



## Souvenir Programme Grand Depart Oundle

# Oundle welcomes Tanni Grey-Thompson for Grand Depart



Baroness Tanni  
Grey-Thompson

It has been announced that Baroness Tanni Grey-Thompson will be starting the FriendsLife Women's Tour in Oundle on Wednesday 7th May. Tanni – who is widely regarded as one of the most successful disabled athletes in the UK – has won 16 Paralympic medals including 11 golds and has held over 30 world records. She is also a six times winner of the London Marathon.

Being chosen to host the inaugural women's event in the UK has been a major boost for the town. Over 100 top riders, including stars of London 2012, along with their support teams, press from around the world and crowds of many thousands are expected.

Paula Prince, Oundle's Town Centre Manager said: "I am sure you will agree that this is wonderful news for our town and gives us a huge chance to showcase ourselves for the future."

The build-up will begin on Sunday 4th May and will continue for the next three days with Oundle becoming a hive of activity. It is hoped that the four days will not only be a celebration of the achievements of the professional women riders but also the opportunity to leave a legacy of fitness and wellness amongst the local community.

A packed programme of events is planned leading up to the Grand Depart when, over a course of 58 miles, the riders will cycle the first stage through the Northamptonshire countryside before arriving in Northampton.

In this issue of Nene Valley News we have included a four-page special souvenir programme to the FriendsLife Women's Tour. It contains a diary of events for the lead-up to the Grand Depart, as well as rider and team details, spectator tips and details of the route from the start in the Market Place.



### Inside your souvenir programme

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#### NEWS IN BRIEF

**New charity created to support county libraries**

**A new trust aimed at supporting Northamptonshire's public library service has been launched.**

The Charity Commission has approved the registration of the Northamptonshire Libraries Trust, which has been created as part of Northamptonshire County Council's strategy to safeguard the long-term future of libraries in the county.

Money raised through the Trust, which will also be known as the LibraryPlus Trust, will be allocated through grants to support specific projects, to purchase new equipment or enhance the facilities on offer.

The Trust's stated purpose is 'to support Northamptonshire public libraries and in doing so, enhance opportunities for the people of Northamptonshire to achieve prosperity and wellbeing for themselves and their communities.'

The Trust is one of the first new library charitable incorporated organisations to be set up under legislation introduced by the government last year.

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# Giraffe racing for the blind

The Rotaract Club of Rushden is organising its Giraffe Race in aid of Wellingborough and District Talking Newspapers ([www.wdtn.org.uk](http://www.wdtn.org.uk)), a Wellingborough based charity that provides local news in audible format along with the required playing equipment to blind and partially sighted people in the district from Earls Barton, thorough Wellingborough, Ichester, Rushden, Higham Ferrers to Raunds and all smaller villages in between. The charity is run entirely by volunteers and receives no external funding, so relies on donations and the support of other organisations.

The Rotaract Club is made up of 18 to 30 year olds from the area and will be running its well established Giraffe Race event at the Carriage House in Higham Ferrers off the town square, where parking is available. The event will take place on Saturday 10th May with doors opening

at 7pm and races starting at 7:30pm. There is no entry fee and bets on any of the six giraffes that will be running in six races throughout the evening can be placed from £1. The club is also looking for sponsors for the races, which costs £10. Sponsoring a race means you get to name the race and the giraffes if you so wish.

The Club is grateful to the Carriage House for allowing the event to run free of charge, maximising the amount raised for the charity.

You can simply turn up on the night but the Rotaract Club would very much appreciate it if you can let them know you are coming. Please contact Simon on 07757 386042 or email [giraffe@rushdenrotaract.org.uk](mailto:giraffe@rushdenrotaract.org.uk) to book a race sponsorship or if you require further information.

More information about the Rotaract Club of Rushden can be found at [www.RushdenRotaract.org.uk](http://www.RushdenRotaract.org.uk)

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If you're thinking about buying land to develop or build on, there are a number of things you should consider. Firstly, you should find out whether planning permission is likely to be granted for what you want to do. East Northamptonshire Council offers a pre-application advice service to help you establish this and whether the land you're interested in has development potential. By using this service, you can check if you are on the right lines before you apply, which could save you time and money.

Some land has development potential whilst other land has very limited prospects. For example, land which is in the open countryside or is public open space has very limited potential for development.

There may be restrictions on use imposed on the title to the property by a former owner or other third party. You may therefore want to check if the land is subject to a covenant which might limit what you can do with it and take legal advice if it is. This is entirely separate from the planning process and East Northamptonshire Council cannot take such restrictions into account when advising on the planning merits of an application.

Find out more about the service and charges for pre-application advice on certain proposals at [www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/preapp](http://www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/preapp)

## Woodford needs you!

Woodford Diamond Jubilee Committee is seeking help from a local builder to generously offer their services to build a plinth on the village green to support the Woodford village sign.

Woodford villagers have raised funds via several village events to commission and purchase a village sign. We have the design specifications and the materials to build a plinth to support it but our plan to have a local retired builder complete the build have been undermined by regulations that require the builder to have £500,000 public liability insurance. This will require funds we do not have.

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# Retired Ringstead residents rake in rubbish and replace wrecked railings

**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, BMX 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>.



Ringstead residents replace fence

## Help save lives on the River Nene

**Young people in East Northamptonshire are invited to enter a competition which could help save lives on the River Nene.**

East Northamptonshire Council is working with the Environment Agency and Northamptonshire County Council to prevent the misuse and vandalism of life-saving equipment at locks and weirs. This equipment costs thousands of pounds and theft or vandalism of it puts lives in danger.

The competition, for under 18s, is to design a message and/or a picture that will make a vandal or thief think twice before interfering with this essential life-saving equipment. The six winners will have their design published and used on

lifebelts along the River Nene in East Northamptonshire. They will also each win a £25 Amazon voucher.

Lucy Foster of East Northamptonshire Council says: "This is a great opportunity to play a part in preventing damage to this invaluable equipment and potentially saving lives.

Your message or picture could play a key role in encouraging responsible behaviour on our waterways."

Sue Cant of the Environment Agency adds: "Drowning is the third highest cause of death in children and claims the lives of more than 400 people in the UK each year.

"This competition will instil in those taking part an understanding of how to enjoy

our inland waterways safely and, in particular, the importance of respecting essential life-saving equipment so that it is there when it is needed in an emergency. Pupils should feel proud that their winning designs will help to pass on this information in an innovative and imaginative way."

