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## NEWS IN BRIEF

**Charities merger good news for Hospice**

Two new initiatives that mark the start of a new and exciting fundraising future have been launched by Cynthia Spencer Hospice.

With effect from April, the two charities that have supported the county's much-loved hospice for several decades between them – Friends of Cynthia Spencer Hospice and Cynthia Spencer Charitable Trust – are to merge to become just one charity. To celebrate the merger the new charity, which will be known as Cynthia Spencer Hospice Charity, will be launching a brand new countywide hospice lottery. For full details visit [www.cynthiaspencerhospice.nhs.uk](http://www.cynthiaspencerhospice.nhs.uk)

**Stamping out benefit fraud**

**East Northamptonshire Council received 1,017 benefit fraud referrals last year.**

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# A new chapter for Nene Valley News

Welcome to the first edition of the new Nene Valley News! First, I'm sure that you would want me to thank the team at East Northamptonshire Council for their part in producing what has been an extremely valuable facility for communicating important news around the district for so many years.

Peter Peel and Roger Sturman, directors of Nene Valley News Ltd



Now that their ownership has had to cease, I'm pleased to be able to confirm that the transition to private ownership has (hopefully) been seamless, at least as far as the majority of readers and advertisers are concerned. As the new owners, we are keen to maintain the existing format of the paper as far as possible, particularly keeping the apolitical nature

and district-wide information content. Since the new senior management team is based in Oundle, it would be all too easy to concentrate our efforts here, something we are very keen to avoid; to support this aim, we have set up an Editorial Board with members drawn from around the District which we believe will help us represent all your views and interests. If you would be interested in joining this board, especially readers from the southern areas of the district, please do get in touch.

The publishing house, printers and distributors who worked on behalf of East Northamptonshire Council will continue to work with us and we are very grateful for their ongoing support and enthusiasm; without them our task would

have been so much more difficult, if not impossible.

While I have stressed our aim to maintain the form of the Nene Valley News, I do need to let you know about a couple of changes. The first of these will have an impact on smaller villages in the area where the financial challenges associated with maintaining individual letterbox deliveries dictate that we will instead supply 'bulk-drops', a subscription service or downloadable e-versions from our new website, [www.nenevalleynews.co.uk](http://www.nenevalleynews.co.uk)

Details of these options can be found on page 2.

The second change will affect the newspaper as a whole; we will need to carry more advertising content in order to achieve financial viability. This doesn't mean we will lose sight of the need to maintain the 'readability' of the newspaper; being able to carry categories such as Births, Marriages and Deaths and general features will add to the reader interest of the paper. Hopefully, you will agree that this will be a small price to pay for the continuance of the Nene Valley News as a free source of information.

I do hope that you will continue to support and enjoy reading the Nene Valley News. Please take advantage of our website and social media platforms, listed on our masthead and contact panel, to let us know what you think. I look forward to a long and effective relationship between the newspaper, its readers, and the voluntary and business communities of East Northamptonshire.

Roger Sturman

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# Good luck Nene Valley News

We have been so encouraged by the messages we have received wishing the new publishing team at Nene Valley News every success. We know that the paper plays a vital role in the community of East Northamptonshire and it is our intention to carry on the good work. Here is a selection of the emails we have received.

“This is a short note to say how pleased we are that the NVN will be continuing beyond March 2014.

“As a resident of Thrapston, for 15 years, we have regularly received and read it with interest, as normally we do not purchase newspapers, but wish to be aware of what is going on locally.

“We have been able to find out many

local events and council related matters, and have used several of the suppliers, who have advertised regularly with you.

“For example about five years ago we purchased a conservatory, from Tradell Ltd, whom we saw as a trusted local company.

“We wish you all the best for the future, and every success.” *Richard Outley*

“Good luck to everyone at the new Nene Valley News from everyone at the

Stanwick WI.”

“So glad that Nene Valley News will continue to be published. As a regular reader and contributor to Nene Valley News for many years with information about Rushden's St Cecilia Singers and also Archers of Raunds, I welcome the opportunity to continue to publicise these two local clubs in such an effective way. Good luck to the new publishing team.”

## Negotiations to buy Methodist Church site in Higham Ferrers break down

After 15 months of negotiations, Higham Ferrers Town Council is disappointed to announce that they have been unable to reach a mutually acceptable agreement to purchase the site on Queensway, Higham Ferrers to build a Community Centre/Church.

Hope Methodist Church has charitable duties as Managing Trustees for the site, and the Council is governed by legislation, as well as having duties to the residents of Higham Ferrers to use its resources diligently. Consultation for the Community Plan indicated that there is a desire for a community building on this site. However, should an agreement have been reached, further consultation would have taken place on how the project would be funded. It was predicted that delivery of a project of this size would lead to increases in the Council Tax. The Council is still interested in acquiring the site should alternative ways of meeting the requirements of both parties be found.

If you would like further information please contact the Town Clerk at Higham Ferrers Town Council on 01933 312075 or email: [clerk@highamferrers-tc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@highamferrers-tc.gov.uk)

## Volunteer Befrienders needed

Nene Valley Community Action (NVCA) is appealing for volunteers to help them with their 'Befriending Service'.

Supported by Northamptonshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, NVCA is looking for people to visit elderly and frail adults in their own homes who may be isolated from the community.

Volunteers would need to have a sympathetic ear and a caring nature, be able to maintain client confidentiality and be reliable. The minimum commitment would be approximately two hours per week. NVCA would provide initial training for the volunteer, ongoing back-up and travel expenses.

Anyone who is interested in supporting this much-needed programme should contact NVCA to arrange a one-to-one informal chat about the opportunity by telephoning 01933 396382/313526.

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# Kings Cliffe Active community sports centre fully open

**The £1.7 million Kings Cliffe Active sports ground in East Northamptonshire has opened fully, as the first phase of construction has ended.**

Kings Cliffe and surrounding villages now have a first-class sports facility comprising two football pitches, a clubhouse with function room, floodlit multi-purpose AstroTurf, playground, skateboard park and more.

