are unable to work through ill health or disability and are struggling to afford basic essentials due to loss of benefits. Help is at hand however to help through these difficult times which are often caused not just by low incomes but by changes of circumstances such as redundancy, loss of overtime, illness or relationship breakdown.

CLS is the national Money Advice Service's debt advice provider across Northamptonshire and through MAS and a number of other major funding sources including

East Northamptonshire Council, First For Wellbeing, Rockingham Forest Housing Association, Legal Aid and British Gas Energy Trust, the Service's professional advice team offers free confidential advice, casework and court representation on all debt and housing matters for residents in East Northamptonshire.

Over the past year 1,969 people across East Northamptonshire have been helped by CLS to resolve their financial problems, which have included rent and mortgage arrears, fuel debt, water debt, credit debt, Council Tax arrears, court fines and secured loans. A full range of money advice support has been provided including negotiating affordable

repayments with creditors, income maximisation, budgeting advice, energy advice, administration of Debt Relief Orders, support with bankruptcy petitions, access to basic bank accounts and court representation for repossession and eviction hearings. Residents in the district have been helped to manage £4,764,036 of debt and to claim £2,175,185 of additional benefit and grant income and 77 people were provided with representation at repossession and eviction hearings.

Chris Byrne, CLS Debt Advice Manager said: "We see the negative impact being in debt can have on people's lives every day. You don't have to struggle alone. Our specialist Debt Advisors can help."



Contact CLS on 01933 313020 or 01604 621038 or email rushden@communitylawservice.org.uk. For more details go to www.communitylawservice.org.uk.

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Cadets give their best shot at Kibworth Shooting Ground

Naval cadets from TS Collingwood of Raunds and Ranger Cadets from Waterloo Contingent, Irthlingborough, had a wonderful day on Sunday 17th July as guests of Kibworth Shooting Ground, being taught how to shoot air rifles.

John R Mander from Northamptonshire Independent Cadets commented: "Our cadets thoroughly enjoyed the event. They were taught how to participate in this Olympic sport in a safe and well controlled environment. We experienced some good scores during the day and are now planning a return visit."

TS Collingwood and the Ranger Cadets are part of Northamptonshire Independent Cadets, a registered charity set up to promote the independent cadet movement in the county.

Mr Mander added: "Our organisation, which is

independent of government and raises all its own funds, encourages children and teenagers to participate in cadet activities; these include adventure training, sailing, camping, field craft, navigation, signals, sports, and marching band. Our units meet once each week and we recruit boys and girls from 8 years to 18 years and our adult instructors are all volunteers."

TS Collingwood (Naval Cadets) meets at Windmill School, Raunds on Wednesday Evenings 6-8pm.

Ranger Cadets (tri-service) meets at Crow Hill Community Centre, Irthlingborough, Thursday evenings 6.30-8.30pm.

Both units are now recruiting and enquiries are also welcome from adults who would like to help. For further information call 01933 412099 or via email on niccadets@gmail.com



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**Saturday 13th August
Afternoon Tea**
60 High Street,
Irthlingborough
2.30pm–5pm
Tickets £5 (all proceeds in
aid of St Peter’s Church)
Margaret Bull 01933 651360
Come and enjoy a lovely
afternoon tea with us.
Sandwiches, cakes and
freshly homemade scones
and cream.

**Sunday 14th August
Morning Service with
Communion**
Thrapston Baptist Church
10.30am
Preacher: Peter Whitney from
The Gideons
Antioch by the Grace of God,
Acts 10:19-30.

**Whitefriars Church Silver
Service**
The Bridge Community Office
at Whitefriars Junior School,
Rushden NN10 9HX
10.30am
Melvyn Hunter 01933 222910
A traditional church service
open to anyone of any age.

**Whitefriars Church,
Rushden, Countryside Walk
– ‘A Turvey Toddle’**
In the street near All Saints’
Church in Turvey MK43 8EP
10.30am
Andrew Presland 01933
316927
A walk in and near the scenic
village of Turvey, south west
of Bedford.

