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Trio jailed for 30 years for drug deals worth millions

Three men have been jailed for nearly 30 years combined after a street deal in Northamptonshire exposed an organised Class A supply chain.

In November 2014 three local men were arrested by Northamptonshire Police after a quantity of cocaine was seized by police on a Rushden street.

The men were 44-year-old Steven

Ellis, Shaun Davies, aged 43 and Jack Gentle, aged 25.

Further enquiries by the East Midlands Special Operations Unit (EMSOU) revealed two further transactions between the group over

a four-day period totalling up to half a kilogram of cocaine, worth £14,640.

Even more significantly, what also emerged was Ellis' involvement in a supply chain dating back to 2012 involving more than 60kg of cocaine supply with other sub-dealers. At street level purity the cocaine would have been worth over £3million.

During the investigation, officers attempted to stop Gentle while he drove his Audi along John Street, Rushden. During the attempt, Gentle fled from the car and was stopped at a nearby toilet block where he was attempting to dispose of the car keys down the toilet. A search of his car revealed 122.51g of cocaine.

A subsequent search of his house revealed scales and a further 5.59g of cocaine. Also seized from the house were 1195g of drying cannabis and growing plants.

Davis was later arrested and found to be in possession of £1,052 cash. When Ellis was arrested, officers seized £1,090 from him, and later discovered £2,450 at his home.

At Northampton Crown Court on

Friday 20th January 2017 all three were jailed as follows: Steven John Ellis, of Mill Road in Bozeat, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to supply Class A drugs and being concerned in the supply of Class A drugs. He was sentenced to nine years and four months for the first count and 13 years and four months for the second, to run concurrently. He was also sentenced to eight months for a POCA offence.

Shaun Eugene Davis, of Woodpecker Drive in Billing Aquadrome, admitted being concerned in the conspiracy to supply of Class A drugs. He received eight years and four months. He was also sentenced to three months to be served consecutively, for failing to disclose his phone PIN, which is an offence under the RIPA Act.

Jack Andrew Gentle, of Crabb Street in Rushden, also admitted his part in the conspiracy to supply Class A drugs, along with the production and supply of cannabis after a grow was discovered at his home. He was imprisoned for four years and seven months.

In Brief

Rick's challenge

Rick Shortle has signed up to contest the FF1600 Champion of Brands series, the Walter Hayes Trophy meeting, Silverstone and selected races at Donington.

Rick, now in his sixties, has made a comeback to raise funds for his friend Noel Wilson, who was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis five years ago.

To read all about his story and see how you can help, just visit the link.

<http://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/rick-shortle-racing-for-noel-motor-sport-ms/>

New homes soon to be available

Grand Union Housing Group (GUHG) is set to deliver the first new homes for Rockingham Forest Housing (RFH) since they joined the Group in November.

RFH will manage the schemes when they are completed towards the end of February. Cherry Street, Ringstead is made up of four two-bedroom maisonettes, while the site at Church End Road, Braybrooke is made up of four three-bedroom homes. All are available for Shared Ownership.



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Genealogy jottings

When I was working full time, I used to drive over 20,000 miles a year – plus travelling by train to London, Glasgow and Cardiff for meetings. I have never (until recently) lived and worked in the same town. However, most of our ancestors always lived and worked in the same town or village. Hardly any had the luxury of cars once they had been invented – or even a horse and cart. Shanks' pony was the order of the day!

Have you ever looked into where your folk lived and worked? If they were miners, for instance, where was the nearest mine in relation to where they were living in the censuses? It was not uncommon for a man to walk six miles to work, do a day's hard labour and then walk the six miles home again. Every day of the week except Sundays. Once the railways had been built, travelling from the countryside into the towns and cities was certainly easier, but not everyone wanted to do that. Maybe your ancestors worked the land and lived in tied cottages – without the

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job, they would have no home.

I see a lot of children walking to and from school each day, which is nothing new. Back along, schoolchildren were always expected to walk to and from their place of study – no large cars to bring them to the village school! My grandmother and her siblings used to walk on their own – from the age of 3 or 4, no less! – from their cottage into the nearest village, four miles away and think nothing of it. I know – roads were quieter then, not as much traffic, and we live a much faster pace of life these days. However, take a peek at old maps and see where your ancestors lived in relation to work, schools – or even the nearest public house! You may well be surprised.

Thrapston Plaza Opera – Tchaikovsky's Eugene Onégin

Thrapston Plaza Opera, founded by local musician Vincent Davy in 2010 is now just entering its seventh season. The aim of the group has always been to offer local singers the opportunity to perform fully staged 'grand opera' with trained soloists taking principal roles, accompanied by an orchestra and presented in The Thrapston Plaza at an affordable ticket price.

Over the years, audiences and professional critics alike have been amazed at what has been achieved, both in the range of works chosen and the high standard of performance achieved. Starting with Carmen in February 2011, annual productions have included The Bartered Bride, Aida and Die Fledermaus. Occasional summer concerts have seen Joseph, a French Musical Cabaret Evening and Purcell's Dido and Aeneas presented as semi-staged works.

Thrapston Plaza Opera normally has

about 30 performing members for each main production, including auditioned principals who sometimes come from as far afield as Birmingham and Cambridge. Even rank and file chorus members come not just from Thrapston but other towns and villages within a 20-mile radius.

This season, the chosen work, Tchaikovsky's masterpiece Eugene Onégin, will receive four performances from 15th – 18th February 2017. This dazzling work with many well-known dance themes is based on Pushkin's novel and tells an intriguing tale of love and betrayal.

For full details contact vincedavy@hotmail.com or tel 01832 733586. Also visit the website: thrapstonplazaopera.vpweb.co.uk. Tickets also now available through Oundle Box Office, 01832 274734 www.oundleboxoffice.com

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Editor's notes

East Northants Council's work on the Local Plan, which is mentioned elsewhere in this edition, is particularly important for all of us living in the District. It will give the Council the chance to review the way local development goes ahead up to 2031 and, among other things, the outcome will have a major influence on the development of Neighbourhood Plans, of which there are 15 being developed across the District. We aim to keep you up to date with progress but if you need to get in touch with the Local Plan team at ENC their contact details are in the article.

Another ENC related story in this edition covers the further funding of the Community Law Service Debt Advice service based in Rushden but offering free support to those with financial problems across the District. Doubtless, many readers will feel

that this is an odd thing for ENC to be spending our money on but early support for those with financial problems can save public money in the longer-term because other forms of support, or even court proceedings, won't be needed. Perhaps we should be grateful that we don't have to make the decisions about where the funding goes.

There was consternation in Oundle last Thursday morning as residents woke to find that their gas supply had been cut off. National Grid were onto the problem quickly, albeit there were initial mixed messages about whether householders should turn off the gas at the mains themselves or wait for an engineer to attend. The town was soon flooded with National Grid staff and the problem was identified as a fault in equipment regulating the local flow of gas. Once the problem

had been fixed, engineers visited homes to ensure that the gas supply was flowing safely; generally, this happened on Saturday but not surprisingly there were a few problems gaining access to empty properties. There follows the question of compensation for the loss of supply; Citizens Advice state that, if your gas is cut off for more than 24 hours, £30 per day can be claimed from the company responsible for the gas pipes connecting to your home but you must claim within one month. However, National Grid have posted on their specially established webpage that they will be writing to everyone explaining how compensation will be paid. Perhaps those affected should give the company a couple of weeks to get their house in order before pursuing their own claims ahead of the one month deadline.



