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Church... but not as you know it!

Once a month, Oundle Baptist Church (OBC) is transforming itself into a Cafe. Oundle Primary School hall, on Cotterstock Road, where OBC meets every Sunday at 10.30am, is the venue, with free coffee and tea flowing, plates full of cakes and plenty of time to chat. The Cafe Crew explains: 'We will show clips from popular films as we consider how their themes can help us think about some of the Big Questions of life. While we eat cake, of course!'

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Irthlingborough woman to cycle London to Paris for Parkinson's UK

Samantha Hopps, 21, from Irthlingborough is gearing up to cycle from London to Paris from Wednesday 14th September to raise funds for Parkinson's UK.



Samantha will set off from London and finish under the Eiffel Tower after four days of cycling, covering an impressive 300 miles along the way.

She is cycling because she wants to help find a cure for Parkinson's.

Samantha explains: "I started working for Parkinson's UK in January and I was blown away by how passionate everyone at the charity is about providing support to people with Parkinson's and trying to find a cure for the horrible condition.

"Since working here, I've met so many amazing and inspiring people with Parkinson's, like Peter the Pilgrim, who's walking more than 1,500 miles from Buckinghamshire to Santiago de Compostela in Spain, and John Barton, who finished the London Marathon despite his

condition.

"I wanted to challenge myself to do something really difficult, and in the process do my bit to find a cure for these amazing people and their family and friends who are also affected by Parkinson's."

"We'll be starting the cycle from Blackheath Common, and stopping at Dover, Calais, Arras and Compiègne along the way, before cycling along the Champs-Élysées on our fourth day into Paris.

"I'm really excited to get my Bradley Wiggins on and cycle along the cobbles towards the Eiffel Tower."

Samantha will be part of a team riding for research in September. Parkinson's UK has teamed up with the MS Society to host the London to Paris cycle ride to fund vital research currently taking place at the Brain and Tissue Bank at Imperial College London.

Researchers collect tissue from people with and without

the conditions and provide it to researchers in the UK and around the world who are working towards cures and better treatments for Parkinson's and Multiple Sclerosis.

All funds raised from this event will help to continue this important research.

Samantha is aiming to raise £1,500 for Parkinson's UK. To sponsor Samantha, visit her online giving page at: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/samantha-hopps

Paul Jackson-Clark, Director of Fundraising at Parkinson's UK, said: "I'd like to wish Samantha the very best of luck with her challenge. I hope Samantha's story will inspire others to sign up for one of our other cycling events that happen throughout the year.

"As the UK's Parkinson's support and research charity we're leading the work to find a cure, and we're closer than ever. But our work is dependent on donations."

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Dear Editor,

Youth of today

Much is said to criticise the young people of today. I found myself in need of help recently and some young men I approached for help were absolutely fantastic.

I was walking my dogs behind Rushden & Diamonds ground approaching the back of Stanwick Lakes with my very old Labrador and my young labradoodle. The young dog was frightened by a sudden noise and turned back, I went to retrieve her and the old dog had disappeared. As she moves extremely slowly I couldn't understand her sudden disappearance. I searched around the area for about 20 minutes then approached some young men who were riding small motorbikes around

the rough land and paths. I asked them if they had seen the dog. They offered to look around for her but as one came over the canal bridge on his bike and looked down, he saw the dog in the canal. He immediately called his friends and together they pulled the dog from the water up the steep bank. They were amazing and I had nothing to reward them. I did implore them not to take any risks, as the dog was very old but was so grateful that they managed to get her up the bank – which would have been impossible for me as I'm a senior lady.

I would hope that, if you are able to print this letter, they might recognise themselves. This happened on Sunday 7th August.

Yours faithfully, Mrs Pat Ellis

Dear Editor,

Far be it from me to disillusion "confused David Knight", but I hardly think it in the remit of Mr Bone MP to become a draughtsman for schemes brought to him by his constituents. His job is to vet the idea, see that it is in a proper format and

present it to parliament or the appropriate minister if he agrees with it. I believe Mr Bone is a good constituency MP and should not be poring over a drawing board or sitting in planning departments, which

this sort of road scheme needs, thus neglecting his proper duties.

I am not a member of the Conservative party, by the way.

C A Langford

Editor's notes

With the schools back at work it's for sure that the major summer holiday season is over. A large number of families will slip back into the accustomed, and doubtless for some welcome, routine of the school run while others plan their days so as to avoid the congestion caused by school buses and pupils on foot on their way to or from school or during breaks. Other folk will be looking forward to late-summer holidays taken during term-time, taking advantage of lower costs and less crowded resorts. For them a late surge of sunshine and warm weather, the proverbial Indian Summer, would be welcome.

It's also the case that gardens are beginning to take on an autumnal feel, and while it's yet perhaps too early to be thinking about taking precautions for winter, there is a good deal of tidying up to be done. We are once more approaching clock change time and, heaven forbid, will soon be closing in on Christmas. Time to ease the body back into the restrictions of warm winter clothing? Best to check that clothing sooner rather than later to ensure that the glut of moths seen over the summer have not taken their toll on your

wardrobe or sweater draw!

It's a pleasure to be able to publish the letter from the lady reader whose dog was rescued from a canal by a group of unknown young men – well done to them and well done to her for drawing the matter to our attention; the actions of these young men certainly don't fit the easy modern cliché which would categorise young people as layabouts and troublemakers. Casting around for some sort of award to recognise their life-saving efforts was not a fruitful activity; plenty of ways of recognising animals for saving humans but nothing to be found for the reverse. Perhaps readers will be able to advise, though it's sure to be the case that the individuals involved here didn't do what they did to gain any sort of award or recognition.

Comments from a couple of readers have prompted us to consider looking at the local house rental market and how it's being managed by property owners and agents, as well as their experiences of dealing with tenants. While we have some evidence, we would again welcome comments from readers about their experiences.

Genealogy jottings

How are you getting on with following your family's history? Have you discovered any unusual or interesting things yet? Maybe a story has been handed down through the generations of an ancestor being the illegitimate son or daughter of the Master of the House and you are trying to establish if it is true. Or, it might be that you have found an ancestor with an unusual occupation and you are trying to find out more about that.

If you have access to the internet, don't forget that you can ask for help by joining one of the genealogy forums that are out there. The website for mine is listed under my name. However, even if you don't have access, help is still available without you having to travel too far. The various branches of the Northamptonshire Family History Society meet each month. Locally, you may choose the Rushden branch who meet on the first Monday evening of each month at South End Infants School in Wymington Road, or the Oundle branch who have just moved to the Oundle Suite on the 1st floor of Fletton House, off

By Jan Pearson

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

Glaphorn Road. Oundle's meeting is on the second Wednesday evening each month. Both meetings start at 7.30pm and, whilst Rushden's meetings are mainly guest speakers, Oundle's are a mix of guest speakers and workshops where specific brick walls can be tackled. Meetings are also held in Northampton and Kettering, further details of which may be found at the Northamptonshire FHS website: <http://www.northants-fhs.org/>

Oh yes – don't forget to use your local library too. All of them have a local history section as well as an area for family history. Some weighty tomes mean that you cannot take them out but many are available for you to peruse at home. If you visit Oundle Library on the first Wednesday each month, you will also find me there, ready to help with any queries that you have.