The finishing touches installed this spring include

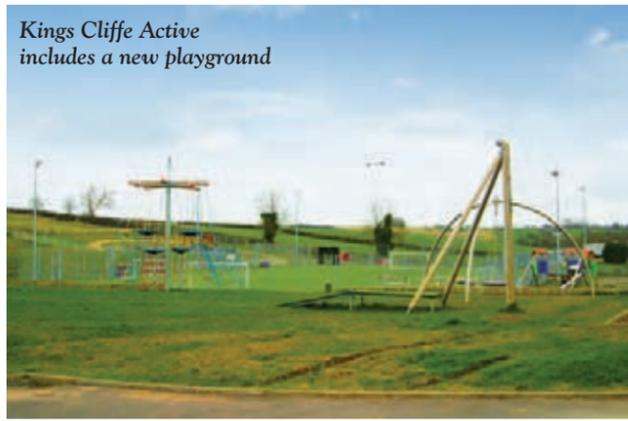
new drainage across the site, a revamped kitchen in the pavilion, CCTV security systems, a tractor drag mat and a new Willow Lane entrance linking to the Sovereign Grange housing development in the historic village of Kings Cliffe.

"We're thrilled that the first phase of Kings Cliffe Active has now been completed successfully," said project coordinator David Hellard. "The site is in regular use by local clubs playing everything from football to hockey,

basketball to cycling. Plus we have groups for dancing, gardening, keep-fit and local heritage – and there are plenty of families and youngsters using the playground, BMW track and half-pipe."

"We are already looking ahead to the second phase of Kings Cliffe Active," said chairman Andrew Pick. "We have put in the infrastructure to grow in future. As local need and funds grow, we hope to have three tennis courts and maybe even a sports hall in years to come. We have space to develop and are keen for new ideas for how to serve the local community."

Kings Cliffe Active is looking for more local sports clubs and community groups to use the cutting-edge facilities. To make inquiries about Kings Cliffe Active, call the booking line on 0843 289 6517 or visit the website at <http://www.kingscliffeactive.co.uk>.



Kings Cliffe Active includes a new playground

# Lyveden wind farm plans withdrawn

**Plans to build four wind turbines near the historic Lyveden New Bield have been withdrawn.**

West Coast Energy applied to build four 400ft (125m) wind turbines on land close to Lyveden New Bield, home to a Grade I listed Elizabethan manor house, lodge and garden.

The original application, made in 2010, was rejected by East Northamptonshire Council – a decision which was supported by the National Trust and English Heritage as well as many local residents.

Throughout various appeals, East Northamptonshire Council, the National Trust and English Heritage have worked together as they believe the development would have had a serious impact on the setting and significance of Lyveden and on the public's enjoyment of this important heritage asset.

Lyveden Ward Councillor, Sylvia Hughes, said: "Whilst we support the development of

green energy, it must not be to the detriment of our valuable heritage sites.

"The damage these turbines would have done to the character of Lyveden's landscape far outweighs any benefits generated by the supply of energy produced."

Anthony Streeten, East Midlands Planning and Conservation Director at English Heritage, said:

"Withdrawal of these damaging proposals is the final piece in the jigsaw that gives proper recognition to the importance of Lyveden New Bield and other heritage sites in this very special part of the Northamptonshire countryside – one of the most beautiful and unspoilt Elizabethan landscapes in England.

"It is good to know that we have won the argument convincingly; these turbines would have been especially harmful to the understanding and appreciation of Lyveden's Grade I listed Elizabethan lodge and garden."

# Two tiers plans under consideration

**On Monday 14th April, Northamptonshire County Council will post papers on its website, [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk) relating to discussions which will take place the next day regarding the results of the recent consultation on the future structure of education in the area's schools.**

The principle of switching from a three tier, lower, middle and upper school system to a two-tier system of primary and secondary schools has seen the formation of campaign groups to oppose possible school closures.

Campaigners in Thrapston marched through the town on Saturday 29th March to oppose the proposed restructure which might see the closure of King John School. Governors at the town's Thrapston Primary School have, however, been broadly supportive of the proposed new structure.

Northamptonshire County Council has received responses from 13 schools which would be affected, which has indicated that eight schools have differing degrees of support for the change; two schools can work with either system; one school is already spanning the primary age range and two schools are opposed to the change.

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Places are available at Polebrook. Please view the school website at [www.polebrook.northants.sch.uk](http://www.polebrook.northants.sch.uk) or contact the school office to arrange a visit, Tel 01832 272319.

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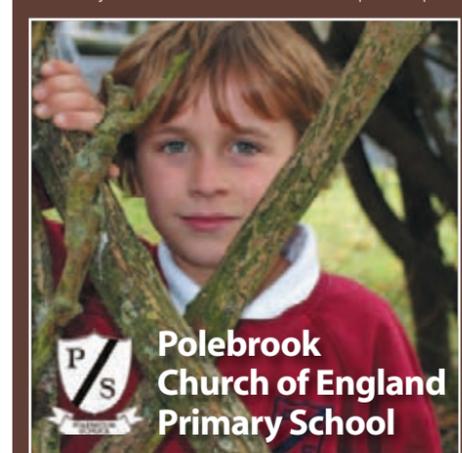
Tresham College of Further and Higher Education, Kettering will be holding an Open Evening on Wednesday 30th April from 5.30pm to 7.30pm. Since the rise in participation age came into effect, many young people are not aware of the different ways they can stay in education after finishing their GCSEs.

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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:

### Benefield

**14/00518/FUL (03/05/2014) (LB/CA) (Art8)** Conversion and extensions of existing buildings to create four new dwellings with works to existing farmhouse and associated outbuildings to include some demolition of existing structures at Middle Farm House Main Street, Upper Benefield Peterborough Northants PE8 5AN

**14/00519/LBC (03/05/2014) (LBRegs)** Alterations and extensions of existing buildings to create four new dwellings with works to existing farmhouse (as described on Schedule of Works received 25/3/14) at Middle Farm House Main Street Upper Benefield, Peterborough Northants PE8 5AN

**14/00550/FUL (26/04/2014) (Info)** Lower sill of existing window opening to form french doors. Reduce internal ground level outside doors at Hill Farm House 53 Glapthorn Road Upper Benefield Peterborough Northants PE8 5AL

### Brigstock

**14/00071/LBC (03/05/2014) (LBRegs)** To replace one window to front elevation, to agree already replaced pair of gates, back door and two roof lights at 16 Park Walk Brigstock Kettering Northants NN14 3HH