The challenge is to design something 26cm circular that will fit in the centre of a lifebelt. Please consider the colours of the life-saving equipment – orange and white. Entrants are advised to use contrasting colours and remember to include their name, age, and contact details on the reverse side.

Email entries to [lfoster@east-northamptonshire.gov](mailto:lfoster@east-northamptonshire.gov).

uk or post to Lucy Foster, Community Partnerships Team, East Northamptonshire Council, Cedar Drive, Thrapston, NN14 4LZ. The deadline for entries is 5pm on 16th May 2014.

The winning designs will be announced during the week commencing 26th May and unveiled on 20th June ready for National Drowning Prevention Week.

This is the first competition of its kind in the UK and if the scheme is successful, it may be rolled out nationally.

For queries about the competition, call Lucy Foster on 01832 742268 (Wed-Fri). For more information on Drowning Prevention Week, please visit [www.drowningpreventionweek.org.uk](http://www.drowningpreventionweek.org.uk)

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# Oundle Party at the Wharf

It's back in town! Oundle International Festival's traditional outdoor concert returns this year, but this time the party is down at the Wharf. Where better to take a group of friends, a picnic and enjoy a warm summer's evening than at the waterfront near the centre of town?

Headlining the evening will be Ben

Smith, described by Time Out as 'one of the finest guitarists in Britain today.' Covering classics across the spectrum from blues to rock to swing, he'll sing something to get everyone on the dancefloor by the end of the night.

Getting the party started will be a line-up of local support bands in collaboration

with Prince William School, including Heroes and Cons, a Green Day tribute band and the Steradents, with a mixture of 70s and 80s songs. The concert will help to raise funds for a primary school in the Mbeqweni township in South Africa, as a group of Year 11 students from Prince William are visiting Mbeqweni this summer and will be working with the children at the school.

You will have a chance to buy your picnic ingredients from the Oundle Food Festival, taking place in Oundle marketplace the week before on Saturday 5th July. There will be a stack of street vendors on the night vying to tempt you with culinary delights such as Moroccan spiced wraps, paella, soups, bison, venison, handmade burgers, cakes, cookies and much, much more. The sponsors of the event are Waitrose and Nene Valley Brewery.

Gates open at 5pm on Saturday 12th July. Arrive early to pick your spot and guarantee the best view. To make the evening an even grander affair, you can

book a canopy pitch to give you even more room for a stylish picnic – but remember to book early to avoid disappointment, and arrive from 11am to set up your pitch.

## Ticket Prices

Adult: £15 (if booked in advance)  
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Alison Balsom



Mina Middleton

## From the East Northamptonshire Council Chairman Pam Whiting

April saw the return of the Wellingborough Gang Show at The Castle Theatre. We attended the Wednesday performance along with the Mayor and Mayoress of Wellingborough, the Mayor and Mayoress of Daventry, the Mayor of Raunds and the Chairman and Consort of Northamptonshire County Council. The show was first class, full of comedy, singing and dancing. The cast deserved all the praise they received; well done to all those involved.

On 4th April we visited Cambridgeshire for a concert by the Whittlesea Wind Ensemble. The band, formed two years ago, performed music from the shows, classical pieces and waltzes from Strauss. Whittlesea also held a duck race on Easter Monday. I

would like to have seen the 500 numbered plastic ducks pumped down the river by the Fire Brigade.

Many attended the Rushden Windmill Band concert at the Heritage Church, hosted by the Mayor and Mayoress of Higham Ferrers. The venue was highly praised by the conductor for its good acoustics. The band performed with the Northampton Male Voice Choir which really got us tapping our feet. A very enjoyable evening.

I am looking forward to visiting Kings Cliffe in the next few weeks to see the Heritage Centre that has now been completed. Back in December I was able to present Kings Cliffe with a grant from East Northamptonshire Council to carry out the work and I am really looking forward to seeing the results.

## Local horse wins national Performance Horse Awards

A pure bred Arabian, Binley Prince Salim, has won the Arab Horse Society's annual Performance Horse Awards for 2013.

Owned by Gadebrook Arabian Stud near Oundle, the nine-year old white stallion gained the title through his many successes in British Dressage and 75-mile endurance races.

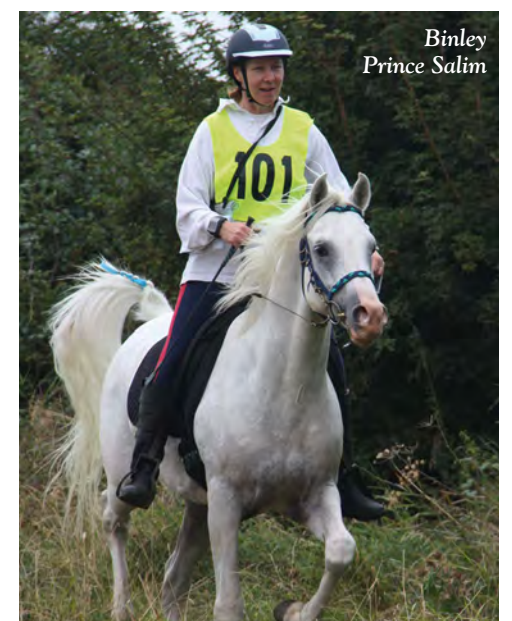
The year-long competition attracts over 100 entries and is keenly fought.

Salim has also won the Eastern region Performance Horse Awards for 2013, against all breeds.

Anne Brown, owner of the stud based at Tansor Lodge Farm, has been breeding top performance horses for over 30 years, mainly for racing and endurance, including the 2005 world champion, Hachim, who completed the 100-mile race in the Dubai desert in the record time of seven hours, two minutes.

This year, Anne is President of the Arab Horse Society, so will have the dual task of presenting and receiving the Silver Salver with Salim at the Arabian Championships in the

summer! Salim's daughter Silver Sunbeam is due to foal at the end of April, so there should be double cause for celebration.



Binley Prince Salim

## Register to vote to have your say in the European election 2014

Residents in East Northamptonshire Council are reminded to register to vote so they can have their say in the European election on 22nd May.

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To find out more about the European election, visit [www.elections2014.eu/en](http://www.elections2014.eu/en)





# Nene Valley Time Trail

Our regular feature by Janice Morris gives a flavour of the history of East Northamptonshire.

## WOODFORD MILL

The impressive limestone and ironstone building of Woodford Mill lies beside the bridge crossing the River Nene, between Ringstead and Great Addington. It is one of many watermills along the valley. There has been a watermill on the site since the eleventh century. Originally producing flour it has also been used for felting cloth, for paper making and grinding bones for fertilisers.

