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## In Brief

Six-year-old Mackenzie McCall (pictured with his mother Lucy and grandfather Alex) was presented with his new hearing microphone, costing £370, from the Swivel Club committee.

The Swivel Club registered charity raises funds by holding entertainment events at Rushden Town Bowls Club. To date they have donated over £100,000 to local individuals and good causes. To learn more about the Club and see more pictures visit their website [www.swivelclub.org.uk](http://www.swivelclub.org.uk).

Picture courtesy of Steven Prouse KBO Photography.



## Unmarked HGV joins fight against dangerous driving in Northamptonshire

Drivers breaking the law on Northamptonshire's roads are being identified thanks to an unusual police vehicle – a lorry.

The unmarked DAF is the country's biggest undercover police vehicle and is currently in action with Northamptonshire Police's Safer Roads Team.

Its elevated position enables officers to easily spot, record and photograph motorists breaking road traffic laws. Drivers are then pulled over to be dealt with.

PC David Lee, of the Safer Roads Team, said: "Drivers may be tempted to look at their phone when it pings, or distracted by other things inside their vehicle, but when you're driving your attention should only be on the road.

"Using this lorry gives us an ideal vantage point to see just what drivers are up to behind the wheel, and helps us take action to address dangerous driving on our county's roads and motorways."

The vehicle is on loan from Highways England and is made available to police forces nationwide through the National Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC).

Although magnetic placards allow it to be badged up when required, when in covert use it simply looks like any other heavy goods vehicle.

PC Lee said: "Although this is an unmarked vehicle, we want people to know we are out there looking for dangerous and illegal driving. We're being upfront about our use of it in the hope people read about it and change their behaviour behind the wheel.

"We work to keep people safer on our roads and this lorry is a great way to support that aim."

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## Letters to the editor

Dear Editor,  
Since April this year, at the town boundary on the approach roads to Thrapston, we have had flowers growing in planters, all set up by Charlotte Croser, a local shopkeeper, and watered by volunteers.

I regularly water three of these planters, one by the town sign and two others across the road at the start of the Nine Arches bridge.

I have been most heartened (and amused) by comments made to me by passersby on foot or in cars: "Good girl!"; "The flowers are beautiful!"; "You're doing a good job!"; and "Keep it up!"

The most touching episode was when an unknown young man shouted out of his car window, "Lovely flowers! Get a high-vis - I'm worried about you!" After which I followed his instructions, and did in fact feel safer as the cars sped past close by. His parents could be proud of their son's concern for an elderly woman watering plants by the roadside.

Our thanks go to the Thrapston Town

Council for funding this project.

*Carol Gibson*

Dear Editor,  
As a Rushden resident, I would like to congratulate our town council on the state of our High Street.

The floral arrangements, hanging baskets and planters are a credit to them and their staff. Also the effort put into cleaning up the litter from our streets.

Why but why do people find the need still to drop litter when there are ample litter bins available?

I would like to see the fines for littering increased, with notices displayed to this effect. How about traffic wardens being empowered to enforce littering fines?

*Philip Loakes, Rushden.*

**Disclaimer:** The views and comments expressed are those of the writer and not necessarily those of the Nene Valley News.

## Genealogy jottings

What's in a name? Well, quite a lot if you are looking for a certain person and cannot find them. Then you discover that they are using a different name entirely!

One of my great aunts was always known as Nell. This is how she appears on the various censuses, in birthday books and was what I called her when I was a small child. Could I find her birth registration? Nope! Hardly surprising really. When I eventually found her, I discovered that her real name was Florence Mary Helen. One of her sisters I always knew as Ada – but this was her middle name, her first one being Harriet. Even my own father is known as Gerald and his first name is Frederick! It certainly does not help the family historian, does it? I wonder how many of you are known by a name that is not your given name... If you are having problems in nailing someone down, if you are able to, ask friends and relatives if they are aware of any other names by which the person was known.

**By Jan Pearson**

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Quite often, the eldest son was named after his father and so you might get John junior and John senior. However, if John junior was given a second name, he may well have been known by that so as to differentiate between the two. My Grandfather was Frederick as well, which is why my father has always been known as Gerald. Remember – a person can call themselves any name that they want to – as long as it is not for fraudulent or other illegal reasons.

Oh yes – please don't get too hung up on the spellings of those names. Spelling did not really settle down until as late as the beginning of the 20th century and so you may find Phoebe spelled as Febe, Frederick without the letter 'k' and Alice as Alyse.

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## Editor's notes

Local residents will start to receive their annual canvass forms in the next few weeks. East Northamptonshire Council (ENC) is sending a letter, known as a Household Enquiry Form (HEF), to every home in the district. The letter will contain the details of all those in the household who are registered to vote. Residents are being asked to confirm that these details are correct, either online or by text, telephone or post. If the details on the form are incorrect, you need to let ENC know. The quickest and cheapest way to reply is online. Pre-paid envelopes will not be included with the forms.

The HEF is vital for local authorities, enabling them to keep their electoral registers up to date. Not being registered can affect your applications for loans, mortgages and even mobile phone contracts. You will also lose the right to have your say at the ballot box. Steven North, Leader of East Northamptonshire Council said: "The annual canvass is an essential part of local democracy and we urge residents not to ignore the letter when it comes through their door. Anyone in the household can respond and it's easier than ever to do so."

The requested information is required by law and not responding or providing false information on the form can result in a £1,000 fine. For more information about the electoral register visit [www.gov.uk/electoral-register/overview](http://www.gov.uk/electoral-register/overview).

It's good to have a couple of letters from readers in this edition and nice to see them using the Nene Valley News to thank local authorities for their efforts to improve our towns. The subject of litter, which is mentioned by one of our correspondents, has become a bigger nuisance and a more expensive problem for our Councils over the past several years with the advent of the takeaway food culture and the general acceptance of eating in the street. For those of us of a certain age, eating in public is fine as long as you are sitting where food is served or perhaps where a picnic can be spread out, maybe even a park bench; eating on the move, in the street, does not fit within those categories. This was a standard set for us at an early age; too often it seems those standards have not been adopted by today's parents and many are only too happy to drop their litter in the street.

There should be cause for a small celebration this weekend as the A605 between Barnwell and Elton is unveiled in its pristine resurfaced state. Thanks go to the Northants County Council Highways team for managing the repairs with what seems to have been the least possible disruption. It will be interesting to see how long it is before the heavy traffic on the road, both in the sense of weight and volume, chews up the new surface. Perhaps it's time for some serious consideration of a weight restriction on this stretch of road.

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# A lifetime of hard work...

...to pay off your mortgage and build up your savings now requires some lifetime planning to protect them.

**A**round 300,000 pensioners in the UK live in a residential or nursing home and over £40,000 bereaved families will pay inheritance tax in 2016/17 (a 35 year high). Vicki Pearce, Head of Court of Protection team and Private Client Partner of Wilson Browne talks about protecting family wealth...

"Countless times I have heard how my clients have spent a lifetime building up their assets and how they do not want these all to go to the 'tax man' or the government to pay for their care. A sentiment I understand and empathise with.

"A little lifetime planning can ensure available tax exemptions are utilised; assets are safeguarded against the twists and turns of family life and access to funds is gained by the right people at the right time. It is not complicated, you just need to give it some thought whilst you are still fit and healthy.