**14/00534/FUL (26/04/2014) (Info)** Demolition of former outside toilet with alterations and extension to existing annex at 6 Lyveden Road Brigstock Kettering Northants NN14 3HE

**14/00637/FUL (03/05/2014) (LB/CA)** Two storey rear extension and new side dormer window at 6 High Street Brigstock Kettering Northants NN14 3HA

### Collyweston

**14/00454/FUL (26/04/2014) (Info)** A two storey extension to the side of the property and a single storey one to the rear. Permission to provide a drop kerb entrance to new driveway with blocking up the existing entrance at 65 Main Road Collyweston Stamford, Northants PE9 3PQ

### Easton-on-the-Hill

**14/00563/FUL (26/04/2014) (Info)** Erection of single storey rear extension and front entrance porch at 26 The Crescent Easton On The Hill Stamford Northants PE9 3LZ

### Great Addington

**14/00531/FUL (26/04/2014) (Info)** Conversion of existing barn to form one dwelling at Rectory Farm Cranford Road Great Addington Kettering Northants NN14 4BQ

### Higham Ferrers

**14/00521/FUL (26/04/2014) (Info)** Single storey side extension, conservatory to rear and garage conversion at 25 Roman Way Higham Ferrers Rushden Northants NN10 8NS

### Kings Cliffe

**14/00562/FUL (03/05/2014) (LB/CA)** Two storey rear extension; insert new window in original opening to front elevation; increase door opening to existing rear projection; remove paint from front elevation, make good stone work and re-point at 57 West Street, Kings Cliffe Northants PE8 6XB

### Oundle

**14/00558/LBC (03/05/2014) (LBRegs)** Retrospective application for a flue installed through an existing 20c flat roof to the rear

of the property at 28 North Street Oundle Peterborough Northants PE8 4AL  
**14/00571/FUL (03/05/2014) (LB/CA)** Remove an existing glazed pitched roof from the properties courtyard and to then build a new living space inside half of the courtyard providing additional living accommodation to the ground floor at 1 Herne Road Oundle Peterborough Northants PE8 4BS

### Ringstead

**14/00612/FUL (26/04/2014) (Info)** First floor extension over existing ground floor extension to rear and side (resubmission) at 15 Burnell Close, Ringstead Kettering Northants NN14 4DP

### Rushden

**14/00471/FUL (26/04/2014) (Info)** Construction of new single storey dwelling at 59 Woodland Road Rushden Northants NN10 6US

**14/00532/REM (26/04/2014) (Info)** Reserved matters: pursuant to planning permission 12/01281/OUT dated 28.8.12 - Erection of 4 No. four bedroom dwellings with access drive and amenity space at 112 Irchester Road Rushden Northants NN10 9XQ

**14/00546/FUL (26/04/2014) (Info)** Replace existing boundary fence with taller fence at 8 Goulsbra Road Rushden Northants NN10 0YX

**14/00617/ADV (26/04/2014) (Info)** Erection of 8 fascia signs, 1 projecting sign, 3 other signs (Resubmission of 13/01781/ADV) at 100 High Street, South Rushden Northants NN10 0RD

### Stanwick

**14/00515/VAR (26/04/2014) (Info)** Variation of condition 2 To change driveway from side access on to a shared drive to front access onto West street and to extend side fence across original access, of application 12/00882/REM Reserved matters: Erection of single detached dwelling at 39 West Street Stanwick Northants NN9 6QY

**14/00556/FUL (26/04/2014) (Info)** Two storey rear extension at 2 Grange Road Stanwick Wellingborough Northants NN9 6PZ

**14/00614/FUL (26/04/2014) (Info)** Proposed new first floor rear bathroom (to be built over existing single storey kitchen) at 38 Spencer Parade Stanwick Wellingborough Northants NN9 6QJ

### Warmington

**14/00638/FUL (26/04/2014) (Info)** Replacement garden fencing to a height of 1.75 metres. at 11 Broadgate Way Warmington Peterborough, Northants PE8 6UH

### Woodnewton

**14/00425/FUL (03/05/2014) (LB/CA) (Info)** Demolition of dwelling, barn and agricultural buildings and erection of one new dwelling and four bay detached garaging with games room over using modified existing vehicle access at 17 Main Street Woodnewton, Peterborough Northants PE8 5EB

**The reason for applications being advertised is as follows:**  
**Art8 - Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995.**

**Info - Non-statutory - included for information only.**

**LB/CA - Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas Act 1990.**

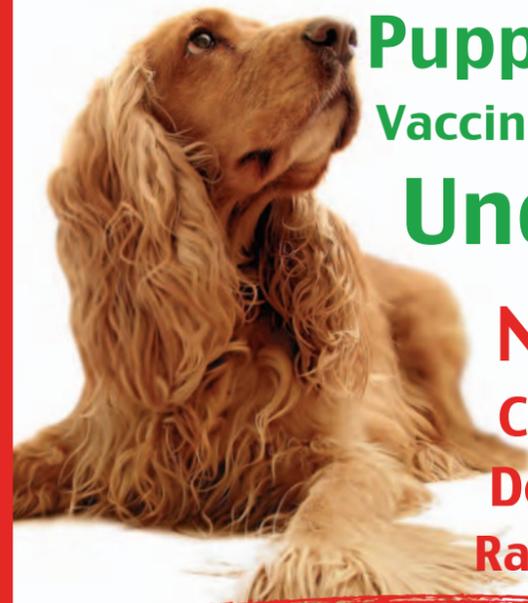
**LBRegs - Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990.**

David Reed  
Head of Planning Services

Dated 12 April 2014

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

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# My day in East Northants

**Name:** Alyson Allfree

**Organisation:** Rockingham Forest Trust

**Job title:** Director

**• How long have you lived and worked in East Northamptonshire?**

I've lived and worked in the area for the last 18 years.

**• How would you describe a typical day?**

No two days are ever really the same which is one of the things I love about my job, but a typical day could see me involved in planning events at Stanwick Lakes where I'm based, showing visitors around the site, writing a funding bid (there's a fair bit of that for charities like ours) or discussing the next steps for our heritage education work in the area.

**• What do you enjoy most about working in East Northamptonshire?**

The district has kept its rural character, so work-related journeys are usually congestion-free and through attractive countryside. There are some very interesting people, from local historians to wildlife experts, whom I'm lucky enough to meet in the course of my work.

