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In Brief

Crime prevention

A farm in Clopton has been subjected to a number of separate incidents during November. These include deer poaching, hare coursing, damage to crops and hedges and the theft of a lock and chain from a gate.

The incidents happened between Monday 14th November and Saturday 26th November.

Officers are appealing for members of the public to report any suspicious activity in rural areas, and to be on the look out for people with lights or torches in fields at night.

Steam services

The Nene Valley Railway will be running steam services to welcome in the New year.

As an antidote to endless Christmas film re-runs why not enjoy a spectacular steam train ride through the frosty landscape.

There will be steam Loco out and about for 27th and 31st December, and then to welcome in the new year, there will be more steam services on the 1st, 2nd, 8th and 9th January.

For more details contact 01780 784444.

AGA in Oundle

The new AGA shop in Oundle, the final element of the retail units at the Wharf, opened with a flourish on the evening of Friday 25th November.

Shropshire foundry in Coalbrookdale with the cookers still assembled down the road near Telford – the company offers much more for the modern kitchen.

Friendly and knowledgeable staff will be on hand in the new Oundle shop to help customers find exactly the right model of AGA for them. There will also be regular AGA demonstrations and there is nothing quite like seeing the AGA in action – you might be surprised at how much it can do.

The regular in-store cookery demonstrations will be a great way to learn more about the AGA and taste the delicious food it helps to produce; details of these events will be on the AGA Oundle website, so pop along and see how to cook the food you love – no matter how basic, complicated or unusual!



The 2013 Great British Bake Off winner Frances Quinn

launched the shop by cracking a large egg on an AGA cooker and signed copies of her book, which were kindly provided by the Oundle Bookshop.

On behalf of AGA, local manager Ali Winbolt said how delighted she was to have made the move to the Wharf and to be able to add to the high-quality retail outlets showcased in this, the gateway to Oundle. The opening was supported by Amps Fine Wines and the Hambleton Bakery, who also operate from the Wharf.

Although AGA are most famous for their cookers – the cast iron for which is still produced at their



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Letters to the editor

If you would like to submit a letter to the editor please send it to news@nenevalleynews.co.uk for consideration. The maximum word count is 200 words.

Dear Editor,

The 'Rushden looking to the future' article in the 22nd October issue proudly presents a somewhat rosy future for Rushden; this perhaps in many ways is justified. The Rushden Lakes programme, the huge house building/apartment refurbishment of our Victorian factory sites and finally the host of small building plots long left to grow substantial weeds and collect fast food leftovers now see the concrete mixers!

Any persons thinking of settling in Rusden, perhaps with a young family or visitors from various aspects will no doubt eventually wind their way down to our high street. This may

well be a turn-off, as although one end of the street is reasonable without perhaps matching the sense of Rushden looking to the future, the other end excepting the magnificent Osbornes' toy shop reflects a town in decline! This decline may have been true over the last couple of decades but surely not anymore. Another aspect which must be treated with some urgency is the High Street when the sun goes down. The somewhat over representation of 'greasy spoon' takeaways and here today, gone tomorrow secondhand furniture shops surely does not inspire newcomers with a sense the town is looking to the future. I have seen so many shady characters half hiding in dark doorways at night; this cannot be a welcome site to any genuine newcomer. Please do not shout me down as a racist, many of my neighbours are from overseas and are very fine people with children in local schools.

Yours faithfully, A.T. Newman

Genealogy jottings

Have you seen the latest news from the General Register Office (GRO)? They have now put new indexes to Births 1837-1915 and Deaths 1837-1957 online. The mother's maiden name was added to the births, marriages and deaths index (BMD) held by the GRO only from the September quarter of 1911. However, this new facility from the GRO allows you to search for births using the mother's maiden name for earlier years!

To access the indexes you need to sign up for an account on the GRO site <https://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates/default.asp> or re-verify it if you already have one. On that page follow links to 'search the GRO historic birth and death indexes'.

My grandmother always said that she was one of eight children, but on the 1911 census return, her mother said that she had twelve children, four of whom had died. With the surname of Smith, trying to find the missing children was a difficult task to say the least! They were not recorded on any census and so I surmised that they had been born and died between them. I found one of them, a lad

By Jan Pearson
Genealogy Specialists, Tracing Our Past, Discovering Our Genes (TOP DOG)
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of 4 who had been killed when a land roller hit him on his neck. There were newspaper reports that helped me to identify him. This had all happened when my grandmother was a baby. But what of the other three? By using my great grandmother's maiden name (Cowling) and the registration district that covered where they were living (Linton, Cambridgeshire) I was able to identify those missing children. Two had been born and died soon after, both before my grandmother had been born. The third died as a baby but was born when my grandmother was just 2 years old, so she would not have remembered her.

Another set of mysteries solved! So, if you have any missing ancestors, it could be worth checking with the GRO Historic Birth and Death Indexes.

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Editor's notes

First, an eleventh-hour announcement on behalf of St Nicolas Church, Islip, where there will be a St Nicolas Day celebration service on Sunday 4th December at 11 am. This is to be a lively, all age service, with puppets retelling the story of St Nicolas and contributions from the Choir of Trinity Church of England Primary School.

We heard of this event too late to get into our What's On section but it's worth noting nonetheless, not least because, as was experienced during a recent visit to the Church, the central heating is kept on 'to help preserve the fabric of the building', which ensures a very comfortable ambient temperature.

It seems we shall have to wait until July 2017 to experience shopping at the new Rushden Lakes development. LXB Retail Properties, who are developing the site which includes retail and leisure outlets, had hoped that the first tranche would be open next spring. However, they recently announced that the opening is to be delayed until July because of highways issues.

The company told us: "Rushden Lakes is progressing well and we are now well into the build contract period. Unfortunately, due to reasons outside of LXB's Control, the procurement and start on site of the necessary highway improvements to the A45 were delayed by Highways England.

Planning conditions require that these works are completed prior to opening and therefore Rushden Lakes is now scheduled for a July opening."

Meanwhile, the Highways England project manager is quoted as saying: "We continue to work with the developer as the scheme moves forward. Our commitment has always been to deliver the route network as quickly as possible for the development and we continue to work closely with the local developer and key stakeholders to ensure that the complex can open as quickly as possible."

Elsewhere in this edition there are wise words for drivers over the festive season. It's simply not possible to overstate the dreadful impact that drink/drug driving can have and, while the article concentrates on the impact on the driver, there is of course the potential for even more devastating consequences for victims of accidents involving those driving while their abilities are impaired.

In another article, you can see that Nene Valley Community Action are doing some great work this Christmas, with absolutely no additional funding but of course there is so much more to be done outside the festive season too. If you have some time to spare and would consider becoming one of the charity's 'Befrienders' you can contact them on 01933 396382/01933 313526 or via email: info@nvca.org.uk

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East Northants Snooker League

Exciting times for the East Northants Snooker League. Having operated just as a Summer League for the past two years, we are very pleased to have just commenced a Winter League. We are now six weeks into the season. Compared to the Summer League, we have been able to attract 10 teams, up from just seven. This creates even more competition and more games for all the teams and players involved. We welcome a completely new team, Islip WMC, which introduces a new venue to the League: the Islip Working Men's Club.

