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#### World Book Day

As part of World Book Day 2017, the children of Stanwick Primary Academy were visited by local author Martin Smith. The author of the 'Charlie Fry, Football Boy Wonder' series helped judge the Extreme Reading challenge, where pupils had to show the most unusual places they could enjoy a book. Martin also talked about his new book, his love of reading and will be leading some creative writing sessions with the children.

#### Fotheringhay Bridge road closure update

The road bridge over the Willow Brook just outside Fotheringhay on the road to Nassington was closed for safety reasons in February.

Scheme preparation work has commenced to repair the accident damaged parapet. There is still a significant amount of work to be undertaken.

NCC has reviewed the traffic management (closure) and concluded that it is not feasible to reopen the road to traffic, to ensure the safety of all road users and to repair and open the bridge as quickly as possible.

## Irthlingborough residents urged to contact police with information about anti-social behaviour

Officers in Irthlingborough are appealing for the public's help following a number of incidents of anti-social behaviour in the town.

Local residents have reported several instances where young

people have been riding bikes up and down High Street obstructing traffic

and putting the safety of pedestrians and other road users at risk.

A number of preventative measures have already been put in place by the police and local council, including targeted youth intervention work, and together with partner agencies, officers are working hard to find longer-term solutions to the issue.

Support from the community is vital to this and Sergeant Jane Bettles is urging more people to get in touch with any information they may have about when and where this is happening and who is responsible.

She said: "We really need the public's support

to help us identify who is responsible for this anti-social behaviour. We also need as much evidence as possible about when and where such incidents are taking place.

"Although riding bikes up and down the street may seem a relatively trivial matter, it is the manner in which it is being done that is causing annoyance and distress to local people, as well as being a potential risk to people's safety.

"We're aware of discussions on social media about this, and we really need people to share whatever they know and name those responsible, in confidence, so we can take action against the group of young people who are causing this nuisance behaviour.

"If you see an incident

taking place, please note the date, time and location, as well as a description of what is actually happening.

Officers will be carrying out enforcement activity and increased patrols in order to take action against those involved and provide reassurance to the local community.

Sgt Bettles added: "I would urge anyone with any information to get in touch as soon as possible, either by calling 101 or emailing us at [SCT-EastNorthantsCentral@northants.pnn.police.uk](mailto:SCT-EastNorthantsCentral@northants.pnn.police.uk), and we will contact you to arrange a convenient time to take a statement.

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## Warmington School marks World Book Day



Pupils and teachers at Warmington School celebrated by dressing as their favourite characters. The reception and preschool children wore their pyjamas for 'cosy reading'.



## Genealogy jottings

Have you ever wandered round a cemetery and looked at the beautiful carvings on some of the graves? It may seem at times that they have been placed randomly, but they can provide clues to the lives of our ancestors.

For example, a beehive carved into the memorial was often used by the Freemasons and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. It symbolises human industry, faith, education, and domestic virtues. If you find one carved into your ancestor's gravestone, it could also provide another avenue to explore, to discover further their history. I have seen graves where theatre masks have been carved to denote that the 'resident' worked in the entertainment industry. The village in which I used to live – a completely landlocked county, by the way – has a churchyard where you can see the memorial to one chap comprising some rocks with an anchor embedded therein. Yes, he was a sailor.

By Jan Pearson  
*Genealogy Specialists, Tracing Our Past, Discovering Our Genes (TOP DOG)*  
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Not all carvings refer to the previous lives of those buried. There can be other symbols, chosen either by the deceased and recorded in their will, or by those grieving relatives left behind. One of the most popular is that of a dove, representing the Holy Spirit. Another is a heart – symbolising love.

On a visit to Scotland, I was also intrigued to see the final address of the incumbent neatly carved. Yes, it was the full address, complete with house number! No postcode though, this was in the days before they were used.

So, the next time that you have the chance to visit a graveyard in search of your ancestors, take a moment to take in the surrounding monuments.

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## Editor's notes

Despite the fluctuating weather conditions, there is a very definite feeling of spring in the air and it's only two weeks 'til we put the clocks forward on 26th March. There is the usual variety of spring arrival dates, with the meteorological start already behind (1st March) and the spring, or vernal, equinox on 20th March. Nonetheless, changing the clocks, and the very obvious change to lighter evenings, always seems to be the best measure of the changing seasons.

This time of the year also brings other changes, particularly those of a financial kind. By the time we go to print the Chancellor will have set out the government's spending plans and we already know that East Northants Council

(ENC) will increase our Council Tax contributions by around £5 per year, which seems a reasonable increase given the pressures on the services being provided. And the Parish Council which costs residents most remains Oundle, with the difference between them and the least expensive being around 10%.

There is the prospect of financial support from ENC for some organisations in the District as our article on Cash for Community Groups demonstrates. So, if you're looking for funding to go along to the information day on 27th April. The contact is Su Davies on 01832 742191 or [sdavies@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk](mailto:sdavies@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk).

It seems we have our

own local version of the Tadcaster bridge saga. You may recall that the main road through the Yorkshire town was cut when flooding damaged an ancient bridge. Locally, the direct road link between Fotheringhay and Nassington is unusable because of damage caused by a vehicle or vehicles to the bridge over the Willow Brook. Obviously, this venerable structure needs careful handling when it comes to repairs and Northamptonshire County Council Highways have put in place a diversion which is necessarily lengthy because of the paucity of bridges in the area. The current estimate for the completion of works is June 2017. Meanwhile, locals and local businesses are suffering delays and disruption.

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# Candlemas celebration

At the start of the month, Year 4 pupils from Laxton Junior School celebrated Candlemas at St Peter's Church, Oundle. The event brought together pupils from a number of other schools in the Diocese including Trinity CE Primary School, Aldwinckle, Easton Garford Endowed CE School, Glapthorn CE Primary School, Kings Cliffe Endowed Primary School, Nassington Primary School, Oundle CE Primary School, Polebrook C of E Primary School, Thrapston Primary School, Titchmarsh CE Primary School and Warmington Primary School and provided an opportunity for the children to learn

about the Christian festival of light and the presentation of the baby Jesus.

Laxton Junior School pupils performed a short play to the other schools that told the story of how Jesus gave light in dark times to Hannah, Simeon, Anna and Mathias. Other schools in attendance produced posters and artwork to tell the story of the celebration.

Mrs Hamilton-Charlton, a teacher at Laxton Junior School, commented that "it was a wonderful opportunity for local schools to bring the children together to learn about and celebrate this festival of light."



# Cash for community groups

Are you a local group needing money for a community project – running activities for a club; restoring a village pond or play area; improving facilities at your village hall, for example?

We'll look no further! Funds are available from a variety of sources for groups requiring £500, £5,000 or even £50,000 through grant-giving bodies operating locally.

East Northamptonshire Council (ENC) is holding a free information day about the sorts of funding streams available to community groups on Thursday 27th April.

The day, held at East Northamptonshire House in Thrapston, will be run in two halves. Entrance to both is entirely free:

- 10am–12noon: presentations from funders, giving 'hints and tips' as to how best to apply for their grants.

This is a sit down event, so places are limited and will need to be booked. Please try to send only one or two representatives, to make space for all.

- 1pm-3pm: a Funders' Fair, where community groups can drop in any time to talk to funders and find out who could help with their projects. No booking needed.

Both sessions will run entirely independently, so come for as much, or as little, as you like.

Su Davies, External Funding Manager at ENC, will be present on the day to give funding advice to groups and signpost them to funders who can help their projects.

Su said: "The event will give community groups the chance to speak directly to funders, outline their projects and find

out immediately whether they'd be eligible for funding support. This can save a lot of time when preparing a bid."

A wide range of funders will be attending the event, including The Northamptonshire Community Foundation; The Mick George Community Fund; Northamptonshire Sport; Tesco's Bags of Help; Charity Bank; Peterborough Diocese Historic Support and of course, the Council's own grant programmes. Voluntary Impact Northamptonshire and Northamptonshire ACRE will also be present to give advice.

If you are a not-for-profit body with a constitution and a bank account, you have a good chance of finding a funder who could help you!

To find out more about the day and/or to book a place for the morning session please contact Su Davies on 01832 742191 or [sdavies@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk](mailto:sdavies@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk)

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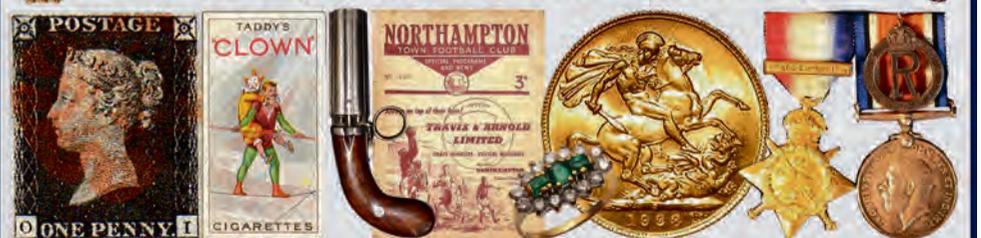
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**Thursday 23rd March, 10am-2pm:**

The Raven Hotel, 63 Rockingham Rd, Corby, Northants, NN17 1AG (free car parking on-site subject to avail.)