**• What is your favourite place to visit in the district?**

Well apart from Stanwick Lakes of course (!) I have a fondness for Lyveden New Bield, near Oundle. The setting is so perfect, and it is a wonderfully tranquil place for a picnic.

**• What does East Northamptonshire mean to you?**

An attractive mix of historic market towns and pretty limestone villages, with the beautiful Nene Valley at its heart, great for walking and boating, and with genuinely world class wildlife. Something I particularly like is that East Northamptonshire has a slightly gentler pace of life without being in any way sleepy.

**• Is there anything which would improve your life in the district?**

More rural public transport would be appreciated.

**• What is your favourite food and drink?**

To be healthy I should probably say risotto, or vegetable stir-fry, but actually I'm very partial to steak and chips, washed down with a glass of Pinot Grigio!



Alyson Allfree

**I ♥ East Northants**



## Fantastic Family Bird event at Stanwick Lakes

Celebrate Stanwick Lakes' new Treehouse Bird Hide with an action packed weekend of craft and performance based fun for the whole family.

Stanwick Lakes has a wide array of fantastic birds, and you can have a great time finding out more about them at a 'Birds Eye View' event on Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th April 2014.

Get crafty at the barmy bird-feet boot making workshop, learn how to identify birds from their markings and make a fantastic flying bird puppet. Or

if performance is more your thing, join the legendary Ladybird Shadow Puppet Crew for a show, write a play and join in a dastardly street dance workshop.

No need to book, just drop into the visitor centre between 11am and 4pm throughout the weekend. And apart from the car parking fee, there is no charge to come and take part in this event, thanks to Lottery funding. For more information about all these exciting workshops, visit [www.stanwicklakes.org.uk](http://www.stanwicklakes.org.uk) or ring 01933 625522

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# Join in the fun on Rushden High Street

Rushden Town Council's events committee is organising another St George's Day event. This year it falls on Saturday 26th April and will take place from 11am to 3pm in the centre of Rushden High Street.

Rushden's now famous dragon will arrive at around 11.15am. St George (alias Sir Lupin of Pipwithers) will be on hand to tame the dragon and entertain the crowds.

There is a complete program of entertainment throughout the afternoon

with music provided by the Raunds Temperance Band. The famous Pinxton puppets will perform at 11.45am, 1pm and 2.15pm. Clog dancers Hips and Haws will be on stage from 12.30pm to 1pm and the ever popular maypole dancers from Alfred St School at 12 noon.

Throughout the afternoon free face painting will also be available and if you are lucky you may get a ticket for some free bangers and mash. So come on down to Rushden High Street and join in the fun.

# Poppy appeal organiser receives Mayor's Award

The Royal British Legion's Rushden Branch Poppy Appeal Organiser, Mrs Barbara Clark was recently the recipient of an award from Rushden Mayor Councillor David Jenney.

The Mayor held a ceremony on Tuesday 25th March at Rushden Hall to present a special glass paperweight depicting key features of Rushden Town to Barbara. The citation said: "Barbara Clark has

led the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal for some years now with great success. This year the Appeal has exceeded all previous efforts with, at the latest count, in excess of £29,000 being raised. This represents over £1 per head for each man, woman and child in Rushden. There is a terrific spirit within the Legion's team, which comes in no small part from its leadership, and reflects tremendously well on this

very self-effacing lady. I have no hesitation in nominating Mrs Clark for a Mayor's Award for 2014."

Branch Members and Barbara's family, friends and army of helpers all really appreciate her outstanding efforts and contribution towards Annual Poppy Appeals for the Royal British Legion, raising much-needed funds for our veterans, service personnel and their families.

# From school to supermarket

Waitrose 'Grow & Sell' scheme returns to Rushden for its biggest year



Waitrose is re-launching its national 'Grow and Sell' scheme to encourage schoolchildren in our local area to grow their own produce and sell it.

The scheme, which has trebled in size since its launch last year, will aim to inspire 7-11 year olds to grow their own produce during the summer months, learn where food comes from, and develop entrepreneurial skills.

This year, Waitrose will distribute 'Grow and Sell' kits to schools to help get their school veg patches up and running. The kit, supplied by family business Seed Pantry, contains vegetable seeds, equipment, step-by-step growing instructions and badges for children to designate roles for both the growing and selling elements of the scheme.

A new feature of the kit is the inclusion of wild flower seeds, which will help boost the number of bees, butterflies and other pollinators in school hedgerows.

Waitrose have launched a new 'Grow and Sell' educational app meaning that children, parents and teachers can access information on where their food comes from, how it's produced, and the importance of environment and seasonality. The app features include a crop timer to advise when produce needs planting and harvesting in order to produce the greatest yield.

The nation's favourite gardener and well-known TV presenter Alan Titchmarsh has been working with Waitrose to raise the profile of British horticulture and agriculture.

He said: "The expansion of the Waitrose 'Grow and Sell' scheme will mean that even more children can benefit from learning about the food they eat, and they might just learn to love eating fresh produce because they've grown it themselves. Understanding the value of preserving and restoring nature through growing

wild flowers to encourage the return of bees is also a fantastic lesson for children to learn."

Once the produce has been grown, children will be encouraged to sell their produce outside Waitrose Rushden.

The 'Grow and Sell' scheme has been immensely popular with Waitrose customers, supporting their local schools by dropping a green token into a Community Matters scheme box, and casting a vote for Waitrose to fund the initiative here. Local branch Partners will also be volunteering their time to support schools with the scheme. Mark Daws, Branch Manager at Waitrose, Rushden said: "Having seen the success of last year's project, it brings us immense pleasure to be able to offer the 'Grow and Sell' scheme to many more schools. We hope it will encourage children to choose to eat well, and inspire entrepreneurial minds to flourish."

# Oundle Customer Services is on the move

The Oundle Customer Services office is moving from its current location in New Street to Oundle Library on Glapthorn Road.

The New Street office will close at 1pm on Thursday 17th April 2014 and will re-open at the library at 10am on Thursday 24th April 2014. Opening hours for Customer Services at the library will be 10am to 1pm Monday to Saturday. For more information, call 01832 742000.