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Spaghetti Mayhem Challenge – Saturday 11th February at 10am to 12 noon – Opportunity for primary school kids and parents to compete in crazy challenges, e.g. egg parachutes and spaghetti towers and more.

All Events are held at Park Road Baptist Church, Park Road, Rushden, Northamptonshire, NN10 0LH
For further information contact: Patrick Barker on 07821719736 or email Patrick@parkroadbaptist.co.uk

Want to get thin quick?

January – every year it's the same. We feast our way through the festive season and then we make our New Year's resolution to lose weight or get fit. And we embark on some 'miracle' diet or join a gym because it has a great January offer.

Statistics show that a whopping 92% of New Year's resolutions fail! Why? Because the more you focus on something you can't have, the less inclined you are to do it.

On top of that, many diets don't work! Local nutritionist and personal trainer Louise Mercieca says that drastic weight loss is often not actually fat loss.



So, how do you get it right?

1. Check diet food ingredients: many are not healthy foods. Often they are full of sugar, sweeteners and artificial ingredients.
2. Moving more doesn't mean joining a gym, just get up and move around! Stand up, roll your shoulders, shake your arms – every little bit helps.
3. Understand food: the more you learn about food the more you will understand how to lose weight in a healthy, manageable and sustainable way.
4. Eat clean: processed foods are often full of sugars and salt. Both cause weight gain and a host of other health concerns.
5. Stay hydrated: if you are dehydrated you will NOT metabolise fat as effectively.
6. Don't stand on the scales too often: check how your clothes fit instead.
7. Lift weights: even lifting gentle weights is good. Muscle tissue uses more calories than fat tissue so toning muscle is more effective than cardio for fat loss and lean gain.

8. See a professional for advice: if you get stuck join a group, get a Body Composition Analysis or see a personal trainer. You don't have to do it alone.
Top Tip: make sure you get enough sleep.

Losing weight or getting to the gym is always harder if you're over-tired.
Here's to a happy, healthy start to the year!

Claire

Claire Short is a Registered Osteopath, and runs The Ashgrove Clinic in Higham Ferrers. Send your questions to claire@ashgrovehealth.co.uk or Tweet to @AshgroveClinic

Oundle G&S Players presents H.M.S Pinafore

A popular operetta H.M.S. Pinafore has delighted audiences with a tale of star-crossed lovers. Gentlemanly Captain Corcoran of the good ship Pinafore has a daughter, Josephine, who's in love with a lowly but gallant sailor, Ralph Rackstraw. The Captain

forbids any marriage, wanting to match Josephine with the well-bred Sir Joseph Porter, First Lord of the Admiralty. But, the Captain's former nanny, Little Buttercup, falls in love with him and he hesitates to reciprocate due to his higher social rank. The situation is

turned on its head when Buttercup reveals a game-changing secret she has kept for decades. A rollicking farce with endearing characters, memorable tunes, and a hilariously happy ending, H.M.S Pinafore is a classic, time-tested delight not to be missed.

This production will be set in the 1920s and will run from 27th February to 4th March 2017 at the Queen Victoria Hall, West Street, Oundle. For more information please visit the website www.oundlegands.org. For tickets please phone 01832-272253 or email ticketsales@oundlegands.org

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East Northamptonshire Local Plan: the relaunch

Last April, East Northamptonshire Council (ENC) agreed to prepare part 2 of the statutory Local Plan (development plan) for the district. This Local Plan will cover the period to 2031 (i.e. the next 15 years) and consists of two main parts:

- **Strategic policies (part 1)** – the North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy (JCS) 2011-2031, adopted July 2016; and
- **Site specific policies (part 2)** – the East Northamptonshire Local Plan part 2.

The Local Plan part 2

The first stage in launching the Local Plan part 2 requires the Council to undertake a formal statutory consultation under Regulation 18 of the 2012 Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations (the 'Regulation 18' consultation).

This initial consultation represents the 'scoping' stage for the Plan preparation process, where the Council is seeking views of key stakeholders as to what the Plan ought to cover; e.g. potential site specific proposals for inclusion within the Local Plan part 2.

Much of what will be contained within the

Local Plan part 2 is already specified in the JCS. In practice therefore, the Regulation 18 consultation is to give greater direction to planning policies. Significant background work (e.g. evidence gathering) has already been undertaken; this is an ongoing process.

What should the new Local Plan part 2 cover?

The Local Plan part 2 will provide detailed site specific proposals and development management policies; where these are necessary to support the strategic policies set out in the Local Plan part 1 (the JCS). It will define:

- Site-specific vision and outcomes for the district;
- Local spatial development strategies – especially in respect of the rural area;
- Development management policies – if further detail is deemed necessary, over and above JCS (Local Plan part 1) policies;
- Environmental designations, e.g. green infrastructure projects and proposals;
- Site allocations for housing and community facilities, e.g. non-strategic housing sites, detailed proposals in

respect of strategic development sites; and

- Economic site allocations, e.g. safeguarded employment areas, town centres.

It should be noted that the new Local Plan part 2 will enable the current set of adopted site specific Local Plan policies to be comprehensively updated. In this way, the Council will be able to get a complete Local Plan for the whole of the district into place, to cover the next 15 years.

The 'call for sites'

The Regulation 18 consultation is being accompanied by a 'call for sites'. ENC is already aware of a large number of potential development sites across the district. However, the call for sites will support the emerging Local Plan part 2, through enabling the Council to:

- Update any existing information about those sites that are already known about; e.g. contact details; and

- Identify any further (new) site allocations that the Local Plan part 2 could consider.

The call for sites will run in parallel with the wider Regulation 18 consultation. However, the call for sites should be seen as an ongoing process. Sites may be put forward at any time using the Council's online site submission form: 'Propose a site for a development plan'.

How do I find out more?

Full details regarding the Regulation 18 consultation are set out in the statutory notice. Please note that representations will need to be received by **4.30pm on Monday 13th March 2017**.

Further information regarding the new Local Plan part 2 is available through ENC's Planning Policy and Conservation team: Tel: 01832 742010, Email: planningpolicy@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk

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Council makes time to improve services

Committed to improving services, East Northamptonshire Council's (ENC) opening times will change to make time for staff training, starting 1st February 2017.

ENC will pilot opening one hour later, at 9.45am on Wednesday mornings, at the Thrapston and Rushden offices, to enable staff to undertake essential training.

Head of Customer and Community Services, Julia Smith, said: "This council has undergone changes in recent years to ensure we provide services as efficiently and effectively as possible.

"The time made available in this additional hour will help us to enhance, improve and progress our services, through

making time for training, development and coaching of our employees.

"This small change in opening hours will enable us to not only support staff, but develop and improve service to our customers too."

ENC consulted customers over a two-week period via a survey, and 99.5% of responses stated that the late opening would not cause problems for them in terms of accessing council services, particularly as many services are available online at www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/doitonline

The office opening times will be reviewed after six months to evaluate the impact on both ENC staff and customers.

300 years of Freemasonry (almost 100 in Oundle!)

June 2017 marks the 300th anniversary of the first meeting of the Grand Lodge of London and Westminster; the first Grand Lodge in the world.

In Oundle there's been a Lodge for almost 100 years, St Wilfrid formed in 1922. St Wilfrid is one of 90+ lodges in Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire.

Freemasonry is the oldest and largest of the secular (non-religious) fraternal societies. Freemasons give time, skills and money freely, quietly helping local, national and international charities. Freemasonry is a tolerant, diverse fraternity not discriminating against members, or prospective members, because of their religion, race or nationality.