**Wednesday 29th March, 11am-3pm:**

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# Oundle triumphs at debating tournament

As a means of encouraging a more competitive edge to debating lower down the school, Stamford School organised and hosted the first local inter-schools debating tournament (Stamford, Oakham, Uppingham and Oundle) for pupils in Years 10 and 11.

The event, which was chaired by Stamford's Debating President, was held in the Oswald Elliott Hall on Thursday 2nd February. An audience of 300 pupils supported the teams and offered their own views in the lively floor debates.

The competition comprised two heats and a final with each school putting forward either one or two pairs to compete. Oundle took two teams: Tatiana North (16) and Tom Riegels (16) as the team for the first round took on Uppingham, opposing the motion that 'Space exploration

was a waste of money' – a subject in which Tom took a particular interest as this was the theme of his current research project. The other first round between Stamford and Oakham featured the motion that 'Autonomous vehicles would make driving safer'.

With Oundle winning their first round, their second team of Danila Mikhaylov (15) and Declan Boyle (15) proceeded to the final against host school Stamford's second team. The motion for this round was 'We should permit the use of performance-enhancing

drugs in sport'.

Stamford's Design Technology Department designed a plaque – the Oswald Elliott Trophy – which included the arms or badges of the four participant schools. The plaque was awarded at the end of the afternoon to Oundle.

English teacher and Head of Debating at Oundle, Helen Wells commented: "The aim is that this will be an annual competition with the schools taking it in turn to host the event. Oundle's Debaters were delighted to be invited and are very grateful to Stamford for setting up such a competition."



## The Mayor's Show

This year Raunds Mayor, Cllr Helen Howell, will be hosting The Mayor's Show for the second year in aid of the Air Ambulance.

The event is to be held at Bassfords Recreation Ground, Marshalls Road, Raunds (The Rec) on Sunday 30th April from 12noon–5pm.

The aim of the event is to try and bring a country show to Raunds. There will be rides, attractions, a cake baking competition,

a variety of stalls, a stage and arena with demonstrations and live entertainment throughout the day, as well as fun and games for children to enter.

Cllr Helen Howell, Mayor of Raunds said: "Last year's show was a great success and enjoyed by everyone who attended. This year we hope to make

the event bigger and better with this great opportunity to bring the community together over this bank holiday weekend whilst raising money for a very worthy charity. I hope the residents of Raunds and surrounding towns and villages will show their support for this event by coming out and enjoying themselves."

Further details of attractions will be advertised on Twitter @RaundsTC and online at [www.raunds-tc.gov.uk](http://www.raunds-tc.gov.uk). We look forward to you joining us on 30th April.

## Council Tax increase of £5 a year

East Northamptonshire Council (ENC) has decided to increase its share of Council Tax due to the uncertainty about future Government funding.

At the Budget meeting on 1st March a number of options were discussed to safeguard services in the future. The increase agreed unanimously will be an extra £5 per year for a Band D home, or 10p a week.

The Council takes only around 8p in every pound of the total Council Tax collected, with the rest of the money going to Northamptonshire County Council, Northamptonshire Police and Crime Commissioner and town and parish councils. Only 8% of what is

collected goes to ENC to run the services they are responsible for.

Cllr Steven North, Leader of ENC, said: "We currently have the lowest Council Tax of any council in Northamptonshire, and almost the lowest in the country.

"Investment in our communities is a priority as shown by our £1m commitment to local projects through our Community Facilities Fund.

"We will continue to look for savings but due to uncertainty about future government funding and because we want to continue to invest in our communities, we propose a very small increase, which for a Band D property works out over the year at £5; we think that represents good value for money."

## Gilbert & Sullivan in Oundle

Oundle G&S Players' latest production of HMS Pinafore, staged at the Queen Victoria Hall in West Street, gained popular approval from enthusiastic full-house audiences during the recent week-long performances.

The Director, Gill Potts, once again created an entertaining evening of comedic song and dance, ably supported by outstanding principals, and backed by a well drilled chorus and orchestra conducted by Musical Director, David Milsted. Set in the 1920s, the costumes enhanced by the lighting made it a vibrant and colourful spectacle.

This G&S favourite is a satirical comic opera in two acts. The story takes place aboard the ship HMS Pinafore. The Captain's daughter, Josephine, is in love with a lower-class sailor, Ralph Rackstraw, although her father intends her to marry

Sir Joseph Porter, the First Lord of the Admiralty. She abides by her father's wishes at first, but Sir Joseph's support for the equality of humankind encourages Ralph and Josephine to overturn conventional social order. They declare their love for each other and eventually plan to elope. The captain discovers this plan but, as in many of the Gilbert and Sullivan operas, a surprise disclosure changes things dramatically near the end of the story.

Although this show has now ended, there is no rest for the Oundle G&S Players and they are already rehearsing for their next performance, the annual Summer Concert which will be staged in mid-June. For more information about the company, visit [www.oundlegands.org](http://www.oundlegands.org)



# East Northants Snooker League



Windmill Mecca have secured themselves the League Champions Trophy in the penultimate week. Congratulations go to them for an outstanding performance over the past five months. Despite some difficult matches over the past four weeks, including a loss and three draws, they have done enough to win the league with a week to spare. Windmill G certainly gave Mecca a run for their money, and managed to make up considerable ground in recent weeks, helped by four wins on the trot, significantly reducing the gap and applying some genuine pressure.

Windmill G conquered Windmill C this week and may well have secured themselves the Runner-Up position for the league. A special mention goes to Anthony Pinard for his strong performance over Marc Brett. Despite a generally tough season for Anthony, this win should give him real confidence. Windmill B, who have been sat in 10th for a number of weeks have given themselves a chance of moving off the bottom as they focus on next week's match. Despite being the away team, they come out as 5-1 winners over Islip WMC. Coopers A played Windmill Mecca and took them to a 3-3 draw. Matt Barcock regained his impressive form and knocked in a very nice 60 break. Four more pots could've seen him beat Gardner's 70 break. He wasn't very happy.

Windmill Warriors played Coopers C and beat them 4-2. Michael Dicks played extremely well beating Roger Hayes-Roome. Richard Wright of the Warriors played his best snooker for the whole season, and compiled a sensational break of 59, rattling the green

for a possible 62 and landing perfectly on the next red. This result for Warriors gives them an outside chance of finishing 2nd overall in the league. Whilst it is a long shot, it is in their hands. They're sitting in 3rd and are actually playing the 2nd place Windmill G. It would require at least a 5-1 win for Warriors. This will be a very interesting match. Last week, Islip and Windmill C managed to play their re-arranged match from earlier in the season. The Islip boys put in a stellar performance and came away with a much needed 5-1 victory. Jeff Cunnington managed to salvage 1 point for Windmill.

The final matches are to be played on Monday. We wish all players and teams the very best of luck going into the final game of the winter season. Whilst the season draws to a close, we are delighted to confirm that the team knockout competition will commence on Monday 13th March and run for four weeks. Further details will be provided regarding this. Also, the semi-finals for each of the winter tournaments are now underway and we hope to be arranging the finals by the end of March.

**Results for week 17:**  
 Islip WMC 1-5 Windmill B  
 Windmill Warriors 4-2 Coopers C  
 Windmill Mecca 3-3 Coopers A  
 Windmill G 4-2 Windmill C  
 Windmill Weapons 4-2 Coopers Ball Bashers  
 Windmill C 1-5 Islip WMC (postponed match)

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

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

Position	Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points
1	Windmill Mecca	17	10	5	2	65
2	Windmill G	17	8	5	4	59
3	Windmill Warriors	17	8	2	7	54
4	Coopers A	17	7	4	6	52
5	Windmill Weapons	17	7	5	5	52
6	Coopers Ball Bashers	17	5	7	5	51
7	Islip WMC	17	5	4	8	48
8	Coopers C	17	4	5	8	45
9	Windmill C	17	2	8	7	44
10	Windmill B	17	5	3	9	40

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

Position	Player Name	Team	High Breaks (30+)
1	Wayne Gardner	Windmill Mecca	70, 49, 47, 42, 39, 38, 38, 37
2	Matt Barcock	Windmill Mecca	63, 60, 47, 40, 37, 33, 31, 31
3	Colin Hinds	Coopers C	63, 41, 38, 36, 35, 34, 33, 32, 31, 31, 30
4	James Docherty	Islip WMC	60, 41
5	Richard Wright	Windmill Warriors	59, 37, 32, 31, 31
6	Marc Brett	Windmill C	57, 40, 39, 39, 32
7	Darren Fenner	Windmill Mecca	52, 49, 32, 31, 31
8	Jay Thomas	Windmill G	47, 40, 38
9	Craig Back	Windmill G	40, 37, 34, 33
10	Steve Biggs	Coopers A	40

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

Pos	Player Name	Current h/cap	Team	Played	Won	Lost	% won
1	Darren Fenner	14	Windmill Mecca	32	25	7	78%
	Bob Darling	28	Windmill Weapons	4	3	1	75%
	James Rawlins	35	Windmill C	10	7	3	70%
2	Martyn Hatton	28	Coopers Ball Bashers	28	19	9	68%
3	Wayne Gardner	0	Windmill Mecca	32	21	11	66%
4	Craig Back	14	Windmill G	32	21	11	66%
5	Jay Thomas	14	Windmill G	34	22	12	65%
6	Richard Symons	35	Coopers Ball Bashers	22	14	8	64%
7	Richard Wright	14	Windmill Warriors	32	20	12	63%
8	Warren Sanger	28	Islip WMC	34	21	13	62%
9	Brendan Percival	21	Windmill G	18	11	7	61%
10	Colin Hinds	0	Coopers C	30	18	12	60%

# Back to the future at St Peter's Church, Oundle

Layers of remarkable ancient history are being lovingly uncovered as part of an extensive programme of continuous modernisation by St Peter's Church in Oundle for the benefit of the local community.