# King's Cliffe Heritage Centre

King's Cliffe Heritage has announced that its Heritage Centre will open for the first time over Easter weekend in the historic Boys' Schoolroom in Bridge Street, built in 1749 as part of the Law & Hutcheson Charitable Foundation.

The trustees are grateful to East Northamptonshire Council for their support through the Community Facilities Fund, which has helped them to equip the Centre. Opening times will be from 2pm to 5pm on Sunday 20th April and Monday

21st April and through the rest of the year on the fourth Sunday of every month.

The King's Cliffe Heritage archive comprises old photographs and documents, copied digitally, lent or given by many people, and a collection of village artefacts including turned woodware, for which King's Cliffe was renowned from the 1600s up to the early 20th century.

The new Heritage Centre is a place to come and see the archives and collection for yourself! Search the archives, watch slideshows, find out about the village's history, the skill of the King's Cliffe woodturners and carvers, and the story of the old schoolroom itself and its place in the village's history. Displays will change from time to time so it's worth coming back to see what's on view. Everyone is welcome and there is no charge for admission. Look for the sign at the entrance off Bridge Street. For the moment, please be aware that there is no wheelchair access to the Centre and no toilet facilities, but they are working on these in the coming months so, if this affects you, please be patient.



# From the East Northamptonshire Council Chairman

I would first of all like to wish the publishers of this new Nene Valley News every success. I know it will mean a lot to the local community.

It has been a busy month starting with a special ceremony for Gwen Murdin BEM who was presented with the title, Free Woman of Higham Ferrers. Gwen has served the town greatly over the years, as both a town and district councillor. It was Gwen who persuaded me to become a town councillor and it was a great honour to be part of her special celebration.

I am a big fan of the work done by Crazy Hats and was so pleased to see the wonderful attendance at their walk in Wicksteed Park. Walkers and spectators were in fine form and raised lots of money for this worthwhile cause. I've never seen so much pink in one place!

The Pemberton Centre in Rushden hosted an

Apprenticeship and Trades exhibition for 16-17 year olds and it was enlightening to meet so many young people with a variety of ambitions. This sort of event is ideal for offering advice and guidance to school leavers.

We have enjoyed several civic dinners across the county with the Chairman of Northamptonshire County Council, the Mayor of Whittlesea, the Mayor of Godmanchester and the Mayor of Peterborough. On 29th March, it was my turn to host a dinner and our evening at The Courtyard in Stanwick was one to remember – great food, fun entertainment by Theatreworkz and wonderful support from friends from across the county and further afield. Funds raised are going to Alzheimer's Research which specialises in finding preventions, treatments and a cure for dementia.

ENC Chairman Pam Whiting

# New Youth Cafe in Thrapston

A new Youth Cafe for 13-16 year olds has launched in Thrapston. Running every Friday night, the cafe offers a place for teenagers to drop in and play pool, air hockey, table football or sit and chat with hot and cold snacks available to buy.

The Cafe is the first project of Underground Thrapston – a second Centre for Underground who have successfully run youth activities in Kings Cliffe for six years.

Katy Weeks, Underground Manager says, "We're absolutely delighted with the number of youngsters already using the Cafe. We hope that it will go from strength to strength and lead to further projects in the future."

The Cafe is open every Friday night from 7.30pm-9.30pm at the Beehive Club. Underground Thrapston are looking for volunteers to help staff the Cafe on a rota basis. If you can help, please contact Katy via email [undergroundcentre@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:undergroundcentre@hotmail.co.uk)



# Recycle your Easter egg packaging

Lots of people enjoy indulging in chocolate eggs at Easter but the huge amount of packaging they are often wrapped in can be a real headache. Luckily, there are plenty of ways that you can enjoy Easter without creating lots of extra waste for our landfill sites. Just follow some of our tips to have lots of fun, reduce waste and even save money this Easter.

## PACKAGING

If you do buy Easter eggs this year, try to choose ones with as little packaging as possible. Over-packaged products tend to be more expensive and you will be left with more waste afterwards. The money you save by avoiding excess packaging could be spent on more chocolate!

Remember that you can recycle the cardboard packaging and aluminium foil from your Easter eggs in your (green lidded) recycling bin.

## CARDS

A whopping 10 million cards are sent and received each Easter, which can create a lot of waste. If you want to send a card to friends or family, make sure that it's made from recycled material and recycle any cards that

you receive. Or you could try sending an e-card, available from a whole host of different websites.

## CRAFT IDEAS

You can have lots of fun (as well as saving money and reducing waste) by making and decorating your own Easter eggs with a chocolate egg making kit. These kits can be bought in shops for around £5 and used year after year to make fantastic eggs with melted chocolate. You could even try using the egg-shaped plastic packaging that comes with many Easter eggs as a mould for more eggs!

You might also consider other tasty craft ideas, such as crispy birds' nests. Made from Rice Crispies and chocolate, these treats will not only taste great and save on packaging, they also have the added bonus of being a

great activity to get the kids involved in over the holidays.

## How to make traditional hand-painted Easter eggs:

1. Make a hole at the top and bottom of a large, free range egg
2. Carefully blow out the contents
3. Allow the eggshell to dry
4. Gently decorate it with brightly coloured paints or felt-tips
5. Add some glitter or recycled ribbons – whatever you can 'lay' your hands on!

Alternatively, you can hard boil the eggs. To save time painting them, add some food colouring to the water. Add the extra decorations when they have cooled down.

If you decorate any real eggs this Easter, you can add the eggshells to your food waste caddy when you finish with them.

# Check food hygiene ratings before ordering

Thinking of going out for a meal? Or getting a takeaway? Make sure you choose one of the 673 eateries in East Northamptonshire with a rating of 3 or more.

The Food Hygiene Rating Scheme rates food businesses on their hygiene standards, based on inspections carried out by East Northamptonshire Council. Businesses in the area are rated on a scale ranging from 0 which means 'urgent improvement necessary' to a top rating of 5 which is 'very good'.

So, whether you're reserving a table at that romantic hotspot or planning on ordering a takeaway on your way home, make sure to check the hygiene rating first!

Look out for the green and black food hygiene rating stickers displayed on windows and doors. If you can't see a sticker, then ask

staff or check online at [www.food.gov.uk/ratings](http://www.food.gov.uk/ratings)

Steven North, Leader of East Northamptonshire Council, says: "With the majority of food businesses in the district rated 3 or above, the Food Hygiene Rating Scheme makes it easier for everyone to choose to eat their meals in places where food hygiene is taken seriously."