**Sunday 14th, 21st & 28th
August
Fresh Cream Teas**
Parson Latham’s Chapel Hall,
Church Hill, Barnwell PE8
5PG
2.30pm–5pm
£3.50
Mrs Pat Rutterford 01832
272496.
Bring family and friends and
enjoy a relaxing afternoon in
our Chapel Hall and garden.

**Monday 15th August
Higham Ferrers WI Meeting**
The Adult School, Westfield
Terrace, Higham Ferrers
2.15pm
Olga Earl 01933 412848
Afternoon Tea will be
available. Our competition
will be Holiday Souvenirs.

**Tuesday 16th August–
Friday 19th August
“Teamwork” Holiday Club**
Park Road Baptist Church,
Rushden
10am–12noon daily
£2 per session (hardship
cases will be considered)
Richard Coles 07709737308
Come along and be part of
our team. Open to infant and
junior school ages.

**Tuesday 16th & 30th
August
Local Focus Coach Walks**
Leave Raunds at 9.20am, just
after at Stanwick and then at
Higham Ferrers.
10am start at Wellingborough
Back in Raunds area by
2.15pm. Toilets and cafes
nearby.
Various rural walks from
1–5+ miles, suitable for all
ages.
£3 for a map, or buy the
complete unique, handmade
and weatherproof booklet.
Advance booking essential:
Susan 01933 461480.

**Wednesday 17th August
Higham Ferrers Footpath
Group**
Saffron Road car park Higham
Ferrers for car sharing
6.25pm
Free
01933 387991
4.75 mile evening walk from
Great Denham.

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

Morning Service
Thrapston Baptist Church
10.30am
Preacher: Tom Mayes
Yet more persecution, Acts
12:1-25.

**Nicholas Martin Organ
Concert**
St Peter’s Church, Midland
Road, Rushden
2pm
Tickets £5, 01933 356671 or
pay on the door.
Email megan.htk@hotmail.co.uk

**Bug-hunting Drop-in
Morning**
Irthlingborough Lakes and
Meadows Nature Reserve
(nearest entrances Randall
Close/Lodge Way)
10.30am–12.30pm
£2 per child
louise.tuffin@wildlifebcn.org /
01604 774043
Come and explore the
minibeasts of our marvellous
meadows, no booking
required.

**Saturday 20th August
Messy Church**
Rushden Salvation Army,
Church Street
4pm–5.30pm
Free admission
G Ellitson 01933 313106
Fun Songs craft and food, so
come along mums/dads/
grandparents and children
and see for yourself.

**Sunday 21st August
Whitefriars Church –
Morning Worship**
Whitefriars Church at
Whitefriars Junior School,
Rushden NN10 9HX
10.15am
Chris Youngman 01933
551769
An informal church service
open to all.

**Higham Ferrers Footpath
Group**
Saffron Road car park Higham
Ferrers for car sharing
9.10am
Free admission
01933 355986
8.25 mile walk from Blisworth.

**Wednesday 24th August
Bug-hunting Drop-in
Morning**
Irthlingborough Lakes and
Meadows Nature Reserve
(nearest entrances Randall
Close/Lodge Way)
10.30am–12.30pm
£2 per child
louise.tuffin@wildlifebcn.org /
01604 774043
Come and explore the
minibeasts of our marvellous
meadows, no booking
required.

**Saturday 27th August
Craft & Vintage Fair**
Working Men’s Club, Westfield

Terrace, Higham Ferrers NN10
8BB
9am–1pm
Free admission
Contact Louise for more
information:
rainbowcraftevents@yahoo.co.uk www.facebook.com/rainbowcraftevents
20 handmade and vintage
stalls, refreshments and
homemade cakes. A monthly
event at the same time as the
popular Farmers’ Market.

**Saturday 27th and Sunday
28th August
Artisans Weekend 2016**
Chichele College, Higham
Ferrers
10am–4pm
Free admission
Arts & crafts – exhibition, sale
and demonstrations.

**Sunday 28th August
Whitefriars Church –
Morning Worship with Holy
Communion**
Whitefriars Church at
Whitefriars Junior School,
Rushden
10.15am
Chris Youngman 01933 551769
An informal church service
open to all.

**Thrapston Churches
together at Thrapston
Baptist**
Thrapston Baptist Church
10.30am
Preachers: Mat Hussain
(Thrapston Baptist); Nolan
Robertson (St James’s
Thrapston Parish Church)
Ordinary People –
Extraordinary God. “What is
faith?”