The prizes and trophies this season are going to be better than ever, and this is a direct result of our very generous sponsors that have agreed to support us. They are as follows:

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Group (l'boro), HCB Plumbing (W'boro), MasterCue (Finedon), The Pie Place (Rushden) and ADP Electrical (W'boro). Thank you very much to all of our sponsors – they make the league that much stronger.

Another benefit of our sponsors is the fact that they bring us the additional resources to be able to run a number of tournaments alongside the league for the benefit of the members. We will be running the following tournaments over the winter period: Scratch Singles, Handicap Singles, Handicap Doubles and a Team Knockout Competition.

Windmill G have jumped to

the top of the table, following a 6-0 victory over Windmill B. Windmill Mecca and Coopers A are in joint 2nd spot and are within touching distance after good performances. At the other end of the table Windmill C have moved off the bottom thanks to better results and Windmill B are now in 10th, yet to win a game.

Congratulations goes to Mark Brett of Windmill C for his 57 break in week 3 in his match against Warren Sanger of Islip WMC. This break is a high benchmark for everyone to aim for. Wayne Gardner came close to the high break, knocking in a 49 break in week 5.

Results for week 6:

Windmill C 3-3 Coopers C
Windmill G 6-0 Windmill B
Coopers A 2-4 Windmill Warriors
Coopers Ball Bashers 4-2 Islip WMC
Windmill Weapons 1-5 Windmill Mecca
Good luck to all teams this week.

High Breaks 2016/17 - Sponsored by HCB Plumbing, Wellingborough

Position	Player Name	Team	High Breaks (30+)
1	Mark Brett	Windmill C	57, 39
2	Wayne Gardner	Windmill Mecca	49, 47
3	Jay Thomas	Windmill G	47
4	Colin Hinds	Coopers C	33, 30
5	Craig Back	Windmill G	33
6	Richard Wright	Windmill Warriors	31
7	Matt Barcock	Windmill Mecca	31
8	Alan Jupp	Windmill B	31
9	Ben Pacan	Windmill Weapons	30

East Northants Snooker League - Sponsored by The Pumphouse Café, Wellingborough

Position		Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points
1	Windmill G	6	2	4	0	23
2	Coopers A	6	4	1	1	22
3	Windmill Mecca	6	3	2	1	22
4	Windmill Weapons	6	2	2	2	19
5	Windmill Warriors	6	3	1	2	18
6	Coopers Ball Bashers	6	1	4	1	18
7	Coopers C	6	1	2	3	16
8	Islip WMC	6	1	2	3	15
9	Windmill C	6	1	3	2	15
10	Windmill B	6	1	1	4	12

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Youngsters discuss relationships at annual conference

Young people in East Northamptonshire got together to talk about relationships at a council conference in Rushden recently.

East Northamptonshire Council (ENC) organises a Youth in East Northamptonshire (YEN) conference each year to bring together students from secondary schools across the district.

This year's conference was all about healthy relationships, and saw 36 young people engaging in topics including discrimination, hate crime and domestic abuse/control.

The main task

of the day involved group work to create a product to raise healthy relationship awareness in Northamptonshire and beyond. Groups had to consider design, marketing and finance and then present the product to their peers.

The winning idea was a mobile game where each level addresses a different abuse theme, such as psychological, emotional, physical and sexual abuse.

Players would learn about these and receive support information as they played.

ENC Chairman, Councillor Rupert Reichhold, who opened the conference, said: "Relationships can play a major role in our lives, especially during teen years. Sometimes we meet people who may not have our best interests in mind. It is vital that young people learn to distinguish between a healthy relationship and a harmful one. I hope the

YEN Conference helped the students learn about unhealthy components of relationships such as domestic abuse, controlling behaviour and incidents of hate. Hate crime is a criminal offence; moreover we should treat other people as we want to be treated,

wherever we may be."

Students also had the chance to find out more about and talk to ENC Councillors, Northamptonshire Police, East Midlands Ambulance Service, Service Six, Voice (children and young people) and Northamptonshire

Association of Youth Clubs.

The day went down well with the pupils, with some feedback stating: 'I feel I have taken a lot from the conference,' 'I enjoyed the fact it gives us life skills and will help us in the real world,' and 'It gave us a whole new perspective'.



Information about services for young people can be found at www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/yen

Top Christmas show comes to Raunds

Raunds Music Festival has pulled off a real coup in bringing one of the very few performances of 'An Albion Christmas' to Raunds Manor School on Friday 9th December.

This event, which attracts sell-out audiences across the UK, has been touring for nearly 20 years and is widely regarded as the premier seasonal show. It was described by The Guardian as 'the perfect antidote to the corporate Christmas'.

Featuring two founder members of Fairport Convention including the originator of Steeleye Span, Ashley Hutchings, The Albion Christmas Show takes you on a guided tour through the Christmas customs of Britain. It is a seasonal mixture of carols, spoken word, humorous readings and dance that 'takes

you deep into Britain's winter festival with visions of frosty mornings, a rejoicing Earth, burning logs and berries'. This year will see a collection of new material alongside favourites from their back catalogue of Christmas albums.

Festival Organiser Bob Fisher said: "We are proud to promote this special event which really will be the perfect way to start Christmas festivities. Tickets are strictly limited and selling rapidly so make sure you act fast and don't miss it!"

More information and tickets, £18 for adults and £9 for under-18s, are obtainable from www.raundsfestival.com and the Festival Hotline 07756 015615 as well as local outlets.

Oundle and District Care Christmas Giving

The Annual General Meeting of Oundle and District Care was held in September. David Wills stepped down as Chairman and was thanked for all his hard work over the past few years. Catherine Goldsmith was elected as the new Chairperson. Reports were given by many of the groups who had received grants in the past year.

Oundle and District Care has two main fundraising events each year: The Spring Fair and the Christmas Appeal. Have you thought about supporting a local charity this year? Your donation would help with the purchase of medical equipment for

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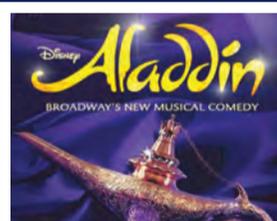
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Notice is given that the following applications have been received together with the last date for making representations:

Clopton

16/02144/FUL (17/12/2016) (Info) To erect a steel portal framed building within the existing farmyard for the housing of foster mares at Fieldbarn Farm Fayway Clopton NN14 3DZ

16/02182/REM (17/12/2016) (Info)

Reserved matters: Access, layout, scale and appearance of the dwellings and the landscaping of the development pursuant to planning permission 15/00548/OUT dated 27.7.15 at Motel Block The Red Lion Inn Main Street Clopton NN14 3DZ

Cotterstock

16/02130/FUL (24/12/2016) (LB/CA)

Change of roof material over north aisle from lead to terre coated stainless steel at St Andrews Church Main Street Cotterstock PE8 5HD

Duddington With Fineshade

16/02153/FUL (24/12/2016) (LB/CA)

Erection of new greenhouse attached to existing garden walls at The Manor High Street Duddington PE9 3QE