"If you have got assets you will be expected to use them. As a homeowner simple steps can

be taken to ensure your children benefit from your property (when you finish using it) while still ensuring your partner is provided for. I regularly look at solutions that safeguard assets from the uncertainties of modern day family life such as divorce; re-marriage; illness; care costs; irresponsible spending and changing or difficult relationships.

"I am not talking about giving away your family home, I am talking about creating a bespoke family trust either during your lifetime or under the terms of your Will. A trust that will suit your personal circumstances and one that will adapt to changes in your future.

"Have you ever experienced an elderly friend or relative who has gone into care and all of their savings and proceeds of sale of their house have dwindled down to the minimum threshold of £14,250 and that is all that is left to pass on to their children? Do not let that be you.

"By simply setting up a Property Trust in your Will, should the survivor of you and your spouse/partner need care in the future,

some money can be used to meet their care needs but some can be protected and guaranteed to pass to your children regardless of the survivor's change in circumstances. Changes like:

- Re-marriage – risking your children getting nothing
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"More advanced trusts can also be created to start protecting more of your assets now, at a time when you are fit and healthy. It is never too early to explore options but it can all too easily be too late.

"The best advice I can give anyone would be to take advice early (or now) – everyone is different. If you seek advice you will be given options; options to protect your future and give you and your family peace of mind and certainty.

"With recent changes to Inheritance Tax legislation coming



Vicki Pearce

into force in April of this year, it is important to ensure your Will is drafted in a way to benefit from the additional tax free sum. Simply by postponing the age your grandchildren benefit to anything other than 18 could lose you a tax free allowance and is therefore essential that your Will is drafted correctly.

"Simply putting in place a Power of Attorney will take away the burden from your children of how to look after you and manage

your financial affairs should you experience any illness or difficulties in your later life.

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# Spotlight on Outdoor activities

## Fineshade Wood

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At the Grounds Café in the Visitor Centre you can quench your thirst after all your exertions, or pop into Fineshade Cycling, for bike hire and maintenance. Schools can take advantage of the 'Ranger in a Bag' scheme which gives you everything you need to bring out your group for a brilliant time learning in the forest. Groups can also stay overnight in the Danish Shelters (booking fee required).

And make sure you don't miss the Gruffalo Spotter's Trail. Just download the app before you visit, then walk the trail and see the animated characters come to life! Only until October... so hurry! But there is always plenty to see and do, whatever time of year you visit.

For more details, visit [www.forestry.gov.uk/toplodge](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/toplodge) or telephone 0300 067 4340.

## Canoe2

Canoe2 recently celebrated the opening of East Northamptonshire's new local canoe and kayak shop, based right by the lake at the fabulous Rushden Lakes Retail, Leisure & Tourism destination.

Opened by East Northants Council Chairman, Councillor Colin Wright, the exciting new shop stocks fabulous well-known brands, focusing on quality craft and accessories aimed primarily at flat water paddling, perfect for exploring the Nene Valley's local, beautiful, River Nene and beyond.

All craft stocked at Canoe2 are perfect first-time purchases for the novice paddler, whilst also being great upgrades or replacements for those that have some experience in other craft.

And they also have a great range of buoyancy aids, paddles, C-Tug portage trolleys, and more, to help make sure their customers are completely ready for future adventures on the water.

And they're certainly a friendly bunch down at the Canoe2 Boathouse, being a mix of occasional leisure paddlers and qualified canoe/kayak coaches.

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Fineshade Wood



Cllr Colin Wright officially opens new store



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# New exercise classes

Outdoor exercise isn't the first thing you associate with a public library, but Oundle Library is daring to be different!

From 1st September it will be hosting a new weekly fitness class, designed around the outdoor exercise equipment

in the library garden. The hour-long classes start at 10am on Friday mornings and will be led by personal trainer, Eddie McDonald of

Embrace Fitness. "Circuit Training is a form of group exercise in which strength, endurance and cardiovascular exercises

are combined in one session to provide a full body workout," says Eddie. "Everyone works to their own ability so it doesn't matter how fit you are. The most important thing is to have fun and enjoy it."

The Oundle Outdoor Gym has three pieces of fitness equipment: a Chest Press & Pull-Down Exerciser Combo, a Skier, and a Hand & Pedal Cycle. Suitable for young teenagers (from age 14) to adults of all ages, it's easy to operate and can be used by complete novices as well as experienced athletes.

Funding for the equipment was obtained by the Friends of Oundle Library through a successful grant application to the Northamptonshire Community Fund. And keeping things local, everything was supplied by Wicksteed Playscapes in Kettering.

"The library is such an important part of our



community, but we felt the garden was under-utilised as a public space," says Ann Guy, Chair of the Friends group. "The fitness equipment is available to use 24/7 and people can

include it in their regular exercise routines. This new weekly exercise class is another element in the mix and we hope people will enjoy this new library facility."

For more information about the fitness classes at Oundle Library, contact Eddie McDonald at Embrace Fitness. Telephone 07896 524 422 or email [mcaldric@aol.com](mailto:mcaldric@aol.com)

## Diamonds sitting pretty courtesy of concrete donation from Mick George Ltd

It was a memorable occasion for everyone connected with Rushden and Diamonds FC as the club moved to their new Hayden Road ground, with a 2-0 victory against Hanwell Town, in the opening fixture of the Evo-Stik League South season.

Formally playing at the Dog & Duck, home of Wellingborough Town, the 'Diamonds' recently made the decision to up-sticks back to more familiar territory. Originally planned to begin the new campaign at Kempston Rovers with the intention of an autumn homecoming, thanks to a tremendous effort from the club and volunteers, they managed to reach the appropriate ground standards set out by the league from the outset of the new season.

Manager Andy Peake, is most definitely accustomed with the surroundings, having played at Hayden Road for Rushden Town earlier in his career, and has certainly welcomed the return. He said: "The players are getting a good feel for the place, it's improving all the time." Peake was privileged to witness in excess of 1,157 supporters' lining the pitch for a fixture back in 2012, a feat that he "hopes to observe again in the future."

If the opening performance of the season is anything to go by, then the move is already paying dividends, but it has come at a substantial financial cost. In fact,

£40,000 was the total sum for achieving the necessary playing conditions.

Whilst many of the tangible assets were transported from the old facilities, such as the terrace, turnstiles, club shop and bar, additional costs were allocated to upgrading dressing rooms, toilets, perimeter boundaries, electrical provisions and additional seating.

One of the substantial charges was for the concrete base permitted to relocate the Peter De Banke Terrace, but fortunately local business Mick George Ltd made a generous donation, to supply complimentary materials and services to a value of £4,000.

