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NEWS IN BRIEF

The Dragons are back!

There are only a few more weeks to go before Rotary's Nene Valley Dragon Boat Race returns to Wicksteed Park with even bigger and better facilities lakeside.

Last year's event raised over £25,000 for local Rotary charities including both Cransley and Lakelands Hospices and it is hoped that this year's event will have more competitors on the newly restored lake.

The race is taking place on Sunday 31st August with additional entertainment including live music, craft and gift stalls and fun for all the family.

For more information on how to enter a team, or to be kept up to date with the preparations, please go to www.nenevalleydragons.org.uk

The Oundle Pilgrimage

The Oundle Pilgrimage will begin at St Peter's Church at 8.30am (after 10am, from Trek Kits) on 9th and 10th August.

Please join in and support Sue Ryder – Thorpe Hall hospice by obtaining a Pilgrim Passport and sponsor form from Trek Kits and walking part of the route on either day.

Other fundraising events include a coffee morning at the Rose & Crown and evening entertainment on Farmers' Market day. For more information please visit: www.robin-moore.co.uk and www.oundlepilgrimage.org.uk

Summertime and the parking is free in East Northamptonshire

The summer holidays are here and can be an expensive time for those with children to entertain. If you're visiting any of the six towns in East Northamptonshire, however, parking is one cost you don't have to worry about.

East Northamptonshire boasts 14 free car parks with generous time allowances, so families can take their time exploring each of the six historical towns in the district.

Steven North, East Northamptonshire Council Leader, says: "We want

to encourage families and visitors to enjoy our towns in the summertime without parking hitting their pocket. So, whether you're enjoying the award-winning free museum in Oundle, following the HE Bates trail in Rushden or exploring George Washington's

ancestry in Thrapston, a parking fee is something you don't have to factor in to your day."

Residents and visitors may also be interested to know that five car parks have received the prestigious Park Mark award, which is given by the police to car parks that have achieved the standards of the Safer Parking Scheme. The scheme aims to reduce crime and the fear of crime in car parks.

The Duck Street, John Street, Rectory Road (Orchard Place) and Splash car parks in Rushden, and the Sackville Street car park in Thrapston have met strict criteria demonstrating a safe, clean, quality parking environment – an important assurance for many families and visitors.

For more information about car parks in East Northamptonshire visit: www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/carparking

Free car parking in East Northamptonshire



Annual art exhibition

The Federation of Professional and Amateur Artists is once again holding its annual art exhibition at Wellingborough Museum.

The Mayor of Wellingborough opened the event at a private preview on Friday 1st August, accompanied by guests and the founder of the Federation, Mr John Frederick Black. The exhibition is open to the public free of charge from Saturday 2nd August until 9th August from 10am–4pm. You can view the many talents of local artists using different mediums.

The artworks will also be on sale and there is an opportunity for members of the public to vote for the best painting in the show. For information go to www.wellingboroughmuseum.co.uk

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Success at Ringstead Open Gardens Weekend

Ringstead's 2014 Open Gardens Weekend was hugely popular, attracting over 200 visitors from all over the country to enjoy the 13 sun-drenched gardens on display. From the tiny, pretty patch to the huge sophisticated vista, each garden had been lovingly tended, all with a unique charm of its own.

The Sunday School children were particularly proud to show their allotment with its display of ripe fruit and vegetables: the result of their hard work throughout the past year.

A welcome cuppa and home baked cakes awaited everyone at the Village Social Club at the end of their tiring but interesting gardens tour on a hot, sunny afternoon.

The organisers, who would like to thank everyone who made this event such a success, are delighted to report that £1,120 was raised, all of which will be used by the St Mary's Appeal for improving the church facilities.



Ren & Hazel Stimpson

Oundle Pilgrimage – supporting Sue Ryder, Thorpe Hall 9th & 10th August

Walking, cycling and obtaining passport stamps from historic locations are a fun way to enjoy a weekend. Whatever your choice, it can be a liberating experience following the Oundle Pilgrimage as it cuts through the Nene Valley encountering riverside walks, estate woodlands, iconic sites and ancient buildings.

It is the fourth anniversary of the Pilgrimage and the event will be celebrated with a fundraising coffee morning and some light evening entertainment at the Rose and Crown.

Starting at St Peter's Church at 8.30am (or Trek Kits, Oundle Wharf after 10am) The Pilgrimage takes in local inns and churches along the way, where participants must try and obtain a stamp/signature for their passports at each stop. Passports and guides can be purchased from Trek Kits; GPS maps/video footage of the route are available from the Pilgrimage websites and certificates are given to those who complete the whole journey. Participants can obtain sponsor forms from the Wharf or contact the Thorpe Hall fundraising team; Sponsor jars are in place at all the pit-stops en route and the public are invited to make a donation. There will also be a collection at the Co-op on the Saturday, which is Farmers' Market Day.

The event offers a weekend walk or a cycle challenge of 40 miles, and a picnic family walk of six miles taking in the Nene and part of Ashton Estate. Or simply choose a section to make up a smaller circular walk. There are campsites available for those weekend participants who wish to do it all and split the journey into two phases (Sat/Sun – see the main guide). It is also possible to start from any other location en route if required.

'A few hours of toil for a worthy cause is rewarding in itself and if everyone did just two hours a week for a voluntary act of good will this world would surely be a better place.'