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From the ENC Chairman

On Sunday 4th September, my Chairman's Civic Service was held at St Peter's Church, Oundle. The Rev'd Stephen Webster, Vicar of Oundle, officiated. In 1969 my wife and I were married in this church. It was a pleasure for us to welcome all who attended. Guests included: Mrs Penny Escombe, Deputy Lieutenant; Tom Pursglove, our MP; Peter Bone MP; 12 chairmen of neighbouring councils with their partners, Cllr Marika Hillson, my predecessor, with her partner; Cllr

Colin Wright, my Vice Chairman, with Mrs Wright; Cllr Jake Vowles, members of my family, old friends and many people from the Oundle community.

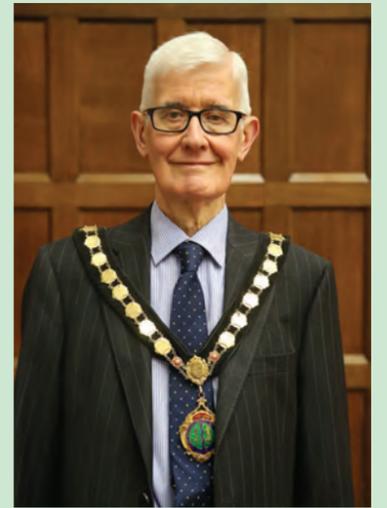
The vicar agreed that part of the money given in the collection will go to the three charities I nominated for my year: the National Autistic Society, the Gurkha Welfare Trust and the Royal Anglian Regiment Benevolent Charity. I take this opportunity to encourage readers of Nene Valley News to give to these charities. As I said in my

investiture speech, charity begins at home but does not stop there.

On 8th September I was the guest of Colonel Kevin Cullen, USAF at the 69th United States Air Force Reception at Alcombury RAF Station. Our American allies are very welcome members of our Northamptonshire and adjoining communities, demonstrable evidence of the Grand Alliance which is based on mutual interests – well complemented by our common language and similar institutions.

On Sunday 11th September,

I will be the guest of the Mayor of Thrapston at his Civic Service in St James's Church, Thrapston – the 'capital' of East Northamptonshire. Thrapston received a Market Charter from King John in 1205: Thrapston people may well have travelled to Barnwell Castle when King John was there to petition for the Charter; he came to Barnwell very often. Charters from the sovereign granted rights for responsible local government which made for economic security – both very relevant factors then and now.



Rupert Reichhold
Cllr & Chairman of East Northamptonshire Council

Children in Need funds new service for families in East Northamptonshire

Community Law Service has secured funding for a Children's Welfare Rights Worker who will be able to assist children and young people with a disability and their families in East Northamptonshire access welfare benefits and grants.

Jane Coe who is the specialist welfare benefits worker working on the project said: "Bringing up a

child with a disability is about triple the cost of raising a non-disabled child. There are lots more expenses, such as higher heating bills, more use of the family car and attendance at special activity groups. If we can successfully claim money they were unaware of, or have previously been turned down for, it can reduce pressure and stress on the entire family."

The service is free, independent and confidential. Appointments can be provided at our offices in High Street, Rushden, via a home visit or another venue such as a day centre if appropriate. Jane will provide specialist advice and assistance with any benefit matters including challenges and appeals, help to understand wrong or refused decisions, assistance

to complete complex forms such as Disability Living Allowance, advice and assistance in relation to Social Welfare reform changes and assisting with applying for grants. Jane can also refer to other departments at Community Law Service for other areas of specialist advice e.g. debt advice or housing advice, referrals can also be made to other agencies as required.



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Spotlight on Irthlingborough

The Canal Tells You Stories

Stoke Bruerne was a great place to visit for a family day out when I was a child. You could see all the barges with their bright colours, have an ice cream and even watch the locks being operated. The Blisworth tunnel was closed when I was a child but today you can go straight through and on down the Northampton arm of Grand Union Canal to the centre of Northampton. After that, the

canal joins the Nene River, and from there it meanders through the valley and past Irthlingborough.

The canal has probably been a part of most people's lives in one way or another and is certainly one of our county's great treasures. This is why I decided to paint a picture, using the words of a poem by Ian McMillan called 'Canal Life'.

Visit www.jamie-poole.com to find out more. Or contact me at jamie@jamie-poole.com.

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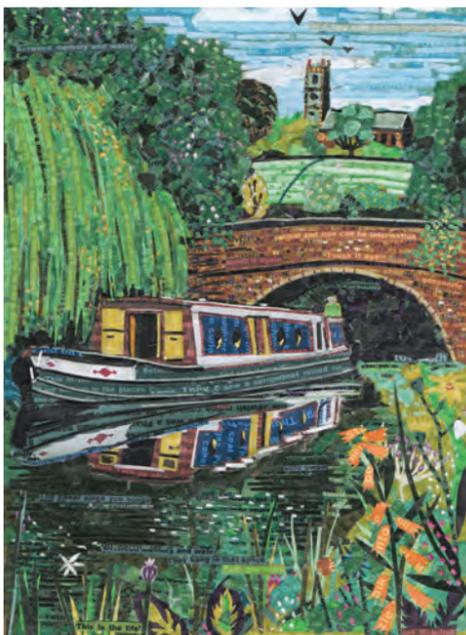
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Northants families enjoy zoo trip thanks to children's charity



Children's charity Spurgeons funds a visit for disadvantaged families to Hamerton Zoo.

A group of 55 families from Northamptonshire were treated to a day at Hamerton Zoo thanks to national children's charity Spurgeons.

Spurgeons, which runs children's centres across Northamptonshire, selected 150 people who have been receiving specialised support from the charity and would benefit from a family outing. The trip was part funded by 10-year-old supporter Molly, who raised £250 for families who benefit from the charity's local services.

The day gave families an opportunity to make new memories, with many saying they would not have been able to visit the zoo without the support of Spurgeons. It also provided

the chance to spend quality time together and experience new things.

Rob Hunter, the Spurgeons family support worker who organised the trip, said: "Spurgeons wanted to give the children a new experience that they would not have encountered before, such as seeing a wallaby or tiger. We were able to fund this thanks to local fundraising support and a generous donation from Molly. This support is invaluable and enabled even more families to come on the trip."

A parent on the trip said: "We have managed to spend time as a family out of our home environment and amazing memories have been made."

One child said: "Thank you so much, I loved it."

Families gave a £10 donation towards the cost, which included travel and entrance tickets to the zoo.

Spurgeons delivers over 81 projects to find long-lasting solutions to the challenges faced by children and families: including poverty, abuse problems, offending, and other social issues. At any one time, they're reaching out to over 37,000 children and young people.

Through a number of initiatives and services around the country, Spurgeons supports looked after children; those with a parent in prison; young carers and those young people most at risk from harm, exploitation and abuse.

Just as importantly, Spurgeons helps vulnerable children to speak up about the things they care about and ensure their voices are heard by those who have the power to change lives.

Experience Victorian life in Thrapston and Islip

This September, step back in time over 100 years to discover what it was like to live in Thrapston and Islip in the Victorian era – the skills, local trades, working conditions and even the smells!