Easton-on-the-Hill

16/01736/FUL (17/12/2016) (Info) Proposed house extension and garage block refurbishment with additional off street parking bays at 6 Park Walk Easton On The Hill Stamford PE9 3LW

16/02164/LBC (24/12/2016) (LBRegs)

Refurbishment of main doors at The Village Hall New Road Easton On The Hill PE9 3NN

16/02209/FUL (17/12/2016) (Info) Erection of single storey rear extension at 87

Stamford Road Easton On The Hill

Higham Ferrers

16/01897/FUL (17/12/2016) (Info) Convert double garage and knock through to current kitchen to make open plan kitchen diner at 45 Windermere Drive Higham Ferrers NN10 8NN

Lilford-cum-Wigsthorpe

16/02213/FUL (17/12/2016) (Info) Two storey side extension to form ground floor family room and first floor bedroom with ensuite and detached garage at The Cottage Lilford PE8 5SG

Oundle

16/02077/FUL (24/12/2016) (LBRegs)

Single garage with solar array at 69A Benefield Road Oundle PE8 4EU

16/02176/FUL (17/12/2016) (Info) Two

storey rear extension and internal alterations at 53 Benefield Road Oundle PE8 4EU

16/02185/REM (24/12/2016) (LB/CA)

(Art8) Reserved Matters proposal for access, layout, scale, appearance, and landscaping pursuant to outline planning permission 14/00875/OUT for the demolition of existing swimming pool building and the erection of a new sports centre (to include 50m swimming pool, sports hall and associated facilities); together with external works comprising the provision of 6 new netball courts and retention of 6 existing netball/tennis courts, car parking, cycle parking, a new internal access road with 5 on-site coach parking bays, hard and soft landscaping, revisions to the Milton Road access and associated infrastructure works at Sports Hall Milton Road Oundle PE8 4AB

16/02219/FUL (24/12/2016) (LB/CA) Roof

mounted kitchen ventilation ductwork - retrospective at St Anthony House Milton Road Oundle PE8 4AD

Raunds

16/02169/FUL (17/12/2016) (Info) Erection of first floor extension over existing garage and conversion of garage to form habitable accommodation at 15 Holmfield Drive Raunds NN9 6PB

16/02183/FUL (17/12/2016) (Info)

Demolition of existing single garage and single storey rear extension and construction of single storey side extension for annexe and single storey rear extension at 50 Wellington Road Raunds NN9 6DL

Ringstead

16/02135/FUL (17/12/2016) (Info) Erection of two storey rear extension. Erection of new front boundary brick walls and railings and associated landscaping to create parking area from existing access at 33 Denford Road Ringstead NN14 4DF

Rushden

16/01757/FUL (17/12/2016) (Info)

Installation of two car parking spaces on existing garden land of a house of multiple occupation. Existing rear garage to be removed to make space for the proposed 2no. new car parking spaces at 32 Irchester Road Rushden NN10 9XE

16/02147/FUL (17/12/2016) (Info) First floor

extension to side of dwelling at 41 Park Avenue Rushden NN10 9NP

16/02163/FUL (17/12/2016) (Info) Single

storey rear extension at 334 Newton Road Rushden NN10 0SY

16/02187/FUL (17/12/2016) (Info) Single

storey rear extension, new roof lights and doors to the kitchen area and internal alterations at 437 Newton Road Rushden NN10 0SX

16/02188/ADV (17/12/2016) (Info)

Installation of 1 new fascia sign, 1 projecting sign and 2 internal window graphic posters at 40 High Street Rushden NN10 0PJ

16/02193/FUL (24/12/2016) (LB/CA)

Change of use of vacant premises to residential apartment at First Floor Hairdressers 89 High Street South Rushden NN10 0RA

16/02204/OUT (17/12/2016) (Info) Four

bedroom dormer-style dwelling at Spenwood Alexandra Road Rushden

16/02215/FUL (17/12/2016) (Info) First floor

side extension at 11 Donne Close Rushden NN10 8PF

Sudborough

16/02190/FUL (24/12/2016) (LB/CA)

Proposed demolition of riding school and replacement with a single storey dwelling and the conversion of a redundant stable to garaging and storage at Indoor Riding School Manor Yard Main Street Sudborough NN14 3BX

Thrapston

16/02157/FUL (24/12/2016) (LB/CA)

Change of use from A3 to sui generis to use as a dog grooming salon at 8 High Street Thrapston NN14 4JH

Thurning

16/02162/FUL (17/12/2016) (Info) Proposed

demolition of existing lean-to extension to rear and replacement two storey extensions to side and rear and proposed detached double garage and new access to highway at Rose Cottage Clopton Road Thurning PE8 5RE

Titchmarsh

16/02154/FUL (21/12/2016) (Info) New 800

Tonne Grain Store at Bidwell Farm Clopton Road Titchmarsh NN14 3DP

Woodford

16/02218/FUL (17/12/2016) (Info) Proposed

first floor rear extension over existing (part)

ground floor extension and proposed front porch at 32 Mill Road Woodford NN14 4HH

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 3 December 2016**

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

Touch typing success for Oundle pupils

“I’m glad I’ve learned to touch type, it’s going to make life a lot easier!” said Ben Honeywell who, with his sister Abbie, successfully completed Type by Touch’s half-term course.

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See www.typebytouch.co.uk for details.

ANNIVERSARIES

Diamond Wedding Anniversary

Snelling, Len and Betty of Rushden celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 22 December 2016; congratulations on 60 years of wedded bliss.

Family notices

Nene Valley News can help you make those important family announcements.

For help and information to place your notice please call **01522 513515** or visit www.nenevalleynews.co.uk

Christmas drink and drug driving campaign

A Christmas campaign to target drink and drug driving will be run by Northamptonshire Police throughout December.

Officers will be out and about across the county taking breath test readings from drivers during a focused, countywide period of activity dealing with these offences.

These enforcement activities will be carried out by officers from the joint Safer Roads Team (Northamptonshire Police and Northamptonshire Fire & Rescue Service), as part of their work to cut the number of collisions on the county's roads. They will run alongside ongoing education work conducted by the team, which will take place within communities.

Kamila Kembłowska, Safer Roads Team Community Engagement Officer, said: "We hope everyone will have a happy and safe Christmas.

We would always say that if you're driving, it's better to have none for the road.

"It is vital to remember that you could be over the legal alcohol limit many hours after your last drink, so drinkers also need to be careful when considering taking to the wheel the morning after a heavy evening of alcohol consumption."

Drink and drug driving, points to remember:

- Alcohol affects everyone's driving for the worse. It creates a feeling of overconfidence, makes judging distance and speed more difficult and slows your reactions, so it takes longer to stop.
- If you are planning to drink alcohol, it is sensible to also plan how to get home

without driving. Agree on a designated driver, save a taxi number to your phone or make sure you are familiar with public transport routes and times before venturing out.

- Avoid offering an alcoholic drink to someone you know is planning to drive.
- Don't accept a lift from a driver you know has consumed alcohol.
- It is illegal to drive if either you are unfit to do so because you're on legal or illegal drugs or you have certain levels of illegal drugs in your blood.
- Police officers can stop you and carry out a roadside drug test to screen for cannabis and cocaine.
- If you're convicted of drug driving you could get: a minimum one-year driving ban, an unlimited fine, up to six months in prison, a criminal record. Causing death by dangerous driving under the influence of drugs can lead to a prison sentence of up to 14 years.
- A drink driving conviction can lead to a 12 month driving ban, a criminal record, a fine, up to six months in prison and an endorsement on your licence for 11 years.