The Oundle Pilgrimage was founded by long distance charity walker Robin Moore who dedicated the event to Sue Ryder after the hospice cared for a popular young man called Dean Robert Ingram, 'Deano', who died there in 2008. The project raises money for local causes and can be walked any time of the year; the event for Sue Ryder is held annually in August, on Farmers' Market Weekend.

To sign up for this year's Pilgrimage visit Trek Kits, Oundle Wharf: Tel. 01832 272 050 or email info@trek-kits.co.uk

For more information about the Oundle Pilgrimage please visit: www.robin-moore.co.uk, www.oundlepilgrimage.org.uk

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Guest taster – Molly Bishop

By Catherine Burbage

A new member of the family is going to join us soon, a bundle of fluffy terrier from Northumberland. We're a bit worried it won't understand our accent, so as most dogs understand the language of food, I thought I'd make it some special treats. I found a fantastic website www.bdws.co.uk by Jamie Shanks with lots of doggie recipes, so I've tried a couple of them and

reproduced them here for you.

These would be fun for kids to make over the holidays to try out on their doggie pals, and maybe help train both of them a bit! The recipes are simple with cheap ingredients, and I've never known a dog to be too bothered about what its dinner looks like – so you can just break up the cakes any way you like.

To check the recipes this week I invited local resident Molly Bishop as guest taste

tester. She gave a 'paws up' to both recipes, but I think the sardine oatcakes were her favourite. The recipes freeze well so I'm keeping the rest of batch for when our pup arrives.

SARDINE OATCAKES

2 x 120g tins of sardines in oil (better for the coat than brine)
1 crushed garlic clove
60g wholemeal flour
300g rolled oats
Splash of water

1. Mash the sardines up, add the other ingredients and enough water to bind the dough together.
2. Break the dough into bite pieces and squash between your palms to doggie treat size.
3. Put on a baking tray and bake at fan 150C, gas mark 5, for around 20 minutes – time will vary according to what size you made them.
4. Allow to cool and see what tricks your dog will do to get one!

LIVER CAKE

1lb liver – cheapest there is
2 eggs
200g wholemeal flour

1. Whizz the liver and eggs in a blender until they look like a revolting smoothie.
2. Stir in the flour to make a firm but still quite damp 'cake' mixture
3. Line a 20cm x 25cm tin (approx, this is for a dog, not MasterChef!) with foil and bake in a low oven for 30mins or so.
4. Allow to cool and break into pieces.
Have a look at Jamie's website for a range of great dog food recipes and information on canine nutrition www.bdws.co.uk. I'm going to have a go at the puppy teething biscuits next...

Rotary Golf Day raises £1,600 for Rushden MIND

While all the surrounding towns and villages were suffering from thunderstorms, the golfers supporting the recent Rotary Club of Rushden Chichele Golf Day played their rounds in warm sunshine.

It was another very successful day, thanks to the support of Rushden Golf Club and local businesses, and over the years the event has raised over £40,000 for local charities. This year Rushden MIND benefited from the golfers' generosity.

The winner of the Team event – despite everyone having full handicaps so that Rushden Golf Club's team of low handicap players should not win again – was...the team from Rushden Golf Club! It was a very close thing and only a miscalculation on the part of the FFP Packaging Solutions team

scorer denied FFP the accolade by a single point, with construction company Kier Eastern in third place.

A good day was had by all but the real winner of the event was Rushden MIND. Rushden Chichele President, Alan Armson presented a cheque for £1,600 to MIND Chief Executive, Rob Aston and Chairman, Bill Vokes who explained how difficult times were with funding being reduced and costs rising. The work being done at Rushden Mind is essential to the mental health of so many local people and tribute was paid to Rob and all the unpaid volunteers who give so unselfishly of their time and talents.

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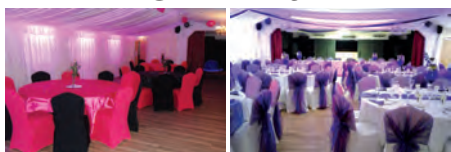
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Enjoy the Nene Valley this summer

We've got lots of ideas for entertaining the children and the grown-ups this summer and below is a selection of some of our favourites:

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- Summer family fun at Lyveden New Bield. There's something to do every weekday at Lyveden during August with themed self-guided activities. On Fab Fridays, 2pm–4pm have a go at archery and wild art. Check the website to find out more www.nationaltrust.org.uk/lyveden-new-bield
- Try fishing for free at Irthlingborough Lakes and Meadows Nature Reserve with a taster session on 18th August, 9.30am–2.30pm. Places are limited so you need to book on 01604 405285.
- Get arty every Thursday of the summer holidays at Stanwick Lakes, 1pm–4pm. Head to the Discovery Zone and play with clay or make paper bag trees, little peg people and dreamcatchers. £1 per child.
- Wildlife Wednesdays run until 27th August at Fermyn Woods Country Park. Enjoy half-hour sessions from 11am–12.30pm and then from 1.30pm–3.30pm. Join the Ranger to have a go at pond dipping or mini beast hunting if the pond is too low. Buy your ticket from the café for £2. A quiz

trail runs daily from 10am–4.30pm until 7th September. £2 per trail sheet. Tel. 01536 373625.