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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:

### Chelveston-cum-Caldecott

17/01616/FUL (09/09/2017) (Info) Single storey rear extension at 4 Britten Close Chelveston NN9

### Deene

17/01382/ADV (09/09/2017) (Info) Two Banners at entrance at Estate Office Deene Park Deene NN17 3EW

### Duddington With Fineshade

17/01387/FUL (09/09/2017) (Info) Demolish existing caravan and construct a timber framed dwelling at Monkton Sidings Stamford Road Fineshade NN17 3BA

### Hargrave

17/01623/LBC (16/09/2017) (LBRegs) Proposed render and paint finish to cottage and garage at Churchlands Church Street Hargrave NN9 6BW  
17/01682/OUT (09/09/2017) (Info) New dwelling at 4 Moor Cottages Nags Head Lane Hargrave

### Higham Ferrers

17/01543/FUL (09/09/2017) (Info) Removal of 9 foot dead conifer hedge to the front boundary and replacement with a 2.4m twin mesh wire fence to support the growth of a new hedge at Hetherset 83 Kimbolton Road Higham Ferrers NN10 8HL  
17/01624/FUL (09/09/2017) (Info) First Floor Dormer Extension at 87 Kimbolton Road Higham Ferrers  
17/01662/FUL (09/09/2017) (Info) Ramp to

front of property at 61 Saffron Road Higham Ferrers NN10 8ED

### Kings Cliffe

17/01641/FUL (15/09/2017) (Info) Change of Use From Residential (C3) to General Office (B1) and provision of 4 no. parking spaces at 58 Park Street Kings Cliffe PE8 6XN

### 17/01707/LBC (16/09/2017) (LBRegs)

Conversion of garage attic space to guest accommodation ancillary to main house at 29A West Street Kings Cliffe PE8 6XB

### Luddington

17/01546/FUL (09/09/2017) (Info) Change of use of land and the stationing of a lakeside fishing lodge / holiday retreat with associated access and parking at Longbrook Farm Winwick Road Thurning

### Nassington

17/01542/OUT (16/09/2017) (LB/CA) Construction of 2 detached two storey dwellings with garages. Alterations to access and front boundary wall at land rear of 34-36 Church Street Nassington

### Oundle

17/01443/LBC (16/09/2017) (LBRegs) (LB/CA) Remove existing stud partitions forming WC off meeting room in Mowbrays, install new stud partitions to form larger shower room; install new sanitary ware and connect to existing services and drains. Remove existing brick partitions forming WC cubicles in outbuilding of Berrystead, install new stud partitions to form new sick bay, shower room and WC; install new sanitary ware and connect to existing services and drains. Install new washbasin

in new surgery in Mowbrays, connecting to services in adjoining Berrystead outbuilding. Create opening between Mowbrays and Berrystead outbuilding by removing existing stone work, installing concrete lintels. Plasterboard to underside of new lintels. Use reclaimed stone arising from opening up the wall to make good reveals at The Berrystead And Mowberry 18 North Street Oundle

17/01463/FUL (09/09/2017) (Info) Two storey rear kitchen and bedroom extension and a single storey front porch extension at 64 Rock Road Oundle PE8 4LL

### 17/01597/LBC (16/09/2017) (LBRegs)

Conservation works at 9 North Street including: the removal of existing concrete floor and its replacement with a limecrete floor, the removal of internal cement and gypsum plaster with replastering in lime plaster, the extension of the south chimney stack and the reopening of closed window in the south gable wall at 9 North Street Oundle PE8

### Raunds

17/01680/VAR (16/09/2017) (Art8) Variation of Conditions 13 Achievement of a Level 4 rating under the Code for Sustainable Homes and 22 Energy Strategy Study pursuant to application 16/00864/VAR variation of 07/02238/OUT and 13/01604 Residential development for up to 460 dwellings at Darsdale Farm Site Chelveston Road Raunds NN9 6DA

### Rushden

17/01261/FUL (09/09/2017) (Info) Erection of new apartment building to consist of 3 No. 1 bedroom flats at land corner of Washbrook And Pytchley Road Rushden

17/01357/FUL (09/09/2017) (Info) To replace the former fire damaged wooden fence of with a double brick wall. To create a second access point for vehicles to allow entry only. To erect a rear conservatory at 115 Wellingborough Road Rushden NN10 9TE

### 17/01566/FUL (09/09/2017) (Info)

Proposed single-storey dwelling with parking and amenity land at 65 Northampton Road Rushden NN10 6AJ  
17/01605/FUL (09/09/2017) (Info) Alteration of roof from hip to gable and conversion of loft to habitable accommodation, addition of flat roof dormer with Juliette Balcony to rear and addition of 1 no. 1st floor window to new gable end. Repositioning of door and window on ground floor side elevation at 5 Grangeway Rushden

### Thrapston

17/01625/FUL (16/09/2017) (LB/CA) Two Storey Extension to Rear, Replacement of Windows, New Dormer Window to Rear, Re-positioning of Dormer to Front, and New Rear Access at 6 Huntingdon Road Thrapston NN14 4NQ

### Wadenhoe

17/01397/FUL (16/09/2017) (LB/CA) Change of use for existing ancillary habitable accommodation to Wadenhoe House from C1 Wedding and Conference use, to C1 Dwellinghouse, to create 3 no. independent dwellings at Wadenhoe House Church Street Wadenhoe PE8 5SR  
17/01620/LBC (16/09/2017) (LBRegs) Erection of a stone wall at Wadenhoe House Church Street Wadenhoe PE8 5SR

### Warmington

17/01678/FUL (09/09/2017) (Info) Change of use of agricultural grassland to form an access road to serve a residential scheme at America Farm Morborne Road Warmington PE8 6UP

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 26 August 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 ENC Chairman

For those of you that think Rushden Lakes is purely a shopping complex, please take time to visit what the programme Countryfile quoted as a 'unique experience' which encompasses a commercial aspect with beauty, wildlife and activities.

I was privileged to open the facilities being offered by Canoe 2 at Rushden Lakes, with opportunities to hire canoes, kayaks, katakanus and pedalos to explore the lakes surrounding the shops and restaurants. A beautiful summer's evening brought many invited guests to enjoy the experience Canoe 2 has provided for the overall complex. It may be hard to understand unless you make a visit, but people from across the country will be looking to spend a lot of their leisure time here and around our beautiful district.

East Northamptonshire Council has been a partner in bringing all these aspects together and you will find the Boathouse that is available for meetings and events, with spectacular views

over the lakes, is for hire for community groups as well as businesses.

My last picture within this editorial showed Wadenhoe, a village and civil parish in East Northamptonshire with a population at the 2011 Census of 244. It is on the River Nene and another village of extreme beauty.

Wadenhoe is Saxon for 'hill ford'. Northamptonshire hills are not high but here the Rockingham Forest plateau falls upon the River Nene (NEN) down a green cliff.

My next picture shows another area of extreme beauty within the District but where is it?

Councillor Colin Wright  
Chairman of East  
Northamptonshire Council





# Local charities benefit from pigeon race

The Kettering Dialysis Unit and Cransley Hospice received £350 each thanks to local sponsors and the hard work of Paul Shipton of Thrapston.

One of Paul's close friends, David Atkinson sadly passed after suffering with renal problems. Paul decided that he would organise a Pigeon Race to raise funds for the Kettering Dialysis Unit and Cransley Hospice. He received sponsorship from Quantum Windows of Corby, C&S Carpentry of Toddington,

Gladwells Pet Supplies of Rushden, JJG Landscapes of Corby and JP Garden Services also of Corby.

Added to this there were several smaller donations from racing pigeon fanciers in the area who were unable to participate in the race. Other individuals and organisations donated raffle prizes which swelled the

fund including a very generous £150 from David's mother Janet Atkinson. Quantum Windows very generously sponsored the prize fund to the tune of £200 to be divided £80, £60, £40 and £20 to the first four places and a £10 Gladwells voucher for 5th and 6th places.