In a series of projects designed to develop, improve and enhance the church building as a place of worship – but also as a major venue for local events – a fascinating glimpse into its past is being unearthed which has also shed greater light on the town's former residents and the history of local schools.

The ultimate aim of the St Peter's Parochial Church Council (PCC) is to continue to navigate through, and negotiate with, Church of England and English Heritage (as well as other interested heritage societies) building regulators. The PCC has jumped over bureaucratic hurdles frequently during the past decade. But more patience will now be required to achieve the possible construction of other community facilities, such as a kitchen, within the footprint of the church building. The plan is in keeping with the mission to attract and

support local residents and organisations as they use the building more often for all types of occasions. Raising money for this project will, in time, become a priority.

The recent phases of building work began with the installation of stylish and robust wrought iron gates at the west door. This was followed by the transformation of the main entrance to include welcoming automatic glass doors and a brand new ramp for wheelchairs and pushchairs. The ancient Lady Chapel was then re-ordered to give a much needed multi-functional space. Next, cutting edge technological equipment was put in to provide a modern audio-visual system for the building.

Phase 5 is now in progress to re-configure the interior of the west end including the building of a choir balcony, crèche and toilets. The latter was becoming a vital requirement; one annual community event hosted in the church is a massive wine tasting event by a local firm to which more than 500 people are invited to sup – with just one loo cubicle currently available for necessary visits thereafter!

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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:

### Collyweston

**17/00360/FUL (01/04/2017) (LB/CA)** Two storey extension with balcony to western elevation and single storey double garage and storage to replace single garage. Three conservation roof lights and replacement window to entrance area at Pond Yard 32 Back Lane Collyweston PE9 3PJ

### Duddington With Fineshade

**17/00290/FUL (01/04/2017) (LB/CA)** Removal of bay window and construction of single storey extension at Home Farm High Street Duddington PE9 3QE

### Easton-on-the-Hill

**17/00344/FUL (01/04/2017) (LB/CA)** Alterations and extensions to the main house, conversion and extension of existing front barn into detached dwelling, conversion and extension of existing rear barn into detached dwelling (subdivision onto 3 plots); Change of use from Market Garden to residential land as permitted under extant permission; Erection of two detached double garages; Swimming pool and detached changing room; Demolition of store; Erection of park rail fencing and stone walls; Alterations to existing access at 37 West Street Easton On The Hill PE9 3LS  
**17/00345/LBC (01/04/2017) (LBRegs)** Alterations and extensions to the main house, conversion and extension of existing front barn into detached dwelling, conversion and extension of existing rear barn into detached dwelling; Demolition of store at 37 West Street Easton On The Hill PE9 3LS  
**17/00405/FUL (01/04/2017) (LB/CA)** Single storey extension linking The Coach House and its Annexe, with general alterations to the properties at The Coach House 17 Church Street Easton On The Hill

### Higham Ferrers

**17/00362/FUL (25/03/2017) (Info)** Extension to the side and rear to enlarge the master bedroom and include an ensuite. Also to add a small third bedroom, utility room and extended kitchen dining area at 20 Shelley Drive Higham Ferrers NN10 8DF

### Irthlingborough

**17/00286/FUL (25/03/2017) (Info)** Demolition of eight derelict houses and construction of six new homes including parking access road and associated services at 128 High Street Irthlingborough NN9 5PX

**17/00337/FUL (25/03/2017) (Info)** Construction of a small, single storey building that demonstrates a variety of traditional building techniques and materials and when completed to be used as educational showcase for demonstrating historic building methods at Stanwick Lakes A45 Nene Valley Way Stanwick

### Laxton

**17/00299/FUL (25/03/2017) (Info)** New dwelling and detached garage outbuilding at Church Farm Bulwick Road Laxton NN17 3AX

### Little Addington

**17/00334/FUL (25/03/2017) (Info)** First floor extension at 5 Watervill Way Little Addington NN14 4FA

### Nassington

**17/00194/FUL (01/04/2017) (Art8)** Erection of light engineering workshop at The Workshop Apethorpe Road Nassington PE8 6QT  
**17/00330/VAR (25/03/2017) (Info)** Variation of condition 3, Parking 6, Access and 7 Plans pursuant to planning permission 16/00966/FUL dated 15.7.16 - Single storey tourism lodge. Proposal to retain vehicle access post construction and addition of solar panels to roof at Agricultural building rear of Lilypad Northfield  
**17/00348/PNT (01/04/2017) (Info)** Replacement 24M lattice mast, complete with 3 antennas, relocated airwave antennas and cabinets at MM02 Communication Station Apethorpe Road Nassington

### Oundle

**17/00265/FUL (25/03/2017) (Info)** Two storey rear extension, rendered to match existing at 99 Benefield Road Oundle PE8 4EU  
**17/00363/LBC (01/04/2017) (LBRegs) LB/CA)** Proposed single storey bathroom extension and internal alterations at 7 North Street Oundle PE8 4AL  
**17/00366/FUL (25/03/2017) (Info)** Domestic building to side for use as store and additional needs ancillary to the main residential dwelling at 62 East Road Oundle PE8 4BZ  
**17/00367/FUL (25/03/2017) (Info)** First floor extension over garage, convert garage and single storey side extension at 5 St Anns Court Oundle PE8 4DS  
**17/00389/FUL (25/03/2017) (Info)** Single storey garage extension to side at 123A Glapthorn Road Oundle  
**17/00395/FUL (25/03/2017) (Info)** Proposed single storey bathroom extension and internal alterations at 7 North Street Oundle PE8 4AL  
**17/00396/FUL (25/03/2017) (Info)** Proposed two storey

rear kitchen and bedroom extension at 26 Monson Way Oundle PE8 4QG

### Raunds

**17/00266/FUL (01/04/2017) (Art8)** Proposed Distribution Centre (B8 Use Class) together with ancillary offices, parking, servicing and site landscaping at West End Land North Of Brick Kiln Road Raunds  
**17/00401/FUL (25/03/2017) (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 the roof to include new aluminium cladding and new drive thru booths at McDonalds London Road Raunds NN9 6EQ  
**17/00402/ADV (25/03/2017) (Info)** Relocation of four existing fascia signs with the installation of two additional golden arch symbols and one additional good times sign at McDonalds London Road Raunds  
**17/00420/FUL (25/03/2017) (Info)** Flat roof extension to the rear and side of semi-detached bungalow at 1 Welbourne Close Raunds NN9 6HE

### Rushden

**16/02457/FUL (25/03/2017) (Info)** Ramp and level threshold door at 21 Balmoral Avenue Rushden NN10 0BE  
**17/00087/FUL (25/03/2017) (Info)** Rear and side extension to dwelling at 28 Pytchley Road Rushden NN10 9XB  
**17/00319/REM (25/03/2017) (Info)** Reserved matters - Appearance, Landscaping and Layout pursuant to planning permission 16/00469/OUT dated 2.6.16 - Outline application: Demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings: residential development of 9 up to dwellings; modification of access to off road parking; and amenity space (all matters reserved except access and scale) at 3 Northampton Road  
**17/00321/FUL (25/03/2017) (Info)** Single dwelling at Land Between 36-38 Melloway Road Rushden  
**17/00329/FUL (25/03/2017) (Info)** Ground floor extension at 315 Bedford Road Rushden NN10 0SQ  
**17/00352/FUL (25/03/2017) (Info)** Two storey extension to rear of property at 27 Fuchsia Way Rushden NN10 0XF  
**17/00435/FUL (25/03/2017) (Info)** Shower room extension at 28 West Crescent Rushden NN10 9RA

### Thrapston

**17/00296/FUL (01/04/2017) (LB/CA)** Change of use from sui generis to A1 at 33 High Street Thrapston

**17/00340/FUL (25/03/2017) (Info)** Conversion of integral garage to Kitchen/Utility. Change ground floor fenestration to front and rear elevations at 20 Furnace Drive Thrapston NN14 4RP

### Thurning

**17/00279/FUL (01/04/2017) (LB/CA)** Change of use from storage to self-contained dwelling, insertion of rooflights, replacement of windows and doors and installation of new flue pipe at The Old Rectory Winwick Road Thurning PE8 5RF

### Woodford

**17/00364/FUL (25/03/2017) (Info)** Erection of side conservatory at 18 Paddock Road Woodford NN14 4FL

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 11 March 2017

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

# From the East Northants Council Chairman

On 2nd February I attended the formal reopening of the Oundle Church of England Primary School at its re-locate site at the former Middle School premises on Cotterstock Road.