Community Action at Christmas

Staff at Nene Valley Community Action have paid for and put together hamper packs for Christmas for some of the elderly, isolated people in the community that their trained Befriender volunteers visit regularly. Most are in their eighties and nineties and have no family to support them, making Christmas a very lonely time of year.

Every year the staff have a collection amongst themselves and in the past have bought toys for local projects but this year decided to help their own clients.

Chief Executive, Rosemary Hadaway

said: "I am really proud that as staff we are giving something to our most elderly clients and am so grateful to the Befrienders who visit them on a weekly basis. We have no funding for this project and are paying for it from our reserves. Knowing that some of them will receive nothing and see no family made it a simple decision. We have bought Christmas items such as Christmas pudding, cake and shortbread as well as soups, porridge and cereals. We have also put together small pamper packs including soaps, toothpaste and tissues. I really hope they enjoy them."

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From the East Northants Council Chairman

On 21st November I represented East Northamptonshire Council (ENC) at a meeting of the SPARSE Group in London. I have represented ENC at this group since 1999.

The SPARSE Group looks after the interests of smaller, largely rural councils like ours in the negotiations with central Government about the Revenue Support Grant – at present the Government's main grant to councils and their main income in addition to Council Tax.

The system is changing. The Government is, gradually, beginning to taper Revenue Support Grant amounts down with a view to letting councils keep more of the Business Rates collected, which central Government then shares out.

Our SPARSE Group experts let us know how their, very detailed, negotiations with central Government were progressing and we made our points on behalf of our councils and residents very frankly! This will strengthen the hands of our negotiators

and I am confident that a fair outcome for us will be reached. Councils, elected by and responsible to our residents, deliver services which central Government inevitably do not have the systems to deliver. Governments do appreciate this!

On 7th December I will be visiting the Royal Mail Delivery Office in Thrapston, at Royal Mail's invitation, to meet staff who have a vital role in the delivery of the letters and parcels we receive and send – particularly in the run-up to Christmas.

This year Royal Mail is commemorating the 500th anniversary of King Henry VIII knighting Brian Tuke, the first Master of the Posts. This began the creation of what we now call Royal Mail.

I look forward to meeting all Royal Mail staff in Thrapston – and plan to arrive by 7.30am to meet the postmen and women before they start their delivery rounds.

Rupert Reichhold

Chairman of East Northamptonshire Council

Recycling incentive scheme is making a difference

A scheme offering prizes to people who use their food waste bin is reaping rewards after recycling rates increased across the four Northamptonshire council areas taking part.

More than 4,730 households have registered for the Northamptonshire Waste Partnership's (NWP) 'I'm In To Win' scheme since it was launched in the Corby Borough, Daventry District, East Northamptonshire and South Northamptonshire Council areas in November 2015.

And it seems to have had an effect: between April and September this year a total of 3,686 tonnes of food waste was recycled across the four areas – an increase of 17% on the 3,153 tonnes recycled during the same six-month period the previous year.

It means the four areas are set to recycle an additional 1,000 tonnes of plate scrapings, leftovers, fruit and veg peelings, used teabags and other food waste items between them in the first full year of the scheme.

Cllr Chris Millar, Chairman of the Northamptonshire Waste Partnership, said: "I would like to thank everyone who has signed up to our campaign so far.

"All of the food waste collected is recycled at an anaerobic digester, producing electricity as well as compost, so your combined efforts are making a real difference, not only in preventing waste from needlessly being thrown away, but in saving valuable resources."

Fully funded by a Government grant and set to run for a further two years, the scheme invites residents to register online at www.feedyourcaddy.co.uk

Once registered, people are sent a

registration pack – including an 'I'm In' sticker for their food waste caddy and a leaflet reminding them of all the food waste that can be put in it.

People that put their stickered bins out for collection on a regular basis are then entered into a draw, with winners chosen at random each month and invited to choose from a range of prizes, ranging from free leisure centre passes, experiences and days out to vouchers for local shops and restaurants.

The NWP is a partnership of Northamptonshire councils and was set up to improve joint working arrangements on waste management matters. Another key objective is to improve the effective delivery of waste services across the county and reduce waste going to landfill. recyclefornorthamptonshire.co.uk



Find out more about the partnership at www.recyclefornorthamptonshire.co.uk

Eight Regional Qualifiers from Rushden Swimming Club compete at the ASA Midland Short Course Championships 2016

Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th November saw eight talented Rushden Swimming Club members compete at the Harvey Hadden Sports Village in Nottingham, in the combined East Midland and West Midland Regional Short Course Championships.

Well done to Philippa Kabi, Molly Britchford, Ciara Usher, Amber Bales, Marcus Eaton, Charlie

Savage, Harris Hoyte and Freya Cole.

Great effort, some very fast swims with many

'pb's accomplished; both individually and in the Ladies Open 4x100m Freestyle Relay.



Neighbourhood Planning update

Neighbourhood Planning across East Northamptonshire continues to progress. This autumn:

- The examiner for the **Chelveston cum Caldecott** Neighbourhood Plan 2016-2031 has now completed his report. It is anticipated that the Neighbourhood Plan referendum will be held on **7th February 2017**.
- Consultation for the submission of the **Stanwick** Neighbourhood Development Plan 2016-2031 finished on **7th November 2016** and the Plan will shortly be going forward to independent examination.
- Raunds Neighbourhood Plan was submitted on **11th November 2016**.

Raunds

Following closely behind submission of the Stanwick Neighbourhood Development Plan in August, the submission version of the Raunds Neighbourhood Plan has now been received by East Northamptonshire Council (ENC).

The draft Neighbourhood Development Plan, submitted on 11th November 2016, includes a vision and objectives for the town, together with a draft policies map and a range of plan policies regarding development management, the town centre protection of existing open spaces and employment areas, and identification of priority local transport and infrastructure needs. The Plan has a

distinct vision: to enable Raunds to develop as a vibrant, successful, pleasant rural market town; where people feel safe to live.

For the next stage in the process, ENC is carrying out a procedural consultation (known as the 'Regulation 16' consultation) regarding whether the Neighbourhood Plan fulfils five 'basic conditions'; 'tests' that the Plan needs to pass. The Regulation 16 consultation will take place between 2nd December 2016 and 30th January 2017, inclusive.

An independent examiner will then be appointed to assess whether the plan meets the 'basic conditions' although the examiner may need to make changes to the Neighbourhood Development Plan so that it complies with these. Assuming the Plan passes examination (ENC is confident that it will), the Council will hold a referendum around summer 2017, to determine whether the Raunds Neighbourhood Plan should be adopted as the detailed (non-strategic) part of the statutory development plan for the parish.