Thrapston Heritage and the Trading Places heritage project have teamed up in a unique celebration of Victorian Working Life.

On Saturday 24th September, between 10am and 4pm at The Plaza Community Centre in Thrapston, join us for a day of traditional craft demonstrations, memories, fascinating facts, Victorian refreshments and a heritage trail for all the family to enjoy!

From 13th September, you can pick up a free copy of the trail questions from Thrapston Library, Thrapston Town Council or Jollys Toy Shop, High Street. Take your completed sheet to The Plaza on 24th September to receive your prize.

Watch the blacksmith working on his forge creating metal works of art, or see a shoemaker making a pair of shoes the traditional way. Come and

work with a basket weaver and make your very own 'Willow Fish' or try your hand at lace making.

Learn more about the industries and trades that would have been widely seen throughout Thrapston and Islip 100 years ago. The quarries, foundries, furnace and the railway network that supported them. Find out about the importance of the rushes that grew by the local river and listen to the memoirs of the people that worked in these trades.

This FREE event has been made possible through funding from the Heritage Lottery, which is supporting the Rockingham Forest Trust's Trading Places project to celebrate the traditional skills of the Nene Valley. Thanks are also due to the enthusiastic and dedicated people of Thrapston Heritage.

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Ashton

16/01529/LBC (01/10/2016) (LBRegs)
Internally seal off front door to create bedroom/study; conversion of pantry to form new shower room (with associated soil and vent pipes); formation of new ensuite to master bedroom (venting through roof void); replacement fireplace to sitting room at Stewards House Ashton Wold Ashton

Benefield

16/01450/LBC (01/10/2016) (LBRegs)
Reconfiguration of internal walls, repositioning of staircase and bathroom, creation of ground floor WC and enlargement of rear ground floor window at 19 Main Street Upper Benefield PE8 5AN

Bulwick

16/01604/FUL (24/09/2016) (Info) Single storey rear conservatory extension at Hatton Lodge Harringworth Road Bulwick NN17 3BH

Deene

16/01385/FUL (01/10/2016) (Art8)
Zone 3 Link Road that will provide a highway access from the West of the Priors Hall Park site in Corby into the North of Zone 2 and into the Northern section of Zone 3 (application accompanied by Environmental Statement) at Priors Hall Site Kirby Lane Deene NN17 3EJ

Easton-on-the-Hill

16/01606/FUL (01/10/2016) (LB/CA)
Double garage with associated storage, vehicular access from High Street and erection of Gabion retaining wall to replace

earth bank (Resubmission of 16/00229/FUL) at 2 Stamford Road Easton On The Hill PE9 3NS

Great Addington

16/01645/FUL (24/09/2016) (Info)
Demolition of existing stable block and erection of single residential dwelling at Stables The Manor House Cranford Road Great Addington

Hargrave

16/01659/FUL (01/10/2016) (LB/CA)
Proposed change of use from a former Public House with residential dwelling to a complete residential dwelling at The Old Nags Head Church Street Hargrave

Higham Ferrers

16/01658/FUL (24/09/2016) (Info) To convert garage into dining and living room area at 4 Townsend Leys Higham Ferrers NN10 8LW

Irthlingborough

16/01572/FUL (24/09/2016) (Info) Erection of replacement gates, and to either side of these new fencing at the entrance of the driveway of the existing garage at 16 Express Close Irthlingborough
16/01617/FUL (24/09/2016) (Info) External wall insulation to improve the energy performance at 5 Nicholas Road Irthlingborough NN9 5QT

Islip

16/01594/FUL (24/09/2016) (Info) Erection of wall with railings and installation of gates to the boundary of the property at 5 Pine Tree Court Islip NN14 3LW

Kings Cliffe

16/01614/FUL (24/09/2016) (Info) External wall insulation to improve energy

performance at 24 Kings Forest Kings Cliffe PE8 6XS

Laxton

16/01654/FUL (01/10/2016) (LB/CA) Two storey side extension at Town Wood Farm Upper Laxton NN17 3AZ

Newton Bromswold

16/01564/FUL (24/09/2016) (Info) Change of use of land to side of property from agricultural to garden land, conversion of existing stables into residential annexe and construction of new domestic stables, garage and workshop, all to be used in association with the existing residential property at Church Walk House 2 Church Walk Newton Bromswold NN10 0SS

Oundle

16/01611/FUL and 16/01612/LBC (01/10/2016) (LB/CA)(LBRegs) Single storey rear extension at 8 Stoke Hill Oundle PE8 4BH
16/01650/FUL (01/10/2016) (LB/CA) New dwelling and single garage (Substitute house type to originally approved under 08/00276/FUL) at 69A Benefield Road Oundle PE8 4EU

Pilton

16/01593/FUL (01/10/2016) (LB/CA) Replace existing septic tank at The Chestnuts Main Street Pilton

Raunds

16/01544/FUL (24/09/2016) (Info) Extension to existing apartment block housing three additional one bed units at Rowena House Clare Street Raunds NN9 6PQ

16/01618/FUL (24/09/2016) (Info) External wall insulation to improve the energy

performance at 18 Clare Street Raunds NN9 6NQ

Rushden

16/01620/FUL (01/10/2016) (LB/CA) Demolition of existing rear timber extension and rear timber framed outbuilding, erection of single storey rear extension with roof lantern and installation of two rear rooflight windows at 59 Higham Road Rushden NN10 6DG

Thrapston

16/01635/FUL (24/09/2016) (Info) Installation of new roof to existing building, and erection of two storey side extension including new access and car parking at land rear of 22 and 23 Cottingham Way Thrapston

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 10 September 2016



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

Wellingborough and District Athletics Club

The Wellingborough and District Athletics Club were very busy again at the end of July and in the first half of August. As the results below show, as well as organising events, club members have been upping the mileage and getting great results; in particular, superstar Helen Etherington came third overall but was the First Lady finisher in the 70 mile Grim Reaper race.

Friday 29th July

Grim Reaper 70 Miles

Name	Position	Time	Category
Helen Etherington	3	13:35:34	F
Kevin Glendinning	8	17:36:29	M

Grim Reaper 40 Miles

Name	Position	Time	Category
James Terry	21	08:34:40	M
Kevin Glendinning	23	08:42:54	M
Zac O'Neil	36	09:35:40	M
Ian Mann	43	09:49:00	M
Amanda Davis	50	10:27:41	F
Sandra Champion	51	10:27:42	F
Guy Emmans	52	10:37:14	M
Jane Cuthbert	61	12:04:13	F
Julie O' Reilly	62	12:04:16	F

Saturday 6th August

North Downs Way 100 Miles

Name	Position	Time	Category
Craig Clements	34	23:02:12	M
Ben Shirley	36	23:10:24	M

Saturday 13th August

Bearbrook 5K

Name	Position	Time	Category
Zac O'Neil	95	44:51:00	M

An outdoor gym in Oundle?

Oundle residents are to be consulted about the installation of an outdoor gym in the garden of Oundle Library. The idea is being investigated by the Friends of Oundle Library. "Our library has a small, under-utilised garden," explains Jenny Smith, Secretary of the Friends' group. "We've been thinking about buying a few pieces of outdoor gym equipment for it, but before we go ahead we want to find out if local residents like the idea."