The Bishop of Peterborough planted a commemorative tree. All of us guests formed an excellent impression of the school: the teachers are dedicated and the children polite, cheerful and eager to learn. This reflects considerable credit on the professionalism of Mrs McMurdo, the Head Teacher, and her colleagues.

On 11th February, as an ex-officio member of the University of Northampton Court, I was the guest of the Vice Chancellor at the

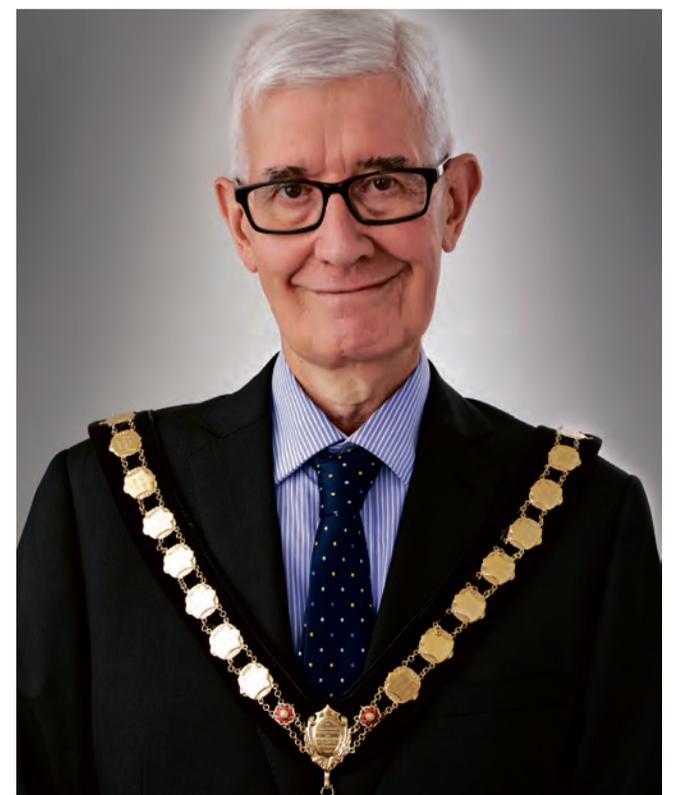
university's graduation ceremonies. Graduands had achieved their degrees in the Faculty of Business and Law. The official lunch before the ceremonies provided an opportunity for informal discussions with the High Sheriff and the Chairman of the Board of Governors about wider issues.

On 1st March East Northamptonshire Council (ENC) set its Budget for the coming financial year, starting 1st April. ENC's Council Tax precept pays towards ENC's services:

the main services are waste collection; many environmental health duties including food safety inspections; the emptying of dog waste bins on public land; and the licensing for pubs' alcohol sales; housing services, including our duty to accommodate homeless people; and the determination of applications for planning permissions – the latter an even more responsible duty, in the light of central Government's recent white paper on housing.

Councils are a vital element of our democracy: within the framework of laws councils, led by councillors, elected every four years by voters in our communities and accessible to their constituents, take the decisions for the delivery of their councils' services. In present times, when there are constraints and pressures on public expenditure – national and local – councils' decisions on their annual budgets call for careful thought. Readers will appreciate that there are limits within which councils can increase their Council Tax precepts.

*Cllr Rupert Reichhold  
Councillor and Chairman  
of East Northamptonshire  
Council*



# Raunds Music Festival

27th-30th April 2017

The good folk at Raunds Music Festival have always liked to think that they 'punch above their weight' when it comes to putting on internationally acclaimed acts at affordable prices. In this, their 16th year, they have been named by the independent travel site Travelmag as one of the 10 best festivals in the Midlands.

Spokesman Bob Fisher said: "We all love music, and have used our own experience to make contacts with acts who are up and coming, and to invite established artists."

Many of the artists who appear at Raunds also play at the larger festivals, but comment on the lovely warm welcoming audience at Raunds. We like the fact that here at the Saxon Hall, the audience can see and hear the artists in a more intimate setting.

This year there will be the traditional ceilidh, song 'n' tune sessions, and concerts by community groups. A wealth of local talent will be supporting featured artists, including veterans Steve Tilston and Jez Lowe, the energetic Swing Commanders, and comic Les Barker.

Prices are kept as low as possible by the committee who do all of the work on a voluntary basis and hope to see you for some or all of the concerts during the weekend of 27th-30th April.

Look for the detailed programme and book

your tickets soon!

Before the main festival there is a fringe event on 24th March at 8pm.

Regulars will know of our festival favourite ceilidh band Ock 'n' Dough but some readers may not be aware that they are named after a traditional Wellingborough dish: A hock of ham placed in a pudding basin and surrounded by onion and potato, topped up with stock and then covered with pastry. Jelly from the hock helps the stock set, so the dish can be cooled and then sliced.

On 24th March you can experience both local musical and culinary traditions with both kinds of Ock 'n' Dough at Krumbs in Raunds for just £10.

For all events buy tickets from one of our local sellers at Raunds. Raunds Hardware & Pet Supplies, 83-85 Brook Street or Brook St Newsagents, 27 Brook Street or tickets can be booked online [www.raundsfestival.com](http://www.raundsfestival.com) or ring the Festival Hotline: 07756 015615.

# The Swivel Club

The Swivel Club charity of Rushden, Higham Ferrers and surrounding areas, provide support and help in various ways, to local individuals and groups who need financial help in accessing adaptations, equipment and aids, to improve their quality of life.

To date the Swivel Club has donated over £100,000 to worthy causes in our community. The charity

is going from strength to strength with the help and generosity of their supporters. All requests for help are considered on merit and decisions are made after the committee has assessed each request carefully, if their criteria are met.

The Swivel Club provides first class entertainment at the exceptional facilities provided by Rushden Town Bowls Club,

Northampton Road. It has been fortunate to provide good entertainment at a very reasonable price. Coming up later this year are Showaddywaddy, Mud, The Jets and top class tribute acts. Some of these are already attracting high demand on ticket sales. To contact the Swivel Club, view pictures, photos, newsletters etc or book tickets, see their website [www.swivelclub.org.uk](http://www.swivelclub.org.uk).



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**Bantry & the Wild Atlantic Way 10 - 16 June, £559 Per Person**

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**The Black Forest 1 - 7 July, £559 Per Person**

As the setting of countless Grimm Brothers fairytales, the Black Forest happily plays up to its image as a land of cuckoo clocks, cherry gateaux, outlandish traditional garb, hefty half-timbered farmhouses and hill upon hill of dark evergreen forest. But even brief exploration soon reveals more of the character of a region that's part of the state of Baden-Württemberg but was shaped as much by its history as a long-disputed borderland between Germany, France and Switzerland - and where something of each is in evidence.

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**Sun 9** Easter Chocolate  
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**Tue 11** McArthur Glen  
**Wed 12** ZSL Whipsnade  
**Thu 13** Trentham  
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# Action-packed London Residential for TENC sixth form

The Ferrers School, Huxlow Science College and Rushden Academy work together to create one post-16 learning community, The East Northamptonshire College (TENC). On Thursday 9th and Friday 10th February, sixth form students from all three schools came together for the legendary action-packed London Residential, which occurs each year.

Students stayed overnight in a hotel in central London and then over the two days opted from a vast range of activities including: visiting the Science Museum, art galleries, London Zoo, the Imperial War Museum, Madame Tussauds, or

sitting in on a live case at the Central Criminal Courts. In the evening students either went to see a spectacular West End show – choosing from Wicked, Matilda or Kinky Boots – or they went to a floodlit outdoor ice skating rink at Canary Wharf. Friday afternoon allowed the

students some free time in Oxford Street and Covent Garden.

Mrs E Brooker, Director of The East Northamptonshire College (TENC) said: “The students gained an enormous amount over the course of the busy two days, returning home completely

exhausted!”

There were positive comments from students too. “The London trip was a great way for schools to

interact with each other

while doing fun activities.” G Buswell, Year 12.

“I think the London Residential trip was a great

experience for all pupils to interact. Students were given the opportunity to experience central London with friends and enjoy the hectic atmosphere. From shopping at Westfield to seeing giraffes lick poles at London Zoo, being in London was an amazing experience and very worthwhile.” J Ible, Year 12.



## New recruitment agency launches in Rushden

Facilitate Recruitment is a family-run recruitment business whose staff have extensive experience of the public sector and community organisations in the area.

Director Matt Croxon, who previously worked as a manager and a business adviser for a government-

funded business advice and guidance service, said: “With the development of Rushden Lakes, increased housing and growing enterprise parks East Northants is definitely an area on the up.