For further information regarding the Raunds Neighbourhood Plan please see the notice on page 15 or contact:

- ENC Planning Policy and Conservation team – 01832 742010, planningpolicy@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk
- Raunds Town Council – info@raunds-tc.gov.uk

Sea Cadet Remembrance

Lt Cdr David Pickles, RN, Air Traffic Control Officer of HMS Queen Elizabeth was very proud to share Remembrance Day with his two children, who are members of Rushden's Sea Cadet Corps, TS Diamond.

Cdt Jessica Pickles paraded the Sea Cadet Standard and Junior Cadet Thomas Pickles laid a wreath at the war memorial. One very proud dad!



River Nene day trips

For many years, St John Ambulance in Northamptonshire owned two passenger boats providing free day trips on the River Nene and the Grand Union Canal to disadvantaged and disabled adults and children...

Unfortunately, when St John nationally split into regions they decided they were no longer in a position to continue with this service to the community in Northamptonshire and disposed of both boats.

Fortunately our Lord Lieutenant, David Laing could see the value of continuing this service and purchased the boats from St John to fund and continue to offer these free trips.

In 2016 the larger of the

two boats was sold on, but the crew acquired the smaller boat on the Grand Union Canal and have set up their own charity to carry on with the trips albeit with slightly reduced capacity.

Under St John ownership we carried many passengers from nursing homes, day centres, clubs etc from East Northants but since the service was reduced prior to the sale we have seen very few organisations take up the option in this catchment area and can only assume people think we no longer exist. I would like to take

this opportunity to inform all readers that Crusader Community Boating is alive and kicking and still offering free trips on its boat Mountbatten Crusader to qualifying organisations. We would love to see care homes and day centres from East Northants back on the boat and welcome all old and new passengers to

our fully upgraded service.

The boat is built for disabled access and has full heating, an open front deck, wheelchair accessible WC and a fully equipped galley. We offer two trips, both lasting up to five hours with one stopping over at a waterside pub for lunch and one stopping in the countryside for a picnic. The

boat will seat 22 passengers under cover and comes with a fully qualified crew who are all volunteers. As we are now a charity in our own right, we have to raise our own funding to continue to provide the free service, so we now also offer private trips to everyone at a reasonable cost to assist with our running costs.

Town Band's 'Fantasy' becomes a reality!

The name of Rushden Town Band is fast becoming a name to be reckoned with in the Brass Band World. After competing in the Oxford and District Brass Band Association's Entertainment contest in October and returning to Rushden with four trophies, the band has continued its success with a win in the Second Section of the Leicestershire Brass Band Associations Open Contest in Loughborough.

Playing 'Fantasy for Brass Band' by Malcolm Arnold, the band beat off 10 other bands to come back to Rushden with yet another trophy for the cabinet at the Band's home – the Working Men's Club in Griffith Street. 'Fantasy for Brass Band' is the set piece for the First Section of the Butlin's Mineworkers' Championship in

January 2017, but the band chose to give their rendition its first contest airing at Loughborough on Sunday 20th November.

The band was praised for its excellent rendition of a First/Championship Section piece by the adjudicator. Rushden Town Band will be promoted to the First Section of the Banding World in January 2017, when they hope to continue their success at Butlin's.

If people wish to hear the band, they are putting on a Family Christmas Concert at Park Road Baptist Church on Saturday 10th December. They will be joined by the Key Stage 2 Choir from Hawthorn Community Primary School. Tickets cost £5 and can be obtained from Osborne's in Rushden or on the door.

Teens take on the challenge to run the council

Written by 14-year-old Beccy from The Ferrers School, as part of the Children's Commissioner's Takeover Challenge.

The Takeover Challenge is a largely successful project where children get to experience the work of adult Government staff and are able to make decisions to help the local community.

This month East Northamptonshire Council (ENC) welcomed three students, Ethan (Year 11, Huxlow School), Beccy (Year 10, The Ferrers School) and Sian (Year 10, Prince William School) who took over Community Partnerships, Communications and Waste Services.

Julia Smith, Head of Customer and Community Services, explained why ENC agreed to the Takeover Challenge: "We

saw it advertised and thought it was a good idea. We want young people to be more involved in what we do and hear about what they think. I think it is really important that young people have a voice in how our services are delivered."

One of the Takeover students, Ethan, said: "I wanted to come today because I thought it would be interesting to see how the Council works and helps people. It has given me a deeper understanding and I would like to be a politician one day."

To find out more go to www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk



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RICE stands for:

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I - Ice

C - Compression

E - Elevation

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of the athletes in Rio are bound to have used during the Games in the summer.

So next time you sprain an ankle, knee or wrist follow the following protocol:

First cancel any sports or activities you've got planned for the next day (Rest).

Get a bag of frozen peas or an ice pack, wrap a damp tea towel around them so you don't freeze-burn your skin, and put them on the area (Ice).

Next, if the area is very swollen, get a tubigrip or elastic bandage and put it around the area (Compression.)

And lastly lift the sprained area higher than your heart (Elevation). With a knee this will probably involve lying

down as it's pretty hard to elevate a knee above the heart unless you're an Olympic gymnast.

The question I always get asked about this procedure is how long to leave the ice on. Well, the truth is that nobody really knows. The research shows that ice is effective, but there's a bit of disagreement about how long to leave it on the injury. The most commonly accepted view is that 10 minutes is enough,

and that you can put the ice back on every hour or so.

And how about the ice gels that you can buy? At the clinic we recommend them, especially if taking frozen peas or an ice pack to work or school is inconvenient.

So, for strains and sprains remember to use RICE.

Top Tip: Frozen broccoli isn't as good as peas – the lumps of broccoli are too big.

Have a happy, healthy, icy week! Claire

Announcement of CEO resignation

Voluntary Impact Northamptonshire Chief Executive Officer, Jane Carr, will be leaving the organisation on 31st December 2016 after eight years at the organisation.

Chair for the Board of Trustees at Voluntary Impact Northamptonshire, Chris Pallot, announced Jane's departure at this year's AGM on Wednesday 16th November. Chris wished Jane the very best for the future and thanked her for her enormous contribution in transforming the organisation.

The Board of Trustees are working closely with Voluntary Impact Northamptonshire's executive team to manage the transition and the search to appoint a new Chief Executive Officer will commence shortly.

In serving as Voluntary Impact Northamptonshire's Chief Executive Officer, Jane Carr oversaw the development of Commsortia, the countywide VCS

consortium, to a strong leader in local bid development and delivery; developed the EU funding bid that has seen nearly £2m of investment that will come through the sector for delivery of back to employment outcomes; and the co-authoring of the prevention and engagement section of the new sustainability and transformation plan for health to intrinsically include the voluntary sector in the health pathway.

Jane Carr said: "It has been an enormous privilege to lead this wonderful organisation and to build VIN into a substantial countywide organisation that's worked on behalf of the sector. I have loved my time with Voluntary Impact Northamptonshire and I am grateful for the opportunities I have had, to work with an extraordinary team of people who make a difference to the lives of people across our county. I leave behind a strong and capable team which I look forward to seeing continuing to flourish."