- Enjoy a 1970s Themed Holiday Special with Rushden Transport Museum 9th & 10th August. Find out more at www.rhts.co.uk

TOP 5 FREE THINGS TO DO THIS SUMMER

- Head to your nearest library and discover the Summer Reading Challenge
 - Make a scrapbook of your activities during the holidays
 - Search for creepy crawlies at your local pocket park
 - Go for a bike ride with the family
 - Get creative with some waterproof paints
- Visit www.nenevalley.net for more ideas of place to visit.



Enjoying Nene Valley

Glaphorn School recreates WWII history and prepares for an exciting future

As a part of their studies about the Second World War, children from Glaphorn School were recently 'evacuated' to houses around the village so they could briefly experience what life was like for those children sent from the cities to villages during the Blitz.

Householders were ready to accept their 'evacuees', with each host providing a different scenario for their group. Food rationing was explained, gas masks were tried, household tasks were allocated – and children were even inspected for nits before being accepted across the threshold! The children even had new names for the day and wrote about their shared experiences and opinions back in class.

The evacuation day brought to a close a very busy term and one in which Glaphorn pupils have continued to perform on all levels. In April, the senior rugby team won the Corby, Oundle and Thrapston element of the Aviva National Schools Rugby Programme. Next stop was the Northampton Saints Ground where they were narrowly beaten by a specialist sports school. More recently the senior cricket team came second in the local Cluster Cricket Tournament.

Every child in the school performed in the recent production of 'The Jungle Book', many having gained inspiration for their roles from the recent school visit to Hammerton Zoo

and a globally themed whole school project. The May Singing around the village raised money for an educational charity in India, whilst the annual May Fete and maypole dancing raised nearly £1,000.

The end of term also brings some sad farewells to several long-standing members of staff including Mrs Shelley Griffiths who has been welcoming children into the Reception Class for over ten years. The new staff joining in the autumn term bring with them a wealth of experience and expertise. September will also see the launch of Glaphorn's After School Club, meaning the school provides wraparound care from 7.45am to 6.00pm to support working parents.

Glaphorn School is a small and happy Christian school at the heart of its community offering challenge and opportunity to all. It currently provides education for children from Reception to Year 4, which will extend to Year 6 from September 2015. There is a strong emphasis on providing a range of learning opportunities for the pupils, which includes outdoor study in the woodland classroom, wildlife area and school allotment. Please direct further enquiries to the Head, Mrs Katherine Towns on 01832 273452 or head@glaphorn.northants-ecl.gov.uk



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Classic cars on show



The Rotary Club of Rushden Chichele will be holding its first Classic Car Show at the Castle Fields on Sunday 3rd August, which will bw open to the public between 11am and 4pm.

Around 100 classic and vintage cars will be on show from owners and car clubs across the country – some are very rare and all are special. Proud owners are always willing to tell visitors all about their cherished vehicles. This will be a family event with food and other stalls including Disney Stores. There will also be a hog roast.

The main sponsor of the Car Show is Winslow Ford of Rushden and they will have some of the latest new cars on display for visitors to look over.

Programmes will be available at the entrance for which adults will be asked to donate a minimum of £1. The public will be invited to vote for their “Car of the Show” with a trophy for the winning owner. Any profits generated by the event will be distributed to charities supported by The Rotary Club of Rushden Chichele.

Refurbishment planned for Cotterstock Village Hall

A very generous £60,000 grant from WREN (Waste Recycling Environmental Ltd) and local fundraising is enabling Cotterstock village to undertake major refurbishment of their village hall in the coming months.

Originally built in 1876 as the village church school, the hall was subsequently leased from the local diocese by the village and today provides the meeting place for the active Cotterstock village community.

Over the years “wear and tear” have

taken their toll and today the frequently used hall is in urgent need of repair and updating.

Work begins shortly on replacing the floor and floorings, repairing and insulating the roof to the latest standard, and updating the plumbing, heating system, kitchen, windows and doors. The beautiful overall fabric of the hall will remain.

For further details please contact Adrian Eldridge (Chair VHC): adrianeldridge313@btinternet.com Tel. 01832 226332.

Stanwick named Northamptonshire ACRE Large Village of the Year

Stanwick has been judged Large Village of the Year and runner-up overall in a competition recently organised by Northamptonshire ACRE to find Northamptonshire’s best villages.

The application was submitted by Jenny Hodgson, the clerk to the parish council.

Thank you to Jenny for all her work and to everyone in the village, you have all contributed in some way or another.

The cup and certificates will be on display for all to see in the Village Hall alongside Stanwick’s highly commended certificate received in 2013.