The race took place on Wednesday 12th July from

Salisbury in Wiltshire – which is around 100 miles to most local lofts 'as the pigeon flies' – with the birds being liberated at 3pm and expected to reach their home lofts in about two hours. The race winners were Mr and Mrs Mick Smith of Rushden followed by Rob Jarratt of Burton Latimer who took the next three places.

Rebecca Warren (ward sister), Ruth Haycox (deputy sister), and Kim Good (ward clerk) attended the presentation on behalf of the Dialysis Unit and were presented with a new refrigerator whilst Mr

and Mrs Errol and Cheryl Jacobs (volunteer fundraisers) received a cheque for £350 on behalf of the Cransley Hospice.

Paul would like to thank all the sponsors, especially Quantum windows, Josh and Louise Murphy for the poster design and admin, the Raunds Conservative club for the use of their premises, all who entered the race, Murray Brudenhall and John Gray who took the birds to the race point and all those who provided raffle prizes and bought and sold tickets.

## Adam Begley – The Great Nadar: The Man Behind the Camera

Friday 15th September, 7.45-8.45pm, St Peter's Church, Oundle.

A dazzling, stylish biography of a fabled Parisian photographer, adventurer, and pioneer.

Of all of the legendary figures who emerged from mid-19th-century Paris – a cohort that includes Victor Hugo, Baudelaire, Gustave Courbet and Alexandre Dumas – Nadar may be the most

innovative, the most restless, the most modern.

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one of the first celebrity artist-entrepreneurs. A kind of 19th-century Andy Warhol, he knew everyone worth knowing and photographed them all, leaving for posterity psychologically compelling portraits of Manet, Sarah Bernhardt, Delacroix, Daumier and countless others – a priceless panorama of Parisian celebrity. Adam Begley's new book includes detailed

descriptions of the nuances of Nadar's unique photographic portraits. These descriptions capture the artistic qualities that attracted Nadar's clients to his studio and that make these works his enduring legacy.

Nadar became known to all of Europe and even across the Atlantic after he launched 'The Giant', a hot air balloon as tall as a twelve-storey building, the

largest of its time. His ballooning exploits, which include a catastrophic crash that made headlines around the world, inspired his friend Jules Verne to create one of his most dynamic heroes.

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# Wildlife news

Nature does not like 'scars on the landscape', so whenever a bare patch appears plants do their best to repair the damage. One of the first is a shrub which produces a well-known fruit, which is at its best just about now. There may be a little less enthusiasm for 'blackberrying', but that shrub, filling in the scenery gaps, is the bramble.

If you like accuracy (or even to show off your knowledge!) its Latin name is *rubus fruticosus*, but 'bramble' is much easier to remember! The best spots were often kept secret, with only a privileged few knowing where the best could be found, though the differences were in the plants, not the soil.

Many (some surprisingly estimate over 300) varieties differ in size, colour, leaf shape, or even ripening time (this year is claimed by some to be a "good" year). They are not hard to spot in countryside

hedges, though getting at them is not always quite so simple; the branches knit together, giving a stout defence against creatures like mice, voles and a range of different birds tempted by the juicy prospect. That attraction is, of course, essential, because the little seeds in each berry pass straight through the body in the droppings, producing those seedlings in unexpected places. Experts know the different shapes or leaf colours, or different shades of white on the petals; but what matters to us is the taste

they give (often combined with apples) to the delicious pies and crumbles which autumn offers. Years ago a book was published with the title *Food For Free*, and the blackberry is surely a major challenger for any award of that nature.

Outside the harvest season brambles have other uses. The protection offered by those fearsome thorns make bramble thickets ideal spots for many birds to nest, and the large number of flowers from each rooted plant adds to the supply of nectar for many different insects. The bramble, despite the inconvenience of its thorny runners across our paths, is an important part of nature's jigsaw. An old saying warned against eating blackberries after Saint Michael's Day (October) because the devil had spit on them; but by that time there is little left anyway.

Roy Burrell



## Oundle A level results

More than one in five grades (21%) in Sixth Form examinations at Oundle School this year have been awarded A\* or equivalent, whilst 81% of all grades were in the range A\* to B.

In Pre-U subjects, 10% of the grades attracted the D1 grade, which identifies the highest-performing pupils at the equivalent to an A\*. Ninety-four per cent of all Pre-U examinations taken were awarded Distinction or Merit grades.

Nineteen per cent of pupils scored at least two A\* grades, whilst 19 pupils achieved three or more A\* or equivalent grades: among them, James Chapman, Adithya Menon, Henry Orlebar, Callum Rough and Andrea Veronese gained four A\* or equivalent grades. Kevin Law scored an impressive five A\*s and one A. As a result, 12 Oundelians have so far confirmed their places at Oxbridge Universities.

Pupil performance was strong across all

subjects: noted success came in English, German, Italian, Mandarin, Latin, Greek, Physics and Russian where over 30% secured A\* grades or equivalent.

Head of Oundle School, Sarah Kerr-Dineen commented: "I am particularly pleased that so many of the pupils have been successful in securing their university offers, and impressed as ever by the dedication of the pupils and their teachers in achieving these results."

## Your Health – The kid that broke the camel's back

I know, it's a straw that breaks the camel's back, but children can be back-breaking work and there are things you can do to protect yourself.

Whether the kids are your own, your grandkids, or the ones you're minding for someone else, the little blighters are heavy and wriggly.

So how can you stop these creatures messing up your muscles in the same way that the lawnmower does (more on the lawnmower in a minute)?

I've seen a lot of child-related injuries over the years. Here are my thoughts on how to prevent those injuries:

- Do not twist as you are lifting. Lift first, then turn.
- Keep your legs slightly

apart, with one in front of the other, as you lift.

- Bend your knees! A child counts as a heavy object. So bend your knees when you lift one.
- If you've cut down on exercise think of lifting as a leg workout. Bending your knees will make you use your thigh muscles!
- Alternate which hip you put a child on when carrying.
- When handing things to kids on the floor squat down, don't just lean forwards.

Remember that by the evening your discs have less fluid in them so you're more vulnerable to injury.

Try to think about the list above before you lift – it could save you from weeks of back pain.

Top Tip: All of the advice above can be applied when lifting any heavy object, so if you've got to lift the lawnmower to take it to be serviced because you've mowed a rock and broken the blade (I still maintain that the lawnmower was trying to kill me by throwing the blade at me) you now know how to lift it correctly to put it in the car.

Have a great week with those wriggly kids!

Claire

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

## Oundle Cinema & dOCs+ – Autumn season

Packed with fantastic films and fascinating documentaries, visit the Oundle Cinema website or, if you haven't yet received one, pick up a brochure from the Oundle Box Office today to see which cinematographic treats will be screened in Oundle between September and December.

The season starts with **Lion** on Sunday 17th September at 7.15pm (please note the earlier time), screened at the Stahl Theatre. Dev Patel stars in this beautifully shot film about an Indian orphan who wants to retrace his roots and reconnect with his family many years after they were accidentally separated.

**I Am Not Your Negro** follows shortly afterwards – screened on Wednesday 20th September at 7.45pm in Fletton House. It is a powerful documentary which charts the

history of what it has been, is, and perhaps will be, to be black in America.

On a linked theme, **Hidden Figures**, screened on Sunday 24th September at 7.45pm, tells the true story of three black American women's essential but almost unrecognised contribution to NASA's Space Race effort in the Sixties.