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There are myths, rumours and misconceptions about freemasonry. If you wish to know more about Freemasonry and its relevance to modern life, view a Lodge set out, come to St Wilfrid's open day Saturday 11th February 2017 at the Westgate Suite, Talbot Hotel, Oundle 10am until 2pm.

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Notice of planning applications received

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

Ashton

17/00006/LBC (18/02/2017) (LBRegs) Proposed internal alterations to create WC utility room, larger lounge and additional kitchen units at Firtree Cottage 11 The Green Ashton PE8 5LD

17/00096/FUL (18/02/2017) (LB/CA) Addition of rear dormer at Chapel Manor The Green Ashton PE8 5LD

Brigstock

17/00034/FUL (11/02/2017) (Info) Removal of 11m high monopole and installation of a replacement 12.5m high monopole with 3no. antenna, 1no. relocated dish, retention of 1no. equipment cabinet and installation of 2no. new equipment cabinets at Telecommunication Station Old Dry Lane Brigstock

Collyweston

17/00083/FUL (11/02/2017) (Info) Proposed Extension and Alterations to Dwelling at 33 Main Road Collyweston PE9 3PF

Cotterstock

17/00052/LBC (18/02/2017) (LBRegs) Internal alterations including fitting out new kitchen, bathroom and shower room. Installation of new heating system with underfloor heating at The Old Vicarage Main Street Cotterstock PE8 5HD

Easton-on-the-Hill

17/00072/FUL (18/02/2017) (LB/CA) Part of existing barns to be converted to form new dwelling at 25 High Street Easton On The Hill PE9 3LN

Great Addington

16/02466/FUL (11/02/2017) (Info) Demolition of the existing bus depot and erection of detached dwelling with associated parking and amenity space. Conversion and extension of the existing barn to a dwelling at Rectory Farm Cranford Road Great Addington NN14 4BQ

Hargrave

16/02234/LBC (18/02/2017) (LBRegs) Creation of new bathroom and ensuite refurbishment at Churchlands Church Street Hargrave NN9 6BW

Hemington

17/00031/FUL (11/02/2017) (Info) Two storey side extension. New chimney to East elevation. Alterations to roof. 2no bay windows to North and West elevations. Alterations to and replacement of fenestration and associated work at The Mathom House Main Street Hemington PE8 5QJ

Higham Ferrers

16/02220/FUL (11/02/2017) (Info) Erection of a storage building including toilets and changing facility at Recreation Ground Vine Hill Drive Higham Ferrers NN10 8EF

Irthlingborough

16/02285/FUL (18/02/2017) (LB/CA) Proposed residential development of 9 dwellings adjacent to St Peters Way at Car Park Rear of High Street St Peters Way Irthlingborough NN9 5SD

16/02465/REM (11/02/2017) (Info) Reserved matters: appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for four dwellings pursuant to outline permission 15/01558/OUT dated 18.8.15 Outline: Erection of up to four dwellings (all matters reserved except access) at land rear of Town Band Club Windmill Road Irthlingborough

17/00036/FUL (11/02/2017) (Info) Erection of detached annexe to rear of existing garage at 6 Diamond Drive Irthlingborough NN9 5PT

17/00066/FUL (11/02/2017) (Info) Garage conversion and first floor extension over existing garage at 20 Wyckley Close Irthlingborough NN9 5GE

Islip

17/00070/FUL (11/02/2017) (Info) Proposed side and rear single storey extension to existing dwelling incorporating existing flat roof extension, with proposed single Garage to side with new roof providing canopy over existing front door at 73 Lowick Road Islip NN14 3JY

Nassington

17/00057/FUL (18/02/2017) (LB/CA) Addition of 3 no. roof lights in west elevation and a first floor window on the east elevation of the existing dwelling at 38A Church Street Nassington PE8 6QQ

Newton Bromswold

16/02421/LBC (18/02/2017) (LBRegs) To replace five windows to front of cottage and fit new roof light to rear of cottage at 10 Church Lane Newton Bromswold Rushden NN10 0SR

Oundle

16/02297/FUL (11/02/2017) (Info) External remodelling of the property to include: multiple extensions across three floors, alterations to the roof and provision of entrance stairway to front elevation: Installation of dormer windows, canopies and terrace to rear elevation. Site works to front and rear of property including new entrance gates, retaining walls and fencing to front and regrading and hard landscaping features to rear at 4 Riverside Close Oundle PE8 4DN

16/02455/LBC (18/02/2017) (LBRegs) Installation of window bars. Adjust existing ground floor WC to create disabled toilet. Alter rear window to create new disabled rear access doors. Reconfigure rear fire escape. Create parent and toddler room to rear with new first floor WC and baby change area at The Coffee Tavern 34 Market Place Oundle PE8 4BE

16/02470/FUL (11/02/2017) (Info) Site access road to provide temporary access for the construction of Athletics Track (Planning permission 16/01090/FUL) at Playing Field Pavilion Drive Oundle

17/00005/LBC (18/02/2017) (LBRegs) New hanging sign and window bars to first floor window front elevation

at The Coffee Tavern 34 Market Place Oundle PE8 4BE

17/00024/FUL (18/02/2017) (LB/CA) Reconfiguration to rear fire escape. Alter rear window to become rear fire escape doors and new safety bars to first floor sash windows at The Coffee Tavern 34 Market Place Oundle

17/00032/FUL (11/02/2017) (Info) Proposed roof replacement including dormer window and installation of first floor bedrooms, bathrooms and staircase at 1A Lime Avenue Oundle PE8 4PJ

17/00051/FUL (11/02/2017) (Info) Single storey rear extension at 1 Cotterstock Road Oundle PE8

Raunds

17/00046/FUL (11/02/2017) (Info) The reconfiguration of the site and drive thru lane to include side by side ordering, a new remote corral and associated works to the site and building, including the installation of extensions totalling 5sqm. Reconfiguration of fascia signage at McDonalds London Road Raunds

17/00047/ADV (11/02/2017) (Info) Reconfiguration of four existing illuminated fascia signs with the installation of one additional illuminated fascia sign at McDonalds London Road Raunds NN9 6EQ

17/00058/ADV (11/02/2017) (Info) Installation of 10 illuminated signs to accommodate the new drive thru layout. To comprise 9 freestanding signs and 1 side by side directional sign at McDonalds London Road Raunds

17/00100/FUL (11/02/2017) (Info) Extension to existing apartment block housing three additional one bed units at Rowena House Clare Street Raunds NN9 6PQ

Rushden

17/00025/FUL (18/02/2017) (Art8) Use of site remains a nature reserve. Enhancing nature reserve site with the addition of an education shelter and four wildlife discovery structures - otter holt, heronry, abandoned barge and spider sculpture at Nature Reserve Rushden Lakes Rushden

17/00086/FUL (11/02/2017) (Info) To extend the width of the existing dropped kerb from the road at 42 Bedford Road Rushden NN10 0NB

17/00101/ADV (18/02/2017) (LB/CA) Erection of: 1 no. Non illuminated fret cut letters and logo fascia signs, 2 no. Externally illuminated fret cut letters and logo fascia signs; 2 no. Internally illuminated projecting roundel signs; 1 no. Non illuminated vitreous enamelled branch nameplate sign at 75-79 High Street

Southwick

17/00004/FUL (18/02/2017) (LB/CA) New wall to rear of property enclosing rear lean to structure to become part of house at Corner House Main Street Southwick PE8 5BL

Thrapston

16/02467/FUL (11/02/2017) (Info) First floor rear extension to dwelling and internal alterations at 4 St Pauls Gardens Thrapston NN14 4FE

17/00098/FUL (11/02/2017) (Info) To convert garage to disabled access bedroom at 1 Forrester Grove Thrapston NN14 4UD

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 28 January 2017

Significant applications

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

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

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

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

Ise & Nene Valley Turners

Thirty-one members attended the AGM of the Ise & Nene Valley Turners held at the Counties Community Centre Kettering on 19th January.