The outdoor gym would be a free community facility for use by adults and young people aged over 14. The equipment is low impact and easy to use, and has been specially designed for use in all weather conditions. Each piece offers a range of exercises so users can work out at their own pace, whatever their fitness levels or ability. "At the moment we don't know if people would use the equipment to warm-up, cool-down or as part of their exercise

circuit, but we're having a consultation day to find some answers," says Jenny. "And for people who think the gym isn't for them it's a chance to join in the fun, have a go, and feel the benefit."

The consultation day will be at Oundle Library on Thursday 15th September, from 10am to 4pm. Local company Wicksteed Playgrounds will be bringing several pieces of outdoor gym equipment for people to try out, and then vote for the equipment they would like the Friends to buy.



Local authors event

Featuring Stephen Draycott, Barbara Cousins and Anna Quicke,
Tuesday 13th September at 7.45pm St Peter's Church, Oundle

The Festival of Literature is very pleased to support and promote several of our very talented local authors. We have a very rich and varied group of authors in this area so please come along and find out more about them and their books; perhaps you will be inspired to read a new book or motivated to put pen to paper yourself!

sold on Amazon in the UK with sales of her second novel, The Painted Fire, which is set locally.

Tickets £5 available from the Oundle Box Office, 4 New Street, Oundle. Open hours: 10am-4pm Monday to Friday. Tel 01832 274734, online at www.oundlefestival.org.uk

Stephen Draycott: Rehab to Rehab

Rehab to Rehab is a 10-year journey of acceptance and self-discovery. On 1st August 2003 Stephen suffered an Acquired Brain Injury (ABI), which left him with a number of psychological issues to both tackle and adjust to. Stephen would like to give thanks to Headway, a leading brain injury charity who gave him support, without whom this story would have been impossible to tell.

'If I had one wish, it would be that families living this nightmare would find some sort of comfort from within these words, to help them start this long journey with strength and positivity.' - Stephen Draycott

Barbara Cousins: Easy. Tasty. Healthy.

Easy. Tasty. Healthy. is the latest book by nutritional therapist

and best-selling author Barbara Cousins. It is a practical guide with sound advice on how to make healthy choices for day-to-day cooking, as well as being packed full of delicious recipes that are entirely free from gluten, dairy, sugar, soya, eggs and yeast. This is a book for anyone wishing to improve their health, you can follow Barbara's advice and recipes for the rest of your life and never feel deprived.

Anna Quicke: Highway

Based on the story of real-life highwayman, John Nevison, and written by one of his descendants, Anna, Highway is a story of love, loss and life in London in the 1600s. Spanning the period of history that saw the fall of Cromwell, the Great Fire of London, and the Black Death, this is a novel that encompasses the

wider history of the age, whilst focusing intimately on the lives of those living in it.

This is Anna's third book, she has had great success and has been in the top 2% of all books



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Tue 27	Springfields
Fri 30	Stratford upon Avon

October

Sat 1	Lincoln
Sun 2	Windsor or Savill Garden
Wed 5	Cotswolds Tour
Fri 7	Lotlow
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Mon 10	Bakewell Market
Wed 12	Cambridge Cruise & Lunch
Fri 14	Lichfield & Lunch
Sat 15	Camden Markets
Fri 21	Stamford Market
Sat 22	Blackpool Illuminations
Sat 22	Woburn Safari Park
Sun 23	Colours of Autumn
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Mon 24	Conkers
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The 20 Million Steps weekend is back – with an even bigger target of 40 million!

People are being encouraged to get walking in a bid to make the county healthier and fitter with this year's 20 Million Steps weekend.

Following the success of last year's 20 Million Steps weekend, which saw over 30,000 walkers complete a total of 33,172,823 steps, this year the target has been doubled with the aim of clocking a grand total of 40 million.

Families, friends, work colleagues and individuals are being encouraged to don their walking shoes over the weekend of 23rd–25th September and help to smash last year's total.

People can take part wherever they like, and then log the number of steps they complete online at www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/20millionsteps.

County council cabinet member for public health and wellbeing, Cllr Sylvia Hughes said: "Last year's event was a huge success and we were astounded to see so many people taking part. This is why we're setting this year's target even higher!

"We're confident that together we can reach 40 million steps. The average

person walks between 3,000 and 4,000 steps per day, and 1,000 steps is the equivalent of just 10 minutes of brisk walking, so it's really easy to take part.

"It doesn't matter where you do your walk, but don't forget to visit our 20 Million Steps website to find out how to log your steps and help us to smash our target."

Here are some tips to help you clock up your steps:

- get off the bus early and walk the rest of the way home or to work
 - walk to the station instead of taking the car or bus
 - take the stairs instead of the lift, or walk up escalators
 - walk the children to school, whatever the weather
 - walk the dog
- People will be able to

pick up a free pedometer at Brixworth, Sywell, Barwell, Irchester or Fermyn Woods Country Parks during the 20 Million Steps weekend, or from a local library which will be organising walking activities and workplaces will also be holding their own group walks.

The 20 Million Steps weekend is part of Northamptonshire County Council's campaign to make Northamptonshire a happier, healthier county by 2020. Country parks and libraries are managed on behalf of the council by First for Wellbeing.

First for Wellbeing has also been working with health company Withings to build a digital steps challenge leaderboard platform to support this year's event. People can download the free Withings Health Mate app to enable accurate tracking of steps, which will then be fed directly into a countywide step challenge leaderboard.

People can join as individuals or set up teams of their own in order to compete together to help exceed the target.

To find out more about the event, including how to log your steps, visit www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/20millionsteps.

Want to earn money for your school?

Rainbow Craft Events holds a monthly Craft & Vintage Fair at the Working Men's Club on Westfield Terrace in Higham Ferrers on the last Saturday of each month, which coincides with the popular Farmers' Market. We have around 20 fabulous stalls selling a wide range of high quality handmade and vintage items and so far have enjoyed a very good footfall, especially considering this is a new event. August's fair included a woodturning stall raising money for

the NSPCC, vintage furniture, crochet, small leather goods, fabric gifts, pyrography and jewellery to name but a few. As always there are refreshments and homemade cakes too.

I would like to start offering a half price table (£7.50) each month to a local school, preschool, nursery or children's group who would like to raise money for their children. Ideally I would hope that their stall would provide a

craft activity that children can come and pay to take part in during the day. This would be a fun activity to add to the event and would help raise money and awareness of their children's establishment.

The next Craft & Vintage Fair will be held on Saturday 24th September 9am-1pm. If you are interested in booking a stall please get in touch. I'll look forward to hearing from you.

Louise rainbowcraftevents@yahoo.co.uk, 07739 467007, www.facebook.com/rainbowcraftevents, www.rainbowcraftevents.co.uk

Stanwick Lakes cycle fest



This September Rockingham Forest Trust celebrates the joy of cycling as part of the 2016 Nene Valley Festival. Come down to Stanwick Lakes between 11am and 4pm on Saturday 24th September and have a go on a tricycle or an electric bike, see mountain bike stunts, watch a cycle powered movie and even have a free rickshaw ride.