The season also include **Sully, The Sense of an Ending, Arrival, Their Finest** (screened with Oundle Museum), **Estate, A Reverie** and other brilliant films.

Tickets are £6/£3 for Oundle Cinema films and £8 for each dOCs+ screening or £18 to see all three. Tickets and trailers are available here on [www.oundlecinema.org.uk](http://www.oundlecinema.org.uk), on 01832 274734 or from the Oundle Box Office, 4 New Street, Oundle.



# Continued success for The East Northamptonshire College

Despite the dramatic changes in A levels this year, Ferrers Huxlow and Rushden students from The East Northamptonshire College are once again celebrating an outstanding set of A Level results.

Amongst the stand out achievements were Rushden Academy student Zachary Spavins Hicks who achieved two A\*s and two A grades and will take up his place to read Geography at St Catherine's College, Oxford;

Zachary Tiernan from Huxlow Science College, who was also awarded two A\*s and two As and has gained a place at University College London to study Pharmacology and Alfie Gilmour from The Ferrers School who achieved three A\* grades in chemistry physics and mathematics as well as an A\* in his EPQ. He is off to Bath University to study Aerospace Engineering.

Amongst the other high fliers were Nam Ta from

Rushden who achieved three As and is going to study Computer Science at King's College London and Luke Russell who achieved one A\* and 2 As and is going to study medicinal and pharmaceutical chemistry at Loughborough. Ferrers students Sam Nason achieved three A grades in drama, English lit/lang and history and an A\* in the EPQ. He is going to Birmingham University to study Drama & English. Sarah Mansfield-Ford achieved two A\*s

in biology and general studies, and two A grades in chemistry and maths. Millie Gorst achieved an A\* in German, and two As in French and history. Millie is going to Birmingham to read Modern Languages. Chloe Porter, also from Ferrers was delighted to achieve two A\*s in law and sociology, and an A in psychology. Huxlow student Oliver Applegarth achieved three A grades in biology, chemistry and maths and Paul Byrne gained two A and two B grades.

The East Northamptonshire College BTEC results were equally impressive with a high percentage of students achieving the highest Distinction\* grade, which is equivalent to an A\* at A level.

Molly McElligot achieved Di\*Di\* in BTEC performing arts, with an A\* in A level psychology and an A in philosophy and ethics, Caitlin Everson gained a

Di\*Di\*Di\* in sport and Amy Tuttle, Angela Broderick and Francesca Graziano, Di\*Di\*Di\* in health and social care. BTEC performing arts results were outstanding with Rushden students Ben Strong, Megan Howland and Owen Gordon all achieving Di\*Di\*Di\*.

Elaine Brooker, Director of the East Northamptonshire College said: "The achievements of these

students are stunning. Staff and students from across the three schools have worked so hard to achieve such outstanding results and all that hard work has paid off. We are massively proud of them. We are delighted that all those seeking university places have been successful, the overwhelming majority at their first choice destination. We wish them all continued success in the future."



## Join the fun at annual Knuston Hall open day

More than 800 people are expected to visit adult residential college Knuston Hall on bank holiday Monday, 28th August, for its annual open day.

The event offers the chance for people to find out more about the courses and services on offer and to look around the stunning Grade II listed hall and its grounds.

Visitors will be able to enjoy live music, craft demonstrations, balloon art, woodcarving displays and a range of stalls and attractions. There will also be a hog roast, a wellbeing stand, a pudding club, a bar and a selection of homemade refreshments.

James Hayter, Business Development Manager at Knuston Hall, said: "The annual open day at Knuston Hall is always a fantastic event, rain or shine, with a wide range of activities and entertainment on offer for the whole family. It is a fantastic opportunity to

highlight the wealth of courses and activities on offer here, and to show off what many returning customers consider to be the retreat that is Knuston Hall.

"I would encourage anyone interested in finding out more about the wide range of courses available or who would like to explore this beautiful hall and grounds to come along this bank holiday Monday, join in the fun and soak up all that Knuston has to offer."

The event will take place between 11am and 4pm on Monday 28th August, and entry and parking are both free.

Knuston Hall is located between Rushden and Irchester and the postcode for sat nav users is NN29 7EU.

To find out more about Knuston Hall visit [www.knustonhall.org.uk](http://www.knustonhall.org.uk) or telephone 01604 362200.

## Recycle your barbecue food this bank holiday!

East Northamptonshire residents are being encouraged to reuse and recycle their barbecue food this bank holiday.

According to research by Sainsburys, Britons are set to throw away a staggering £428m worth of barbecue food this August. It is thought that around half of all barbecue hosts over-cater and serve up a larger spread than they need to.

The most likely items to be wasted were found to be salad leaves, burger rolls, coleslaw and potato salad, amounting to an average value of £36.47. Planning ahead can reduce this.

The amount wasted can be further reduced by (where safe) using leftovers in future meals.

The vice chairman of the Northants Waste

Partnership and East Northamptonshire Council Leader, Cllr Steven North, said: "Unavoidable barbecue waste like those burnt sausages, bones and peelings that occurs even with the best forward planning can be collected for recycling using our weekly food waste collection. In the last year we have collected about 2,600 tonnes of food waste. This is recycled locally to produce biogas which is used to generate electricity and produce an agricultural fertiliser.

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# Housing group overcomes challenging climate to achieve best ever financial results

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Longhurst Group, which has over 21,000 properties across the Midlands and East of England, cut operating costs by £4.62 million during the 2016/17 financial year, while generating value for money savings of £1.8 million.

An overall surplus of over £17 million before tax was also achieved, as well as an underlying operating margin of 36.38 per cent; a seven per cent increase on the last financial year.

The Group, which has regional offices in Rushden, also added 400 new homes to its portfolio and invested more than £30 million into its affordable homes programme. This was achieved with minimal grant funding.

At a time when housing associations across the country are feeling the pinch due to a multitude of challenges, these results exceeded targets that were set to adjust to the impact of the rent reductions introduced by the government.

Rob Griffiths, the Group's Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Financial Officer, said: "Improving the lives of our customers

is at the heart of everything we do. To be able to achieve that vision it's crucial that we are financially stable and well-prepared for the future.

"Being able to continually improve the way we operate as a business helps us ensure longevity and ongoing success, as we aspire to deliver 3,000 new homes over the next five years.

"The Group is committed to achieving and maintaining the highest standards of corporate governance to help deliver the objectives set out in our business plan and to manage risk. These results show that our new streamlined governance structure is helping us to realise these ambitions.

"We still have a lot of hard work ahead to ensure we can deliver on our growth targets but being financially resilient and through strong leadership, we can continue to provide great homes and high-quality care and support services."

Although the Group's turnover reduced slightly, sales performance was strong with the margin on new sales increasing

from 19.9% to 29.9% and generating a surplus of £2.8 million.

Other highlights during the last financial year include a reduction in rent arrears from 2.50 per cent to 2.16 per cent, a six per cent reduction in void repair expenditure and supporting 11 customers into employment.

The Group's work through the Blue Skies Consortium also delivered 175 new homes into management for consortium members with a further 541 started on site and a grant take up of £4.969 million.

An increasing portion of new build homes programme were for low-cost home ownership; in 2016/17, around 50% of the homes built were for sale (including shared ownership), with the reminder for rent. It is still expected that the split between rented and low cost home ownership will move towards 40/60% in the future.