Chairman Peter Bond spoke of the club's growth and development over the last year and that it now had its own modern woodturning equipment together with a state of the art audiovisual system. He expressed his thanks for the support the club had received from The National Lottery, Kettering Borough Council and the Association of Woodturners of Great Britain to make all this possible.

A full programme of well-known and respected demonstrators for

2017 is in place for the regular club nights on the 3rd Thursday of each month. Two full day events are booked, the first being Les Thorne on Saturday 20th May to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the AWGB.

The club also has until the end of this month an exhibition and sale of their work in The Alfred East Art Gallery in Kettering.

The club is always looking for new members, whether they are new or old hands at woodturning.

Further details about this friendly and welcoming club please contact Peter Bond 01933 741835 or peterjbond@btinternet.com

Watoto choir comes to Rushden

The story of Watoto is one of hope, transformation and empowerment. Since 1994, Watoto has enabled thousands of disadvantaged children and adults to regain control of their lives and to realise their potential.

Watoto Child Care Ministries has cared for more than 4,000 orphaned and vulnerable children since it was established in 1994, with over 3,000 currently receiving care. Some are former child soldiers and some were born to rebel leaders during the civil war.

Many of these children have

gone on to become lawyers, teachers, computer scientists, journalists, farmers and doctors. As a result of the care and education they have received, they are now impacting society in a positive way.

Watoto's Living Hope initiative provides crucial support to vulnerable women, helping them to stay alive and to care for their children. To date, dignity has been restored to more than 3,000 vulnerable women through Living Hope. These women have been empowered with literacy, business and practical skills. Their children – numbering more

than 15,000 boys and girls – now have a better chance in life.

A choir of orphaned children and teenagers from Uganda are coming to perform a free concert at Park Road Baptist Church, Rushden NN10 0LH on Friday 3rd February at 7.30pm, as part of their Signs and Wonders world tour. They will perform a high energy, worshipful song and dance set, interlaced with stories of hope for the future of Africa. The Watoto children's choir is internationally recognised, touring the globe, performing before presidents and kings.

East Northants Snooker League

The season has now resumed following the Christmas break. Many players took the opportunity to practice hard while there were no match fixtures.

Windmill Mecca have now won six consecutive matches, which sees them extend their lead to eight points clear at the top of the league. Windmill G, who had been sitting comfortably just behind Mecca for the past few weeks, have been equalled by Windmill Warriors who, thanks to two wins and a draw, now move up to joint 2nd place. Elsewhere in the table, the teams are starting to stretch out a little, having been quite bunched up for the first half of the season.

Ball Bashers move up to 4th place following two solid wins. Weapons, Windmill C and Islip WMC have dropped down the table due to some tough results. Windmill B still languish in bottom place, although they are starting to see some better results of late.

In the Player Stats, there has been some considerable movement. Some of this can be attributed to the handicap adjustments at the start of January, but moreover it is down to hard match-play snooker from certain players. Despite receiving

a handicap decrease for his winning dominance, Mecca Captain Darren Fenner has managed to win four out of four frames these past two weeks to cement his place at the top of the Player Statistics with an impressive 82% win rate. Richard Symons is close behind on 71% having found some great form this season, and fellow Mecca teammate Wayne Gardner is also playing exceptionally well with a 70% win rate.

It is turning out to be a record-season for the number of high breaks being knocked in. There have been 36 high breaks so far, seven of those coming in the last two weeks. Colin Hinds really found some magical form this week and managed to fire in a break of 63 to equal Matt Barcock's highest break. Well done also to the following players: Darren Fenner for his 52 break, Martyn Hatton and Michael Dicks both with 38, and Craig Back with 37 during his shock defeat of Matt Barcock.

Results for week 11:

Windmill G 2-4 Windmill Mecca
Windmill Warriors 4-2 Islip WMC
Windmill B 2-4 Coopers Ball Bashers
Coopers C 5-1 Windmill Weapons
Coopers A 4-2 Windmill C

If you are interested in joining the League, you can find us via Facebook – East Northants Snooker League. We would welcome more teams.

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

Position	Player Name	Team	High Breaks (30+)
1	Matt Barcock	Windmill Mecca	63, 40, 33, 31
2	Colin Hinds	Coopers C	63, 38, 36, 34, 33, 31, 30
3	Marc Brett	Windmill C	57, 40, 39
4	Darren Fenner	Windmill Mecca	52, 32, 31
5	Wayne Gardner	Windmill Mecca	49, 47, 42, 39
6	Jay Thomas	Windmill G	47, 38
7	James Docherty	Islip WMC	41
8	Michael Dicks	Windmill Warriors	38
9	Martyn Hatton	Coopers Ball Bashers	38
10	Craig Back	Windmill G	37, 33
11	Justin Gaggini	Coopers A	34, 33
12	Paul Lewis	Windmill Warriors	32, 31
13	Colin Buckley	Windmill Mecca	32
14	Richard Wright	Windmill Warriors	31
15	Allen Jupp	Windmill B	31
16	Ben Pacan	Windmill Weapons	30

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

Position	Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points
1	Windmill Mecca	11	8	2	1	45
2	Windmill G	11	4	4	3	37
3	Windmill Warriors	11	6	2	3	37
4	Coopers Ball Bashers	11	3	6	2	34
5	Windmill Weapons	11	3	4	4	32
6	Coopers A	11	5	1	5	32
7	Windmill C	11	2	6	3	31
8	Coopers C	11	3	3	5	31
9	Islip WMC	11	2	3	6	28
10	Windmill B	11	3	1	7	23

Player Statistics 2016/17 - Sponsored by Citrus Training Group, Wellingborough

Position	Player Name	H/cap	Team	Played	Won	Lost	% Won
1	James Rawlins	35	Windmill C	6	5	1	83%
2	Darren Fenner	14	Windmill Mecca	22	18	4	82%
3	Bob Darling	28	Windmill Weapons	4	3	1	75%
4	Richard Symons	35	Coopers Ball Bashers	14	10	4	71%
5	Wayne Gardner	0	Windmill Mecca	20	14	6	70%
6	Martyn Hatton	28	Coopers Ball Bashers	16	11	5	69%
7	Craig Back	14	Windmill G	22	15	7	68%
8	Colin Hinds	0	Coopers C	18	12	6	67%
9	Richard Wright	14	Windmill Warriors	20	13	7	65%
10	Jay Thomas	14	Windmill G	22	14	8	64%

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Nene Valley Business News

Welcome to my January 2017 business column and a Happy New Year to all our readers. This month I visited the car enthusiast's dream business, Centurian Automotive in Islip, purveyors of fine automobiles and I'm talking the biz!

On approaching the stone offices, workshop and stunning showroom set tastefully in 150 acres of beautiful Northamptonshire countryside you cannot help but notice the magnificent orange gull winged McLaren 570S V8 automatic parked enticingly at the entrance and priced at £174,500. But don't stop reading yet, as I promise you there is a car for everyone here.