Today there are lakes opposite the Mill, but in the past there were expanses of meadows. Here on May Day village children would gather flowers, put them in a basket and go from door to door, singing and collecting pennies.

It was not always a tranquil scene. Even when the river was made navigable in the eighteenth century, floods would frequently swirl around the Mill. In 1845 the railway from Northampton to Peterborough opened and steam trains passed within 100 metres of the Mill. This was followed by the quarrying of ironstone beside the road to Great Addington, with tramways running from the quarries down to the main rail track. Gravel extraction in the twentieth century led to the

biggest change in the surrounding landscape and now Kinewell Lake and the fishing lake cover the area.

The Mill was once part of the possessions of Croyland (Crowland) Abbey. After Henry VIII dissolved the monasteries it had a number of owners and the Mill's fortunes fluctuated. In 1835 the miller drowned and a few years later the owner, Henry Shuttleworth, became bankrupt. Soon after this misfortune his wife died and within six months Henry was also dead, leaving six children as orphans. However, the last miller lived almost until the age of 100.

For five years in the mid-twentieth century the Mill became a guest house and licensed restaurant before reverting to residential use. The two water wheels were no longer used and deteriorated. Then in 2005 Clive and Emily Hodgson-Jones purchased the Mill and began its restoration and conversion to flats, holiday flats and tea room. The water wheels now drive generators to produce electricity. Very recently, another phase in the Mill's long history has begun with the extension of its kitchen and eating area to provide a restaurant.



## Rising stars at Raunds Music Festival

Raunds Music Festival has an outstanding reputation for spotting up and coming acts and this year is no exception. Over the holiday weekend of 2nd – 4th May, music fans will have the opportunity to see five great young acts that are really causing a stir in musical circles: a folk supergroup, The Gavin Davenport Band, 3 Daft Monkeys, singer-songwriter Fabian Holland, The Teacups and local rising stars on the ceilidh scene, Tautas Roks.

Also featured are international festival favourites Grace Notes with Maggie Boyle, Doughboy Zydecajun, The Roberts & Exall Jazz Quintet and performances from talented musicians drawn from the Raunds community. These include the Temperance

Band, Community Choir, Ukulele Orchestra and Raunds Manor School.

As if that's not enough there are song and tune sessions, traditional dancers on Raunds Square and one of the best festival real ale bars in the country.

Bob Fisher, festival chairman commented: "This small festival really punches above its weight, not only providing high quality entertainment for East Northants residents but also attracting music enthusiasts from across the country. Full Festival Saver tickets represent incredible value for money and a chance to see outstanding acts in the intimate setting of the Saxon Hall."

More information is available on the festival website [www.raundsfestival.com](http://www.raundsfestival.com)

## My day in East Northants

**Name:** Christine Twell

**Organisation:** NeneView Dairy

**Job title:** Artisan Cheesemaker

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

I have lived in East Northamptonshire all my life but have worked here for three years since retiring from teaching.

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

A typical day begins calmly but gains momentum as the cheese develops. I start at 7.00am and often finish at 6.30pm once the cheese has gone into the press.

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

Being able to spend my time working in the countryside and rural areas of East Northamptonshire.

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

I love visiting Stanwick Lakes. It is easy to walk there and I love sitting in the visitor centre with a coffee, looking out over the lake watching the wide variety of birds.

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

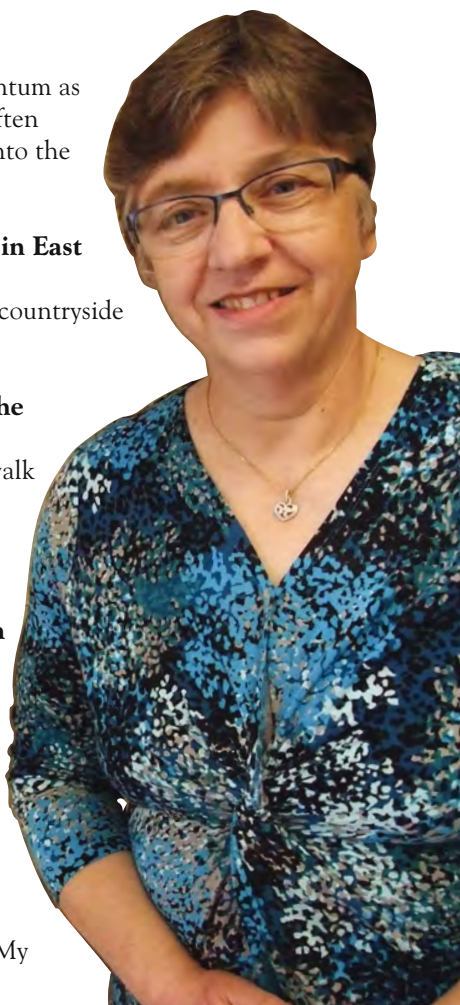
Home. I can't imagine living anywhere else.

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

Improving some of the roads e.g. Thrapston to Peterborough.

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

It is a job to beat a tender steak with chips. My favourite drink is tea.



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Raunds Library, 11.30am-12.30pm (March, May, July)

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# FriendsLife Women's Tour

The Women's Tour is Britain's first International level stage race for women in the UK, taking place for the first time from 7th to 11th May 2014. One hundred and two of the best female riders, including past and current Olympic medallists and World Champions, from across the world will be representing 17 trade and national teams. Spearheaded by top British riders, plus the world's top professional teams, the event is ranked at the 2.1 level by the UCI, the sport's governing body, putting it alongside the Ladies Tour of Qatar, Giro Rosa and La Route de France, as one of the world's top ranked multi-day races for women.

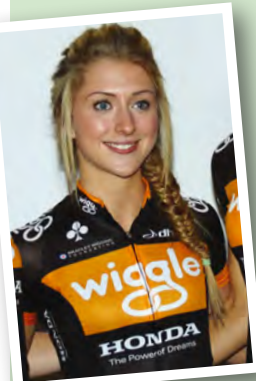
The event will be televised with a one-hour highlights programme being shown at the end of each day on ITV4. The whole event is a family friendly cycling festival with a focus on active lifestyles. The organisers are SweetSpot, who also organise the Tour of Britain, the Tour Series, the Tour Ride and Ride London.



## THE ROUTE

The Women's Tour will consist of five point-to-point road stages in the East of England, beginning in Oundle in Northamptonshire and finishing five days later in Bury St Edmunds. Each stage is approximately 100kms (60 miles) long and will take around three hours to complete. Along the way stages will take place in Northamptonshire, Leicestershire, Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire, Essex and Suffolk.