Structural changes in the last financial year include the introduction of a coterminous Board, known as the Homes Board, which brings together the Boards of all three Group member companies, L&H Homes, Friendship Care and Housing and Spire Homes, which is based in Rushden.

This structure creates an improved

platform for collaborative working, driving good practice, innovation and efficiency across the Group, whilst respecting local need and priorities.



Rob Griffiths

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**Monday 28th August**

**Teas and Church flower displays**  
Glaphthorn PE8 5BE  
2pm-4.30pm, free  
Pauline Davidson 01832 273526 or [glaphthornchurch@btinternet.com](mailto:glaphthornchurch@btinternet.com)  
Homemade teas in the village hall and country flower displays in the Church.

**Thursday 31st August**

**Tiddlers Group for 0-3 year olds**  
Thrapston Baptist Church  
No Tiddlers this week – Summer break.

**Friday 1st September**

**Fusion for 7-11 year olds**  
Thrapston Baptist Church  
No Fusion this week – Summer break.

**Saturday 2nd September**

**Rummage Sale**  
St Mary's Church, Rushden  
10am-12noon, admission fee 50p

**1st Stanwick 5K Glorun**

Stanwick Hall, Stanwick.  
7.45pm, £8 affiliated runners, £10 non-affiliated.  
Les Marchant, Chairman Stanwick Races Group, Tel: 01933 624820.  
This event is intended to be a fun event to raise money for charity.

**Oundle Strollers – Free Guided Walk**

Meet at Fletton House, Glapthorne Road, Oundle 12.30pm  
Walk Starts at The Race Horse Pub, Catworth 1pm  
Leader John Vever 07706 581064  
Walk distance: 7 miles.

**Sunday 3rd September**

**Higham Ferrers Footpath Group**  
Saffron Road car park Higham Ferrers for car sharing  
9.30am, free  
01933 663603  
6 mile walk from Harrod.

**Morning Service**

Thrapston Baptist Church  
10.30am  
Preacher: Mat Hussain  
Theme – Making Jesus Known: Why Evangelism?

**Prayer and Praise**

Thrapston Baptist Church  
7pm  
Led by Mat Hussain  
Informal worship and prayer time.

**Thursday 7th September**

**Tiddlers Group for 0-3 year olds**  
Thrapston Baptist Church  
9.30am-11.30am  
New session starts today!  
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 8th September**

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

**Oundle Historical Society – Airfields near Oundle in WW2**

Methodist Church, Drummingwell Lane, Oundle 7.30pm, members free, non members £2  
Perdita Cawthorne 01832 270372  
Illustrated Talk by David Knight on the Airfields near Oundle in World War 2.

**Saturday 9th September**

**Thrapston Community Garage Sale**  
Garages in Thrapston  
9am-1pm, £5 to register your

garage  
Contact Lindsey on 01832 730019/  
[theburchbunch@btinternet.com](mailto:theburchbunch@btinternet.com)  
Forms available from Town Council Office, Thrapston. Maps on day from Plaza, Thrapston £1.

**Gospel Reading Marathon**

Church of St Mary the Blessed Virgin, Warmington, Northants PE8 6TE  
9am-6pm, free  
Contact Kathryn Baird  
07701052043  
The Gospel according to Matthew, Mark, Luke and John read aloud and without a break.

**Jumble Sale**

Bulwick Village Centre  
10am-12noon, admission 25p  
Adults, no admission charge for juniors accompanied by an adult.  
Proceeds for Horticultural Show costs. Further details 01780 450300.

**Sunday 10th September**

**Communion Service**  
Thrapston Baptist Church  
10.30am  
Preacher: Mat Hussain  
Theme – Making Jesus Known: Why Evangelism?

**Southwick Hall Heritage Open Day**

Southwick Hall, Southwick, Oundle, Peterborough PE8 5BL  
2pm-5pm  
01832 274740/  
[southwickhall@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:southwickhall@hotmail.co.uk)  
Medieval/Elizabethan manor house open with exhibitions, grounds, refreshments.

**EBC's Annual Open Day**

Warmington Mill  
12noon-5pm, free parking and entry  
Boat trips, swing band, Hurricane and Dakota flypast, food, fun, tombolas and stalls.

**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  
01832 770010/  
[office@oundlebaptist.org.uk](mailto:office@oundlebaptist.org.uk)

**Half-Term**

**All-age Touch Typing Club**  
Mon-Fri, 9.30am-10.30am, learn or refresh your skills, £15 course intro with coffee.  
Diane Gifford 07432 123 438

**Every Monday**

**Baggy pants Yoga Class**  
Masonic Hall, Wellingborough Road, Rushden  
8.30am-9.30am, £5 per class  
07873743256/  
[carole.wyatt@virginmedia.com](mailto:carole.wyatt@virginmedia.com)

**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

**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, £5 per session  
01933 382837/07873 743256/  
[carole.wyatt@virginmedia.com](mailto:carole.wyatt@virginmedia.com)

**Spanish Tuition**

The Old Town Hall, Market Place, Oundle  
9am-8pm, £25 per class  
01832 776336/  
[info@antlerlanguages.co.uk](mailto:info@antlerlanguages.co.uk)

**Every Monday (term time)**

**Praise and Play**  
St James' Church Thrapston  
1.30-2.45pm, 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 3.55-6.10pm, Fri 3.55-6.10pm, Sat 8.30am-12noon, block booked in advance (£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 Irthingborough & 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 Monday 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**

**Slimming World Group**  
Oundle CE Primary School, Cotterstock Road PE8 5HA  
5.30pm and 7.30pm, £4.95 plus



membership fee. Come along and start your Slimming World journey and be greeted with the warmest welcome and a room full of friends.

**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 0XH)  
7pm-11pm, membership £5 pa  
Aron 07739563657/  
[aron.phoenix@virginmedia.com](mailto: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 is 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-55s.

**Every Tuesday (term time)**

**Toddlers' Drop In**  
No 1 St Osyth's Lane, Oundle  
9.15am-11.30am, free  
01832 770010/  
[office@oundlebaptist.org.uk](mailto:office@oundlebaptist.org.uk)

**1st Tuesday of every month**

**Great Companions (singles 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**

**Yoga classes**  
Masonic Hall, Rushden  
1pm-2.30pm  
[www.awakenwithyoga.co.uk](http://www.awakenwithyoga.co.uk)  
Daisy 01536 724113.