I was greeted by the Managing Director Paul Harding and welcomed into his tastefully decorated office and I knew as soon as I sat down this would be a different sort of car buying experience for the customer and I was right.

There are no salesmen here giving you the high pressure talk, the ambiance is relaxed and totally customer focused, helping to make the purchase of your next car a great experience. Each and every car has a 111 point inspection, 12 months' MOT and a minimum 5 star WMS award-winning warranty endorsed by Sir Stirling Moss.

Preparation here is everything and every car that leaves Centurian

Automotive does so in the same condition as it left the manufacturer when it was new. All vehicles have FOC servicing if the service is due within three months or 3,000 miles, tyres no less than 3mm tread and they check all recalls before the vehicles leave Centurian Automotive. The bodywork of each car is given an amazing finish with Meguiars clay bar polish, a unique clay which absorbs debris out of the lacquer leaving the paintwork as new. As an additional extra you can have a Williams Ceramic Coat applied, which is endorsed by Nigel Mansell and has a lifetime guarantee.

I asked Paul how he came into the car dealer business and his story is an interesting one. He originally qualified as an engineer when he was 17 years of age. His family owned a business supplying leather to the footwear industry where he was also a qualified leather technologist. That industry as we know took a massive tumble owing to cheap Chinese imports in the 90s and it took the footwear industry here decades to recover.

To survive the family

looked into selling their leather to other specialist companies such as Fairline, British Aviation, Aston Martin, Jaguar and Lotus. This is where Paul developed a passion for quality cars, by supplying the leather for their interiors, before setting up his own business in 2006.

He wanted to perfect the dealer experience and create a new standard, making sure that every aspect of purchasing a vehicle was a perfect and enjoyable experience. Over the years he has developed an excellent returning client base, which reflects a widely felt satisfaction with the service he offers.

Now for the surprising part I promised earlier: Paul stocks vehicles in the price range of £5,000 to £250,000 and every single vehicle that leaves Centurian Automotive gets the same top class treatment. Over a 100 quality vehicles are available, from Minis to Ferraris, handpicked by Paul and offering a car for everyone. Finance can be arranged for those who need it.

Paul also offers TDAH, or the test drive at home service, for those who



haven't got time to visit his showroom, so you can pick your vehicle online and arrange to test drive the vehicle at home after work.

So if you are looking for a quality vehicle with a unique buying experience, visit Centurian Automotive and meet Paul, who will

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greet you with a barista coffee – you will be glad you did.

Next month I will be back in Rushden to feature another business that will

make you feel a whole lot better!

Until then best wishes to all our readers from your local business champion.

Marika Hillson

Farewell to Robert and Carel

About 60 people gathered at Ringstead Club for an old-fashioned New Year Party to say farewell and Godspeed to Robert and Carel Shehane as they return to Dallas, Texas, after a year as Interim Pastors at Ringstead Shared Church.

We gave them a book of pictures of their year with us and a gift voucher to use back in the USA – they were probably already exceeding their luggage allowance for the return journey anyway!

During the year they have made a significant impact on Ringstead and they will be missed by so many people, at the Shared Church and throughout

the community. But life continues and it is time to look back with gratitude and forward with excitement.

At the Shared Church we shall enjoy receiving visiting Ministers until another American couple comes to Ringstead, hopefully around Easter time, and all our other activities will carry on as normal. Angela Davis and Patrick Smith will continue to look after the day-to-day running of the Church. We look forward to seeing you at any of our services and activities.

Details can be found at www.ringsteadsharedchurch.org.uk

Rushden charity Chairman honoured with OBE



The Chairman of Rushden-based charity Spurgeons, Stuart Cornwell, has been awarded an OBE (Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire) in the Queen's New Year's Honours list.

Stuart Cornwell has been recognised for his outstanding services to children and families. As one of the UK's leading children's charities, Spurgeons supports children and families affected by social

disadvantage. In the last year, they have delivered over 80 services, reaching over 37,000 children and 64,000 parents or carers.

Stuart said: "I feel immensely honoured and privileged to receive this award. Ultimately it would never have happened without the support and partnership of many generous people who have worked alongside me, shared their expertise, and helped improve the circumstances of some of society's most vulnerable children and adults."

New project creates permanent bird haven at Stanwick Lakes

Stanwick Lakes has created a new habitat for rare birds, thanks to £14,000 worth of funding from the independent grant-making charity, the Dulverton Trust.

Stanwick Lakes, which is managed by the Rockingham Forest Trust (RFT) charity, is nationally recognised as a Site of Special Scientific Interest and well known in the Nene Valley for its bird

life. Rare birds such as wigeon and golden plover visit every winter from Scandinavia, while sandpipers and oystercatchers live on the reserve all year round, feeding on the small

invertebrates that can be found in the shallow pools on the site. These watering holes often dry up during the spring and summer months, so the donation from the Dulverton Trust has been used by the RFT Rangers to create permanent, shallow pools in the Stanwick Lakes meadows.

Senior Ranger, Luke Johns said: "As these new pools settle in over the next few months and years and plants grow around the

edges, they will provide birds with a safe place to eat and breed. We are hoping that the globally endangered lapwing, which currently only visits the site over the winter months, will settle and even nest in this new habitat that we have created."

There is a great view of the new pools from the

Treehouse Bird Hide, which is located on the adventure trail at Stanwick Lakes. To find out more about all the bird life on the site, including RSPB events and bird walks, visit the website www.stanwicklakes.org.uk

If you want to find out how to help the birds at Stanwick Lakes and in

your garden, drop into the 'Feathered Friends' event on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th February. Between 1pm and 4pm families can build a bird box or a bird feeder to take home to their garden, enjoy birdy crafts and even meet birds of prey on 16th February.



Dracula is coming to Kings Cliffe

February may be the shortest month of the year but it is often the most miserable – not in Kings Cliffe, where the renowned Kings Cliffe Players are taking to the stage for the annual pantomime.

This year the Players are presenting a new take on the traditional panto, with a production of Dracula the Panto.

The plot sees Count Dracula coming to England in search of the key to his hoarded treasure, which he believes has been taken by Lord Nemo Globin. But he comes up against the beautiful Buffy Van Helsing, would-be vampire slayer and daughter of Professor Morris and Dame Plasma Van Helsing.

Director John Marshall tells us that although the panto might not be traditional it is still full of the usual slapstick comedy, gags, songs and laughter and as well as the usual fun-loving actors some new thespians are taking to the stage for the first time.

The performances start at 7.45pm on 9th, 10th and 11th February and on the 16th, 17th and 18th February with a matinee on Saturday 11th February. Tickets cost £8 each and can be bought from the Kings Cliffe Store and the KC Players website: www.kingscliffe.org

Wellingborough & District Athletic Club

WDAC recently had a successful event with Country to Capital where 10 members of the club went out in the rain to smash 45 miles and club members who didn't race came out in support as marshals which made the event a huge success. The results were as follows:

Name:	Time:	Position
Ben Shirley	06:18:08	32
Michael Quinn	07:16:33	101
Helen Etherington	07:17:34	108
Zav O'Neil	07:17:39	109
Roger Bullen	07:35:53	143
Gary Thacker	07:44:39	158
Guy Travers	08:04:59	190
Nicola Walpole	08:17:29	206
James Terry	09:19:54	272
Kevin O'Reilly	09:28:34	281

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Oundle Cinema celebrates BAFTA nominated films in February

Steven Spielberg and Ken Loach are both up for BAFTA nominations this year, in recognition of lifetime directorial contributions.