Stage 1	Wednesday 7th May	Oundle to Northampton
Stage 2	Thursday 8th May	Hinckley to Bedford
Stage 3	Friday 9th May	Felixstowe to Clacton
Stage 4	Saturday 10th May	Cheshunt to Welwyn Garden City
Stage 5	Sunday 11th May	Harwich to Bury St Edmunds



## Laura Trott (GBR) Rider Profile

### RIDER INFORMATION:

**Date of Birth:** 27/04/92

**Place of Birth:** Harlow, Essex, United Kingdom

**2013 Team:** Wiggle Honda Pro Cycling

**Disciplines:** Track and Road Cycling

### Rider Bio:

Laura Trott was born on 24th April 1992 in Harlow, United Kingdom and has managed to make her mark on the international circuit whilst still only being 20 years of age.

Despite being born with a collapsed lung and being diagnosed with asthma, Trott has overcome these obstacles and claimed multiple titles as World Champion, European Champion and National Champion on the track.

One of her biggest career wins came in August at the London 2012 Olympic Games when she took a double gold

## THE TEAMS

Eleven of the world's top 14 professional women's teams will race in a star-studded field. Joining the already confirmed Marianne Vos and her Rabo Liv team will be the likes of Orica – AIS, Boels Dolmans, Specialized Lululemon and the Wiggle Honda team of British Olympians Laura Trott, Joanna Rowsell and Dani King.

There are 16 teams competing in the Friends Life Women's Tour. In total teams from 10 countries will take part. The full list is:

- Astana Bepink Women's Team (Ita)
- Boels Dolmans Cycling Team (Ned)
- Estado de Mexico Faren (Mex)
- Great Britain (GBR)
- Hitec Products (Nor)
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- Specialized – Lululemon (USA)
- Switzerland (Sui)
- UnitedHealthcare Professional Cycling Team (USA)
- Wiggle Honda (GBR)

## THE GRAND DEPART – OUNDLE

Wednesday 7th May

Start Time 11.00am

Northamptonshire is very proud to be hosting stage one of the inaugural Women's Tour. This first stage will begin in the market town of Oundle and finish in the county town of Northampton.

Situated on the River Nene, the historic surroundings of Oundle will provide a stunning backdrop to the Grand Depart at the start of stage one. The ancient town has been inhabited since the Iron Age and is famous for its Georgian streetscapes and impressive limestone buildings. The market place is still well used with a busy farmers' market every month as well a regular local market which has existed since 972 AD. This pretty town is also home to a range of independent shops, coffee houses, pubs and eateries and of course, one of the largest independent schools in England. The town has a thriving cultural scene, an international music festival, a fringe festival, a music and drama festival and an all-year-round programme of literature events. Oundle town centre will be transformed for The Women's Tour, with a host of activities and events planned in the lead-up to the event and on the day itself. Thousands of people are expected to line the streets to cheer on the cyclists as they begin the race.

In the build-up to the Grand Depart, Oundle is planning a whole range of activities to celebrate the arrival of the race. See over for further details.

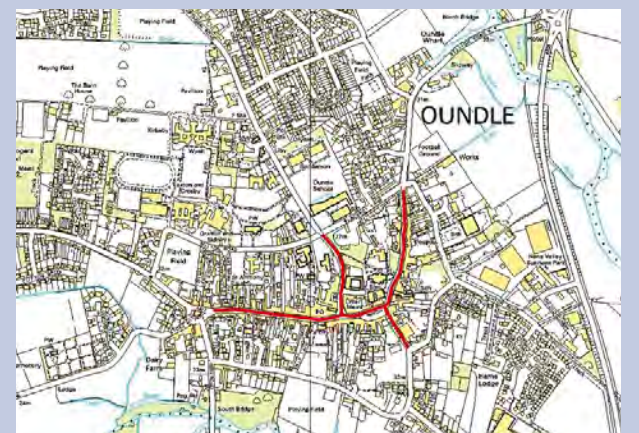
medal in the team pursuit and the Omnium.

Laura has also proven her strength as a road rider and for the past two years has been a guest riding for the Dutch teams Moving Ladies and Team IBIS Cycles whilst preparing for the Olympic Games.

### RESULTS:

- 2012 Olympic Track Champion – Omnium
- 2012 Olympic Track Champion – Teams Pursuit
- 2012 World Track Champion – Omnium
- 2012 World Track Champion – Teams Pursuit
- 2012 British National Track Champion – Teams Pursuit
- 2011 European Track Champion – Omnium
- 2011 European Track Champion – Teams Pursuit
- 2011 European U23 Track Champion – Omnium
- 2011 European U23 Track Champion – Scratch Race
- 2011 European U23 Track Champion – Individual Pursuit
- 2011 British U23 National Road Race Champion
- 2010 European Track Champion – Teams Pursuit
- 2010 British Junior Track Champion – Individual Pursuit
- 2010 British Junior Track Champion 500m Time Trial

## WOMEN'S TOUR ROAD CLOSURES



Road closures in Oundle for the Women's Tour cycling event have now been finalised.

### Oundle closures

\* (Highlighted in red) Due to the Tour Party on the eve of the Women's Tour, closures will be in place from 9.30am on Tuesday 6th May until approximately 1.30pm on Wednesday 7th May. The following roads will be closed to traffic: West Street, Market Place, New Street, North Street (from the junction with Blackpot Lane to Market Place), St Osyths Lane.

\* There will also be a secondary closure along Milton Road to accommodate a procession of the riders prior to their departure from Oundle. This will be in place from 10.30am until approximately 11.15am.

Between Oundle and Northampton there will be a rolling road closure managed by a team of police and specialist cycle race motorcyclists travelling in advance of the riders to ensure that the route is clear and safe. It is anticipated to take up to 30 minutes for the race convoy to pass any given point along the route.



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# Events

## Sunday 4th May 10.00am-4.00pm Health and Wellness Fair in The Queen Victoria Hall

A range of stalls offering education information on local services, taster sessions and opportunities to sign up or book with practitioners, therapists or fitness professionals. [www.oundle.info](http://www.oundle.info)

## Monday 5th May 10.00am-4.00pm Have a Go Day at the Recreation Ground, Market Place, Queen Victoria Hall, Sports Club

Sports and activities for all the family for a great day out on Bank Holiday Monday – so turn up and 'have a go'. [www.oundle.info](http://www.oundle.info)

## Tuesday 6th May 4.00pm-8.00pm Health and Wellness Fair at The Queen Victoria Hall

A range of stalls offering education information on local services, taster sessions and opportunities to sign up or book with practitioners, therapists or fitness professionals. [www.oundle.info](http://www.oundle.info)

## Tuesday 6th May 4.00pm-10.00pm Party Day – Zone 1: Music, Food and Entertainment in The Market Place

Zone 1 of the Oundle Party Day is located in the Market Place and centres around Music, Food and Entertainment. [www.oundle.info](http://www.oundle.info)



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Tickets will be on sale from Easter and for more information, visit the website or phone the box office.