**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
Kev Prigmore 01536 514023/
titchmarshfdc@gmail.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
01933 624847

Baggy pants Yoga
Studio 2, Pemberton Centre,
HE Bates Way, Rushden
10am–11am
01933 382837/07873 743256/
carole.wyatt@virginmedia.com
£5 per session.

**Every Monday (term time)
Praise and Play**
St James’ Church Thrapston
1.30pm–2.45pm,
refreshments available
Anita 735443

Aqua Aerobic Classes
Oundle School Swimming
Pool, Milton Road, Oundle
8.45–9.30am, £25 for 5
sessions
01832 277208/277195



**Every Monday, Friday &
Saturday (term time)
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, £3 for refreshments
and raffle.
01832 272178

**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/
oundlediababetes@gmail.com

**Alternate Mondays
(2nd & 4th Mondays)
StitChat**
Oundle Baptist Church
1pm–4pm
Judith Brashaw
01832 770010/
office@oundlebaptist.org.uk

**Monday once a month
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 Rd
NN10 9TA
10am–12.30pm
Alan Richardson 01933
355302

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

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 Rd, Rushden
7.30pm–8.45pm
Alan Richardson 01933
355302

Short Mat Bowls
Saxon Hall, Raunds
1.45pm–4pm, £3
01933 624545

Yoga Class
Studio 3, Pemberton Centre
7.15pm–8.15pm
Carole 07873743256 or email
carole.wyatt@virginmedia.com

**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
7–9pm, 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 & cakes,
optional.
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
For further information
01536 505548/
www.fiftyplusnorthantsadventureclub.org.uk

**Every Tuesday & Thursday
Health Walks
Stanwick Lakes**
10am–11am, free – car park
charges apply.
01933 625522
www.stanwicklakes.org.uk

**Every Wednesday
Dog Training and
Socialisation and Ringcraft**
Halefield, Woodnewton,
near Oundle
Classes from 6.45pm
01832 293432/
oundledogs@aol.com/
www.oundledogs.co.uk

Rainbow Cafe for Tots
(aimed up to 5 and their adults)
Stanwick Lakes
10.30am–12noon, £2.50 per
child – 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
5–6pm, £3 Adult & £2.25 Child
01832 277208/277195

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

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

**Every Wednesday
(term time)****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

660 Club

Two Acre Club, off Milton Road
2.15pm-3.45pm
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

**Allegra Singers –
Three-part ladies choir**

Music room at Sports Pavilion, Islip
7.30-9.30pm, £3 per session
Veronica 01832 732611/
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
G Hearnden 01933 622827/
ghearnden@tiscali.co.uk

**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 Rd, Wellingborough NN8 1HU
7.30pm, £5
Chairman 01933 222326/
Secretary 01604 870275

Higham and Rushden U3A

Pemberton Centre, Rushden
2pm-4pm, £2 for visitors
Membership Secretary
01933 418653

**4th Wednesday of the month
Rushden Pensioners Forum**

St Peters Church Hall, Midland Road, Rushden
2pm-4pm
Mary Morby 01933 312476/
e.m.m@btinternet.com

**Wednesday & Thursday
Free Counselling**

No.1 St. Osyth's Lane Oundle
By appointment
0793 6015965

**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 Wed & Sat £7
Graham Bufton 07788
698883/ grahambufton.
enaa@gmail.com

Every Thursday**Rushden Folk Dance Club**

St Mary's Church Hall, Rushden
8pm-10pm, first visit free,
£2 thereafter
Val 01933 387327

The Silverfox Turners Club

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

Guided walk around Oundle

Oundle
11am
0300 126 1000/oundlib@
northamptonshire.gov.uk

Move for Health

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

Market Drop-in

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

Enjoy Yoga

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

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

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

Short Mat Bowls

Wymington Memorial Hall
1.45pm-4pm
£2 admission
Mrs Smith 01933 355960

**Every Thursday (term time)
Music Makers**

Titchmarsh Pavilion
9.30am-10.15am, £4 per child,
£2 for siblings
Naomi Cooper on
musicmakersnorthants@
gmail.com

Music Makers

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

Community Art Classes

Oundle School Art Department
7.30pm-8.30pm, free 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.