Both artists are successful in their field, but their styles couldn't more different. Spielberg – director of ET, Jurassic Park, Schindler's List and Bridge of Spies – is one of America's most successful filmmakers; his films are doused in Hollywood glitter. Ken Loach is one of Britain's most successful directors; his films include Cathy Come Home and The Wind that Shakes the Barley which are

covered in 'socialist Britain' grit.

To celebrate their BAFTA nominations, Oundle Cinema is screening films by and about these two prestigious directors in February.

Spielberg's recent adaptation of The BFG, Roald Dahl's delightful story, stars Mark Rylance as the giant who takes a little girl Sophie on a tremendous adventure through Giant Country. Penelope Wilton also stars in this fizzwhizzing feast of a film, perfect for cinema fans of all ages. It will be screened on Sunday 5th February at 6pm at the Stahl

Theatre, Oundle.

On Sunday 12th February (BAFTA night itself), Ken Loach's recent masterpiece I, Daniel Blake will be screened at the Stahl Theatre at 7.45pm. The film is a powerful and poignant portrayal of an out of work carpenter, depicting the everyday battle that is 'life' for those on the fringes of society. Local organisations who support those who are at risk of slipping into or through the net of social security will be present at the screening to answer questions about their work.

Film trailers and advance tickets are available at www.oundlecinema.org.uk or through the Oundle Festival Box Office, 4 New Street, Oundle, PE8 4ED or over the phone on 01832 274734. Email information@oundlefestival.org.uk to receive email updates about forthcoming films, follow us on [facebook.com/oundleinternationalfestival](https://www.facebook.com/oundleinternationalfestival) and @Oundlecinema.

The life and work of Ken Loach will be the subject of the dOCs+ screening Versus which will be screened on Wednesday 15th February at 7.45pm in Fletton House, Oundle. A short discussion about some of the socialist issues which Loach raises through his filmmaking will follow the screening.

From the East Northants Council Chairman

On Monday 23rd January I chaired a meeting of East Northamptonshire Council. The main business was 'housekeeping' – receiving reports from the Council's committees' chairmen. We also discussed some amendments to the Council's Constitution: all written constitutions need to be adjusted from time to time to keep up with changing requirements generally.

On 2nd February I will be visiting

Oundle Church of England Primary School for the official opening of their relocation at the former middle school building in Cotterstock Road.

On 11th February I will be the guest of the Governors and the Vice Chancellor of the University of Northampton at their Graduation ceremonies.

*Rupert Reichhold
Councillor and Chairman of
East Northamptonshire Council*

Craft and Vintage Fairs in Higham Ferrers

Higham Ferrers is definitely the place to be on the last Saturday morning of each month! Not only is it the ever popular Farmers' Market, selling a fantastic range of local produce; Rainbow Craft Events holds a monthly Craft and Vintage Fair.

We have around 20 stalls selling a fabulous range of items. On 28th January (Working Men's Club 9am-1pm) there will be cakestands made from

vintage plates, felt ball garlands, vintage furniture, clothing, homewares and handmade gifts including Scrabble pictures, button heart frames, crochets and yarn and needles. (9am-10am is Happy Hour, so all customers are welcome to join us for a free hot drink!)

On 25th February we will be using the downstairs of

the Band Club on Wharf Road – there will be more stalls and a separate gifts room with plenty on offer!

If you would like to know more about these events, including which stalls we have each month, or would like to find out about booking a stall please get in touch. I hope to see you soon!

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PATCHWORK & SEWING TUTOR

What We Do - based at Rushden, The Colemans Craft Warehouse is a 5000 square foot "Aladdin's Cave" of Craft & Hobby supplies.

We open for retail sales six days a week. Once a month we also hold one of our famous Big Craft Days which feature up to six all-day craft demonstrations. These free events regularly attract craft enthusiasts from all over the UK.

Our popular Craft Workshops are held in a fun, informal atmosphere at The Craft Warehouse.

What We Are Looking For - we are looking to appoint a Patchwork & Sewing Tutor. This posts involves:

- Formulating innovative, original & interesting Workshops
- Providing concise Workshop descriptions (for our Website & promotional literature) plus project samples & material costings
- Preparing for and teaching classes of up to 15 participants per session of varying skill levels
- Demonstrating products & serving retail customers on event days
- Holding weekly workshops of up to 5 hours, usually taking place on a Friday or Sunday

Skills & Knowledge - Good planning, communication / presentation skills & a friendly disposition are prerequisites.

If You Are Interested In This Position - we will be holding an informal **OPEN MORNING** on **Saturday February 25th** between 10.00am & 1.00pm at the Craft Warehouse.

Please bring along a small selection of samples or photographs of your work and enjoy and cup of coffee with our Manager, Joanna York.

Colemans Craft Warehouse, Unit 6, Brindley Close, Rushden, Northants., NN10 6EN
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Sunday 29th January

All Age Service
Thrapston Baptist Church
10.30am
Preacher: Mat Hussain
Theme: Deborah & Barak

Monday 30th January

Lovebirds on a Wooden Circle
Stanwick Lakes
10.15am-2.45pm, £22-booking essential
01933 460676
Class cost includes wooden oval, use of all painting materials plus complete pattern pack and instructions to take away

Wednesday 1st February

Addington Horticultural Society welcomes Mr Nicholas Warliker
The Memorial Hall, Great Addington (opposite The Church) NN14 4BS
(1.5 miles from A14 Junction 11)
7.30pm for 7.45pm start
Visitors welcome (£2) Members free (only £12 per year)
01832 734750
Always a great speaker whose talk on Roses should interest all. Teas and Coffee available.

Hellebores – an illustrated talk by Penny Dawson

Methodist Hall, Drummingwell Lane, Oundle PE8 4AA
7.45pm, £2 patrons, £3 visitors
01832 272623
An illustrated talk on breeding and growing Hellebores, free light refreshments, all welcome.

Royal Marines Band

Great Hall, Oundle School
2.45pm
Limited number of tickets available: Please request from music@oundleschool.co.uk
An amazing opportunity to see the Royal Marines Band.

Wednesday 1st & Thursday 2nd February Love and Money

The Stahl
7.45pm, £6 (Age recommendation 15+)
An ingenious drama written by internationally acclaimed Dennis Kelly, performed by Oundle School pupils.

Thursday 2nd February Lunchtime Concert – Upper Sixth cohort of academic musicians

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

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!

Rushden Area Refugee Support Meeting

The Bridge Community Office at Whitefriars Junior School, Boughton Drive, Rushden NN10 9HX
7.30pm, free
Andrew Presland 01933 316927
Looking at several ways in which local people can support refugees – all welcome.

Friday 3rd February

Whitefriars Church Retireds' Group: Doug & Debbie Benn on 'Our time in Uganda'
The Bridge Community Office at Whitefriars Junior School, Rushden NN10 9HX
1.30pm-3pm, free

John & Celia Underwood
01933 676989
A friendly group to which all of retirement age are welcome.

Fusion for 7-11 year olds

Thrapston Baptist Church
6.30pm-8pm
Lively and fun group with games, songs and bible based illustrations.

Saturday 4th February Men's Breakfast

Thrapston Baptist Church
7.30am-9am
A hearty full-cooked breakfast and stimulating conversation.

Oundle Strollers Free Guided Walk

Leave The Hub, Glapthorne Road
12.30pm
Walk starts Horninghold
Leader John Cliff 01832 242000
Map Explorer 234
Grid Ref.806/971
Distance 6.75 miles – Moderate.