East Northamptonshire Council

Notice of planning applications received

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

Ashton
14/01329/VAR (16/08/2014) (Info) Variation of condition 2: Amended location of Klargester to give more space around the unit and improve the soakaway location pursuant to application 14/00042/FUL – 'Install biodisc (Klargester) BB to provide individual foul drainage for Peach Tree Cottage and Fir Cottage including 100mm diameter underground PVC drainage runs and manholes as indicated on site plan – nominally 600–900mm below ground level' dated 26.02.14 at 11–12 The Green Ashton Northants
14/01332/VAR (23/08/2014) (LB/CA) Variation of condition 2 plans and documents pursuant to application 14/00037/FUL: Install biodisc (Klargester) BB to provide individual foul drainage including 100mm diameter underground PVC drainage runs and manholes as indicated on site plan – nominally 600–900mm below ground level dated 26.02.14 at The Bungalows The Green Ashton Northants PE8 5LD

Brigstock
14/01298/LBC (23/08/2014) (LBRegs) Proposed new window at 16 Park Walk Brigstock Kettering Northants NN14 3HH
14/01302/FUL (23/08/2014) (LB/CA) Demolition of former outside toilet with alterations and extension to existing annexe at 6 Lyveden Rd Brigstock Northants NN14 3HE

Chelveston-cum-Caldecott
14/01194/FUL (16/08/2014) (Info) Construction of a new steel portal framed livestock building with associated access track for agricultural purposes at SP98234 69261 Higham Rd Chelveston Northants

Cotterstock
14/01192/FUL (23/08/2014) (LB/CA) Conversion of stables and barns into single dwelling and modification to existing farm access at Church Farm Main St Cotterstock Northants PE8 5HD
14/01200/LBC (23/08/2014) (LBRegs) Conversion of stables and barns into single dwelling at Church Farm Main St Cotterstock Northants PE8 5HD
14/01255/FUL (16/08/2014) (Info) & 14/01256/LBC (23/08/2014) (LBRegs) New first floor extension and internal alterations at Cotterstock House Main St Cotterstock Northants PE8 5HD

Fotheringhay
14/01236/FUL (16/08/2014) (Info) & 14/01237/LBC (23/08/2014) (LBRegs) Construction of oak framed garage, workshop and equipment store and garden room at The Old Vicarage Main St Fotheringhay Northants PE8 5HZ

Higham Ferrers
14/01260/FUL (16/08/2014) (Info) Erection of two dwellings (part retrospective) at 4 Stanwick Road Higham Ferrers Northants NN10 8JG

Irthlingborough
14/01058/FUL (23/08/2014) (LB/CA) Rear store to existing shop at 12 High St Irthlingborough Northants NN9 5TN
14/01268/FUL (23/08/2014) (Art8) Proposed residential development of 21 new dwellings and associated works at Tower Factory Victoria St Irthlingborough Northants NN9 5RG
14/01296/FUL (16/08/2014) (Info) External works to 28 to 48 Baker St. Demolition and rebuilding of the retaining walls, providing better disabled access and removal of the existing steps serving the majority of the existing properties at 38 Baker St Irthlingborough Wellingborough Northants NN9 5PR
14/01311/FUL (16/08/2014) (Info) Erection of first floor side extension at 20 Drayton Place Irthlingborough Northants NN9 5TD

Oundle
14/01117/ADV (23/08/2014) (LB/CA) Rebranding of Tesco Express retail unit, 3 no. fascia signs, 1 no. fresh vinyl and 1 no. Welcome vinyl signs applied internally at 6 Market Place Oundle Northants PE8 4BQ
14/01212/LBC (23/08/2014) (LBRegs) New paint colour and signage to front of property; removal of suspended ceiling to ground floor rooms; removal of internal door and internal doorway widening; new partition wall to kitchen area; plastering and painting of kitchen area at 6 West St Oundle Northants
14/01238/LBC (23/08/2014) (LB/CA) (LBRegs) Demolition (part) of existing flat roof single storey extension; construction of single storey rear extension with pitched roof; removal of first floor French doors and replacement with window; installation of window stud wall to bathroom and repositioning to form new WC; make up floor level on ground floor at 75 West St Oundle Northants PE8 4EJ
14/01257/FUL (16/08/2014) (Info) Demolition of conservatory and erection of single storey garden room extension and associated external works at 21 Warren Bridge Oundle Northants PE8 4DQ
14/01344/LBC (23/08/2014) (LBRegs) Alterations to listed building for rebranding of Tesco Express retail unit, 3 no. fascia signs, 1 no. fresh vinyl and 1 no. Welcome vinyl signs applied internally at 6 Market Place Oundle Northants PE8 4BQ

Polebrook
14/01250/FUL (16/08/2014) (Info) Extension to existing building to allow for relocation of shop and expansion of cafe seating area, including new coffee serving bar and customer toilets, with associated ancillary works at Olive Grove Nurseries Oundle Rd Polebrook Northants PE8 5LQ
14/01294/FUL (23/08/2014) (LBRegs) & 14/01295/LBC (23/08/2014) (LB/CA) Partial demolition of existing store, construction of new entrance lobby and boot store within the existing footprint of the store and the construction of a new timber framed oak clad garage within the existing garden together with the formation of new off-site entrance and drive access to the garage at Brooklands Hemington Rd Polebrook Northants PE8 5LS
14/01325/VAR (16/08/2014) (Info) Variation of condition 4 to increase storage area pursuant to planning permission 01/00187/FUL – 'Conversion to offices and storage' dated 25.05.01 at New Lodge Veterinary Centre Red Lodge Rd Polebrook Northants PE8 5LL