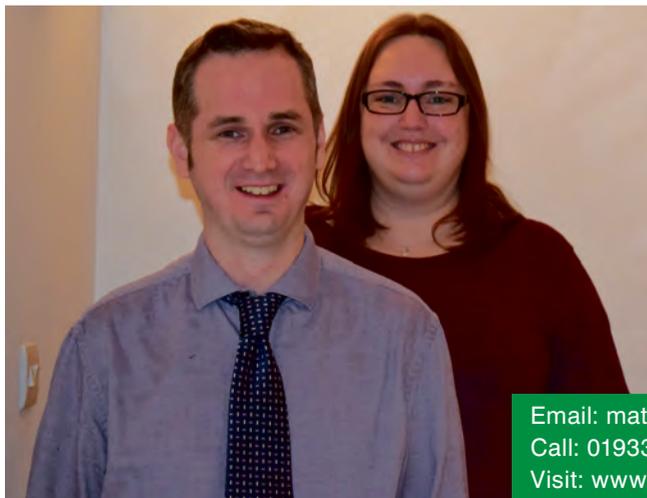
“East Northants people are hardworking, highly skilled and provide an exciting proposition for businesses.

“We understand that getting the right skills for a business is vital for its success. We are able to spend dedicated time to search for the right candidates, prepare them for interview and make the recruitment process a success.”

Facilitate Recruitment has a fixed rate pricing structure which enables a cost-effective recruitment solution.

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## A chance to volunteer at the Chichele College Garden!

Calling everyone who likes to garden and has an hour or two to spare this summer. Would you like the opportunity to spend some time in the fresh air, in a beautiful environment and in good company?

Then come along to The Green Dragon in Higham Ferrers on 23rd March at 7pm to find out how you can help to keep the Medieval Garden at Chichele College looking lovely.

Thanks to a Community Spaces Lottery Grant in 2011, the Higham Ferrers Tourism, Business and Community Partnership was able to go ahead with their plan to create a Medieval Style Garden in the Chichele College grounds.

Chichele College, commissioned in 1425 by Archbishop Henry Chichele, who was born in Higham Ferrers, has a long and interesting history, but when the garden development was begun, the space was little used. Now, with the help of the committed hard work and enthusiasm of

a small team of volunteer gardeners, the grounds have become a visitor attraction and hosts several outdoor events, including the annual Chichele Garden Fair, which this year is on 27th May.

If you feel you would like to spend some time in the company of other green fingered volunteers and watch the garden grow and develop, we would be pleased to welcome you. We have a programme of day and evening two-hour gardening sessions, which run from April to September. Volunteers may choose to come along subject to their own availability. Any help is always appreciated.

For more information call 07866448108. To find out more about the Chichele College Garden and volunteering please go to [www.chichelegarden.co.uk](http://www.chichelegarden.co.uk). To find out more about the Higham Ferrers Tourism, Business and Community Partnership go to [www.highamferrerstourism.org.uk](http://www.highamferrerstourism.org.uk)

## Cost-effective energy solutions

“I’m worried by how much money I spend on gas. My home is draughty and I turn the heating on even in summer. How can I cut my bills?”

The good news is that there are a few different ways you can use less energy, and also pay less for what you use.

Start by finding out if you can get a lower price for your gas. Find a copy of your latest bill so you can see how much you’re paying per unit. Then use Citizens Advice’s online energy price comparison tool at <https://energycompare.citizensadvice.org.uk/> to check if a different supplier is offering a cheaper deal.

If you do find a better offer, call or email the new supplier and ask to move to the tariff you’ve identified. They’ll inform your old supplier and switch you over to their supply. This normally takes 17 days.

Some local councils, including East Northamptonshire Council, organise collective switching campaigns. <http://>

[www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/sss](http://www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/sss). You can sign up for a personalised offer before 20th March 2017 and this is very likely to offer a good value deal – but ideally you need to consider what the whole of the market has to offer including any Warm Home Discount to which you may be entitled.

You should also look into improving your insulation, such as getting draught excluders or cavity wall insulation. Energy Champions at Citizens Advice can help explain what could work best for your home and the potential costs involved.

Depending on your circumstances, you may be eligible for financial assistance to help you meet the cost of your bills, as well as any improvement works to your home.

If you need guidance over any of these issues, contact Citizens Advice on 03444 889 629 or through the webform facility on our local website [www.cencab.org.uk](http://www.cencab.org.uk)

# Nene Valley Business News

Welcome to my March 2017 business column. I will be in a different town every month featuring a different business, with a view to promoting and giving a boost to our local hard working industries. This month I had the pleasure of visiting Alfred Sargent & Sons shoemakers in Rushden.

This was a significant visit for me as I was a former Finance Director for another well-known shoe manufacturer in Northamptonshire and the visit brought back many memories of my time in the industry and the good people who work in it.

The business was established in 1899 by Alfred Sargent together with his sons and I am pleased to say is managed by the fourth generation of Sargents, Mr Paul Sargent.

I was given a guided tour of the business which had a wonderful friendly atmosphere, reinforced by the fact that generations of families still work there. One former employee, Mrs Mary Burditt, had received an MBE from the Queen for working in the business for 62 years. She is now 102 years old and lives in a local care home.

As well as Finance Director I was also responsible for quality control in my former job and I have to say the quality of the footwear at Alfred Sargents was exceptional. The employees show pride in their work and the attention to detail is paramount to producing these beautiful handmade shoes.

I was interested to see that Alfred Sargents had invested in the brand name called 'Budapester', after the shoemakers to the Hungarian Court. The budapester is one of the best-known varieties of men's footwear; a derby style shoe with broguing and a double sole is what makes the budapester truly one of a kind. The brand name was established here in 1992 and has been successfully exported to the European market.

## Beautiful quality hand-made shoes

Alfred Sargents pride themselves on their quality shoes that are made to last and offer an after sales service. Owners have sent their much loved shoes back to Sargents years after they have purchased them to be repaired and some pairs were manufactured as long as 30 years ago – that's good old fashioned manufacturing, made to last!

Paul stated that the worst part of the body to make for is the feet and you have to have a vast range of 'lasts' to produce a large range of sizes. Sargents produce hundreds of styles and have a team drafting new designs for customers seeking a custom made shoe. The team will work with the customer to create their specific shoe design, picking out the right leathers and stitching and drafting up the design to suit the customer. On my tour I noticed a young employee hand drawing some beautiful embellishments of his own design which gave a traditional shoe a wonderful modern twist.

Northamptonshire's footwear industry took a pounding in former decades when vast amounts of Chinese footwear was imported undercutting local manufacturers, who couldn't compete and many local shoemakers closed down. Northamptonshire is a world leader in manufacturing the best quality shoes in the world. Shoe manufacturing has now recovered, with over 10 brands still made in Britain.

I asked Paul how the future is now looking for the business? He said: "Petty good we are looking to expand and would like to recruit new staff. We are offering one-to-one training, which are portable skills for life and welcome any enquiries from anyone interested in a career in the shoe industry."

"We exhibit our shoes all over the world including Milan and New York shows, so our shoes are known internationally and a product to be proud of."

## Jobs at Sargents & Sons Shoemakers

If you are interested in working in manufacturing or would like a job change or new training, Paul would love to meet



## £800K digital enhancement fund secured for Northamptonshire's small businesses

Help is at hand for small and medium sized businesses in Northamptonshire that want to improve broadband connectivity

and develop digital innovation.

Northamptonshire County Council has secured more than £800k of European money for the Northamptonshire Digital Enhancement project.

An extension of the county council's Superfast Northamptonshire, the scheme will work in three ways:

- Providing grants to support innovative digital business improvement projects
- Offering a digital adviser to help businesses capitalise on technological advances
- Developing a connection voucher scheme, enabling some businesses to upgrade to a superfast broadband connection by providing 50% of the cost

The project will be delivered through



the Northamptonshire Growth Hub, a partnership between the county council and the University of Northampton, with the money which has been allocated by the European Regional Development Fund. The initiative will be launched and operational later this year. Businesses can register their interest in any part of the project on the Superfast Northamptonshire website, [www.superfastnorthamptonshire.net](http://www.superfastnorthamptonshire.net)

Next month I will be back in my home town of Irthlingborough to feature a specialised business that will surprise you. Until then best wishes to all readers from your local business champion Marika Hillson.

Marika Hillson

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## 'Flipping' good fun for Pancake Day



For one day only children at Windermere Day Nursery in Kettering were not only allowed to play with their food – they were actively encouraged to do so in Pancake Day races. The races mark the beginning of Easter themed activities at the Ofsted rated 'Outstanding' nursery.

Children had fun creating pancake faces with lots of healthy fruit, whilst preschool used the interactive whiteboard to research the origins of Shrove Tuesday.

Windermere Manager Jacky Bufton

explained that the pancake races are a popular event at the nursery providing endless crafting and learning opportunities with a big serving of fun added to the mix.

"We celebrate many different religious and cultural festivals during the year at Windermere and usually there is a tasty food or treat included in the activities. Pancake Day is, however, the only one where children are encouraged to take food into the garden and run about with it. Maybe that is why they like this particular festival so much," she said.

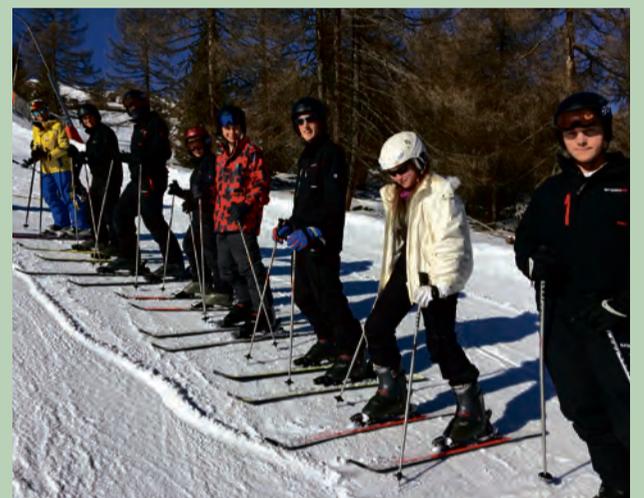
## Students enjoy Austrian ski adventure during half-term

Forty-three students and six adults from Huxlow Science College headed to Oberlungau in Austria for a week of skiing adventures over the February half-term holiday.