AJs, or even bring your own bike to the site, and take part in the 'Thrapston Challenge'? Cycle the five miles from Stanwick Lakes to Thrapston along the old railway track and pass through the peaceful East Northamptonshire countryside. Once you get to Thrapston, visit the Rockingham Forest Trust's Trading Places event, celebrating Victorian life in the town with Thrapston Heritage. See a Victorian blacksmith and local lace makers at work then tuck into tasty Victorian themed refreshments. Enjoy a leisurely cycle back to receive a challenge medal and cycling accessories as a reward.

Thanks to Cycle Northants there will be crazy bikes to try, you can make your own cycle powered fruit smoothie and if you bring your own bicycle to the site you can have a free bike MOT thanks to Dr Bike. They will also be bringing their cycle cinema showing Wallace and Gromit films. Booking is essential, on 01933 625522, and you will have to help pedal to make the projector work! Another highlight of the day will be British and European champion Danny Butler, performing spectacular stunts on his

mountain bike as part of the Extreme Mountain Bike Show.

AJ Cycles hires out bikes all year round at Stanwick Lakes, and for this special event they will be offering a discount on bike hire and the chance to have a go on an electric bike. Why not hire a bike from

This event is suitable for all ages and abilities and most activities at this event will be free, but normal Stanwick Lakes car parking charges will apply. For more information about Stanwick Lakes events call 01933 625522 or visit www.stanwicklakes.org.uk. For details about the 2016 Nene Valley Festival, an event which celebrates the natural and historic assets of the beautiful landscape, go to www.nenevalley.net/festival-home.

Oundle Cinema's Autumn Season – showing great films throughout East Northamptonshire

Olympic themed entertainment will continue in Oundle on Sunday 18th September as the autumn

season leaps into action with a screening of Eddie the Eagle, the feelgood film about the unlikely but courageous British ski-

jumper who won the hearts of sports fans during the 1988 Winter Olympics. The screening is part of the Nene Valley Festival – a

week of cultural events for all to enjoy throughout the local area.

The volunteer-led Oundle Cinema's main programme continues with screenings of Carol, starring Cate Blanchett and Rooney Mara; Bridge of Spies the Cold War spy drama for which Mark Rylance won an Oscar as best supporting actor to Tom Hanks's lead role; Trumbo, which tells the story of a screenwriter's endeavours to allow freedom of speech and thought in 1940s Hollywood and the heartbreaking Son of Saul which won an Oscar and a Golden Globe award for its gritty depiction of an effort to give a boy a religious funeral in Auschwitz.

Family focussed films Florence Foster Jenkins, The Jungle Book and a screening of Matthew Bourne's Sleeping Beauty provide excellent entertainment opportunities as the evenings draw in. All films are shown at the Stahl

Theatre, West Street, Oundle, PE8 4EJ.

Many of the most popular of recent film releases can also be seen in the nine local 'outreach' cinemas which are supported by Oundle Cinema: Brigstock, Offord, Orton Waterville, Wadenhoe, Stanwick, Catworth, Ringstead, Thrapston and Woodnewton will show a range of excellent films which include Dad's Army, Lady in the Van, Hail Caesar!, The Danish Girl, Our Kind of Traitor, Eye in the Sky and Suffragette.

dOCs+, the documentary strand of Oundle Cinema, will screen three interesting, contrasting films during the autumn. They include The Pearl

Button – a moving documentary by Patricio Guzmán which unites disparate happenings around the world to create powerful and arresting arguments in film. The season continues with The Messenger – which documents the migratory patterns of birds, the impact that the climate and man is having on them and how birds are adapting to survive. The final documentary, The Divide, takes a thought provoking look at the increasing polarity around the globe between the 'haves' and 'have-nots'. All screenings are on the third Wednesday of the month in Fletton House, off Glaphorn Road, Oundle, PE8 4JA.



A joint press statement from Raunds Town Council and Roxhill Developments

Raunds Town Council are aware that recent proposals from the developer Roxhill to extend Warth Park have caused a great deal of comment from local townspeople.

Roxhill recently placed an article in the local magazine Raunds Round Up and held an exhibition at Saxon Hall where they outlined plans to extend Warth Park to the south of Meadow Lane in order to create additional facilities for Howden's Joinery. As yet no planning application has been submitted for these new proposals so the Town Council are unable to comment and give their view at this stage.

As part of these proposals Roxhill have given a commitment to enhance community facilities in the area. These could include a BMX track to be provided at the Amos Lawrence Playing Field and a bridge over Hogs Dyke which would provide connectivity to the Amos Lawrence Playing Field. In addition a Country Park extending over 33 acres with over 30,000 new trees would be created.

The Town Council would stress that they have not had detailed communications with Roxhill regarding these proposed community facilities. At such time as a planning application is submitted to East Northamptonshire Council, then the Town Council would consider the application and listen to the views of local residents before forming an opinion. At this stage it would be

prudent for the Town Council to also consider what additional local amenities could be provided as part of the overall proposals. This ensures that appropriate mitigation is considered should the application be approved.

A spokesperson from Roxhill added: "As the developers of Warth Park, Roxhill are keen to continue to work closely and positively with Raunds Town Council and the residents of Raunds so that the town can continue to be successful and prosperous. We look forward to further discussing proposals with all interested parties with a view to agreeing the types of community facilities that would benefit the town and surrounding area if the planning application is submitted and approved. If a planning application were to be submitted and approved, Roxhill confirm their absolute commitment to deliver the community facilities that have been detailed within initial proposals.

The Town Council added: "We are grateful to Roxhill for clarifying the current situation and we are happy to work with Roxhill and all the businesses currently based at Warth Park to ensure that the site offers an increasing number of high skilled jobs for local people and that local facilities are improved. We will consider plans for an expansion of Warth Park at such time as a formal planning application is submitted.

Issued by Roxhill Developments and Raunds Town Council

Further details of all Oundle Cinema, outreach cinemas and dOCs+ can be found in the Oundle Cinema brochure (available through local venues), on www.oundlecinema.org.uk, by calling 01832 274734 or from the Oundle Festival Box Office, 4 New Street, Oundle. PE8 4ED.

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East Northants Snooker League



The League has finished and the results are now in. Congratulations to Coopers Mecca, winners of the East Northants Snooker League 2016! A fantastic achievement for a team in their first season. Well done to Matt Barcock, Wayne Gardner, Darren Fenner and Colin Buckby.

As Mecca had already won the League with a week to spare, the battle for the runner-up spot was the main focus on the final match night. This battle was between Ball Bashers and Coopers C. Despite Ball Bashers having a two-point lead, Coopers C came from behind to pinch the runner-up spot. It was a real nailbiter that incredibly came down to the final frame. Coopers C managed a 5-1 victory over Warriors, whereas Ball Bashers struggled to a 3-3 draw against Troops. This allowed Coopers C to move into the runner-up spot by just one point. Colin Hinds of Coopers C was in fine form knocking in a 33 and a 51 break.

The Player Statistics was a two-horse race on the final night between Stuart Richardson and Matt Barcock. It was Stuart's to lose, as he was comfortably ahead of Matt. However,

due to a fantastic 2-0 win for Matt and a disappointing 0-2 loss for Stuart, Barcock won the Statistics finishing with a 68% win rate. Stuart scooped the runner-up prize on 64% win rate.