**Ladies Archery Pemberton**

**Maid Marions**  
The Pemberton Centre, H E Bates Way NN10 9YP  
Diane 01933 314032 or  
Nicki 01933 395913

**Tai Chi**

Chelveston Village Hall  
2pm-3pm, £5

**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**

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

**Returners to Work**

No.1 St. Osyth's Lane  
10am-12noon  
01832 770011

**Art & Craft Class**

Oundle Rural Mind, 1 Herne Park, East Road, Oundle PE8 4BZ  
Irene Issitt 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)

**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 (Age 60+)**

Two Acre Club, off Milton Road  
2.15pm-3.45pm  
Afternoon tea and entertainment 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

**2nd Wednesday of the month  
Coffee Morning**  
Raunds Methodist Church  
10am-12noon  
01933 383378

**2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month  
Northants Model Makers**  
Windmill Primary School,  
Raunds NN9 6LA  
Main meeting starts 7.30ish  
First couple of meetings free  
Bob Humpage 07960 054405/  
modelmaker@tiscali.co.uk

**NWR – linking lively  
minded women**  
Dovedale, 1 Herne Park,  
East Road, Oundle  
7.30pm-7.45pm  
Carol 01832 270061

**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, visitors always welcome to  
attend (£3 charge)  
[www.highamandrushdenu3a.org.uk](http://www.highamandrushdenu3a.org.uk)

**British Korean Veterans**  
The Old Grammarians Club  
Oxford Street, Wellingborough  
11.45am  
Mary Morby 01933 312476 or  
e.m.m@btinternet.com

**Raunds & Dist' British Legion**  
Conservative Club, Raunds  
8pm  
01933 625333 for more details  
You do NOT have to be ex-services.

**4th Wednesday of the month  
Rushden Pensioners Forum**  
St Peters Church Hall,  
Midland Road, Rushden

2pm-4pm  
Mary Morby 01933 312476/  
e.m.m@btinternet.com

**Wednesday & Thursday  
Free Counselling**  
No.1 St. Osyth's Lane Oundle  
By appointment 0793 6015965

**Wednesday & Saturday  
East Northants Athletics Club**  
– 'Getting Kids Into Athletics'  
The Ferrers School, Higham Ferrers  
Wed 6-7pm, Sat 9-10am,  
£4 per session or Wed & Sat £7  
Graham Bufton 07788 698883/  
grahambufton.ena@gmail.com

**Wednesday & Sunday  
Ferrers & Rushden Tennis Club**  
Higham Ferrers Recreation Ground,  
off Wharf Road  
10am-12noon (Sun); 6.30pm-  
8.30pm (Wed). Per club session £2  
adults/£1 junior (youngest aged 10)  
Steve Roberts 01933 461028/  
07960 846092

**Every Thursday  
Tai Chi for Beginners and  
Improvers**  
All Saints Church Hall, Midland  
Road, Wellingborough  
10am-11am, £6  
dominicrusher@live.co.uk  
Improve your strength and balance  
with these gentle and relaxing  
exercise. Suitable for all.

**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 Road, Wellingborough  
10am-1pm, £2 all members  
Mick Webb 01933 682517

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

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

**Little Ducklings Pre-School  
Stay & Play 'Tea & Tots' Sessions**  
1.30pm-3pm, £1.50 per family.  
01832 358085

**Short Mat Bowls**  
Wymington Memorial Hall  
1.45pm-4pm, £2 admission  
Mrs Smith 01933 355960

**Olde and Sequence Dancing**  
Woodford Sports and Social Club  
7.30pm-9.30pm, £2  
Dorothy 01832 732534 or  
Keith 01832 731896

**Every Thursday (term time)  
Music Makers**  
Titchmarsh Pavilion 9.30am-  
10.15am, Joan Strong Centre,  
Oundle 11.15am-12noon,  
Stanwick Village Hall, 2pm-2.45pm,  
£4 per child, £2 for siblings  
Naomi Cooper on  
musicmakersnorthants@gmail.com

**Little Treasures Tots Group**  
St Laurence's Church, Stanwick  
9.30am-11am,  
donations to cover costs  
Nicki 01933 625658

**Community Art Classes**  
Oundle School Art Department  
7.30pm-8.30pm, free classes for  
people with a disability.

**Coffee/tea and biscuits  
in the Bede House**  
St Mary's Church, Higham Ferrers  
10am-12noon, no charge just a  
donation to cover costs.

**Adult & Child Swim Sessions**  
Oundle School Swimming Pool,  
Milton Road Oundle  
9.15-9.45am, booked in advance  
as a block (£4.75 per lesson)  
01832 277208/277195

**3rd Thursday of the month  
Painting Class with  
Nick Baldwin**  
Chelveston Village Hall,  
10am-4pm, £17 per session  
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/  
peterjbond@btinternet.com

**Thursday Market Day  
No.1 Cafe - Free Drop-In**  
No.1 St. Osyth's Lane  
10am-2pm  
01832 770011

**Every Friday  
Walk and Chat**  
Rushden Hall Park, under flag pole  
10am  
Sue McKay 07739 327022/  
sue.mckay@groundwork.org.uk

**Music Makers**  
Nene Centre, Thrapston  
12.45-1.30pm & 1.45-2.30pm,  
£4 per child, £2 for siblings



Naomi Cooper 07815 293893/  
musicmakersnorthants@gmail.com

**French Beginners**  
The Old Town Hall,  
Market Place, Oundle  
6pm-7.30pm, £25 per class  
01832 776336/  
info@antlerlanguages.co.uk

**Every Friday (term time)  
Over 60s FREE swim**  
Oundle School Swimming Pool,  
Milton Road, Oundle  
3pm-3.45pm  
01832 277208/277195

**Pre-School Swimming Lessons**  
Oundle School Swimming Pool,  
Milton Road, Oundle  
1.55-2.25pm & 2.30-3pm, block  
book in advance (£6.75 per lesson)  
01832 277208/277195

**Most Fridays  
Local Focus 'explorations'**  
Various East Northants locations  
9.30am-12.30pm/2.30pm  
£3 per re-usable map  
01933 461480

**1st Friday of the month  
(Check 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.  
01832 273826/272340

**3rd Friday of the month  
Raunds Tea Dance**  
Saxon Hall, Raunds  
2pm-4.15pm, £3 (50p for raffle)  
Mrs Wicks 01933 312623

**U3A Branch Meeting**  
The Plaza, Cosy Nook,  
Thrapston NN14 4PS  
10am-12noon, £2 (visitors), free  
for members, includes  
refreshments

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

**3rd Friday of the month  
(Check 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, 01933 624262

**Thrapston Farmers' Market**  
Thrapston High Street  
9am-1pm  
[www.thrapstonfarmersmarket.moonfruit.com](http://www.thrapstonfarmersmarket.moonfruit.com)

**2nd Saturday of the month  
Coffee 'n' Cakes**  
Oundle Methodist Church,  
Drummingwell Lane  
(behind the Talbot Hotel)  
10am-12noon  
John Hewitson 01832 272209

**WE Watch**  
Stanwick Lakes  
01933 625522/  
wewatchstanwick@hotmail.co.uk

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

**3rd Saturday of the month  
Phoenix Group**  
Stanwick Lakes  
01933 625522/  
wewatchstanwick@hotmail.co.uk

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

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

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

**Every Saturday & Sunday  
Coffee & cakes/  
Sunday worship**  
Rushden Independent Wesleyan  
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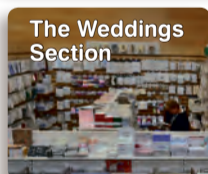
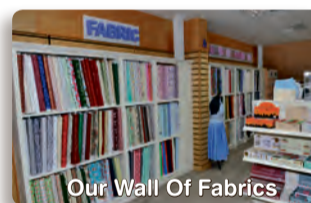


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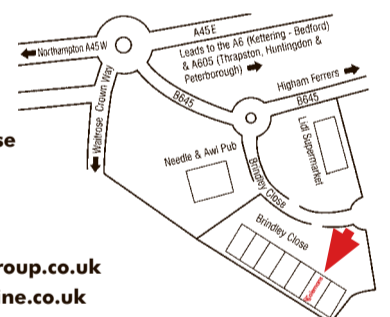


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**THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
(PUBLIC FOOTPATH UE21 (PART) - PARISH OF IRTHLINGBOROUGH)

(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit all pedestrians from proceeding along that length of Public Footpath UE21 in the Parish of Irlthlingborough as specified below. Private access to land or premises adjacent to the said length of footpath is unaffected.