The students were outstanding and some of them were on black runs by the third day! The apres ski activities included curling, swimming, a castle tour, an ice cream evening and a 'quiz extravaganza'. Accommodation was in a super hotel that was "very Austrian", so students got the full experience of staying abroad.

Thank you to all the staff who supported the trip and the fantastic group of students. Same time again next year?

Further information and all the photos at <http://www.huxlow.northants.sch.uk/Austria>



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**7th March-20th March**

**OSCAR Radio**

On Air  
7.15am-8.15am and 5pm-10.15pm  
The UK's longest established pupil radio station is back.

**11th-24th March**

**Maxine Greer and Jane Hindmarch DRAW**

Yarrow Gallery  
Free admission  
This exhibition brings together a body of work created from a mobile artist's studio travelling around Rutland and the surrounding counties.

**Monday 13th March**

**Talk about issues facing the Church of England by Dr Martin Davie**

St Peter's Church, Midland Road, Rushden NN10 9UJ  
7pm for buffet; talk at about 8pm  
Andrew Presland 01933 316927  
Donations of £3 requested for buffet lunch  
Also short AGM of Peterborough Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship – but all are welcome.

**Oundle U3A Monthly Meeting**

Queen Victoria Hall, West Street, Oundle  
Doors open 2pm, members £1, non-members £2  
The Four Seasons – Steve Lovell looks at our gardens and the wildlife that lives in them throughout the year.

**Wednesday 15th March**

**Arts & Crafts: Foxglove Path acrylic landscape**

Ringstead Village Social Club  
10am-4pm  
£25 booking essential  
01933 460676  
Shafts of light cross this shady wooded path bordered by foxgloves in full bloom.

**dOCs+ Almost Holy**

Fletton House, Fletton Way, Glapthorn Road, Oundle PE8 4JA  
7.45pm, admission £8  
Oundle Festival, 4 West Street, Oundle PE8 4ED.  
01832 274734 or [www.oundlefestival.org.uk](http://www.oundlefestival.org.uk), [information@oundlefestival.org.uk](mailto:information@oundlefestival.org.uk)  
A compelling study of a controversial Ukrainian pastor whose forceful approach borders on vigilantism. (The Guardian)

**Rushden & Higham Ferrers Council of Churches Lent Lunch**

St Mary's Church Hall, Rushden town centre  
12 noon  
Andrew Presland 01933 316927  
Cost: donations invited for Christian Aid. With soup, roll and a short prayer time: all are welcome.

**Thursday 16th March**

**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!

**Lunchtime Concert – Woodwind**

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.

**RSPB Mid-Nene Local Group Indoor Meeting**

Saxon Hall, Raunds  
7.30pm  
Open to everyone, admission £3 including tea or coffee. Children free.  
Penny 01933 350404

There will be an Illustrated talk on Badgers by Peter Edwards.

**Friday 17th March**

**Fusion for 7-11 year olds**

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

**U3A Monthly Group Meeting**

The Plaza, Cosy Nook, Thrapston  
10am-12 noon, visitors £2 (includes refreshments)  
members: free  
Ann Carter 07542 775603  
'MBE Investiture at Buckingham Palace' with Guinette Davis MBE.

**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  
Ian Addis – 'The Literary Heritage of Northamptonshire'.

**A Level Theatre Studies**

The Stahl  
7.45pm, Admission: £3  
A unique opportunity to see some of Oundle School's most talented performers.

**Elton Methodist Chapel – Oundle School Jazz band in concert**

Highgate Hall, Elton  
7.30pm, tickets £10 to include a glass of wine and canapes.  
01832 273867

**Saturday 18th March**

**Music in Special Places – Kathryn Tickell and Amy Thatcher**

St Peter's Church, Oundle  
8pm, admission: £14 adults, £12 concessions, £4 under 18  
Tickets from Oundle Festival Box Office 01832 274734  
Folk performer Kathryn Tickell returns to Oundle with accordion player and clog dancer, Amy Thatcher.

**Quiz Evening**

Hope Methodist Church, Linnetts Lane, Higham Ferrers NN10 8DE  
7pm, admission £6  
Chris 01933 317719  
Teams of 4. Hot Potato Supper. Everyone welcome. Proceeds for Community Centre and Church in Higham Ferrers.

**Shabby Chic Furniture Makeover Workshop**

Ringstead Village Hall  
9.30am-4.30pm, half day £35, whole day £55, booking essential  
01933 460676  
Bring that old brown piece of furniture and take away a sparkling upcycled masterpiece.

**Baby and Kids Nearly New Sale**

Tithe Barn, Wellingborough.  
10am-12noon, entrance £1, kids free. Refreshments available.  
Lots of preloved items (Toys, clothes, DVDs, maternity clothes and equipment) at a fraction of the high street cost! To book a stall £10 please call 07577 701161 or email [karen\\_aves@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:karen_aves@hotmail.co.uk)

**Sunday 19th March**

**Higham Ferrers Footpath Group**

Saffron Road car park Higham Ferrers for car sharing  
9.30am, free  
01933 312328  
5.5 mile walk from Clapham.

**Whitefriars Church – Morning Worship**

Whitefriars Church at Whitefriars Junior School, Boughton Drive,

Rushden NN10 9HX

10.15am  
Chris Youngman 01933 551769  
An informal church service open to all.

**Rushden & Higham Ferrers Churches Together in Prayer and Praise**

Highfield Community Baptist Church, Highfield Road, Rushden  
7.30pm  
Andrew Presland 01933 316927  
An informal time of prayer and praise.

**Morning Service**

Thrapston Baptist Church  
10.30am  
Preacher: Andy Jelfs.

**Oundle Cinema: Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them (12A)**

Stahl Theatre, West Street Oundle Peterborough PE8 4EJ  
6pm, admission: £5/£3 under 18s  
Oundle Festival, 4 West Street, Oundle, PE8 4ED. Tel. 01832 274734 [www.oundlefestival.org.uk](http://www.oundlefestival.org.uk), [information@oundlefestival.org.uk](mailto:information@oundlefestival.org.uk)  
The adventures of Newt Scamander in New York's secret wizarding community 70 years before Harry Potter reads his book in school.

**Monday 20th March**

**Composers' Concert with the Vasara String Quartet**

CLR  
7.45pm  
All welcome, free of charge.  
Vasara String Quartet returns to play through Oundle pupils' compositions.

**Lecture: Dr Nick Hewitt on 'Exploring the Shapes of Planetary Nebulae'**

Chelveston Village Hall, Caldecott Road Chelveston NN9 6AT  
8pm, visitors and Members welcome. £3 per person including tea/coffee and biscuits.  
Steve Williams 01933 650331 or e-mail [chilternastro@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:chilternastro@yahoo.co.uk) or Mrs Peta Jellis on 01933 356914 or email [pej@petaj26.me.uk](mailto:pej@petaj26.me.uk)  
Planetary nebulae represent the most beautiful phase of stellar evolution. Find out why these shapes arise.

**Tuesday 21st March**

**Fish Eye – Confessions of a Super Snooper**

The Stahl  
7.45pm, £12 adults, £10 concessions  
Theatre Alibi presents Pam, a one-woman M16 neighbour, unearthing that everyone around her is a thief, a pervert or a terrorist.

**Coffee & Cake**

Oundle Golf Club  
10am-12noon, £3 all welcome  
01832 273267  
Books, cakes, games, pre-loved accessory bargains and much more. Raffle for Oundle Community First Responders.

**Wednesday 22nd March**

**Rushden & Higham Ferrers Council of Churches Lent Lunch**

St Mary's Church Hall, Rushden town centre  
12 noon  
Andrew Presland 01933 316927  
Donations invited for Christian Aid. With soup, roll and a short prayer time: all are welcome.

**Arts & Crafts: Daffodil Bouquet in watercolours**

Ringstead Village Social Club  
10am-2pm, £19 booking essential  
01933 460676  
Paint this lovely bouquet of daffodils and pussy willow in watercolours.

**Thursday 23rd March**

**Arts & Crafts: Irises in acrylics**

Ringstead Village Social Club  
10am-1.30pm, £17 booking essential  
01933 460676  
Come and paint three Irises on a canvas board size 10in x 12in.

**Lunchtime Concert – Pianists**

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 24th March**

**Fusion for 7-11 year olds**

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

**Raunds Music Festival Fringe 'Ock'n'Dough at Krumbs'**

Krumbs, Brook Street, Raunds  
8pm, admission £10  
[www.raundsfestival.com](http://www.raundsfestival.com) or ring the Festival Hotline: 07756 015615 or Krumbs.  
Eat the traditional Northamptonshire dish and listen to traditional music played by a local band Ock 'n' Dough.