Catriona Stewart, head of the Food Hygiene Ratings team at the Food Standards Agency, said: "The Food Hygiene Rating Scheme is a great tool when choosing where to eat out because it tells you what's going on in the kitchen and behind the scenes. For local eateries, a good rating will be good for business."

Check out the food hygiene rating of your favourite places to eat or order from, at [www.food.gov.uk/ratings](http://www.food.gov.uk/ratings)

# Survey winner is now superfast farmer

As part of its efforts to understand and register demand for superfast broadband, Northamptonshire County Council partnered with the National Farmers Union (NFU) to survey views from Northamptonshire's farming community. The farming community is often located in the most remote areas of the county, where the challenge and cost to deliver fibre based broadband may be higher.

The Council received 102 responses from the 350 NFU farmers in Northamptonshire. The survey results showed that 85% of the farmers would definitely or be very likely to take up a superfast service if it was available. 53% thought a faster service would improve communications with their suppliers.

3.8Mbps was the average speed experienced by the survey participants, with 82% of the responding farmers experiencing current broadband speeds of less than 5Mbps.

As an extra incentive to respond to the survey, the Council teamed up with the NFU's partner, Avonline Broadband, to offer entry into a prize draw to win a one-year free satellite service supporting speeds of up to 20Mbps.

KM Wilkinson and Son who farm in

Glaphorn, near Oundle won the prize draw.

Avonline Broadband installed the satellite at Bruce Wilkinson's farm in December 2013. The installation and the 'before and after' broadband service experience was captured on film, including Bruce's 'Australian Connection'.

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# Easter holidays bin collections

Remember East Northamptonshire Council now collect your refuse/recycling on Bank Holidays (except Christmas/New Year) as a normal working day. So remember to put out your bin on 18th April (Good Friday) or 21st April (Easter Monday) if that is your normal collection day.



## LATE DEAL

*Potters – Hopton on Sea – Norfolk*  
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## Days Out with Lunch

*Wednesday 11th June – Potteries £47.50*  
 Start with Tea or coffee at our first stop, then take a guided tour around the Staffordshire Moorlands. Stop for lunch, then visit the Potteries Museum and Art Gallery. Price includes tea/coffee and two-course carvery lunch.

*Wednesday 2nd July – Olympic Legacy Tour £40*

We start today at the Much Wenlock Pottery for tea/coffee and learn about the town's Olympic connection. Enjoy a two-course Carvery Lunch before our guide takes

us around the Bridgenorth area, with its delightful tearooms and beautiful old buildings.

*Thursday 24th July – London River Cruise £52.50*

We take a trip to London, where we board the Bateaux Symphony/Harmony. Enjoy a cruise down river whilst enjoying a three-course lunch, and live commentary given on historical landmarks whilst en route. Lasts approx 2 hours, some free time.

## Other Day trips

- 25th May – Day Mystery £20*
- 27th May – Southwold £21*
- 24th June Wroxham & Broads Cruise £28*
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# Andy Sawford supports Nene Valley Time Trail threatened church

*This will be a regular feature in which we will give a flavour of the history of East Northamptonshire.*

Local MP Andy Sawford recently viewed for himself the serious structural damage that St Peter's Church, Raunds has suffered. The church is now in imminent fear of collapse unless expensive repairs are instigated immediately. He recognises the importance of saving this historic building for the benefit of both this generation and those to come.

The Vicar of Raunds, The Reverend Shena Bell, was delighted when Mr Sawford, MP for Corby and East Northamptonshire and Shadow Community Minister, accepted her invitation to visit St Peter's. Mr Sawford

inspected the whole building and saw priceless artifacts, many of which have been housed in the church since it was built in the 13th century. But mostly, Mr Sawford was interested in the gaps and cracks in the walls and floor – all of which are constantly widening: the spire is gradually separating from the main structure.

At least a million pounds is needed to underpin the building and to replace the antiquated, inefficient heating and lighting systems. There is also the need to improve facilities for the benefit of both the congregation and all members of the community.

An appeal was set up a

couple of years ago and the Vicar praised the generosity of local people who donated towards the £80,000 raised to date, but this is far short of the total required. She said the damage to this Norman structure, which was built without a foundation, is gradually but relentlessly subsiding and underpinning is crucial.

Mr Sawford was surprised that the Church Commissioners were not able to authorise help with the cost of repairs but the Reverend Bell explained that they would only assume financial responsibility if St Peter's has to close down. Mr Sawford said he would talk to George Osborne, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, as to whether the budget facilitated grants for such repairs and he promised to contact other appropriate people within the government to seek their help in obtaining grants.

If you would like to help St Peter's Church, donations can be made at the following address: <http://savestpeters-public.sharepoint.com/>

## ST MARY'S CHURCH, RINGSTEAD

St Mary's Church lies at the heart of the village situated in the Nene Valley, not far from Thrapston. The church is built from local iron and limestone and the first documented reference to it was in 1124 when the erection of the bell tower began. This was constructed in three sections with three separate buttresses.

In 1240 the nave was built along with the south door and porch. This entrance is no longer used but is reported to contain the faces of prominent local people from the time carved in stone. The currently used north entrance was built circa 1250 with the bell tower arch and chancel being added in the early part of the 14th Century. The stone font that remains today was also installed at this time. The chancel was lengthened by six feet and the vestry walled off and a door fitted towards the end of the 14th Century.

The first recorded priest was Peter of Chester in 1237. Denford and Ringstead became linked parishes known as Denford cum Ringstead with the senior church located in Denford.

Vicarages were established in both villages and it's thought that the priest lived in Denford and the curate resided in Ringstead. In 1662 Henry Raymond, who was curate, was expelled from the Church of England for refusing to accept the new Book of Common Prayer. Another unlucky curate was one Benjamin Clay who in 1826 drowned while attempting to rescue his dog from the River Nene.

By 1860 the church had fallen into disrepair



with services no longer being held, the only worship taking place in the Nonconformist chapels. Money was raised to repair the church and it was reopened in 1863 by the then Vicar, Percival Sandilands. Percival seemed to have a poor opinion of the population of Ringstead referring to 'the extreme ignorance and low moral tone of the population, particularly of the inhabitants of Ringstead'.