Adult & Child Swim Sessions

Oundle School Swimming
Pool, Milton Road Oundle

9.15am-9.45am, booked in
advance as a block
(£4.75 per lesson)
01832 277208/277195

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

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

Ise & Nene Valley Turners

Counties Community Centre, Hertford Rd, Kettering
NN15 6LG
7pm, Members free, visitors
£7
Peter Bond 01933 741835/
peterjbond@btinternet.com

Thursday Market Day**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
12.45-1.30pm & 1.45-2.30pm,
£4 per child, £2 for siblings
Naomi Cooper 07815 293893/
musicmakersnorthants@
gmail.com

**Every Friday (term time)
Over 60s FREE swim**

Oundle School Swimming
Pool, Milton Road, Oundle
3pm-3.45pm
01832 277208/277195

**Pre-School Swimming
Lessons**

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

**1st Friday of the month
(Checking before travelling)
Craft Cafe**

Stanwick Lakes
10.30am-1pm, modest charge
for some materials – car park
charges apply.
01933 625522/
www.stanwicklakes.org.uk

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

Saxon Hall, Raunds
2-4.15pm, £3 (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
(Checking before travelling)****Stanwick Stitchers**

Stanwick Lakes
10.30am, free – car park
charges apply.
01933 625522 or Pauline
on 01933 229817/
www.stanwicklakes.org.uk

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

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

Thrapston Farmers' Market

Thrapston High Street



9am-1pm
www.
thrapstonfarmersmarket.
moonfruit.com

**2nd Saturday of the month
(Same Saturday as Oundle
Farmers' Market)**

Coffee 'n' Cakes
Oundle Methodist Church,
Drummingwell Lane
(behind the Talbot Hotel)
10am-12noon
John Hewitson 01832 272209

**2nd Saturday of the month
WE Watch**

Stanwick Lakes
01933 625522/
wewatchstanwick@hotmail.
co.uk

Oundle Farmers' Market

Market Place, Oundle
8am-1.30pm
Oundle Town Council
01832 272055

**3rd Saturday of the month
Phoenix Group**

Stanwick Lakes
01933 625522/
wewatchstanwick@hotmail.
co.uk

**3rd Saturday of the month
Messy Church**

Rushden Salvation Army,
Church Street, Rushden
4pm
Gill Valentine 01933 353528

**Last Saturday of the month
except December****Farmers' Market**

Market Square, Higham
Ferrers
9am-1pm
danielle@highamferrers-tc.
gov.uk

Every Sunday**Morning Worship****Rushden Mission Church**

Wellingborough Road
10.45am
Alan 01933 355302

Morning Church Service

Rushden Heritage Chapel Hall,
Park Rd, Rushden NN10 0RG
10.30am

**King's Cliffe Village Hall Teas
(until 18th September)**

Eagle Lane (on foot) off West
St beside village shop and PO
2pm-4.30pm

Church Service

The Heritage Chapel and
Halls, Park Rd, Rushden NN10
0RW
10.30am
Cheryl 07969 603958/
cheze49@gmail.com

Ringstead Shared Church

10.30am
Contact: Angela Davis 01933
622316 or rbc-rsc@
angeladavis.net
Service for All (Communion
first Sunday each month) led
by Revd Robert Shehane

**Every Sunday during July,
August and September****Sunday Teas in****Fotheringhay Village Hall**

3-5.30pm, Teas & cake £2.50
07713 654385/
villagehallfotheringhay@
gmail.com

**1st Sunday of the month
Priceless – for young
children and their families**

St Laurence's Church,
Stanwick
9.30am-10.15am

3rd Sunday of the month**All Age Worship**

St Laurence's Church,
Stanwick
9.30am

Leisurely, Sociable Strolls

Pub start – if not lunching do
not use pub car park
10am for 10.30am start.
Guests £2 or join for year £8
secretary@northamptonshire
shamblers.org.uk