**Arts & Crafts: The Old Water Pump in acrylics**

Ringstead Village Social Club  
10am-4pm, £25 booking essential  
01933 460676  
A popular painting of a long forgotten unused water pump and bucket surrounded by cow parsley.

**Yarwell & Nassington Britannia Band Spring Concert**

King's Cliffe Church  
7.30pm, adults £10, under 18s £5.  
Tickets include wine, soft drinks and nibbles. To purchase contact Nassington Post Office, King's Cliffe Local Shopper, Christine 01780 470554 and Janet 01780 470446. The proceeds are for All Saints and Saint James Church King's Cliffe.

**Saturday 25th March**

**Irthlingborough Open Gardens – Spring bulbs and flowers**

Throughout Irthlingborough  
10am-4pm, £3 adults – accompanied children free  
Advance programmes and maps available from Salvation Army Shop.  
Also on the day at St Peter's Church with refreshments & items for sale in support of Christian Aid.

**Spring Concert with Classical Guitars and Voices**

St Rumbald's Church, Stoke Doyle  
7.30pm, tickets: £12.50 from Liz Doherty 01832 273525  
Featuring the Huntingdonshire Guitar Ensemble and the Ensemble of Friends – an a cappella Chamber Choir.

**Meditation and Mindfulness: Detox Your Mind with Buddhist nun Gen Nyingpo**

10.30am-1pm, £15  
Fletton House, Oundle PE8 4JA  
Booking: [www.drolmacentre.org.uk](http://www.drolmacentre.org.uk)

**Baby and Kids Nearly New Sale**

The Pemberton Centre, Rushden  
10am-12noon  
Refreshments available. Entrance



£1, kids free. Lots of preloved items (Toys, Clothes, DVDs, Maternity clothes and equipment) at a fraction of the high street cost! To book a stall £10 please call 07577 701161 or email [karen\\_aves@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:karen_aves@hotmail.co.uk)

**Craft & Vintage Fair**

Working Men's Club, Westfields Terrace, Higham Ferrers  
9am-1pm, free  
[www.facebook.com/rainbowcraftevents](http://www.facebook.com/rainbowcraftevents)  
20 stalls selling a wide range of handmade and vintage items, refreshments and homemade cakes.

**The Swivel Club charity presents a Fantastic Evening of Comedy**

Rushden Bowls Club Northampton Road NN10 6AN  
8pm till late, tickets £12  
[www.swivelclub.org.uk](http://www.swivelclub.org.uk) or 07738080470 or 01933312680  
Featuring Aiden Jay, Craig Harper and Craige Antony, with supporting Disco Bar. Food available and ample car parking.

**Sunday 26th March**

**All Age Service**

Thrapston Baptist Church  
10.30am  
Preacher: Mat Hussain, Theme: Samson.

**Whitefriars Church – Morning Worship with Holy Communion**

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

**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](mailto: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 Islip Ladies Choir**

Thrapston Church Hall  
2pm-3.30pm  
Barbara 01536 394431

**Yoga classes**

Denford Village Hall

9am-10am, £4 per session  
Anita Hackney 01832 733274  
Improve your health with gentle stretching and breathing.

**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](mailto:titchmarshfdc@gmail.com)

**Oundle Ladies Running Group**

Oundle pool car park  
6.45pm  
Jane Walker 01832 272898/[janewalkercakes@icloud.com](mailto:janewalkercakes@icloud.com)

**Baggy pants Yoga**

Masonic Hall, Wellingborough Road, Rushden  
10am-11am  
01933 382837/07873 743256/[carole.wyatt@virginmedia.com](mailto: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

**Finedon Irthlingborough & District Branch Royal British Legion Branch Meeting**

Finedon Bowls Club  
7.30pm  
Peter Eames 07434328237

**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](mailto: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**  
**Short Mat Bowls**  
 Islip Village Hall  
 10am-12noon, £3  
 Barbara Finch 01832 733154

**Phoenix Gaming Club (Age 12+)**  
 The Rushden Scouts Hall, Brooke Close behind Orbit Tyres (Skinners Lane, Rushden NN10 OXH) 7pm-11pm, membership £5 pa  
 Fun Historical, Fantasy and Sci-Fi table top model gaming, role-playing, board and card games.  
 Aron 07739563657 or aron.phoenix@virginmedia.com

**Art Classes (10 weeks)**  
 Knuston Hall, Knuston 7-9pm, 10 Lessons £100  
 Jamie 07899 676769

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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**  
**Woodford WI Meeting**  
 Woodford Sports and Social Club 7.30pm  
 Lynn Sortwell 01832 732740

**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](mailto:louise.tuffin@wildlifebcn.org)

**50+ Adventure Club**  
 For further information  
 01536 505548/[www.fiftyplusnorthantsadventureclub.org.uk](http://www.fiftyplusnorthantsadventureclub.org.uk)

**Every Tuesday & Thursday**  
**Health Walks Stanwick Lakes**  
 10am-11am, free, car park charges  
 01933 625522  
[www.stanwicklakes.org.uk](http://www.stanwicklakes.org.uk)

**Every Tuesday, Thursday & Friday**  
**Whist Drive**  
 Rushden Bowls Club  
 Northampton Road, Rushden

7.30pm, £2  
 01933 313714

**Every Tuesday & Saturday**  
**Coffee Mornings**  
 St James Church, Thrapston 10am-12noon  
 01832 730019

**Every Wednesday**  
**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, nr Oundle Classes from 6.45pm  
 01832 293432/[oundledogs@aol.com](mailto:oundledogs@aol.com)/[www.oundledogs.co.uk](http://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](http://www.stanwicklakes.org.uk)

**Club Night**  
 Apethorpe Tennis Club  
 From 6pm

**Returns 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](mailto:info@antlerlanguages.co.uk)

**French Tuition**  
 The Old Town Hall, Market Place, Oundle  
 From 6pm, £25 per week  
 01832 776336/  
[info@antlerlanguages.co.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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).

**Jelly Babes Toddler Group**  
 Rushden Independent Wesleyan Church 9.15am

**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

**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

**Every alternate Wednesday**  
**Psychic & Spiritual Awareness Development Group**  
 Rushden 1pm-3pm or 7.30pm-9.30pm, £7 per session  
 Renalta Hall 07712 740495

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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  
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**Move to Health**  
 No 1 St Osyth's Lane, Oundle 2.15pm-3pm  
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**Thursday Drop-In**  
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**Enjoy Yoga**  
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**Little Ducklings Pre-School Stay & Play 'Tea & Tots' Sessions**  
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 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](mailto:musicmakersnorthants@gmail.com)

**Music Makers**  
 Joan Strong Centre, Oundle 11.15am-12noon, £4 per child, £2 for siblings  
 Naomi Cooper on [musicmakersnorthants@gmail.com](mailto: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  
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**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  
 Janet Lowe 01933 389647.

**Ise & Nene Valley Turners**  
 Counties Community Centre, Hertford Rd, Kettering NN15 6LG 7pm, members free, visitors £7  
 Peter Bond 01933 741835/  
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**Thursday Market Day**  
**No.1 Cafe - Free Drop-In**

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**Every Friday**  
**Walk and Chat**  
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**Music Makers**  
 Nene Centre, Thrapston 12.45-1.30pm & 1.45-2.30pm, £4 per child, £2 for siblings  
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**Every Friday (term time)**  
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 Oundle School Swimming Pool, Milton Road, Oundle 3pm-3.45pm  
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**Most Fridays**  
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**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](http://www.stanwicklakes.org.uk)

**Oundle Evergreen Club**  
 2.30pm in the Victoria Hall for tea and cakes plus entertainment.  
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**3rd Friday of the month**  
**Raunds Tea Dance**  
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 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  
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**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](http://www.stanwicklakes.org.uk)

**1st Saturday of the month**  
**Coffee Morning**  
 St Mary's Church, Ringstead 10am-12noon  
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**Thrapston Farmers' Market**  
 Thrapston High Street 9am-1pm  
[www.thrapstonfarmersmarket.moonfruit.com](http://www.thrapstonfarmersmarket.moonfruit.com)

**2nd Saturday of the month**  
**It's All Greek to Me – Greek cookery classes**  
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### EAST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE ACT 1992 COUNCIL TAX

The Council at its meeting on 1 March 2017, calculated the following amounts for 2017/18 in accordance with regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992 made under section 33 (5) of the LGF Act 1992 and the Local Authorities (Calculation of Tax Base) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 and (No 2) Regulations 2003.