**RIGHT OF WAY TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES:** The existing route to be closed begins at point A at National Grid Reference ('NGR') SP9429 6873. The route heads generally north east for approximately 763 metres to point B at NGR SP9473 6932.

The route is shown by a solid black line between points A - B.

**REASONS FOR RESTRICTION:** The restriction is required during surface dressing works.

**PERIOD OF CLOSURE:** The Order will come into effect on 29th September 2017 and will continue in force for a period of six months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for this Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such extent as is indicated by the display of notices.

**ALTERNATIVE ROUTES:** The alternative route starts at point A at NGR SP9429 6873. It then heads generally south west for approximately 262 metres to point C at NGR SP9409 6853. The route then heads east then north east for 1903 metres to point D at NGR SP9523 6950. It then travels generally south west for approximately 686 metres to point B at NGR SP9473 6932.

The alternative route is shown by a broken black line between points A - C - D - B.

Dated this 26th day of August 2017  
QUENTIN BAKER, Director of Law & Governance  
PKG/ROW/294

If you require any further information please contact Antonio Castello on 07734 478446.

**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14

**THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
(BENEFIELD ROAD, BRIGSTOCK)

(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 Benefield Road, Brigstock as set out below.

**LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES:** That length of Benefield Road, Brigstock from High Street to Kennel Hill.

**REASONS FOR RESTRICTION:** The restriction is required for safety during installation of telecom ducting.

**PERIOD OF CLOSURE:** The proposed Order will come into effect on 13th September 2017 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

**EXPECTED DURATION:** It is expected that the road will be restricted for up to three days.

**ALTERNATIVE ROUTES:** use High Street and Back Lane.

Dated this 26th day of August 2017  
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PKG/T17/376

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**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14

**THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
(STATION ROAD, IRTHLINGBOROUGH)

(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 Station Road, Irlthlingborough as set out below.

**LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES:** That length of Station Road, Irlthlingborough between junctions with A6.

**REASONS FOR RESTRICTION:** The restriction is required for safety during works to bridge structure and vegetation works.

**PERIOD OF CLOSURE:** The proposed Order will come into effect on 4th September 2017 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

**EXPECTED DURATION:** It is expected that the road will be restricted for up to four weeks.

**ALTERNATIVE ROUTES:** use A6.

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PKG/T17/257

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**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14

**THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
(VARIOUS ROADS, ISLIP, LOWICK, ALDWINCLE, SUDBOROUGH, BRIGSTOCK & STANION)

(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 those lengths of the various roads in Islip, Lowick, Aldwincle, Sudborough, Brigstock and Stanion as specified in the Schedule below.

**REASONS FOR RESTRICTION:** The restriction is required for safety during deflection survey and associated works.

**PERIOD OF CLOSURE:** The proposed Order will come into effect on 25th September 2017 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

**EXPECTED DURATION:** It is expected that the road will be restricted for up to four nights.

**ALTERNATIVE ROUTES:** use A14 and A43.

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**SCHEDULE**  
(Lengths of roads to be closed)

A6116 Corby Road and Islip Bypass, Islip; Lowick Bypass and Sudborough Road, Lowick; Islip Road, Aldwincle; Lowick Road and Brigstock Road, Sudborough; Sudborough Road and Stanion Road, Brigstock; and Brigstock Road, Stanion



# East Northants Snooker League

Congratulations to Windmill Warriors as they win the ENSL summer league with a week to spare! First, they drew 3-3 with Windmill Weapons in a crucial match. Next, they played against Coopers C knowing that a win here would see them become champions. Unfortunately for Coopers, they were a player short. This meant that Warriors were able to easily win the match 4-2. On the other table, Windmill Weapons played Windmill Underdogs. The Underdogs put in an inspired performance

to win the match 5-1, really living up to their team name. This is the Underdogs' fifth win in a row.

Ball Bashers secured a surprise 4-2 win at home over Windmill Mecca. This moves them up to joint sixth. Mecca do have some consolation as they could still finish in the top 3.

Coopers A and Islip WMC ended in a 3-3 draw. Martin Dalton played particularly well for Coopers, and Warren Sanger played very well for Islip. This result just about keeps Islip's hopes alive of finishing second.

Well done to the following players for their high break efforts this week: Steve Williams – 43, Colin Hinds – 37, Neal Vaughan – 33, Frank Perkins – 31.

Wayne Gardner certainly looks favourite to win the prize for Best Player Statistics.

So, this week marks the end of the summer season. Whilst the league winner has already been decided, there's big competition for Runner-Up spot. Weapons are the favourites, but the form books would suggest that the Underdogs have a very strong chance.

## High Breaks summer 2017 - Sponsored by Mr Justin Gaggini

Position	Player Name	Team	High Breaks (30+)
1	Justin Wynne	Windmill Underdogs	71
2	Wayne Gardner	Windmill Mecca	68, 53, 38, 34, 34, 33, 30, 30
3	Matt Barcock	Windmill Mecca	58, 44, 39, 34, 34, 32
4	Colin Hinds	Coopers C	50, 38, 37, 35, 30
5	Will Manning-Ross	Windmill Underdogs	43
6	Steve Williams	Windmill Weapons	43
7	Steve Biggs	Coopers A	40
8	Ricky Ellis	Windmill Underdogs	39, 30
9	Steve Ridgewell	Coopers Ball Bashers	39
10	Lee Bunker	Coopers Ball Bashers	39
11	Michael Dicks	Windmill Warriors	30

## Player Statistics Summer 2017 - Sponsored by Gardiner Motors, Wellingborough

#	Player Name	Team	Current H/cap	New H/cap	Played	Won	Lost	% Won
1	Marc Brett	Windmill Mecca	-4	-4	6	5	1	83%
2	Steven Williams	Windmill Weapons	29	31	10	7	3	70%
3	Wayne Gardner	Windmill Mecca	-17	-15	20	14	6	70%
4	Paul Lewis	Windmill Warriors	10	10	12	8	4	67%
5	Roger Hayes-Roome	Coopers C	34	34	24	16	8	67%
6	Tony Jupp	Windmill Warriors	38	38	16	10	6	63%
7	Michael Dicks	Windmill Warriors	1	1	26	16	10	62%
8	Neal Vaughan	Windmill Underdogs	19	17	20	12	8	60%
9	Martin Dalton	Coopers A	7	5	10	6	4	60%
10	Warren Sanger	Islip WMC	26	24	24	14	10	58%

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 Expense Reduction Analysts

Position	Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points
1	Windmill Warriors	13	9	3	1	49
2	Windmill Weapons	13	5	4	4	41
3	Islip WMC	13	4	4	5	39
4	Windmill Underdogs	13	6	3	4	39
5	Windmill Mecca	12	3	5	4	36
6	Coopers C	13	3	5	5	35
7	Coopers Ball Bashers	13	4	1	8	35
8	Coopers A	12	4	1	7	32



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