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**OUNDLE GOLF CLUB**



Oundle Golf Club

Oundle Golf Club has a busy few days planned leading up to and immediately after The Women's Tour.

On Monday 5th May, as part of the 'Sport for All' programme, free 'taster' sessions are being offered to anyone who might be thinking of taking up the game.

For Tuesday 6th May, the Club will have a pitch in West Street from 4pm to 10pm as part of the 'Oundle Party Day'. Information about the club, its fantastic membership offers and how to learn for nothing will be available on the stall and people will be able to swing a club right there on West Street!

The race starts on the morning of Wednesday

**Events**

**Tuesday 6th May 4.00pm-10.00pm Party Day – Zone 2: The Racing Strip in The Market Place**

Zone 2 of Oundle Party Day is located along West Street and features sports, speed and competition. [www.oundle.info](http://www.oundle.info)

**Tuesday 6th May 4.00pm-10.00pm Party Day – Zone 4: Bike World at New Street**

With Oundle going bike crazy, make sure you visit the Bike World Zone where you will find bike shows, challenges, a bike fix area, bikes, bits and kit sales and bike & triathlon clubs. [www.oundle.info](http://www.oundle.info)

**Tuesday 6th May 4.00pm-10.00pm Party Day – Zone 5: Down in the Nene Valley at St Osyths Lane**

Zone 5 of Oundle Party Day is located on St Osyths Lane and is themed to display some of the many attractions to residents and tourists of the Nene Valley. [www.oundle.info](http://www.oundle.info)

**Tuesday 6th May 7.30pm Van Pulling Competition at West Street**

As part of the Oundle Party for The Women's Tour there will be a 60-metre Van Pulling Competition on West Street. [www.oundle.info](http://www.oundle.info)

**Tuesday 6th May 7.45pm Cycling journalist and author William Fotheringham talks about his latest book, Cycling Hard, at St Peters Church.**

William is coming to Oundle the day before the Women's Tour sets off from this historic market town. Come and hear about his fascinating career in the cycling world and get into the cycling frame of mind ready for the race. [www.oundle.info](http://www.oundle.info)

**Wednesday 7th May 11.00am The Grand Depart – The Womens Tour Race start**

17 teams, 102 riders, 150 vehicles with 400 people start Stage 1 of the inaugural Women's Tour from the centre of Oundle. Get in early to find the perfect viewing spot! [www.oundle.info](http://www.oundle.info)

7th May, when everyone and anyone is invited up to the Clubhouse to see the point at which the race starts in earnest, right outside the entrance to the club. Afterwards, a number of activities will be on offer, including walking tours of this beautiful course right on our doorstep. Local residents taking the tour

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The website for Oundle fitness contains all of the information on classes and opening hours. So why not have a look today and visit [www.oundlefitness.com](http://www.oundlefitness.com). Why let your health and fitness wait until tomorrow?



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The Women's Cycle Tour's official timed start on May 7th is in front of the entrance to Oundle Golf Club. Parking, toilets & catering available onsite (plus camping & caravanning for the nights of 5th & 6th) - see the cycle tour webpage (accommodation section) of [www.oundle.info](http://www.oundle.info) for details.

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**Thursday 1st May  
Discovery Walks**

Meet at Loddington Church 2pm £1.50, no need to book. 01780 782747 [www.weanorthamptonshire.org](http://www.weanorthamptonshire.org)

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**May Time Celebrations Presentation**

Raunds Library 10.30–11.15am Free 01933 461480

Find out more about local celebrations & events. Informative maps to buy from £2.50 each.

**Meeting of Raunds and District History Society**

Raunds Saxon Hall 7.30pm Visitors £3 Contact Rachel Henderson at: [raundshistory@btinternet.com](mailto:raundshistory@btinternet.com) Mike Leonard presents 'Nurseryrama 2', origins and history of popular nursery rhymes, with music.

**Thursday 1st – Sunday 4th May**

**Raunds Music Festival**  
The Saxon Hall, Thorpe St, Raunds, NN9 6LS 8pm onwards From £5, Full Weekend £55 [contact@raundsfestival.com](mailto:contact@raundsfestival.com) 07756 015 615 Top-line international folk, jazz and roots musicians and dancers. Info and tickets from [www.raundsfestival.com](http://www.raundsfestival.com)

**Friday 2nd May Retirees' Group – with Michael Phillips talking on housing advice for older people**

The Bridge Community Office at Whitefriars Junior School, Boughton Drive, Rushden 1.30pm–3pm Free John & Celia Underwood (01933 676989) A friendly group to which all at retirement age are welcome.

**Oundle Cinema presents Film 'Saving Mr Banks' (12A)**

Stahl Theatre, West Street, Oundle PE8 4EJ 7.45pm Tickets £5 adults, £3 under 18s [www.oundlecinema.org.uk](http://www.oundlecinema.org.uk) Oundle Festival Office, 4 New Street, Oundle PE8 4ED 01832 274734. The engaging story of Mary Poppins starring Emma Thompson and Tom Hanks.

**Saturday May 3rd Coffee Morning and Bric-a-brac stall**

Irthlingborough Methodist Church College Street NN9 5TU 10am–12 noon 07757 072210 Variety of items for sale with refreshments available, everybody welcome.

**Alice in Wonderland Spring Fair**

St Peter's Church, Irthlingborough. 2pm–4:30pm Bottle Stall, Refreshments, Plants, Cakes, Games and so much more! All Welcome – hope to see you there.

**Craft, Gift & Vintage Fayre**

Masonic Hall, Wellingborough Road, Rushden 10am–4pm Free & free parking [kaytandmick@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kaytandmick@hotmail.co.uk) Lots of lovely items made by local people at affordable prices. Refreshments available.

**Baby/Kids Nearly New Sale**

The Pemberton Centre H E Bates Way, NN10 9YP Rushden 10am–12noon £1 (Kids free) [Karen\\_aves@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Karen_aves@hotmail.co.uk) Lots of stalls with baby and kids' clothes, toys and equipment. Come and pick up some bargains!