Despite a fine effort from Colin Hinds with his break of 51 and only two pots away from equalling the high break, the prize goes to Matt Barcock for his winning break of 58. Matt also recorded more 30+ breaks than any other player with seven in total.

Results for week 14:

Coops Troops 3-3 Ball Bashers
Coopers C 5-1 Warriors
Coopers G 1-5 Mecca

Thank you to the teams, the players, the committee and the sponsors. Also, a special thanks to Nene Valley News for publishing the League results every two weeks.

The AGM and Presentation Evening is scheduled for Saturday 8th October at the Rushden Windmill where the winners will receive their prizes and trophies.

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	12	9	2	1	48
2	Coopers C	12	5	3	4	39
3	Coopers Ball Bashers	12	3	6	3	38
4	Coopers A	12	3	4	5	34
5	Windmill Warriors	12	4	3	5	32
6	Coopers G	12	2	6	4	31
7	Coops Troops	12	2	4	6	30

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

Position	Player Name	Team	High Breaks (30+)
1	Matt Barcock	Coopers Mecca	58, 43, 43, 41, 33, 32, 32
2	Colin Hinds	Coopers C	51, 43, 33, 30
3	Darren Fenner	Coopers Mecca	47
4	Jay Thomas	Coopers G	47
5	Sean Britchford	Coops Troops	46
6	Richard Wright	Windmill Warriors	37, 34
7	Wayne Gardner	Coopers Mecca	36, 32
8	Neil Darling	Coops Troops	33
9	Roger Hayes-Roome	Coopers C	31
10	Paul Lewis	Windmill Warriors	30

Player Statistics – 2016 – sponsored by Gardiner Motors Wellingborough

Position	Player Name	Current H/cap	Team	Played	Won	Lost	% Won
	Colin Buckby	14	Coopers Mecca	4	4	0	100%
	Bob Darling	28	Coops Troops	2	2	0	100%
1	Matt Barcock	-7	Coopers Mecca	22	15	7	68%
	Michael Gordon	14	Coopers G	6	4	2	67%
2	Stuart Richardson	28	Windmill Warriors	14	9	5	64%
3	Wayne Gardner	7	Coopers Mecca	22	14	8	64%
3	Darren Fenner	21	Coopers Mecca	22	14	8	64%
4	Colin Hinds	0	Coopers C	18	11	7	61%
5	Lee Bunker	28	Ball Bashers	24	14	10	58%
6	Jay Thomas	14	Coopers G	14	8	6	57%
7	Martyn Freeman	42	Coopers C	16	9	7	56%
8	Steve Ridgewell	21	Ball Bashers	18	10	8	56%
8	Sean Britchford	21	Coops Troops	18	10	8	56%
8	Justin Gaggini	7	Coopers A	18	10	8	56%
9	Roger Hayes-Roome	28	Coopers C	22	12	10	55%
10	Steve Neighbour	28	Coopers A	24	13	11	54%
	Justin Wynne	21	Coopers Mecca	2	1	1	50%
11	Martyn Hatton	35	Ball Bashers	20	10	10	50%
12	Anthony Pinard	21	Coopers G	22	10	12	45%
13	Neil Darling	35	Coops Troops	18	8	10	44%
14	Joe Evans	35	Coopers C	16	7	9	44%
	Richard Symons	35	Ball Bashers	10	4	6	40%
15	Michael Dicks	7	Windmill Warriors	20	8	12	40%
15	Paul Lewis	14	Windmill Warriors	20	8	12	40%
16	Richard Wright	14	Windmill Warriors	16	6	10	38%
17	Steve Biggs	14	Coopers A	22	8	14	36%
18	Craig Back	21	Coopers G	24	7	17	29%
19	Ben Pacan	28	Coops Troops	14	4	10	29%
20	Steve Williams	28	Coops Troops	12	3	9	25%
	Colin Warroll	28	Coops Troops	6	1	5	17%
	Michael Tartagliani	21	Coopers A	2	0	2	0%



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Oundle U3A Monthly Meeting

Queen Victoria Hall, West Street, Oundle
Doors open 2pm
Members £1, non-members £2
'The development of Stanwick Lakes' with Ranger Dave Mackay. Gain an insight into the running of this special place and the plans for its future.

Tuesday 13th September Local Authors Event

featuring Stephen Draycott, Barbara Cousins and Anna Quicke
St Peter's Church, Oundle
7.45pm
Tickets £5 available from the Oundle Box Office, 4 New Street, Oundle. Open hours: 10am-4pm Mon to Fri, Tel: 01832 274734 or online at www.oundlefestival.org.uk
The Festival of Literature is very pleased to support and promote several of our very talented local authors, come along and find out more about them and their books.

Wednesday 14th September Paint a Fabric Shopping Bag

Ringstead Village Social Club
9.30am-1.30pm
£20 Booking essential
01933 460676
Paint a lovely Rosebud Wreath design onto a fabric shopping bag as a present for a friend.

Bridge of Grace Food Bank

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

Family Search

New Venue: Oundle Suite, Fletton House, Oundle
7.30pm, members Free/non members £2
01832 272061, www.northants-fhs.org
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Islip WMC, 4 High Street, Islip
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Meeting includes a talk about the garden architect Capability Brown, refreshments and raffle.

Thursday 15th September Prince's Trust Team Rushden Information Day

Tresham, Eaton Walk, Rushden NN10 9SH
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Lunchtime Concert: Raffaella Watson, Violin Diploma programme

St Peter's Church, Oundle
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Rushden Mission Band Charity Concert

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Short Harvest Service and Tea

Ringstead Shared Church
2.30pm
Angela 01933 622316

Thrapston District Historical Society 'Radio Days'

St James Church Hall, Thrapston
7.30pm, free admission
07891778407 or tdhs40@yahoo.co.uk
Programmes that we listened to on the Home Service. A night of nostalgia and memories.

Friday 16th September Rushden & District History Society Talk

South End Junior School, Wymington Road, Rushden
NN10 9JU

7.30pm, members £1.50, non-members £2.50
01933 350038 for information
Mike Muncaster: 'The History of Beekeeping'.

Fusion for 7 to 11 year olds

Thrapston Baptist Church
6.30pm until 8pm, £1 per child
Lively and fun group with tuck, games, songs and bible based illustrations.

Film: Suffragette (12A)

Ringstead Village Social Club, High Street NN14 4DA
Doors open 7.30pm film starts 7.45pm
Tickets £5 on 01933 460373
A young working wife is recruited into the Suffragette movement and the consequences for her personal life are devastating.

Saturday 17th September Learn to Play the Ukulele (and 1st October)

St Peter's Community Centre, High Street, Raunds
10am-12noon
£25 for both sessions
Annie 01933 623389

Messy Church

Rushden Salvation Army, Church Street, Rushden
4pm-6pm, free admission
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£5 to register your name
Lindsey 01832 730019. Forms available from Jolly's Toys or email theburchbunch@uwclub.net

Maps available on day from Plaza, Cosy Nook 8.30am-10am for £1. Charity is Grenadier Guards Col's Fund.