A sad incident is evidenced from a gravestone situated to the left of the path while entering the church. This records the death in 1877 of three boys when a barn collapsed on them while sheltering from a severe gale.

A useful source of information regarding Ringstead is 'Ringstead People' by David Ball. Copies can be obtained from David who can be contacted at: [david@warboys.co.uk](mailto:david@warboys.co.uk)

The benefice website for Ringstead, Raunds, Stanwick and Hargrave is: [www.4spires.org](http://www.4spires.org)

We are interested to hear from readers with stories from East Northamptonshire's past. Articles can be sent to: [news@nenevalleynews.co.uk](mailto:news@nenevalleynews.co.uk)



Andy Sawford (second left) had chance to view the whole building



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**Sunday 13th April  
Trek-Kits Outdoor Gear Shop**

Stanwick Lakes  
10am-5pm  
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01933 625522  
[www.stanwicklakes.org.uk](http://www.stanwicklakes.org.uk)  
Oundle-based outdoor clothing and equipment company Trek-Kits come to the Visitor Centre with a range of items for sale.

**Wednesday 16th April  
Signs of Spring**

Irthlingborough Lakes and Meadows Nature Reserve (Randall Close entrance)  
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Claire Wylde 01604 405285  
[claire.wylde@wildlifebcn.org](mailto:claire.wylde@wildlifebcn.org)  
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**Higham and Rushden U3A**

Monthly meeting with talk and refreshments  
The Pemberton Centre, H E Bates Way, Rushden  
2pm  
[www.highamandrushden3a.org](http://www.highamandrushden3a.org) or tel 07583 337193  
Family History & the Media Behind, 'Who do you think you are?' Dr Nick Barratt.

**The final Lent Lunch of 2014**

- a simple lunch followed by prayers at St Mary's Church Hall, Rushden town centre  
12noon-1pm  
Donations invited  
Andrew Presland 01933 316927  
Organised by Rushden and Higham Council of Churches.

**Thursday 17th April  
Thrapston District Historical Society**

St James Church Hall, Thrapston  
Visitors £2.50  
01832 731047 or [tdhs40@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:tdhs40@yahoo.co.uk)  
Women & Elections in 18th Century Northampton, a talk by Zoe Dyndor.

**Friday 18th April 2014**

**Party Pottery**  
Stanwick Lakes  
10am-5pm  
Prices start at £6.00 - call 07528 110947 for more details - normal car park charges apply  
01933 625522  
[www.stanwicklakes.org.uk](http://www.stanwicklakes.org.uk)  
Paint a cute animal figure with Party Pottery in the Visitor Centre Discovery Zone.

**March of Witness**

Starting at the Salvation Army, Church Street, Rushden, and walking to the High Street  
10.30am  
Free  
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**AFC Rushden and Diamonds Race Night**

Rushden Bowls Club, Northampton Road, Rushden. NN10 6AN  
7.45pm  
£2 in advance, £3 on the door.  
For further information please contact Glenis on 07870 332606  
AFC Rushden & Diamonds are holding another of their popular Race Nights to raise funds for the club.

**Rushden & District History Society**

South End Junior School, Wymington Road, Rushden NN10 9JU  
7.30pm

Members £1.50, non-members £2.50, all welcome.  
Tel 01933 314047 for more information

A history of guiding in Rushden by Marie Burton.

**Saturday 26th April  
Films of Yesteryear**

Little Addington church

19.30  
£5, U/16s free  
Ken on 01933 650788 or [lbandakb@gmail.com](mailto:lbandakb@gmail.com)  
Film footage of the Little Addington area back to the 1930s, exhibition and slideshow.

**Auction of Promises**

Cotterstock Village Hall  
7pm  
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**Thursday 24th April 2014  
Rushden Mission Band Charity Concert**

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7.30pm  
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**Friday 25th April  
Great Spring Charity Cycle Ride organised by Thrapston and Raunds Rotary Club by kind permission of Rockingham Forest Trust**

Stanwick Lakes  
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**Thrapston Heritage Exhibition**

Methodist Church, Market Road, Thrapston  
10am-12.30pm  
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**Car Boot Sale**

The Meadow, Bridge Street, Brigstock  
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**Rushden Pensioners' Forum Coffee Morning**

St Peter's Church Hall, Rushden NN10 9UJ  
10am-11.30am  
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**Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th April 2014**

**A Bird's Eye View**  
Stanwick Lakes  
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01933 625522 [www.stanwicklakes.org.uk](http://www.stanwicklakes.org.uk)  
Celebrate the new Treehouse Bird Hide with Shadow puppet shows, break dancing, treasure hunts, birdy crafts, culminating in the carnival parade to the hide.

**Sunday 27th April  
Morning Worship with Holy Communion**

Whitefriars Church at Whitefriars Junior School, Boughton Drive, Rushden  
10.15am  
Free  
Andrew Presland 01933 316927  
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**Every Thursday during school term time**

**Music Makers**  
Titchmarsh Pavilion  
9.30am-10.15am  
£4 per child and £2 per sibling  
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**Little Treasures Tots group**

St Laurence's Church,

Stanwick  
9.30-11am  
Donations to cover costs  
Nicki 01933 625658  
For pre-school children and their adult carer. Bible story, song, craft and fun - all welcome.

**Every Tuesday and Thursday (except Christmas and New Year)**

**Health Walks**  
Stanwick Lakes  
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**Every Wednesday (except December)**

**Rainbow Cafe for Tots (aimed at up to age 5) and their guardians**  
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10.30am-12noon  
£2.00 per child - normal car park charges apply  
01933 625522 [www.stanwicklakes.org.uk](http://www.stanwicklakes.org.uk)  
Make new and exciting crafts then join Lisa from Music and Movement to play, sing and dance.

**First Friday of the month (recommend checking before travelling)**

**Craft Cafe**  
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10.30am-1pm  
Modest charges for some materials - normal car park charges apply  
01933 625522 [www.stanwicklakes.org.uk](http://www.stanwicklakes.org.uk)  
Learn new craft skills, share your experience and meet up with crafty friends.