Rushden
14/01003/FUL (16/08/2014) (Info) Change of use from a tattoo studio to retail and storage. New tenant will be displaying/selling flowers and marketing/ displaying cake business at 38–40 Newton Rd Rushden Northants NN10 0HD
14/01123/FUL (16/08/2014) (Info) Construction of conservatory at rear of house at 11 St Marks Close Rushden Northants
14/01172/FUL (16/08/2014) (Info) Erection of bin store at Rushden Hospital The Drive Rushden Northants NN10 9JU
14/01286/OUT (16/08/2014) (Info) Demolition of existing garage/pool building and erection of single dwelling (outline application all matters reserved apart from access – resubmission of 14/00809/OUT) at land adjacent 1A Foxwood Close Rushden Northants
14/01287/FUL (16/08/2014) (Info) Single storey extension to create replacement garage, utility room and ensuite at 9 Mannings Rise Rushden Northants NN10 0LY
14/01335/FUL (16/08/2014) (Info) Take down existing front porch and build new single storey side and front extension at 154 Bedford Rd Rushden Northants NN10 0SB

Thrapston
14/00490/FUL (23/08/2014) (LB/CA) Demolition of 15a Chancery Lane and part of wall and erection of nine dwellings with garages, parking, access and landscaping at 15 Chancery Lane Thrapston Northants NN14 4JL
14/01251/FUL (16/08/2014) (Info) Garage conversion into living space and cupboard at 35 Tyler Way Thrapston Northants NN14 4UE
14/01327/LBC (23/08/2014) (LBRegs) To erect two banners to the exterior of the building on the second floor and through lighting to illuminate the exterior fascia sign at 43 High Street Thrapston Northants NN14 4JJ

Woodford
14/01050/FUL (23/08/2014) (LB/CA) Proposed single storey side and rear extension with porch at 7 The Moorings Woodford Northants NN14 4HN

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 2 August 2014

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

From the Chairman of ENC

It has been another busy fortnight showing support to many special groups and people across the district and further afield.

Watching the 423rd Air Base Group at RAF Alconbury and Royal Anglian Regiment be presented with the Freedom of the Town of St Neots was a great occasion. It involved scrolls being presented in the Town Square, a procession across the river to the park where a gala was being held and then raising the flag to commemorate the occasion. We have close ties with both regiments in this region so it was good to see this honour bestowed on them.

Anyone who has visited Peterborough Cathedral cannot fail to be impressed by the beautiful building, so we were delighted to be part of the service which welcomed the new Mayor of Peterborough.

Five schools from across the district took part in the finals of the East

Northamptonshire Schools Dragons' Den competition where I was a judge. It was a nerve-racking experience, but the young people all performed well and had some wonderful ideas for products. It was very difficult for us judges to decide on a winner but Manor School in Raunds triumphed with its Energy Roads project, which involves placing hexagonal shaped energy panels on roads to create energy as vehicles move over them. This was a particularly special win for Manor School as it is also celebrating its 100th birthday. What a way to celebrate success!

I was happy to support the worthwhile charity, Nene Valley Care Trust at a special Garden Party at Grendon Hall, organised by the Chairman of Northamptonshire County Council. The charity does great work supporting young people leaving the care system and preparing them

for education, training and jobs.

Future engagements include another military parade with the Royal Anglian Regiment Homecoming Parade in Kettering. This is another regiment that has just completed a tour of Afghanistan and it is good to show them how much their work is appreciated.

I am also looking forward to 24th July, the deadline for anyone to call for a Judicial Review of the Rushden Lakes decision. At that point, if there is no challenge, we can start to really celebrate this landmark win, which will bring so much prosperity and so many jobs to East Northamptonshire. This result did not just happen. It was the culmination of several years of hard work by councillors and officers plus supporters such as the Yes2RushdenLakes group.

There are still some spaces available for my Charity Golf

Day at Collingworth Golf Club on 11th September. We're raising funds for ProstAid, who help to fight Prostate cancer locally. I hope to raise sufficient funds for a piece of diagnostic equipment for Kettering General Hospital. If you'd like to donate to this cause, please go to <https://www.justgiving.com/gill-mercier/> To join us for golf, lunch and good company, contact Glenvil Greenwood-Smith on 01933 624615. It's £72.50 per player, which includes a



At the Nene Valley Care Trust Charity Garden Party with fellow supporters of this hardworking charity

three-course meal and non-players are welcome to join us just for the meal at 6pm for £28.95. And if you can't play golf but want to be a part of the day, we're looking

for sponsors of each hole of the course. Call Glenvil for a chat about it. See you on the green or at the clubhouse.

ENC Chairman,
Cllr Gill Mercer

Youth Speaks competition 2014

Rotary encourages speaking and presentation skills in young people, qualities which all schools agree are valuable. Their 'Youth Speaks' Competition, as a result, has gone from strength to strength, producing some superb quality young speakers between the ages of 11 and 18.

Recently, teams of students from The Ferrers Specialist Arts College, Rushden Community College, Raunds Manor Specialist Sports College and Huxloe Science College took part in the local area round of the competition and the students performed brilliantly! Their presentations engaged the audience of staff and students from Years 12 and 13 in both a humorous and serious approach to a wide range of subjects.

In a very closely fought contest the winners were the team from The Ferrers, whose subject was "The Stigma of Mental

Health", their efforts being rewarded with a trophy, a certificate and a cheque for £20 each which was presented by Rotarian David Rockley, former Head of Raunds Junior School.

The winning team will go forward to the Senior section of the area semi-finals of this National Competition, which will be held in January and February 2015.