St Mary's Singers sing Choral Evensong

Parish Church of St Mary & All Saints, Fotheringhay
3pm
Including a performance of the Faure Requiem in place of the anthem and sermon. Directed by James Reed. The event will last a little over an hour and will have no admission charge, although there will be a retiring collection. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

Sunday 18th September Morning Service

Thrapston Baptist Church
10.30am
Preacher: Graham Timson
The door of faith, Acts 14:1-28.

Learn to Paint

Ringstead Village Social Club
11am-4pm, free
Further details 01933 460676
Come along and take a free mini painting class, free refreshments, discounted art materials.

Ringstead Shared Church Harvest Thanksgiving Service

Ringstead Shared Church
NN14 4DA
10.30am

Concert with Rob Halligan

Ringstead Shared Church
NN14 4DA
7pm, tickets £4 from Angela 01933 622316 or Bob & Dace 01933 623976.

Higham Ferrers Footpath Group

Saffron Road car park Higham Ferrers for car sharing
8.25am, free admission
01933 387991
10 mile walk from Thornton, Leicestershire.

Oundle Cinema: Eddie the Eagle (PG)

Stahl Theatre, West Street
Oundle Peterborough PE8 4EJ
7.45pm, admission £5/£3 under 18s
Oundle Festival, 4 West Street, Oundle, PE8 4ED.
01832 274734, www.oundlefestival.org.uk, or information@oundlefestival.org.uk
A wonderfully silly feel-good film with flying scenes more thrilling than anything in Batman v Superman.

Nene Valley Nature Detectives

Irthlingborough Lakes and Meadows (nearest nature reserve entrance is Randall Close)
10.30am-12.30pm, admission £2.50/person, £6/family
Louise Tuffin 01604 774043 / louise.tuffin@wildlifebcn.org
A family-friendly nature trail with crafts and games. Drop-in, no booking required.

Monday 19th September Higham Ferrers W I Meeting

Adult School Westfield Terrace, Higham Ferrers
2.15pm
New visitors welcome
Olga Earl on 01933 412848
Speaker on the day, Susan Jackson: 'Who I Am', followed by the competition, Old Family Photos.

Talk by Dr Mahesh Anand, The Open University: The Search for Water on the Moon

Chelveston Village Hall
Caldecott Road Chelveston
NN9 6AT
8pm, visitors and members welcome, £3 per person including tea/coffee and biscuits
Steve Williams 01933 650331, chilternastro@yahoo.co.uk or Mrs Peta Jellis 01933 356914 or email pej@petaj26.me.uk
One of the moon's mysteries is whether it has any water. Recent research answers this question.

Tuesday 20th September Paint Irises - Easy Acrylics

Ringstead Village Social Club
12.30pm-4.30pm, £18
Booking essential 01933 460676
A popular subject to paint so book early for this very easy painting.

Wednesday 21st September dOCS+: The Pearl Button (12A) - subtitled

Fletton House, Fletton Way, Glapthorn Road, Oundle
PE8 4JA
7.45pm, £8/£15 for the three dOCs+ events
Oundle Festival, 4 West Street, Oundle, PE8 4ED
01832 274734, www.oundlefestival.org.uk, or information@oundlefestival.org.uk
"Intelligent, magnificent film-making", "Patricio Guzmán's essay-style documentary is a deceptive but very moving affair."

Thursday 22nd September Paint a simple Christmas design on a napkin box

Ringstead Village Social Club
10am-4pm
£27, booking essential
01933 460676
Paint a pretty Christmas design on this wooden napkin box to use every Xmas.

Lunchtime Concert - Brass

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.

Evening Guided Bat Walk

Summer Leys Nature Reserve (Hardwater Road, nr Great Doddington)
7pm-9pm, £2.50/person
Louise Tuffin 01604 774043 / louise.tuffin@wildlifebcn.org
Discover the world of bats on a guided walk armed with bat detectors. Booking essential.

Tiddlers Group for 0 to 3 year olds

Thrapston Baptist Church
9.30am-11.30am
Friendly and welcoming with lots of toys and play equipment for the little ones to enjoy. £1 per carer - as many toddlers as you like!

Friday 23rd September Fusion for 7 to 11 year olds

Thrapston Baptist Church
6.30pm-8pm, £1 per child
Lively and fun group with tuck, games, songs and bible based illustrations.

Blind Man's Song

The Stahl Theatre
7.45pm, £12 Adults, £10 Concessions



Theatre Re comes to Oundle after sell-out performances at Latitude and Edinburgh Fringe.

Saturday 24th September Christmas Card Workshop

Ringstead Village Social Club
10am-4pm, £28 booking essential
01933 460676
Come and paint personal Xmas cards for your relatives and friends, assorted pack of 10 cards included.

Craft & Vintage Fair

Working Men's Club, Westfield Terrace, Higham Ferrers
9am-1pm, free entry
www.facebook.com/rainbowcraftevents
20 stalls selling a fabulous range of handmade and vintage items. Refreshments and homemade cakes. Same time as the Farmers' Market each month.

The Swivel Club presents Soft Tone Needles, plus Steve Brown disco

Rushden Bowls Club
Northampton Road NN10 6AN
8pm, tickets are £12.50 from www.swivelclub.org.uk or 07738080470 or 01933 312680
One of the best soul bands in the UK, check details out on the website.

Hemington Companion (Fun) Dog Show in aid of Hemington Village Hall

Hemington Manor, Hemington, Near Oundle PE8 5QP
Entries taken from 11am, Judging 12noon, free entry and parking, £2 or £1.50 per class
01832 293432, or email hemingtondogshow@aol.co.uk
Fun dog show 5 pedigree and 10 fun classes. Rosettes, prizes, raffle, refreshments, free parking.

Thrapston & Islip Victorian Heritage Day

The Plaza, Thrapston
10am-4pm, free admission
07891778407 or thrapstonheritage@gmail.com
A unique celebration of traditional skills and crafts. Something for all the family.

Conservation Morning

Titchmarsh Nature Reserve (meet in carpark on Lowick Lane, Aldwinckle)
9am-12noon
Free, biscuits provided
Rebecca Mayes 01604 405285/Rebecca.mayes@wildlifebcn.org
Help with practical jobs to help the wildlife of the nature reserve. No booking required.

Sunday 25th September All-Age Family Service - one hour service for all ages

Thrapston Baptist Church
10.30am
Preacher: Mat Hussain
Ordinary People - Extraordinary God.

Sunday@6 Informal Sunday Evening Event

Thrapston Baptist Church
6pm, free admission, refreshments provided.
Phil Timson: The Prodigal Returns - one man's amazing story of restoration.

Dog Watch Walk

Fermyn Woods Country Park
Lyveden Road, Brigstock, Kettering NN14 3HS
Meet at the Skylark Cafe at 2.15pm, free admission, car park £3. All members are invited to join
www.northamptonshire.dogwatch.co.uk
Woodland Walk, 1 mile approx. one hour. Walkers without dogs are welcome too.