**Last Sunday of the month (except December) (recommend checking before travelling)**

**Local Producers' and Farmers' Market**  
Stanwick Lakes  
10am-2pm  
Free entry to market - normal car park charges apply  
01933 625522 [www.stanwicklakes.org.uk](http://www.stanwicklakes.org.uk)  
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**Third Friday of the month (recommend checking before travelling)**

**Stanwick Stitches**  
Stanwick Lakes  
10.30am  
Free entry - normal car park charges apply  
01933 625522 or Pauline on 01933 229817 [www.stanwicklakes.org.uk](http://www.stanwicklakes.org.uk)  
Come and join this

informal friendly group of stitchers to chat, stitch and eat cake!

**First Sunday of the month (March to October) (recommend checking before travelling)**

**Fun Bike Ride**  
Stanwick Lakes  
10am-4pm  
Free - normal car park charges apply.  
01933 625522 or Reg on 07860 461058 [www.stanwicklakes.org.uk](http://www.stanwicklakes.org.uk)  
Join other bike enthusiasts on a cycle ride round the Lakes.

**Second Saturday of the month**

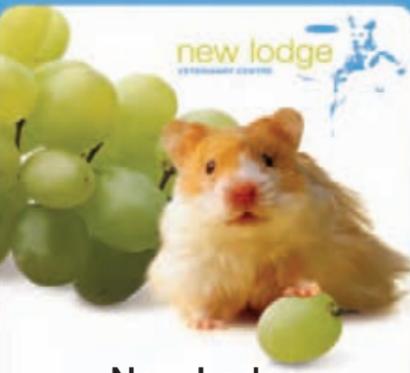
**WE Watch and Phoenix Group**  
Stanwick Lakes  
For more information email [wewatchstanwick@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:wewatchstanwick@hotmail.co.uk)  
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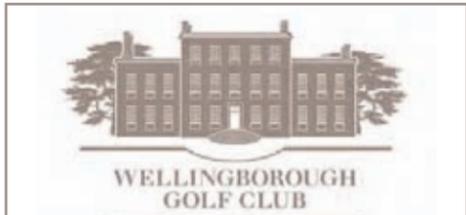
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## Thrapston Town 3 – 0 Irchester United

Chancery Lane - Tuesday 8th April

The early stages of this derby game were unsettled as both sides fought for possession. In fact it took 30 minutes before the game's first clear-cut chances arrived. In quick succession the troublesome Curtis Taylor-Jacob struck the post followed by Jedd Whiteman striking the bar 'Geoff Hurst' style, but on this occasion the ball returned to play.

As half-time approached, Taylor-Jacob's half-volley whistled just over the bar. With the referee's whistle about to be blown, Cory James pounced onto a ball dropped by the Irchester keeper to knock the ball into the net for a half-time Thrapston lead.

In the 58th minute, Louis Dupree made an exquisite

20-yard left-foot pass to Jedd Whiteman who travelled 30 yards down the touchline to cross for Curtis Taylor-Jacob, who scored from the near post.

Taylor-Jacob made it two in three minutes as he killed the game off with a shot from the edge of the box.

Thrapston steadied the game and saw the game out to win 3-0 and secure tenth spot in Division One.



Curtis Taylor-Jacob

## The ChromaSport & Trophies United Counties Football League



Fixtures for period 14th April to 27th April 2014 (Saturday kick-off times at 3pm and midweek at 7.45pm unless stated)

Monday 14th April  
DIVISION ONE  
Irchester v Burton PW

Tuesday 15th April  
PREMIER DIVISION  
Wellingborough v Holbeach

DIVISION ONE  
Bourne v Whitworth  
Rushden/Higham v Eynesbury

Wednesday 16th April  
DIVISION ONE  
Woodford v Irchester (7.30pm)

Thursday 17th April  
DIVISION ONE  
ON Chenecks v Rushden/Higham  
Raunds v Lutterworth

Saturday 19th April  
PREMIER DIVISION  
Wellingborough v Yaxley

DIVISION ONE  
Irchester v Raunds  
Thrapston v Whitworth

Monday 21st April  
(Easter Monday)  
PREMIER DIVISION  
AFC Rushden/D v Wellingborough (3pm)

DIVISION ONE  
Irchester v Bugbrooke (3pm)  
Raunds v R Corinthians (3pm)  
Rushden/Higham v Whitworth (3pm)  
Thrapston v Potton (3pm)

Wednesday 23rd April  
DIVISION ONE  
Eynesbury Rovers v Raunds Town

Friday 25th April  
DIVISION ONE  
Thrapston Town v Rushden & Higham United

Saturday 26th April  
PREMIER DIVISION  
Stewarts & Lloyds Corby v AFC Rushden & Diamonds  
Wellingborough Town v Desborough Town

DIVISION ONE  
Lutterworth Athletic v Raunds Town

## Chess Corner

Welcome to Chess Corner, this is a new regular feature where we aim to publicise what's going on in the East Northamptonshire local chess scene. Chess is one of the oldest board games in the world going back nearly 1,500 years. The earliest origins are found in India in the 6th Century and from there it spread to Persia from where it was taken up by the Muslim world.

The current form of chess developed in Europe in the 15th Century. Tournament play began in the 19th Century with the first World Chess Championship being held in 1886.

Chess came to be associated with the Cold War in the latter part of the 20th Century when the USA and USSR pitted their best players against each other, a better option than thermo-nuclear conflict!

We are interested to hear how chess clubs interface in their local community. Rushden Chess Club has started a series of intergenerational games against the local school. News items can be sent to [news@nenevalleynews.co.uk](mailto:news@nenevalleynews.co.uk), Please keep items brief as space is limited.

Further information about Rushden Chess Club can be found at [www.rushdenchessclub.com](http://www.rushdenchessclub.com).

## Results

Saturday 5th April

Premier Division				
AFC Kempston Rovers	1	-	1	AFC Rushden & Diamonds
Wellingborough Town	1	-	2	Spalding United
Division One				
Bourne Town	0	-	0	Rushden & Higham United
Irchester United	1	-	1	Rothwell Corinthians
Lutterworth Athletic	3	-	1	Bugbrooke St Michaels
Raunds Town	0	-	0	Burton Park Wanderers
Thrapston Town	1	-	1	Northampton Spencer
Reserves Division				
Bugbrooke St Michaels	3	-	0	Thrapston Town
Desborough Town	4	-	1	Raunds Town
Rushden & Higham United	3	-	4	Bourne Town

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