The Ferrers School Team: Naomi Lawes (Chairperson), Ryan Chaplin (Speaker) and Jack Nason (Proposer of the vote of thanks) with their Youth Speaks Trophy



Holidays	Day Trips
Austria 31st August-7th Sept (8 Days) Ferien Fuchs Hotel, Söll in Tyrol overnight stops both ways in Liege Excursions: Cruise on Lake Achensee return via Rattenburg, Zillertal Railway, Boat Cruise Lake Zell & Salbach, Innsbruck. £599 per person sharing.	4 Day Mystery 10th-14th October Accommodation is a 4* Country House, tour will include excursions and admission fees where applicable. £249 per person.
Scarborough 18th-21st September (4 Days) Cumberland Hotel Excursions: Whitby & North Yorks Moors £189 per person sharing.	Day Trips 16th August - Felixstowe £21 28th August - Trentham Gardens £27.50 includes admission 28th September - Day Mystery £20
Paignton, Turkey & Tinsel 31st October-3rd November (4 Days) The Palace Hotel Excursions: Widdicombe in the Moor calling at House of Marbles. £219 per person sharing.	Christmas Markets Sunday 30th November, Bury St Edmunds The largest Xmas Market in East Anglia where streets come alive with music and stalls full of traditional goods. One not to miss. £21 per person.
Eastbourne 24th-28th November (5 Days), Turkey & Tinsel The New Wilmington Hotel Excursions: Hastings, Car Taylor Vineyard, Battle, Brighton via Beachey Head, Alfriston. £219 per person sharing.	Watch Press for further Christmas Markets Thursford Christmas Spectacular We still have a few seats remaining for Matinée performances on 12th Nov/9th Dec. £55 per person.
Theatre Breaks 15th/16th October - Dirty Rotten Scoundrels - £149 5th/6th November - Miss Saigon - £159 Overnight accommodation at the Hilton London Metropole Hotel just off Oxford Street includes full English Breakfast, Top priced Tickets for Evening Performance - Plenty of spare time for Christmas Shopping or Sightseeing.	
For all our Holidays & Day Trips please ring for a Brochure 01933 624497 (Raunds) or 01832 720524 (Wadenhoe) Local Pick-ups Kettering, Corby, Wellingborough, Rushden, Higham Ferrers, Raunds, Thrapston www.buckitt-tours.com	

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Nene Valley Time Trail

Based on an item written for the Irthlingborough Historical Society's Newsletter 2008/9.

Louisa Lilley Almshouses

When the Kettering Guardian reported Thomas Lilley's death in April 1899, aged 85, he was one of the oldest shoe manufacturers in the county.

Thomas left his father's shoe making business in Borough, London, aged 20 and together with his brother-in-law, William Banks Skinner, began manufacturing boots and shoes in Wellingborough and Irthlingborough.

He was of 'sturdy, persevering and excellent character' and his business was 'an indication of enterprise and integrity...'. As well as this, he had an interest in farms at Grafton Underwood, Wilby and Irthlingborough. He lived for some time with his large family at The Rookery, Irthlingborough and then at Archfield, Oxford Street, Wellingborough.

Lilley's funeral cortege through Irthlingborough High Street saw 'business premises closed' and 'the inhabitants had drawn their blinds, whilst the streets were thronged with spectators whose behaviour was most respectful.'

Probate was granted on his daughter Louisa's will, signed in December 1923, in June 1930. This is a complicated document, with numerous bequests made to, among others: Wellingborough Cottage Hospital, St John Ambulance Association, Northampton Hospital, St Barnabas Church Wellingborough, Dr Barnado's Homes for Waifs and Strays, the Salvation Army etc. Provision is made for the 'upkeep of the graves of my father and mother

in Irthlingborough churchyard...and of my brother and sister in the London Road cemetery in Wellingborough.'

Numerous bequests and annuities are made to her many nieces and nephews, which Louisa appeared to enjoy changing according to five codicils made in 1925, 1927 (two), 1928 and 1929. The latest one revoked the bequest to the Salvation Army, as she had 'recently given them a similar amount.' The bequest of the bulk of her property to the almshouses was never changed. Six were built in Irthlingborough and fourteen in Wellingborough.

Originally, there were very specific 'rules' to be observed by the residents: '...lodgers will on no account be permitted'; 'Broken windows are to be repaired at the expense of the Occupant'; 'no pigs, poultry or pigeons' were to be kept on the premises. Electric light was installed 'for the free use of the occupants', but 'strict economy must be exercised' – they were required to provide themselves with 'Price's Candle Nightlights' if light was necessary overnight. Residents also had an allowance of two shillings per annum towards the purchase of meat and coal.

Today residents are responsible for their council tax, gas, electricity and water charges; and pay weekly contributions, which include buildings insurance and property and garden maintenance. Residents are encouraged to plant their own small gardens, and may keep domestic pets, but always 'having regard to the

peace and comfort of neighbours.'

The Irthlingborough properties were modernised in 1981 with grant aid from East Northamptonshire Council. Recent work has provided double-glazed windows to all the properties, and modernisation of all the kitchens is ongoing. The homes are administered by eight Trustees, who report to the Charities Commission and the Housing Corporation. The voluntary Trustees are supported by a part-time, salaried secretary/

Louisa Lilley homes in 2014



administrator.

Original research by Jean Rowland, written by Ann Vimpany 2012 Irthlingborough Historical Society.