By Appointment Counselling and Listening Service

No 1 St Osyth's Lane, Oundle, Northants PE8 4BG
These services are free
Marilyn 07936015965

Every Monday 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/
oundlediabetes@gmail.com

Alternate Mondays (2nd & 4th Mondays) StitChat

Oundle Baptist Church 1pm-4pm
Judith Brshaw 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, £5 per session
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

Tuesday Toddlers

No 1 St Osyth's Lane, Oundle, PE8 4BG 9.15am, free
Judith Brshaw on 01832 770010

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

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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 Tuesday, Thursday & Friday Whist Drive

Rushden Bowls Club Northampton Road, Rushden 7.30pm, £2
01933 313714

Every Tuesday & Saturday Coffee Mornings

St James Church Thrapston 10am-12noon
01832 730019

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.ena@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/
peterbond@btinternet.com

Thursday Market Day No.1 Cafe - Free Drop-In

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



To submit your event please contact us via our website in the following format:
Date, event, place, time, admission fee (if applicable), contact information, 15 word description.

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 Stitches

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
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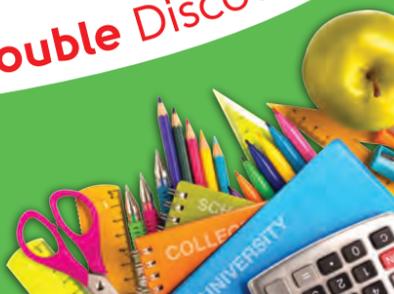
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**Walker, Aaron/
Hunt, Nicola**
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at St Andrews Church.
The couple had their
honeymoon in Paris.

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14
THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (HIGH STREET, TWYWELL)
(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, Twywell as set out below.
LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of High Street, Twywell from entrance to Manor Farm to The Green.
REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during installation of new gas connection.
PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 19th September 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 until 22nd September 2016.
ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use The Green, Lower Street, Thrapston Road and Slipton Lane.
 Dated this 10th day of September 2016
 QUENTIN BAKER, Director of Law & Governance PKG/T16/361
 If you require any further information please contact Gary Thorp on 01604-883400.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14
THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (A47 LEICESTER ROAD, DUDDINGTON)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of the A47 Leicester Road, Duddington as set out below.
LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of the A47 Leicester Road, Duddington from A47/A43 roundabout to 200 metres west of Stamford Road junction.
REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during carriageway retexturing and associated works.
PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 19th September 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 until 23rd September 2016.
ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use A43, A427, A6116 and A6003.
 Dated this 10th day of September 2016
 QUENTIN BAKER, Director of Law & Governance PKG/T16/373
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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (EAST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE DISTRICT) (WAITING AND LOADING RESTRICTIONS AND ON-STREET PARKING PLACES) (CONSOLIDATION) ORDER 2009 (AMENDMENT No. 10) ORDER 2016
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order under Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 32, 35 to 39 and 45 to 55 and Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ("the Act") to amend "The Northamptonshire County Council (East Northamptonshire District) (Waiting and Loading Restrictions and On-Street Parking Places) (Consolidation) Order 2009" as specified in the schedule below.
 A COPY of the Order may be inspected at Northamptonshire Highways, Riverside House, Riverside Way, Bedford Road, Northampton during normal office hours.
 If you wish to question the validity of the Order or of any provisions contained in it on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or on the grounds that any requirement of that Act, or of any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order, you may, within six weeks from the date of this Notice apply to the High Court for this purpose.
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 Hind Stile – east side – outside the rear of property number 4 (Market Square).

STANWICK
 Church Street – south side – outside property numbers 23 to 25.

THRAPSTON
 Chancery Lane / The Bullring – whole of both junctions; The Bullring – both sides – entire length (except the east side, the north side outside The Manor House and the north side of the southern section outside the garage); Oundle Road / De Vere Road – whole junction.

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 High Street – north-east side – between the boundary of property numbers 22 / 24 and a point outside property number 28; High Street – south-west side – outside the entrance to the supermarket car park opposite Benefield Road; High Street – south-west side – from and including its junction with Latham Street to the southern boundary of property number 9.

IRTLINGBOROUGH
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Chess Corner

As the new Silver King League season rapidly approaches there has been a spat between Rushden Chess Club (RCC) and Northamptonshire Chess Association (NCA) who organise the league.



So what has shaken up the world of chess in our quiet little shire? It's a question of the time control used in the league. For those not familiar with chess terminology I will quote the Wikipedia definition: 'A time control is a mechanism in the tournament play of almost all two-player board games so that each round of the match can finish in a timely way and the tournament can proceed. Time controls are typically enforced by means of a game clock'. If a player runs out of time then he forfeits the game to his opponent. Many games are lost purely because a player runs into time trouble and has

to rush his moves. This can lead to some quite exciting endgames.

The time control used in the Silver King League is quite complex and each player starts off with 75 minutes on the clock; after the players have completed 35 moves, a further 15 minutes is added to the clock. With a clockwork chess clock, this has to be done manually by one of the players, which causes disruption. A digital clock makes the time adjustment

automatically but many players don't understand the process and expect it to add the time on after 35 moves. While this is logical it is not the way it happens; the clock will add the 15 minutes onto each player's time when the 75 minutes runs out. Because a number of players don't understand this, they will interrupt the game of the home team's captain to clarify what is happening.

RCC felt that anything likely to disrupt match play is undesirable and put forward

a proposal to the NCA that the time control be changed to a straightforward 90 minutes. This was initially dismissed out of hand by the NCA but after an acrimonious exchange it was agreed that the proposal would be put to all the teams that compete in the league. RCC put this to its members who overwhelmingly voted to change to a straight 90 minute control. None of the other teams in the league supported the change, so we are now left with the original overcomplicated control. This is typical of the lack of imagination and the unwillingness to change from those who run the league.

Chess clocks were introduced in the 19th century as a way to speed up the game. Games were sometimes deliberately drawn out as a test of physical endurance, meaning it wasn't always the best player who won but the one able to stay awake the longest. In 1843 a chess match between Howard Staunton and Pierre St. Amant took 14½ hours to complete 66 moves.



By Derrick Sims

Average games were reported to last nine hours. At the first International Chess Tournament held in London in 1851 there were complaints about the slowness of play. Following this came a proposal that sandglasses should be used to apply a time limit to each player's game. The idea was that each player would have a three-hour sandglass that would run while they were thinking of their move. This would then be laid horizontally when they had made their move and turned vertically again when their opponent had moved. The proposal was adopted and used in chess matches and tournaments from 1861 to

1875. Players who went over the allowed time did not forfeit the game but would have to pay a fine that depended on the amount of extra time used. As the idea of timed games developed it was considered that the sandglass was not accurate enough and players started to use watches. Bespoke mechanical chess clocks started to be introduced in the 1880s and the idea of having a flag drop when time ran out first appeared in 1889. Many different chess clocks have been developed over the years that would no doubt be of immense interest to horologists, but I leave it to the reader to research further if they so desire.

Chess is a game for people of all abilities, disabilities, and lifestyles. Rushden Chess Club loves welcoming new members, so do come along to a meeting if you're interested in playing chess in a very friendly environment. The club opens most Mondays from 6pm for junior players – for details please call the Club Secretary on 01933 625767, or visit the club website www.rushdenchessclub.com and for the NCA (County Association) it's www.norchess.lloydbunday.co.uk.

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