**4th Sunday of the month
(except December)****King's Cliffe Heritage****Centre**

Bridge Street. (Hanging sign
when we're open).
Open 2pm-5pm

**Last Sunday of the month
(Checking before travelling)****Local Producers' and****Farmers' Market**

Stanwick Lakes
10am-2pm, free – car park
charges apply.
01933 625522
www.stanwicklakes.org.uk

**Every Weekend
Until 30th October****What's In Store – Exhibition**

Oundle Museum, at The
Courthouse, Mill Road PE8
Sat 11am-5pm, Sun 2pm-
5pm

Ongoing**Drawing & Painting Classes**

Ecton Village Hall,
Chelveston Village Hall,
Warkton Village Hall and
Kingsthorpe Community
Centre
£65 per term
dgartweb.sharepoint.com
Derek Geater 01933 381848



To submit your event
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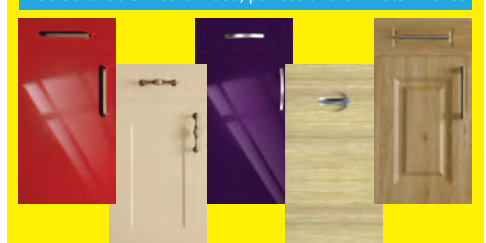
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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14

THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (PUBLIC FOOTPATH MY1 (PART) – PARISH OF FOTHERINGHAY)

(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which is to temporarily prohibit all pedestrians from proceeding along the length of Public Footpath MY1 (Part) in the Parish of Fotheringhay as specified below. Access to land or premises adjacent to the said length of footpath is unaffected.

RIGHT OF WAY TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: The existing route of MY1 (part) to be closed begins at point A at National Grid Reference ("NGR") TL0842 9494, at the junction with MY9. The route travels generally east over the bridge for approximately 26 metres over the county boundary with Cambridgeshire to point B at NGR TL0845 9494, where the bridge ends in the parish of Elton.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required due to an unsafe bridge.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 15th August 2016 and will continue in force for a period of six months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of notices.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTE: There is no suitable alternative route.

Dated this 13th day of August 2016
QUENTIN BAKER
Director of Law & Governance
PKG/ROW/222

To view the map for this Order please visit www.northamptonshire.gov.uk and enter "Temporary Traffic Regulations Orders" in the search box. If you require any further information please contact Katie Angel 01604 883400.

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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14

THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (HIGH STREET, BRIGSTOCK)

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016

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

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of High Street, Brigstock from Bridge Street to Back Lane.

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

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 22nd August 2016 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted up to the 25th of August 2016.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: Use Church Street, Sudborough Road, A6116 and Stanion Road.

Dated this 13th day of August 2016
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If you require any further information please contact Gary Thorp on 01604 883400.

North Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit

Borough Council of **Wellingborough**

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**STATEMENT OF REPRESENTATIONS PROCEDURE
THE UPPER NENE VALLEY GRAVEL PITS SPECIAL
PROTECTION AREA SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING
DOCUMENT- ADDENDUM TO THE ADOPTED SPA
SPD - MITIGATION STRATEGY**

**THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING
(LOCAL PLANNING) (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2012**

Regulation 19 concerning Publication of a Local Plan

The North Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit (NNJPU) on behalf of East Northamptonshire Council (ENC) and Borough Council of Wellingborough (BCW) has published the Addendum to the Adopted SPA SPD Mitigation Strategy, for a six week period, Friday 5 August to Friday 16 September 2016, to enable public representations to be made.

Title of Document: The Upper Nene Valley Gravel Pits Special Protection Area Supplementary Planning Document: Addendum to the Adopted SPA SPD - Mitigation Strategy.

Subject Matter: ENC and BCW are consulting on an addendum to the Special Protection Area Supplementary Planning Document (SPA SPD). This Addendum provides further guidance for development within a 3km zone of the SPA and details the specific contributions that each new dwelling will be required to pay.

Period of Publication: Friday 5 August to Friday 16 September 2016, 5pm.

Address to which Representations should be sent:

by email to: consultation@nnjpu.org.uk

by post to: North Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit, c/o East Northamptonshire Council, Cedar Drive, Thrapston, Northants, NN14 4LZ.