More information about the Wellingborough almshouses was added by the Chairman of the Trustees, Colin Schofield.

The Irthlingborough War Memorial

The Irthlingborough War Memorial and the memorial in St Peter's Church record the names of 151 men of this small town who made the supreme sacrifice in World War One.

Between 2004 and 2008 members of the Historical Society successfully researched the story of each man and also collected photos of the majority of them. The photos were displayed along a Walk of Remembrance, which included lime trees planted around the green by the cross, in remembrance of those who died in the war. The information is recorded in a leather bound book which is perpetually on display in St Peter's Church.

Among the photos is the one of a soldier who is said to have returned alive from the

war but whose identity is unknown. If anyone can identify the soldier please contact Cllr Sylvia Hughes on shughes@nothamptonshire.gov.uk who would be pleased to pass on the information to the Historical Society.



Cllr Sylvia Hughes and Roy York, Chairman of Irthlingborough Historical Society with an unknown soldier

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 First World War Commemoration activities.

Sunday 3rd August
Priest's House Summer Exhibition
 Priest's House, West Street, Easton on the Hill
 2pm–4.30pm
 Free entry. Donations accepted.
 Contact: Paul Way 01780 762619
 Exhibition of British Railway posters painted by local artist Victor Millington in a 1950s style.

Rushden Salvation Army First Sunday Event – Songs of Praise
 6pm. Prior to this event refreshments at 5pm
 Rushden Salvation Army, Church Street, Rushden.
 Contact: Gill Valentine 01933 353528
 Songs of Praise featuring newly formed Praise Chorus.

Monday 4th – Thursday 7th August
Lyveden 50 Things Activities: Go, Go, Go
 Lyveden New Bield
 10.30am–5pm
 Normal property admission charges.
 Tel: 01832 205158 www.nationaltrust.org.uk/lyveden
 Themed, self-guided children's activities.

Thursday 7th, 14th and 21st August
Marvellous Minibeasts at Stanwick Lakes
 Stanwick Lakes
 1–2pm
 £2 per child – free to members. Booking essential. Normal car park charges apply.
 Tel: 01933 625522
info@rfrtrust.org.uk
www.stanwicklakes.org.uk
 Hunt for creepy crawlies in the undergrowth with the Stanwick Lakes Rangers.

Thursday 7th August
Shamblers Walking Group – Circular Evening Walk
 Thrapston St James Church Hall,

Chancery Lane Car Park NN14 4LN
 6pm for 6.30pm start
 £1 for non-members
 Contact: Peter 01933 396826
www.northamptonshireshamblers.org.uk
 Leisurely waterside walk followed at 8pm by optional fish and chip supper and AGM.

Friday 8th and 15th August
Learn through Play Family Fun Session
 Laxton Village Hall
 10am–11.30am
 Oundle Children's Centre
http://www.libraryplus.childrenscentres.org/index.php?subsite_id=9&page_id=2
 Fun for families with children between 0 and 8 years, so parents, grandparents and carers: do bring the little ones along.

Friday 8th August
Archery Day
 Lyveden New Bield
 11am–4pm, hourly timed sessions throughout the day
 Normal property admission charges plus £5 for an hour's session.
 Tel: 01832 205158
www.nationaltrust.org.uk/lyveden
 Join us for a 'Fab Friday' archery activity. Suitable from 5 years to adults.

Saturday 9th August
Rushden Garage Trail
 St Mary's Church grounds
 NN10 0PG
 10am–4pm
 £1 for a Trail Map.
 £5 to sell and be on the map.
 Contact: Anne 01933 316380
 Proceeds for The Children's Society.

Coffee Morning and Community Shop
 Laxton Village Hall
 10.30am–12noon
 All welcome to Laxton coffee morning, with community shop selling local produce.

Annual Teddy Bear Parachute Jump and Fete
 St Laurence Church, Stanwick
 2pm
 Contact: Peter 01933 623590
 Stalls include: refreshments, books, bric-a-brac, homemade cakes and charity. Music by The Rushden Mission Band.

Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th August
1970s Themed Holiday Specials
 Rushden Transport Museum, The Railway Station, Station Approach, Rushden, Northants NN10 0AW
 Trains from 11am–4pm
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www.rhts.co.uk
 Tel: 01933 353111
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Sunday 10th August
Priest's House Summer Exhibition
 Priest's House, West Street, Easton on the Hill
 2pm–4.30pm
 Free entry.
 Donations accepted.
 Contact: Paul Way 01780 762619
 Exhibition of British Railway posters painted by local artist Victor Millington in a 1950s style.

Monday 11th August 2014
Oundle U3A Open Day
 Victoria Hall
 2pm–4pm
 Admission free to all.
 Contact: Judith Finn 01832 274778
 Come and see what we do with an afternoon of displays and activities. Refreshments available.

Monday 11th – Thursday 14th August
Lyveden 50 Things Activities: Sense-able me
 Lyveden New Bield
 10.30am–5pm
 Normal property admission charges.
 Tel: 01832 205158
www.nationaltrust.org.uk/lyveden
 Themed, self-guided children's activities.

Tuesday 12th August
Ballroom/Sequence Dancing
 Pemberton Centre
 Rushden.
 2pm–4.15pm
 £3 includes tea/coffee and cakes.
 Tel: 01933 356552
 Proceeds to Charity.