**Coffee Morning**

St Mary's Church, Ringstead 10am–12noon, Free Rosemarie Coles 01933 624262 Coffee morning including book stall, bric-a-brac and raffle. Proceeds towards new church facilities. All welcome.

**Sunday 4th May Morning Worship**

Whitefriars Church at Whitefriars Junior School, Boughton Drive, Rushden 10.15am, Free Andrew Presland 01933 316927 An informal church service to which everyone is welcome.

**Dawn Chorus Walk**

St Peter's Church car park, Irthlingborough

5.15am–7.45am Free Claire Wylde 01604 405285 [claire.wylde@wildlifebcn.org](mailto:claire.wylde@wildlifebcn.org) Join the Wildlife Trust for a magical and musical early morning walk.

**Monday 5th May Table Top Sale**

Sudborough 11am–3pm Free Stalls £5/£10 call Sue 01832 735623 in Marquee – cream teas served.

**Open Garden**

Rectory Gardens Sudborough 11am–3pm £3 Famous Rectory Gardens, cream teas, call Sue 01832 735623

**Tuesday 6th May Monthly meeting of Great Companions**

Rushden Town Bowls Club, Northampton Road, Rushden NN10 0XG. 7pm. Free (£5 annual subscription) 01933 356006, 01933 674755, 01933 229942. Rushden based social group for active single men and women over 60.

**Wednesday 7th May Oundle Horticultural Society talk**

Methodist Church Hall, Drummingwell Lane, Oundle 7.45pm £2 patrons, £3 visitors 01832 272623 An illustrated talk on the care and cultivation of fuchsias, free light refreshments.

**Monthly Meeting of Raunds Ladies Group**

The Saxon Hall, Raunds. 8pm–10pm. Visitors £3.50 includes raffle & refreshment. Linda 01933 622926 Judy 01933 622451 Speaker Wendy Smith, 'The Ancient Art of Knotting'

**Thursday 8th May Raunds WI**

The Saxon Hall, Raunds 7.30pm £3.50 Includes tea/coffee and cake Mary Harber 01933 624271 This is a meeting to discuss the Resolution for 2014 with Christine Farmer from WI House.

**Saturday 10th May A Coffee Morning**

St Mary's Church Hall Rushden 10am–12noon, 50p Various Stalls. Proceeds for

the Children's Society.

**Village Organ Recital**

All Saints Church Elton 7:30pm, £10 Chris Milton (Church Warden) 01832 280415 [milton\\_chris\\_j@btinternet.com](mailto:milton_chris_j@btinternet.com) Organist: Marc Murray, director of music, St Botolph's Boston; musical director Peterborough Opera.

**Baby and Child Table Top Sale**

Stanwick Village Hall 9.30am–11.30am [nicola\\_bassett80@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:nicola_bassett80@yahoo.co.uk) A table top sale of nearly new baby and children's clothes, toys and accessories.

**Sunday 11th May**

**Oundle Cinema presents Film 'All is Lost' (15)**

Stahl Theatre, West Street, Oundle PE8 4EJ 7.45pm Tickets £5 adults, £3 under 18s [www.oundlecinema.org.uk](http://www.oundlecinema.org.uk) Oundle Festival Office, 4 New Street, Oundle PE8 4ED 01832 274734. Gripping, tense, exciting ocean based drama starring Robert Redford. Bar and Ticket Office open 7.15pm, Programme starts 7.45pm

**Three County Crawl – countryside walk**

Near Hargrave Church (NN9 6BW) 10.30am Free Andrew Presland 01933 316927 A three-mile in countryside organised by Whitefriars Church, Rushden. All are welcome.

**Every Thursday during school term time Music Makers**

Titchmarsh Pavilion 9.30am–10.15am £4 per child and £2 per sibling Naomi Cooper on [musicmakersnorthants@gmail.com](mailto:musicmakersnorthants@gmail.com) Funky music and movement group for 0-5 years with parachute, puppets, balls, bubbles and more.

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Joan Strong Centre, Oundle 11.15am–12noon £4 per child and £2 per sibling Naomi Cooper on [musicmakersnorthants@gmail.com](mailto:musicmakersnorthants@gmail.com) Funky music and movement group for 0-5 years with parachute, puppets, balls, bubbles and more.

**Little Treasures Tots group**

St Laurence's Church, Stanwick 9.30am–11.00am

Donations to cover costs. Nicki 01933 625658 For pre-schoolchildren and their guardians. Bible stories, song, craft and fun – all welcome.

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

Stanwick Lakes 10am–11am Free – normal car park charges apply 01933 625522 [www.stanwicklakes.org.uk](http://www.stanwicklakes.org.uk) Regular walking can help improve your health. Join us in our regular walks.

**Every Wednesday (except December) Rainbow Cafe for Tots (aimed at up to age 5) and their guardians**

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

Stanwick Lakes 10.30am–pm 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) Local Producers' and Farmers' Market (recommend checking before travelling)**

Stanwick Lakes 10am–2pm Free entry to market – normal car park charges apply 01933 625522 [www.stanwicklakes.org.uk](http://www.stanwicklakes.org.uk) Browse through tempting treats and gifts made and farmed by local businesses.



**Saturday 26th April Pop-up Spring Fayre**

11am–2pm St Mary's Church Hall Rushden Join St George's Day celebrations lots of 'not on the high street' items tea served.

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

Whitefriars Church at Whitefriars Junior School, Boughton Drive, Rushden 10.15am Free Andrew Presland 01933 316927 An informal church service to which everyone is welcome.

**New 'Bluebell & Woodland Exploration' booklet**

Raunds Library From 1.15 pm. Short drive and walk at 2pm, depending on weather. Free 01933 461480 Buy & try maps for driving or cycling or walking, from £2.50 Suitable for everyone.

**Tuesday 29th April Button Art Craft Workshop**

Stanwick Lakes 10.30am–1pm £15 including all materials – book a place with Pauline Procter on 01933 229817 Normal car park charges apply 01933 625522 [www.stanwicklakes.org.uk](http://www.stanwicklakes.org.uk) Learn how to make a unique and personal button art card or picture.

**Railways Home and Abroad**

Rushden Conservative Club, High Street South, Rushden 8pm Non members £3, members £2 includes buffet 01933 350287 British Rail diesel driver David Smith will give a film, show and lecture on steam and locomotives in the UK and abroad.