Please Note:

1. All Representations should be made using the prepared Representation Form, and Representations may be made by way of electronic communication (the preferred method of response of the Joint Planning Unit), or in writing.
2. Representations submitted can be accompanied by a request to be notified at a specified address of the following:
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Availability for Inspection, of the Addendum to the Adopted SPA SPD Mitigation Strategy, including confirmation of the places and times at which they can be inspected

The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012

Regulation 19 and 35 concerning Publication of a Local Plan

A copy of the proposed submission document listed below is available for inspection from the period 5 August 2016 to 16 September 2016.

- The Upper Nene Valley Gravel Pits Special Protection Area Supplementary Planning Document: Addendum to the Adopted SPA SPD - Mitigation Strategy

Copies of the above document have been made available for inspection at the principal office of the NNJPU, located in the buildings occupied by ENC, Cedar Drive, Thrapston, Northants, NN14 4LZ. The office opening hours are Monday to Friday, 8.45am to 5pm.

As this addendum only relates to ENC and the BCW administrative areas, copies of the above documents have also been made available for inspection at their offices:

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- BCW, Swanspool House, Doddington Road, Wellingborough NN8 1BP. The opening times are Monday to Wednesday 8.30am to 5pm, Thursday 9.30am to 5pm, and Friday 8.30am to 4.30pm.

Copies of the documents are also available to view at public libraries in East Northamptonshire and Wellingborough. Opening times and other details are available from Northamptonshire County Council at www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/libraryservice

The proposed submission document, can be viewed via the website of the North Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit at www.nnjpu.org.uk

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Chess connections can be found in the most unexpected places, as I discovered when I visited Orkney this year. I took the opportunity to visit St Magnus Cathedral, known as the 'Light in the North'. This was built by Rognvald Kali Kolsson in the 12th Century to honour his Uncle Magnus. Magnus Erlendsson was the Earl of Orkney and became a Christian martyr when he was betrayed by his cousin and refused to let his men die defending him. Magnus calmly submitted to his fate to save his men.

Rognvald, like his uncle, originated from Norway and became Earl of Orkney when he defeated Paul, Earl of Orkney. Rognvald may not fit with the modern image of a raping and pillaging Viking. He was a fine poet and a committed Christian, at one time making a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. He claimed to possess the nine skills of a gentleman: mastery of board games, runes, reading, writing, handicrafts (metal work, carving and carpentry), skiing, archery, rowing, music and poetry. One of the board games he

was particularly keen on was chess.

It is not possible to say when chess became a popular Viking game. Prior to its introduction they used to play a board game called hnefatafl; this had a single King who with his retainers had to defend against an opposing army. A set found in an Icelandic grave contained 12 red 'pawns', 12 white 'pawns', one King and a die. While this was clearly not chess, there are enough similarities to understand why the Vikings would have been receptive to the 'new' game.

It is possible that Viking people learned Shatranj (an early form of chess originating in India) through their trading contacts with the Eastern Roman Empire. It is believed that the Isle of Lewis Chessmen date from the 12th Century and the style of the shields are similar to those carried by Norwegian warriors. Similar pieces have been found in Trondheim, where the Isle of Lewis pieces were probably manufactured. There is no evidence to show chess was played by the Vikings prior to the 12th Century and it's likely that Rognvald Kolsson was one of the early exponents of the game.

The Lewis Chessmen would in the main be familiar to a modern chess player; the Knight is shown riding a horse but in the modern game all that is now left is the horse. The piece that is missing is the Rook which is a circular castle shape. Instead the Lewis set has warriors biting their shields with eyes bulging out of their heads; they were depictions of



By Derrick Sims

ferocious and frenzied fighters known as berserkers and they had the same moves as a modern Rook. The berserker would only have been found in Viking chess sets as they were famed fighters from Norse legend who in battle would enter a trance-like state fighting with an uncontrolled fury – warriors to be much feared! The other difference in the pieces was the colour: rather than black and white, the Vikings used red and white similar to the colours used in the game of hnefatafl.

Fast forward to today's Norway and the names Magnus and Kolsson (Carlsen?) are very familiar to the modern chess player. Whether Magnus Carlsen can trace his lineage back to the 12th Century is questionable, but he has undoubtedly inherited the Viking love of chess that has resulted in him becoming one of the best players that the world has ever known.

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