4th, 11th, 18th & 25th February Felt Making Workshops

Pink House Arts Studio, Fotheringhay
2pm-4pm
£15 per person – booking essential
Caroline Kisby 01832 26268 or pikhousearts@me.com
Felt making workshops throughout February for all abilities.

Sunday 5th February Morning Service

Thrapston Baptist Church
10.30am
Preacher: Mat Hussain
Theme: Being a people of prayer 1 (If my people...)

Whitefriars Church – Morning Worship

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

Oundle Cinema: The BFG (PG)

Stahl Theatre, West Street, Oundle, Peterborough PE8 4EJ
6pm, £5/£3 under 18s
Oundle Festival, 4 West Street, Oundle PE8 4ED.
01832 274734
www.oundlefestival.org.uk,
information@oundlefestival.org.uk
Ten-year-old Sophie is in for the adventure of a lifetime when she meets the Big Friendly Giant.

Bring and Buy Sale

King's Cliffe Parish Church
11.15am
Sheila Jackson 03330113776
Bring items to sell and buy an item or two from the tables.
Refreshments available.

Thursday 9th February Guitar Madness

Stahl Theatre
7.45pm, £5 from the Stahl Box
Office 01832 273930
A sizzling and suitably energetic evening, encompassing eclectic offerings from soul to funk, ballads to rock.

Lunchtime Concert – Strings

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

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 10th February

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

AFC Rushden & Diamonds Quiz Night

Rushden Bowls Club,
Northampton Road, Rushden
NN10 6AN
7.30pm, £2
Raffle, Retiring Bucket Collection for Cransley Hospice. To book a table please contact Glenis on 07870 332606.

Saturday 11th February

Thrapston Film Night: The Intern
Plaza Centre, Thrapston
Doors open 7pm film starts 7.30pm, £5 pre-booked from Thrapston Town Council, or £6 on the door
Licensed bar & snacks
Thrapston Town Council
01832 734673
Widower seizes opportunity to become a senior intern at an online fashion site.

Sunday 12th February

Oundle Cinema: I, Daniel Blake (15)
Stahl Theatre, West Street, Oundle Peterborough PE8 4EJ
7.45pm, £5/£3 under 18s
Based on life of a carpenter recovering from heart-attack in NE England and his collision with benefit system.

Communion Service

Thrapston Baptist Church
10.30am
Preacher: Mat Hussain
Theme: Being a people of prayer 2.

Whitefriars Church Silver Service

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

Whitefriars Café Church

Whitefriars Junior School, 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 – Therapeutic Thrapston

The car park in Meadow Lane, off Chancery Lane, Thrapston, beyond the doctors' surgery
10.30am
Andrew Presland 01933 316927
A walk near the gravel pits north of Thrapston.

By Appointment Counselling & Listening Service

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

Housing, Benefits and Employment Advice

No 1 St Osyth's Lane, Oundle, Northants PE8 4BG
office@oundlebaptist.org.uk or
01832 770010

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

Masonic Hall, Wellingborough Road, 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 Art Classes (10 weeks)

Knuston Hall, Knuston
7-9pm, 10 Lessons £100
Jamie 07899 676769
Art Classes for beginners and advanced students.

East Northants Classic Motorcycle Club

New Inn Public House, Wymington
Meet around 7.30pm

Sling Walk

11am
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. 01933 410112

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

Ringstead's Jolly Good Company

Ringstead Shared Church
10am-11am, £4
Music & Movement for over-55's.

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.fiftyplusnorthantsadventureclub.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
01832 733154

Tai Chi

Chelveston Village Hall
2pm-3pm, £5
Tai Chi for health, fitness and self defence. All ages (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 and 1.30pm (term time only), £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

Oundle School Swimming Pool,
Milton Road Oundle
5-6pm (May vary during school holidays), £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

Ringstead's Beat Bugs

Ringstead Shared Church
NN14 4DA
2pm-2.45pm, £21/6-week session (£3.50 per week)
Angela – rbc-rsc@angeladavis.net or 01933 622316
Language, confidence, social skills

through music, rhymes and puppets for mums and tots (6 months to school age).

Every Wednesday (term time)**Community ICT Classes**

Needham Building, Oundle School SciTec, Glapthorn Road, Oundle
2.30pm-4pm
01832 277267 to enrol

Tiny Tots

Oundle Cof E Primary School,
Glapthorn Road
1.45pm

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.

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 Herne 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
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 & Play 'Tea & 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

1st Thursday of the month**Raunds District History Society**

Saxon Hall, Raunds
7.30pm-9.30pm
£3 each, includes refreshments
Secretary 01933 461480

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

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

Ise & Nene Valley Turners

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

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

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

Every Friday**Walk and Chat**

Rushden Hall Park,
under Flag Pole
10am
Sue Mckay 07739 327022/
sue.mckay@groundwotr.org.uk

Music Makers

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

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

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

Pre-School Swimming Lessons

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

Most Fridays**Local Focus 'explorations'**

Various East Northants locations
9.30am-12.30pm/2.30pm
£3 per re-usable map
01933 461480
Informal group for everyone, for walks, cycling, bus trips.

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.
01832 273826/272340

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**Coffee 'n' Cakes**

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

WE Watch

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

Oundle Farmers' Market

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

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

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

Messy Church

Rushden Salvation Army,
Church Street, Rushden
4pm
George Ellitson 01933 313106

Last Saturday of the month (except December)

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

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

Wellingborough Road
10.45am
Alan 01933 355302

Morning Church Service

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

Church Service

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

Ringstead Shared Church

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

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

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

Every 2nd, 4th and 5th Sunday**Pete's Pack**

St Peter's Church, Newton
Bromswold
10am-11am
Helen Lines 07917001924
Bible based activities for children aged 3 years and over.

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

St Laurence's Church, Stanwick
9.30am

Leisurely, Sociable Strolls

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

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

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

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

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

Ongoing**Drawing & Painting Classes**

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

German Tutorials

Oundle area
Gudrun 07710 189906 or
gudvolk@gmail.com



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.

East Northamptonshire Council awards grant for debt management service to Community Law Service

Community Law Service is delighted to receive the news that it has been awarded a further 3-year grant from East Northamptonshire Council to provide a specialist debt advice service for residents across the district.

The investment by the Council in supporting debt advice comes at a time when a new analysis published by the TUC shows that household debt rose sharply over 2016, with unsecured debt reaching a new high, well above the peak that was seen before the 2008 financial crisis. In addition, a recent study by the Money Advice Trust shows 11% of Britons (5.5 million) expect to fall behind with their finances this New Year.

Community Law Service, which last year helped clients across the county to manage

over £26 million of debt, is making extra resources available to deal with demand this January to help people through the post-Christmas financial crisis that many experience. As well as appointment slots throughout the week, drop-in sessions are held at The Advice Shop, High Street, Rushden. Advice can also be accessed at a range of community based venues and CLS offers home visits for people who are housebound.

Chris Byrne, Debt Manager at CLS says to people with financial troubles: "You are not alone but the problem will not go away by itself. The earlier you seek advice, the easier the problem will be to solve. CLS provides free, independent and confidential advice for all. Try and avoid commercial debt



management companies whose fees will only add to your debts.

"We are able to advise on a wide range of options to resolve debts and provide a comprehensive casework service, including negotiation with creditors, administration of Debt Relief Orders and support with bankruptcy petitions. We also help people to maximise

their income through take-up of Welfare Benefit entitlements and have housing advisors who can represent people at court with housing repossession or eviction hearings."