Keeping kids in tune

On Wednesday 23rd November, close to 120 children gathered together to play in the first of this year's Oundle Cluster Primary Schools Orchestra rehearsal days. The orchestra, which is now in its second year, has been established to give pupils from the area's small rural primary schools the opportunity to play in a large ensemble. Children from Polebrook, Nassington, Kings Cliffe, Thrapston, Warmington, Aldwinckle, Titchmarsh, Glapthorn and Oundle Primary Schools attended. The orchestra will be meeting three times

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Tuesday 6th December

Acrylic Painting – End to a Perfect Day
Ringstead Village Social Club
10am-1.30pm, £17 booking essential
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An easy painting for complete beginners, no drawing required, to take home.

Belinda Bauer:

The Beautiful Dead
St Peter's Church, Oundle
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Thursday 8th December

Painting Gifts
Ringstead Village Social Club
10am-4pm, £30 booking essential
01933 460676
For beginners: paint a wooden octagon, heart, coasters and large greeting card, price includes a painting project book to take home with you.

Lunchtime Concert – Milhaud

Oundle School's Great Hall
1.15pm, free admission/lunch can be purchased
Sizzler of a ballet score written in 1923, infused with jazz influences. Lunch is provided for £3.

Rushden Mission Brass Band Christmas Concert

Rushden Mission Church, Wellingborough Road
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Raunds WI

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7.30pm, £3.50
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Tiddlers Group for 0-3 year olds

Thrapston Baptist Church
9.30am-11.30am
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8th, 9th & 10th December

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Friday 9th December

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Film: Dad's Army (PG)

Ringstead Village Social Club
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Fusion for 7-11 year olds

Thrapston Baptist Church
6.30pm-8pm, £1 per child
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The Albion Christmas Band Show

Raunds Manor School, Mountbatten Way, Raunds NN9 6PA
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Saturday 10th December

Christmas Concert
Saxon Hall, Raunds
7pm, adults £6, children £3
01933 626113

Treasure Island

Thrapston Plaza
2pm-4pm, child: £6, adult: £7, family (2+2): £22, tickets available in Thrapston Post Office
Traditional family pantomime from Broken Pipe Productions. Full of laughs, mishaps and slapstick - a show not to be missed!

The Raunds Temperance Brass Band Annual Christmas Concert

St Mary's Church, High St, Little Addington NN14 4BD
Doors open 6.45pm for 7.30pm start, adults still only £7.50
children £3
Please phone to reserve tickets
Free mince pies and mulled wine or squash served during the interval. Enjoy a lovely seasonal event for everyone. (Disabled toilet available.)

Christmas Fayre

St James Church, Thrapston
10am-2pm, free entry
Lindsey 01832 730019
Pop-up Nativity Photo Booth, gift stalls, crafts to make. Local stalls, live entertainment, refreshments.

10th and 11th December

Christmas Tree Festival at Islip Church
One weekend only!
10am-4.30pm and 11th 12.30pm-4.30pm.
Everyone welcome to this great weekend. Homemade refreshments and Christmas gift stall.

Santa Specials

Rushden Station, Station Approach, Rushden, Northants NN10 0AW
Train times: 11.00; 11.45; 12.30; 13.15; 14.00; 14.45; 15.30 Fares apply.
Pre-booking essential (www.rhts.co.uk/events to book)
A ride on a steam train. Soft drink

and biscuit for children, mince pie and sherry or mulled wine for adults and of course children will meet the man himself!

Sunday 11th December

Ringstead Shared Church
10.30am Morning Service and 6pm Communion Service, both with Revd Robert Shehane.
Younger children's group in the morning. Come and share in worship, we'd love to see you.

Morning Service with Communion

Thrapston Baptist Church
10.30am
Preacher: Mat Hussain
The Miracle of the Method (Romans 11).

Whitefriars Church Silver Service

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

Whitefriars Café Church

Whitefriars Junior School, Boughton Drive, Rushden NN10 9HX
10.15am
Simon King 01933 356871
A chance to eat, chat, read, reflect, create, listen and explore the Bible together.

Whitefriars Church, Rushden, Countryside Walk – 'Exploring the Embankment'

The car park at Wellingborough Embankment Splash Park (NN8 1LD)
10.30am
Andrew Presland 01933 316927
A walk near the River Nene at Wellingborough, including the grounds of Chester House.

Choral, Symphony and Chamber Orchestra Concert

Great Hall
5pm, tickets required – free of charge
With strong Russian twists of potency in the eclectic mix, there's surely something here for everyone!

Monday 12th December

Birds & Daisies in Acrylics
Ringstead Village Social Club
10am-2pm, £18 booking essential
01933 460676
A delightful composition of Birds & Daisies using easy acrylics, no drawing skills required.

Higham Ferrers WI Meeting

The Adult School, Westfield Terrace, Higham Ferrers
Olga Earl 01933 412848.
After the day's business we will be having our Christmas party. All members are welcome.

Tuesday 13th December

Oundle Probus Club Joint Annual Service of Carols & Readings
St Peter's Church, Oundle
10.30am
01832 272752
Everyone is welcome!

Winter Wonderland in Acrylics

Ringstead Village Social Club
10am-1.30pm, £17 booking essential
01933 460676
An easy painting for beginners, no drawing skills required, use of all painting materials included.

Rubies in the Snow

The Stahl
7.45pm

£12 Adults, £10 Concessions
The Ruby Dolls present Rubies in the Snow, a highly entertaining and gently subversive Christmas cabaret.

Wednesday 14th December

Distant Mountains using Acrylics
Ringstead Village Social Club
10am-1.30pm, £17 booking essential
01933 460676
An easy acrylic painting for complete beginners no draw skills required.

Community Carols

Two Acre, off Milton Road, Oundle 3pm, all welcome, free of charge.
To book please contact the CA Office on 01832 277267
An afternoon of Christmas festivities with refreshments for the Oundle community.

Into Christmas

Oundle School's Great Hall
7.45pm, £5 from the Stahl Box Office. Proceeds to a School Charity. An afternoon of Christmas festivities with refreshments for the Oundle community.

Thursday 15th December

RSPB Mid-Nene Local Group Indoor Meeting
Saxon Hall, Raunds
7.30pm
Penny 01933 350404
Meeting is open to everyone. AGM plus Members' Slides.

Oundle Cinema: Florence Foster Jenkins (PG)

Stahl Theatre, West Street Oundle Peterborough PE8 4EJ
7.45pm, £5/£3 under 18s
Oundle Festival, 4 West Street, Oundle, PE8 4ED
01832 274734
www.oundlefestival.org.uk, information@oundlefestival.org.uk
True story of a notoriously talentless singer in early 20th-century Manhattan.

Winter Mountains in Watercolours

Ringstead Village Social Club
10am-1.30pm, £17 booking essential
01933 460676
Your last chance to paint with Chris, class cost includes mince pies and other Xmas goodies.

Tiddlers Group for 0-3 year olds

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

Friday 16th December

Fusion for 7-11 year olds
Thrapston Baptist Church
6.30pm-8pm, £1 per child
Lively and fun group with games, songs and bible based illustrations.

Woven Chords Christmas Concert

Stamford Arts Centre
8pm, £10/£8 concessions
01780 763203
www.stamfordartscentre.com
Join Stamford Arts Centre's resident a cappella choir for an evening of songs from around the world with a sprinkling of festive magic!