**Wednesday 30th April Roundhouse springclean**

Stanwick Lakes 10am–1pm Free – book your place with Liz on [l.williams@rfrtrust.org.uk](mailto:l.williams@rfrtrust.org.uk) – normal car park charges apply 01933 625522





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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:

### Apethorpe

**14/00619/LBC (17/05/2014) (LBRegs)** Installation of new door to existing arched opening at rear of the Hall Range; and the restoration of the Great Hall screen frieze to include the reinstatement of the columnar screen at Apethorpe Hall Hunting Way Apethorpe Peterborough Northants PE8 5DG

### Ashton

**14/00501/LDE (10/05/2014) (Info)** Use as small car park for Ashton Mill Museum and 1 and 2 Mill Cottages (as per planning approval 94/00649/FUL) at Ashton Mill Oundle Road Ashton Peterborough Northants PE8 5LB

**14/00603/FUL (17/05/2014) (LB/CA)** To erect two timber framed double garages with log store lean-to and associated hard landscape to give access of existing parking area at Mill Cottages Oundle Road Ashton Northants PE8 5LB

**14/00604/LBC (17/05/2014) (LBRegs)** To erect two timber framed double garages with log store lean-to and associated hard landscape to give access of existing parking area at Mill Cottages Oundle Road Ashton Northants PE8 5LB

**14/00672/FUL (17/05/2014) (LB/CA) (LBRegs)** To erect a wood shed with hardstanding in a corner of the back garden at 27 The Green Ashton Peterborough Northants PE8 5LD

**14/00673/LBC (17/05/2014) (LBRegs)** Formation of a new 1st floor bathroom and associated window at rear elevation at Acacia Cottage 26 The Green Ashton Peterborough Northants PE8 5LD

### Barnwell

**14/00675/OUT (17/05/2014) (Art8)**

Outline: Redevelopment to provide a mixed use scheme to include improved marina facilities, residential moorings, permanent floating accommodation (C3), 2 x pub / restaurant (A3 / A4), retail (A1), business accommodation (B1), workshop units (B2), holiday accommodation (C3), boatyard, boat clubhouse, parking and associated infrastructure (all matters reserved) at Oundle Marina Village Barnwell Road Oundle Northants

### Benefield

**14/00621/FUL (17/05/2014) (LB/CA)** Conversion and change of use of The Wheatshaf Coaching Inn to provide five residential units together with enabling development comprising the erection of four detached dwellings with garages at The Benefield Wheatshaf Main Street Upper Benefield Northants PE8 5AN

### Duddington With Fineshade

**14/00516/FUL (17/05/2014) (LB/CA)(Info)** Proposed conversion of and extension to former wash house to create a new dwelling at

The Wash House Stamford Road Fineshade Northants

### Easton-on-the-Hill

**14/00640/FUL (17/05/2014) (LB/CA) (LBRegs)**

Replacement of existing first floor window, replace glass in existing velux. Retile potting shed and carport roof at 11 Church Street Easton On The Hill Stamford Northants PE9 3LL

**14/00641/LBC (17/05/2014) (LB/CA) (LBRegs)**

Replacement of existing first floor window, replace glass in existing velux. Retile potting shed and carport roof at 11 Church Street Easton On The Hill Stamford Northants PE9 3LL

### Great Addington

**14/00648/FUL (17/05/2014) (Art8)**

Demolition of existing barn B and erection of replacement building to form 1 no dwelling at Rectory Farm Cranford Road Great Addington Kettering Northants NN14 4BQ

### Higham Ferrers

**14/00567/FUL (10/05/2014) (Info)**

Construction and siting of large shed in back garden (Retrospective) at 3 Vine Hill Drive Higham Ferrers Rushden Northants NN10 8EF

**14/00701/FUL (10/05/2014) (Info)** Flat roof dormer to rear and side and loft conversion at 97 Wharf Road Higham Ferrers Rushden Northants NN10 8BH

**14/00717/VAR (17/05/2014) (Art8)** Variation of condition 1 to allow for several plot substitutions and minor amendments pursuant to application 13/01072/REM Reserved matters: Appearance, landscaping, layout and scale in relation to eighty eight new homes and associated works (pursuant to outline planning permission EN/12/00648/OUT) at land between A6 Higham Ferrers Bypass and A5028 Station Road Higham Ferrers Northants

### Irthlingborough

**14/00652/LDP (17/05/2014) (LBRegs)** Loft conversion with build up of gable and dormer to rear at 9 Spinney Road Irthlingborough Wellingborough Northants NN9 5RY

**14/00715/LDE (10/05/2014) (Info)** Use of bungalow as C3 dwelling at Bungalow A6 Irthlingborough Bypass Irthlingborough Northants NN9

### Kings Cliffe

**14/00731/LBC (17/05/2014) (LBRegs)** To replace all windows and external doors at 22 West Street Kings Cliffe Peterborough Northants PE8

### Luddington

**14/00677/FUL (10/05/2014) (Info)** Double garage and workshop with first floor flatlet over at 15 Luddington In The Brook Northants PE8

### Oundle

**14/00616/FUL (17/05/2014) (LBRegs)** Change of use from A1 to A3 at 6 West Street Oundle Peterborough Northants PE8 4EF

**14/00647/FUL (10/05/2014) (Info)** Proposed single storey extension to rear of existing

dwellling at 19 Warren Bridge Oundle Peterborough Northants PE8 4DQ  
**14/00664/LBC (17/05/2014) (LBRegs)** To fix 9 x pv solar panels to the South South West inner roof at North Jericho 42A Market Place Oundle Peterborough Northants PE8 4AJ  
**14/00666/FUL (10/05/2014) (Info)** Extension to side of house for garage at 29 St Peters Road Oundle Peterborough Northants PE8 4NU

### Raunds

**14/00646/FUL (10/05/2014) (Info)** Two detached dwellings with garages to replace previously existing dwelling at 45 Brook Street Raunds Northants

**14/00721/FUL (10/05/2014) (Info)** Conservatory to front elevation of side extension to act as porch with improved access for disabled occupant at 105 Langham Road Raunds Wellingborough Northants NN9 6LB

### Ringstead

**14/00710/FUL (10/05/2014) (Info)** Single storey front extension at 26 Northfield Avenue Ringstead Kettering Northants NN14 4DX

### Rushden

**13/01948/REM (10/05/2014) (Info)** Reserved matters: Details of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale pursuant to outline planning application 11/00721/OUT: 'Demolition of garages and construction of a 1x3 bedroom 5 person house, with associated parking and additional off street parking' dated 18.08.11 at garages between 16 and 18 Tennyson Road Rushden Northants