	TOTAL COUNCIL TAX DUE 2017/18							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Aldwinckle	1,041.99	1,215.66	1,389.31	1,562.98	1,910.30	2,257.64	2,604.97	3,125.96
Apethorpe	1,011.68	1,180.30	1,348.90	1,517.52	1,854.74	2,191.97	2,529.20	3,035.04
Ashton	1,041.81	1,215.45	1,389.07	1,562.71	1,909.97	2,257.25	2,604.52	3,125.42
Barnwell	1,036.15	1,208.84	1,381.53	1,554.22	1,899.60	2,244.98	2,590.37	3,108.44
Benefield	1,032.01	1,204.01	1,376.01	1,548.01	1,892.01	2,236.01	2,580.02	3,096.02
Brigstock	1,033.32	1,205.55	1,377.76	1,549.98	1,894.41	2,238.86	2,583.30	3,099.96
Bulwick	1,020.96	1,191.12	1,361.27	1,531.43	1,871.74	2,212.06	2,552.39	3,062.86
Chelveston cum Caldecott	1,039.52	1,212.78	1,386.02	1,559.28	1,905.78	2,252.29	2,598.80	3,118.56
Collyweston	1,072.08	1,250.76	1,429.43	1,608.11	1,965.46	2,322.82	2,680.19	3,216.22
Deene & Deenethorpe	1,064.49	1,241.91	1,419.31	1,596.73	1,951.55	2,306.39	2,661.22	3,193.46
Denford	1,034.97	1,207.47	1,379.95	1,552.45	1,897.43	2,242.43	2,587.42	3,104.90
Duddington with Fineshade	1,066.48	1,244.22	1,421.96	1,599.71	1,955.20	2,310.69	2,666.19	3,199.42
Easton-on-the-Hill	1,042.40	1,216.13	1,389.86	1,563.59	1,911.05	2,258.52	2,605.99	3,127.18
Glaphorn	1,052.46	1,227.87	1,403.27	1,578.68	1,929.49	2,280.31	2,631.14	3,157.36
Great Addington	1,048.73	1,223.52	1,398.30	1,573.09	1,922.66	2,272.24	2,621.82	3,146.18
Hargrave	1,039.52	1,212.78	1,386.02	1,559.28	1,905.78	2,252.29	2,598.80	3,118.56
Harringworth	1,036.49	1,209.24	1,381.98	1,554.73	1,900.22	2,245.72	2,591.22	3,109.46
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Islip	1,052.32	1,227.71	1,403.09	1,578.48	1,929.25	2,280.03	2,630.80	3,156.96
Kings Cliffe	1,032.42	1,204.49	1,376.55	1,548.62	1,892.75	2,236.89	2,581.04	3,097.24
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Lutton	1,013.48	1,182.40	1,351.30	1,520.22	1,858.04	2,195.87	2,533.70	3,040.44
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Rushden	1,064.60	1,242.04	1,419.46	1,596.90	1,951.76	2,306.63	2,661.50	3,193.80
Stanwick	1,065.31	1,242.86	1,420.41	1,597.96	1,953.06	2,308.16	2,663.27	3,195.92
Sudborough	1,039.20	1,212.40	1,385.59	1,558.79	1,905.18	2,251.58	2,597.99	3,117.58
Thrapston	1,086.19	1,267.22	1,448.25	1,629.28	1,991.34	2,353.40	2,715.47	3,258.56
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Twywell	1,035.82	1,208.45	1,381.08	1,553.72	1,898.99	2,244.26	2,589.54	3,107.44
Warmington	1,070.54	1,248.96	1,427.38	1,605.80	1,962.64	2,319.49	2,676.34	3,211.60
Woodford	1,028.50	1,199.92	1,371.33	1,542.75	1,885.58	2,228.42	2,571.25	3,085.50
Woodnewton	1,043.62	1,217.55	1,391.48	1,565.42	1,913.29	2,261.16	2,609.04	3,130.84
Yarwell	1,047.34	1,221.90	1,396.45	1,571.01	1,920.12	2,269.24	2,618.35	3,142.02
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Glenn Hammons, Chief Finance Officer

**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14**  
**THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (NEW STREET, OUNDLE)**  
**(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 New Street, Oundle as set out below.

**LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES:** That length of New Street, Oundle from the junction of West Street to Blackpot Lane.

**REASONS FOR RESTRICTION:** The restriction is required for war memorial cleansing.

**PERIOD OF CLOSURE:** The proposed Order will come into effect on 3rd April 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 10 days.

**ALTERNATIVE ROUTES:** use West Street, Benefield Road and Milton Road.

Dated this 11th day of March 2017  
 QUENTIN BAKER, Director of Law & Governance  
 PKG/T17/079

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 (NASSINGTON ROAD, FOTHERINGHAY)**  
**(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 Nassington Road, Fotheringhay as set out below.

**LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES:** That length of Nassington Road, Fotheringhay from Main Street to entrance to Middle Lodge.

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

**PERIOD OF CLOSURE:** The proposed Order will come into effect on 24th March 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 30th June 2017.

**ALTERNATIVE ROUTES:** use Fotheringhay Road, Elton Road, Duck End, Back Lane, Highgate Green, Wansford Road, Oundle Road, Overend, A605, Tansor Road, Cotterstock Road, Main Street, Fotheringhay Road and Main Street.

Dated this 11th day of March 2017  
 QUENTIN BAKER, Director of Law & Governance  
 PKG/T17/107

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**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14**  
**THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (MIDLAND ROAD, RAUNDS)**  
**(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 Midland Road, Raunds as set out below.

**LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES:** That length of Midland Road, Raunds from Brooks Road to Butts Road.

**REASONS FOR RESTRICTION:** The restriction is required for safety during installation of major drainage system.

**PERIOD OF CLOSURE:** The proposed Order will come into effect on 1st April 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 20th June 2017.

**ALTERNATIVE ROUTES:** use Hargrave Road, Station Road, Raunds Road, Toll Bar Lane, A14, A45, London Road and Brick Kiln Road.

Dated this 11th day of March 2017  
 QUENTIN BAKER, Director of Law & Governance  
 PKG/T17/102

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**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14**  
**THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (BACK LANE, 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 Back Lane, Ringstead as set out below.

**LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES:** That length of Back Lane, Ringstead from Greenbank Terrace to Northfield Avenue.

**REASONS FOR RESTRICTION:** The restriction is required for safety during relaying 10 metre of sewer.

**PERIOD OF CLOSURE:** The proposed Order will come into effect on 3rd April 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 13th April 2017.

**ALTERNATIVE ROUTES:** use Denford Road, High Street and Carlow Road.

Dated this 11th day of March 2017  
 QUENTIN BAKER, Director of Law & Governance  
 PKG/T17/108

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**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14**  
**THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (BROOKS ROAD, RAUNDS)**  
**(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of Brooks Road, Raunds as set out below.

**LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES:** That length of Brooks Road, Raunds from Midland Road for a distance of 50 metres north easterly.

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

**PERIOD OF CLOSURE:** The proposed Order will come into effect on 20th March 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 24th March 2017.

**ALTERNATIVE ROUTES:** use Denford Road, Raunds Road, London Road, Brick Kiln Road, North Street and Midland Road.

Dated this 11th day of March 2017  
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# Chess Corner



By Derrick Sims

Just recently it seems that the only things happening at the Chess Club are league and knockout competitions. This is far from the truth as in tandem with the external competitions there is a good deal going on within the Club. Senior and Junior players are taking part in the internal club competitions which comprise of Blitz, Rapid, Standard and Ladder games. The Junior Open competition is turning into a battle between Oscar Childs and Shabnavee Jeffrey with Oscar ahead by just half a point. In addition to the Junior Open and Ladder we will also be holding our annual Easter Bunny Blitz competition. This was fiercely contested last year with Fortis Dikas proving himself a worthy winner.

#### Silver King League II

Rushden B travelled to Kettering to compete

against their C team in the league. On paper the gradings were very similar and promised a tight competitive match. Kettering's Ron Cooper did well to beat the higher graded Keith Bristow on board 1. The surprise of the evening was Tom Murts overturning a 29 point grade deficit to defeat Mathew Edwards on board 4. In the end a drawn match was a fair reflection of the evening. Rushden remain in second place in the League with Oundle secure in the top spot.

#### Monday 13th February

Kettering C 2½-2½ Rushden B

Bd1: Ron Cooper (97) 1-0 Keith Bristow (110)

Bd2: Ian Andrews (98) ½ Bob Ellam (108)

Bd3: John Edmundson (102) 0-1 Jeff Owen (106)

Bd4: Mathew Edwards (90) 0-1 Tom Murts (61)

Bd5: Daniel Martin (77) 1-0 James Wicks (79)

#### Silver King League I

Rushden A were at home to Chess Mates B who are currently two places higher in the league than Rushden. Hugh Murphy got the better of the opening against Greg Smith but was unable to build on it with Greg putting up a good fight. In the end the draw was a fair result. James Gardner found himself on the ropes against the Nimzo-Larsen attack

employed to good effect by Chess Mates' Peter Tibbert. Some good defensive work was needed by James to recover the situation and the game ended honours even. A similar story unfolded on board 3 where Saj played white against Nigel Young and thus the top three boards were drawn games. This meant board 4 & 5 were decisive in deciding the outcome of the match. Unfortunately both boards went Chess Mates' way giving them a deserved victory.

#### Monday 20th February

Rushden A 3½-1½ Chess Mates B

Bd1: Hugh Murphy (189) ½ Greg Smith (170)

Bd2: James Gardner (167) ½ Peter Tibbert (149)

Bd3: Sajan Ganger (134) ½ Nigel Young (141)

Bd4: Richard Ellis (130) 0-1 Shane Ashley (134)

Bd5: Keith Bristow (110) 0-1 Dave Curran (130)

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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