Rushden & District History Society

South End Junior School, Wymington Road, Rushden NN10 9JU
7.30pm, members £1.50, non-members £2.50
01933 350038 for more information



Kevin Varty: 'Sweet memories – but don't get me started on Wagon Wheels!'

Thrapston & District U3A Christmas Special Event

The Plaza, Cosy Nook, Thrapston NN14 4JJ
10am-12.30pm
Ann Carter 07542775603
An invitation to join us for our Christmas event of entertainment and fun, as well as an opportunity to find out more about U3A. Visitors are always welcome.

Saturday 17th December

Treasure Island
Stanwick Lakes
11.30am-12.30 & 1.30pm-2.30pm,
child: £4, adult: £5, family (2+2): £15, tickets available at Stanwick Lakes reception
Traditional family pantomime from Broken Pipe Productions. Full of laughs, mishaps and slapstick – a show not to be missed!

The Swivel Club presents a live tribute: 'Typically Tina Turner' with supporting disco

Rushden Bowls Club, Northampton Road NN10 6AN
8pm til late, tickets £15 are available at www.swivelclub.org.uk or 07738080470 or Bowls Club 01933 312680.
Tickets selling fast for 60s band The Searchers live on Tuesday 27th December, tickets £20.

Breakfast with Santa

Rushden Station, Station Approach, Rushden, Northants NN10 0AW
Pre-booking essential (www.rhts.co.uk/events to book)
One-hour sittings (10am-11.30am) Fares apply.
Children will enjoy breakfast with Santa and his elves on our Gresley Buffet car.

Sunday 18th December

Talk by Professor Carenza Lewis: 'Plague Pits – New Evidence for the impact of the Black Death'
Bede House, St Mary's Churchyard, Higham Ferrers
2pm-4pm, HiFARS members £3, visitors £4
Call 07904 014750 to book tickets
Carenza Lewis (formerly of Time Team) will talk about her programme of excavations to reveal the impact of the Black Death in eastern England.

Ringstead Shared Church – Family Carol Service

10.30am
www.ringsteadsharedchurch.org.uk
Get ready for Christmas with us.

Higham Ferrers Footpath Group

Saffron Road car park, Higham Ferrers
9.40am, free admission

01536 483687
5.75 mile walk from Rushden.

Family Carol Service

Thrapston Baptist Church
10.30am
Preacher: Mat Hussain
The Miracle of the Manger

Carols by Candlelight

Thrapston Baptist Church
6pm
Preacher: Mat Hussain

A Christmas Wassail – with A Different Direction Choir, Raunds Ukelele Orchestra and The Seagrave Singers

Manor School, Mountbatten Way, Raunds NN9 6PA
2.30pm, adults £7, child under 11 £3
Pippa 01536 391778 (Ticketsource.co.uk/a-different-direction-choir)
Sue Peel and Chris Gammon present songs for the festive season... and more!

By Appointment

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Marilyn 07936015965

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Free
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Half-Term

All-age Touch Typing Club
9.30am-10.30am Mon-Fri
Diane Gifford 07432 123 438
Learn or Refresh your skill £15 course intro with coffee.

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

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
Mon 3.55pm-6.10pm, Fri
3.55pm-6.10pm, Sat 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 refreshments/raffle
01832 272178

Oundle & District Royal British Legion Meeting

The Talbot Hotel, Oundle
7pm
Les Starks 01832 270073

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 £17
Jake Baker 07525 441267

2nd & 4th Mondays of the month

StitChat
No 1 St Osyth's Lane, Oundle
1.30pm-3.30pm
01832 770010/
office@oundlebaptist.org.uk

Monday once a month

Woodturning Club
Hardwick Village, Near
Wellingborough NN9 5AL
7pm-10pm
Paul Lawman 01933 674260

Every Monday & Thursday

Oundle Bridge Club
Fletton House, Fletton Way,
Oundle PE8 4JA
7pm start
01832 273044

Every Tuesday

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

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

Sling Walk

11am
01933 410112
First Tuesday of the month there
will be Sling Library at 10am prior
to the walk. Second Tuesday meet
at Rushden CC Hayway instead of
Higham Ferrers.

Rushden Mission Training Band

Mission Church, Wellingborough
Road, Rushden
7.30pm-8.45pm
Alan Richardson 01933 355302

Short Mat Bowls

Saxon Hall, Raunds
1.45pm-4pm, £3
01933 624545

Yoga Class

Whitefriars Infant School,
Boughton Drive, Rushden
7.15pm-8.15pm, £5 per session
Carole 07873743256/
carole.wyatt@virginmedia.com

Every Tuesday (term time)

Toddlers' Drop In
No 1 St Osyth's Lane, Oundle
9.15am-11.30am, free
office@oundlebaptist.org.uk or
01832 770010

Tuesday Toddlers

No 1 St Osyth's Lane,
Oundle PE8 4BG
9.15am, free
Judith Brashaw 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 minimum. 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.fiftyplus
northants adventureclub.org.uk

Every Tuesday & Thursday

Health Walks Stanwick Lakes
10am-11am, free, car park charges
01933 625522
www.stanwicklakes.org.uk

Short Mat Bowls

Saxon Hall, Raunds
1.45pm-4pm, £3
01933 624545

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

Short Mat Bowls
Islip Village Hall
2pm-4pm, £3

Tai Chi

Chelveston Village Hall
2pm-3pm, £5
Tai Chi for health, fitness and self
defence. All ages (over 18)
welcome.

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 Heme 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@antierlanguages.co.uk

French Tuition

The Old Town Hall,
Market Place, Oundle
From 6pm, £25 per week
01832 776336/
info@antierlanguages.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 and entertainment
for 60+ 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, 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

NWR - linking lively minded women

Dovedale, 1 Heme Park,
East Road, Oundle
7.30pm-7.45pm
Carol 01832 270061 for more info.

3rd Wednesday of the month

Wellingborough Flower Arrangement Society
St Mary's Church Hall, Knox Road,
Wellingborough NN8 1HU
7.30pm, £5
Chairman 01933 222326/
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
8-10pm, first visit free, £2 thereafter
Val 01933 387327

The Silver Fox Woodturning Club

Dale End Scout Headquarters,
Croyland Rd, Wellingborough

10am-1pm, £2 all members
Secretary Mick Webb 01933
682517.

Move to Health

No 1 St Osyth's Lane, Oundle
2.15pm-3pm
office@oundlebaptist.org.uk/
01832 770010

Thursday Drop-In

No 1 St Osyth's Lane, Oundle
10am-2pm
office@oundlebaptist.org.uk/
01832 770010

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
9.15-9.45am, 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@groundwotrk.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
01933 625522/
www.stanwicklakes.org.uk

Oundle Evergreen Club

2.30pm in the Victoria Hall for tea
and cakes plus entertainment. Just
turn up or ring 01832 273826 or
272340 for further details.

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

Former Carers Group

No 1 St Osyth's Lane,
Oundle PE8 4BG
2pm-3.30pm, free
01832 770010 or office@
oundlebaptist.org.uk

3rd Friday of the month (Checking before travelling)

Stanwick Stitches
Stanwick Lakes
10.30am, free, car park charges.
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



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PUBLIC NOTICES

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14

THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (CHURCH STREET, WOODFORD)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council intend, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of Church Street, Woodford as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Church Street, Woodford from Bakers Lane to Club Lane.