CLS can be contacted on 01933 313020, 01604 621038 or by email: Rushden@communitylawservice.org

Grant success for new marina

The development of Phase 2 of White Mills Marina can now get underway thanks to a successful grant funding application from the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD), the Rural Payments Agency (RPA) and the Rural Development programme for England (RDPE) 2014-2020.

The news that the new 141 berth marina on the River Nene at Earls Barton in Northamptonshire has received approval for part funding of a new facilities building has been hugely welcomed by farmers

John and Debbie Skinner, who opened White Mills Marina on 1st April last year.

Once completed, the new building will provide ladies and gent's toilets and showers as well as disabled facilities and a much need community/meeting room for boaters and visitors to the River Nene.

John explained: "Knowing that the EAFRD and the RPA believe so wholeheartedly in the next phase of our development is a real boost and of course a fantastic start to 2017, we can't thank them enough."

Work on creating the facilities building is expected to start within the next two months and it is hoped to have it completed by the beginning of May this year, in time for the busy boating season.

John added: "The facilities building will enable us to provide the type of first class facilities that boaters have now come to expect from a brand new purpose-built marina. Once it is up and running we can begin to utilise the main area of the building and host different events throughout the year, and

organise some social activities for our boaters and the wider community."

Being a brand new marina, White Mills Marina has an extensive range of facilities available to boaters including electricity, water and Wifi to every berth, Elsan disposal, pump out, diesel, recycling, laundry room and a book/DVD swap.

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open up in what we felt would be a great market and [provide] a great asset to the town of Rushden, giving a service and honesty which is second to none."

Warren Grant (Director) has worked in and been selling houses in the local area for most of his life and has been key in the delivery of the new office.

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EAST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE LOCAL PLAN PART 2: SITE SPECIFIC POLICIES
PLANNING AND COMPULSORY PURCHASE ACT 2004
THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (LOCAL PLANNING) (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2012
THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF PLANS AND PROGRAMMES REGULATIONS 2004
THE CONSERVATION OF HABITATS AND SPECIES REGULATIONS 2010

This notice has been prepared in accordance with Regulations 18 and 35 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended); Regulations 11 and 12 of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes 2004; and Regulation 102 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 (as amended).

This initial statutory consultation under Regulation 18 of the 2012 Local Planning Regulations etc., formally launches the Local Plan part 2, the new site specific development plan document for the district. When adopted, the Local Plan part 2 will form part of the statutory development plan for East Northamptonshire.

Public consultation is being undertaken for the following documents:

- East Northamptonshire Local Plan part 2 Regulation 18 statement;
- East Northamptonshire Local Plan part 2 'Call for sites';
- Supporting evidence base; i.e. Sustainability Appraisal / Strategic Environmental Assessment and Habitats Regulations Assessment.

In accordance with the relevant regulations, the consultation will take place over six weeks, starting Friday, 27 January 2017 and ending at 4.30pm on Monday, 13 March 2017. Consultation documents can be viewed on the East Northamptonshire Council's website at www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/consultation

- Alternatively, hard copies are available to view at:
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Please note from 1 February 2017, the Thrapston and Rushden offices will open at 9:45 on Wednesdays to allow for staff training.

Representations for the consultation are invited and must be received no later than 4.30pm on Monday, 13 March 2017. Please state clearly the consultation question, site specific proposal and/or document to which any comment relates. All comments received by the deadline will be considered. A summary of responses and issues arising from the consultation will then be presented back to Planning Policy Committee later during 2017.

Representations should be made in writing, using the online site submission form (for site specific proposals), by email to planningpolicy@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk or sent to the address below:

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If you have any questions regarding the Local Plan part 2, please contact the Planning Policy team on 01832 742010 or email to: planningpolicy@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk

Paul Bland
 Head of Planning Services
 27 January 2017

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14

THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (CHURCH STREET, RINGSTEAD)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

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, Ringstead as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Church Street, Ringstead from High Street to Middlefield Close.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during mains replacement works.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 20th February 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 until 26th March 2017.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use High Street and Carlow Road.

Dated this 28th day of January 2017
 QUENTIN BAKER
 Director of Law & Governance
 PKG/T17/017

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 (CHERRY STREET, RINGSTEAD)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

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 Cherry Street, Ringstead as set out below.

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

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during installation of a new water connection.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 30th 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 three days.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Back Lane, Carlow Road and High Street.

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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14

THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, TANSOR, WARMINGTON, FOTHERINGHAY, LUTTON, PILTON, THORPE WATERVILLE, HARRINGWORTH, FINEDON & IRTHLINGBOROUGH)

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC & TEMPORARY NO WAITING) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit traffic from proceeding or waiting along those lengths of the various roads as specified in the Schedule below.

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PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 1st February 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.

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SCHEDULE

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Nassington Road, Fotheringhay	From Fotheringhay Road to Main Street	Main Street, Woodnewton Road, Oundle Road, Main Street, Apethorpe Road, Nassington Road, Apethorpe Road, Church Street and Fotheringhay Road.
Washingley Road, Lutton	From Main Street to County boundary	Glutton Road, Bullock Road and Lutton Road.
Oundle Road, Lilford Road, Pilton and Pilton Road, Thorpe Waterville	From Lilford Park to Wadenhoe Road	Wadenhoe Road, Pilton Road, Aldwincle Road, Wadenhoe Road, Main Street, Lowick Road, Islip Road, A6116, A14 and A605
Scotgate and Deene Road, Harringworth	From Laxton Road to Wakerley Road	Wakerley Road, Harringworth Road, Main Street, Duddington Street, A43, Laxton Road, Bulwick Road, Main Street and Laxton Road.
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Chess Corner



By Derrick Sims

Silver King League I

With Christmas now a distant memory it was time to get back to the serious business of league chess. First out of the blocks in 2017 was Rushden's A team who travelled to Northampton to take on their A team.

Chess Mates' 'top team' are currently third in League I, ironically one place below Chess Mates B! In contrast Rushden A are bumping along the bottom of the table with only Corby below them. Although this may

seem a long way down in reality they were in fact only two points adrift of their opponent, so there was all to play for on the evening.

The first player to finish was Rushden's Captain, James Gardner, who wasted no time in polishing off his Northampton opponent in less than an hour. James used the Queen's Gambit Karlsbad variation to open with white; this caused some problems for the Chess Mates' player who was unable to mount an effective response, leading to

his central pawns becoming weak. This was exploited by James with a vicious attack on the black King, leading to an inevitable resignation. First blood to Rushden!

Top Rushden player Hugh Murphy once again faced the indomitable blind player, Chris Ross. Hugh made a good start with an advantage of two Bishops against Chris's Knights. This advantage was lost after a Bishop Sacrifice attempt failed to gain the advantage of an effective King side

attack on Chris. The attack was effectively neutralised by Chris and a draw agreed.

Saj Ganger once again played an accomplished game for Rushden with a convincing win over his opponent; this was Rushden's final victory of the evening. In the end a drawn match was probably the best result that could have been achieved against such accomplished opponents.

Tuesday 17th January

Chess Mates A 2½-2½ Rushden A
Bd1: Chris Ross (200) ½ Hugh Murphy (194)
Bd2: S. Kostov (U) 0-1 James Gardner (167)
Bd3: Timothy Lawson (157) 0-1 Saj Ganger (134)
Bd4: Eva Ressel (139) 1-0 Richard Ellis (129)
Bd5: Shane Ashley (U) 1-0 Keith Bristow (113)

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 <http://rushdenchessclub.com>



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