**14/00477/FUL (10/05/2014) (Info)** Erection of 4-bedroom detached dwelling at 283 Wellingborough Road Rushden Northants

**14/00639/FUL (10/05/2014) (Info)** Single storey extension to side of house to include porch to the front elevation and demolition of existing garage at 1 Dean Close Rushden Northants NN10 9EH

**14/00676/FUL (10/05/2014) (Info)**

Conversion and extension of existing garage to form bedroom and shower room facility at 26 Chapel Close Rushden Northants NN10 0FH

**14/00692/FUL (17/05/2014) (Art8)** Redevelopment of existing retail site to retain existing building and the erection of 2 nos. additional retail (Class A 1) units on the footprint of the existing outdoor garden centre (one of the new units to incorporate a mezzanine floor for mixed use retail purposes (Class A 1) and as use as a veterinary/grooming facility (sui generis) at DIY Store Crown Way Rushden Northants NN10 6AX

**14/00693/FUL (17/05/2014) (LB/CA)(Info)** Change of use from travel agent (A1) to betting shop (A2) and installation of air conditioning condenser and satellite dish to rear of premises at 46 High Street Rushden Northants

**14/00695/ADV (10/05/2014) (Info)** Replacement signage (illuminated) at 46 High Street Rushden Northants

**14/00700/FUL (10/05/2014) (Info)** Construction of a first floor bedroom and construction of new double garage (Resubmission of 14/00039/FUL) at 71 Northampton Road Rushden Northants NN10 6AJ

**14/00706/SCR (10/05/2014) (Info)** Screening opinion for erection of forty-nine dwellings with associated access road including demolition of extensions and sheds to the rear of listed building at Grenson Shoes Ltd Queen Street Rushden Northants

**14/00716/FUL (10/05/2014) (Info)** Removal of prefabricated single garage and the erection of a brick built single garage at 2 Wildacre Road Rushden Northants NN10 6UQ

### Stanwick

**14/00661/FUL (10/05/2014) (Info)** Demolition of existing conservatory, proposed single storey extension to rear of property and new window to existing kitchen at 32 Raunds Road Stanwick Wellingborough Northants NN9 6PP

**14/00665/FUL (10/05/2014) (Info)** Two storey side and rear extensions (resubmission of previous applications) at 14 Raunds Road Stanwick Wellingborough Northants NN9 6PP

### Sudborough

**14/00704/FUL (17/05/2014) (LB/CA)** New automated access gates, stone piers and walls. Remove existing timber gates retaining piers at Brook House Main Street Sudborough Kettering Northants NN14 3BX

**14/00705/LBC (17/05/2014) (LBRegs)** New automated access gates, stone piers and walls. Remove existing timber gates retaining piers at Brook House Main Street Sudborough Kettering Northants NN14 3BX

### Thrapston

**14/00694/VAR (10/05/2014) (Info)** Variation of condition 12 - final certificate - pursuant to application 09/00071/FUL: Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of new dwelling at 68 Oundle Road Thrapston Kettering Northants NN14 4PE

**14/00703/FUL (10/05/2014) (Info)** Dropped kerb and replacing grass on property with tarmac or paving and removing front hedge at 102 Oundle Road Thrapston Kettering Northants NN14 4PF

### Woodnewton

**14/00657/FUL (17/05/2014) (LB/CA)** Extension to rear of dwelling at 19 Orchard Lane Woodnewton Peterborough Northants PE8 5EE

**14/00658/FUL (17/05/2014) (LB/CA)** Alterations and rear extension, replacement of car port roof and addition of frontage window at Porlock Place 33A 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 26 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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This is a free event but booking is required. Please make sure you are warmly dressed and bring along a pair of binoculars if you

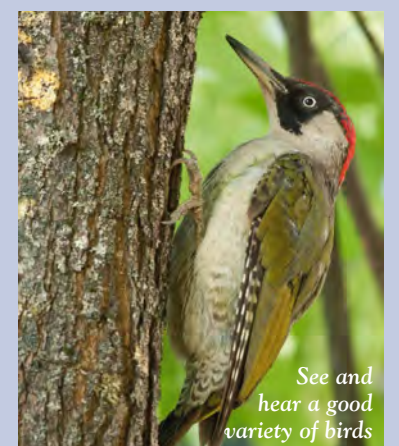
have them.

Louise Tuffin, Nene Valley Education and Community Manager at the Wildlife Trust said: "We should see and hear a good variety of birds on the walk such as cuckoo, sedge warbler and Cetti's warbler, as well as familiar garden birds such as robin, blue tit and green woodpecker.

"Although it may be difficult

to drag yourself out of bed, the dawn chorus is worth witnessing and especially enjoyable with an expert guide on hand to help identify the birds as they sing."

To book your place please contact Claire Wylde on 01604 405285 or email [claire.wylde@wildlifebcn.org](mailto:claire.wylde@wildlifebcn.org). For more information visit [www.wildlifebcn.org](http://www.wildlifebcn.org)



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# Thrapston Town 0 – 3 Potton United

Chancery Lane, Monday 21st April



Thrapston's Cory James tackled by Potton's defence



Thrapston's Jedd Whiteman tussles for the ball against Potton

The game had a Bank Holiday end of season mood particularly for the first 45 minutes, where no goal attempts from either side were really worthy of comment. Both sides had half-chances but neither really stretched the keepers. An ill Stef Gatting was replaced at half-time by Kaine Clinton but the game continued in the same fashion until just after the hour when James Fitzgibson neatly curled a low shot around Thrapston keeper Liam

Fox to give the visitors the lead. One minute later and a similar move ended in Callum Forster doubling Potton's lead.

The third Potton goal was the best of the three, as a

curler again from Forster sailed into Fox's net.

Thrapston's day was summed up when Louis Dupree had a spot kick saved late in the second half.

## Chess Corner

As spring arrives we find the Northamptonshire league drawing towards its conclusion. Kettering A are currently battling it out with Peterborough at the top of the Silver King Division I.

Corby are heading up Division II with Oundle School in a creditable third place. Rushden B are hot on their heels being only a point behind. New boy Tom Murts has made a good start in his first year in the league with a win on board 5 against Kettering C, giving a much needed boost to the team.

The County Championship for the Cole Trophy is being run for the first time in three years, at Kettering in May. Tel: 01536 482238 or email: [norchess@talktalk.net](mailto:norchess@talktalk.net).

In addition to the County Championships there are also internal tournaments held by local chess clubs. Rushden Chess Club is coming to the end of its tournaments for 2014. Now is a good time to join as clubs are keen to recruit new members for tournament and league games or just for fun!

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