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 10th January 2017 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 for up to four days.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Bakers Lane, Whittlesea Terrace and Club Lane.

Dated this 3rd day of December 2016
 QUENTIN BAKER
 Director of Law & Governance
 PKG/T16/524

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 (PUBLIC FOOTPATH UE18 (PART) - PARISH OF IRTHLINGBOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council intend, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order the effect of which is to prohibit all pedestrians from proceeding along that length of Public Footpath UE18 in the Parish of Irthlingborough as specified below. Private access to land or premises adjacent to the said length of footpath is unaffected.

RIGHT OF WAY TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: The existing route to be closed begins at National Grid Reference ('NGR') SP9463 7036. The route travels generally south west for approximately 45 metres to point B at NGR SP9459 7033. The route is shown by a solid black line between points A - B.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for sewer replacement works.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The Order will come into effect on 3rd January 2017 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 this 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 ROUTES: The alternative route starts at point A at NGR SP9463 7036. The route travels generally north along Meadow Vale and along part of UE18 and into The Close for approximately 149 metres to point C at NGR SP9462 7048. The route then heads generally south west along UE18 for approximately 120 metres to point D at NGR SP9452 7042. The route then heads south east then south west along the highway footway of Park Road for approximately 142 metres to point E at NGR SP9449 7029. The route then travels south east along UE17 for approximately 54 metres to point F at NGR SP9454 7026. The route then travels north east along the highway footway of Crouch Road and Meadowvale for approximately 94 metres to point B at NGR SP9459 7033. The alternative route is shown by a broken black line between points A - C - D - E - F - B.

Dated this 3rd day of December 2016
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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14

THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (GRETTON ROAD, HARRINGWORTH)
(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 Gretton Road, Haringworth as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Gretton Road, Haringworth from Netherfield Farm to parish boundary.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during repairs to bridge structure.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 14th December 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 for one day.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Deene Road, Haringworth Road, Kirby Lane, Gretton Road, Corby Road, High Street and Haringworth Road.

Dated this 3rd day of December 2016
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 PKG/T16/516

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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14

THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (THE SYKE & HALL HILL, 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 those lengths of The Syke and Hall Hill, Brigstock as specified in the Schedule below.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during upgrading of telegraph poles and conductors.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 6th December 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 roads will be restricted for three days.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Stable Hill and Church Street.

Dated this 3rd day of December 2016
 QUENTIN BAKER
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 PKG/T16/339

If you require any further information please contact Gary Thorp on 01604 883400.

SCHEDULE

The Syke - full length of The Syke from Stable Hill to Church Street.
 Hall Hill - full length of Hall Hill from The Syke to Church Street.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14

THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (FREEMANS LANE, DENFORD)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council intend, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of Freemans Lane, Denford as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Freemans Lane, Denford from High Street to Chapel Lane.

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 16th January 2017 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 for up to four days.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use High Street, Pegs Lane and Chapel Lane.

Dated this 3rd day of December 2016
 QUENTIN BAKER
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 PKG/T16/525

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East Northamptonshire Council

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

SUBMISSION OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE PARISH OF RAUNDS (THE "RAUNDS NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN 2011-2031"): CONSULTATION UNDER REGULATION 16 OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 2012

Notice is given that on 11 November 2016 Raunds Parish Council submitted a draft neighbourhood development plan (the "Raunds Neighbourhood Plan 2011-2031") to East Northamptonshire Council, under Regulation 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended).

The 'plan proposal'
 In accordance with Regulation 16, East Northamptonshire Council is now consulting upon the draft Raunds Neighbourhood Plan. Comments are invited, regarding whether the 'plan proposal', as submitted under Regulation 15 (the draft Neighbourhood Plan and supporting documentation) fulfils the "basic conditions", as required by paragraph 8 (1) (a) (2) of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (inserted by the Localism Act 2011). The plan proposal, as submitted, comprises the following documents:

- A map identifying the area to which the proposed neighbourhood development plan relates;
- A consultation statement;
- The proposed neighbourhood development plan;
- A statement (the "Basic Conditions Statement") explaining how the proposed neighbourhood development plan meets the requirements of paragraph 8 of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

The "basic conditions"
 Representations received under Regulation 16 regarding the plan proposal will be forwarded to an appointed examiner, who will assess the Raunds Neighbourhood Plan and supporting documents against five "basic conditions". These require that the plan:

- Has regard to national policy and guidance from the Secretary of State;
- Contributes to sustainable development;
- Is in general conformity with the strategic policy of the development plan for the area or any part of that area;
- Doesn't breach or is otherwise compatible with EU obligations - this includes the SEA Directive of 2001/42/EC; and that
- The making of the Neighbourhood Development Plan is not likely to have a significant effect on a European site (as defined in the Conservation of Habitats and Species regulations 2010(d), either alone or in combination with other plans or projects.

Submitting representations under Regulation 16
 Comments are sought as to whether or not the plan proposal (Raunds Neighbourhood Development Plan and supporting documentation) fulfils the "basic conditions." Further information can be found on the Council's website under the consultation pages: www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/ consultation

Copies of the plan proposal will be available to view at the following locations, between **Friday, 2 December** and **Monday, 30 January 2017** inclusive:

- Customer Service Centre, Cedar Drive, Thrapston, NN14 4LZ (8:45am-5pm, Monday to Friday)
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Comments should be made, in writing, to: Planning Policy and Conservation, East Northamptonshire Council, Cedar Drive, Thrapston, Kettering: NN14 4LZ; or by email to planningpolicy@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk no later than **4pm on Monday, 30 January 2017**.

Paul Bland
 Head of Planning Services
 East Northamptonshire Council

Chess Corner



Alan takes on RCC Junior players

Alan Lewis farewell Simul

It is with some sadness that I have to report the end of an era. The reason is that a long standing member of the Club is leaving the area and will no longer be available to play for us. I refer to Alan Lewis, who joined the Club just after it was formed in 1977; Alan competed in the Silver King League that year and has represented the Club every year since, and this is his 40th season in the League. Alan told me that he still has a record of his results from 1977 when he played nine games and managed to draw five of them. His early success set the pattern for the future, and Alan is reputed to be something of a Drawmeister.

In accordance with Club tradition Alan played a farewell simul against Junior and Senior players from Rushden Chess Club (RCC). Simul is short for a simultaneous display in which a challenger plays a number of games simultaneously against different opponents. He managed to play 26 games in total with 15 wins and just five draws. In recognition of his long service, Alan was presented with a silver salver on behalf of the Club by Honorary President, Peter Hann.

Northants SKL Division I Match

Rushden A entertained the steelmen from Corby in their first encounter of the season. Rushden were looking for their first win having thus far drawn two and lost two. As it turned out they were more than satisfied with their performance and achieved a clean sweep with victories on all boards. This was a fitting final match for Alan Lewis who for once was happy not to settle for a draw!



By Derrick Sims

Monday 14th November

Rushden A 5-0 Corby

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