Thursday 14th August
Oundle Art Group Meeting
 Cranford Village
 1.45pm–3.45pm
 Free
 Contact: Jane Sanders 01832 226495 or Chris Yates 01832 226345
 Painting/sketching. Meet at The Old Forge Tea Room, Cranford.

Friday 15th August
Raunds Tea Dance
 Saxon Hall, Thorpe Street, Raunds
 2pm–4.15pm
 £3
 Tel: 01933 312623
 Taking place every third Friday. Tea Dance in Raunds with a raffle and music by Dave Hawkes.

Clay Model Art
 Lyveden New Bield
 2pm–4pm
 Normal property admission charges plus £2 per child for activities
 Tel: 01832 205158
www.nationaltrust.org.uk/lyveden
 Join us for a 'Fab Friday' art activity and make your own piece of art.

Saturday 16th August
Jazz in the Village
 Laxton Village Hall
 8pm (doors 7.30pm)
 £10 incl supper
 Contact: Jack & Elaine 01780 450240 or zola.posh@gmail.com
 Ticket includes jacket potato, dessert and soft drink. Bar available.

Baby/Kids Nearly New Sale
 The Pemberton Centre HE
 Bates Way NN10 9YP
 Rushden
 10am–12noon
 £1 (Children free).
 Karen_aves@hotmail.co.uk
 Lots of stalls with baby and kids' clothes, toys and equipment. Come and pick up some bargains!

Sunday 17th August
Priest's House Summer Exhibition
 Priest's House, West Street, Easton on the Hill
 2pm–4.30pm
 Free entry. Donations accepted.
 Contact: Paul Way 01780 762619
 Exhibition of British Railway posters painted by local artist Victor Millington in a 1950s style.

Every Tuesday and Thursday (except Christmas and New Year)
Health Walks
 Stanwick Lakes
 10am–11am
 Free. Normal car park charges apply
 Tel: 01933 625522
www.stanwicklakes.org.uk
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Every Wednesday (except December)
Rainbow Cafe for Tots (aimed at up to age 5) and their carers
 Stanwick Lakes
 10.30am–12noon
 £2 per child. Normal car park charges apply.
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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
 Stanwick Lakes
 10.30am–1pm
 Modest charges for some materials. Normal car park charges apply.
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Last Sunday of the month (except December) (recommend checking before travelling)
Local Producers' and

Farmers' Market
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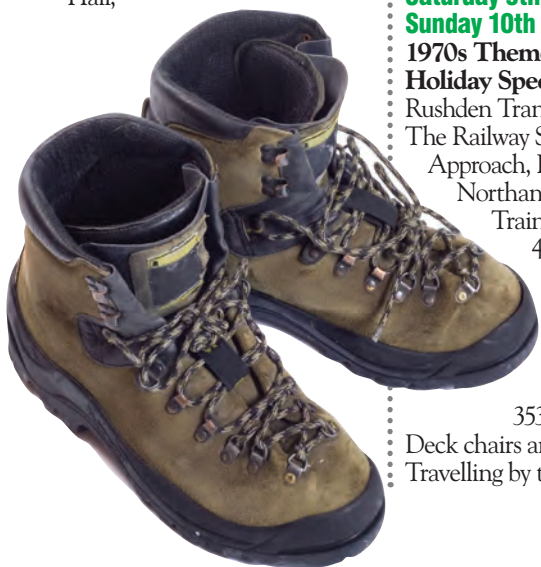
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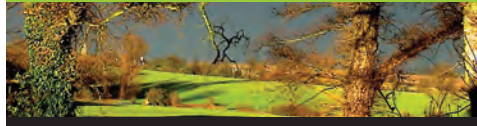
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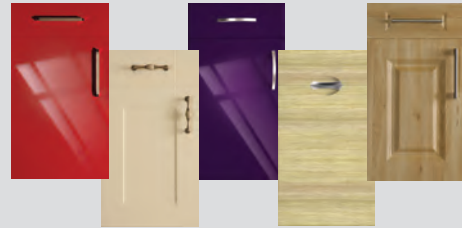
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council propose to make an Order under Sections 1 to 5 and Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ("the Act") to prohibit any heavy commercial vehicle over 7.5 tonnes maximum gross weight from proceeding along those lengths of roads as specified in the Schedule below. Exemptions will be made for loading / unloading / access / agricultural purposes.

A FURTHER EFFECT of the Order will be to revoke the existing 18 tonnes structural weight restriction on the existing bridge located in Main Street, Cotterstock at a point approximately 180 metres south of Mill Lane.

A COPY of the proposed Order, together with a plan showing the exact length of road to which it relates and a statement of the Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order, may be inspected at Oundle Library, Glaphthorn Road, Oundle during its normal opening hours or at Riverside House, Riverside Way, Bedford Road Northampton during normal office hours.

OBJECTIONS to the proposed Order, stating the grounds on which they are made should be sent in writing to the Traffic Orders Section, Riverside House, Riverside Way, Bedford Road, Northampton, NN1 5NX by 23rd August 2014.

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SCHEDULE
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Mill Lane, Cotterstock – entire length.

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Corby A are in a strong position in the Ladies' Division with Corby (Rock) appearing to be the only serious challengers. In Mixed Division One the title will be

Men's Division One

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Kettering A	7	7	0	0	53
Corby A	6	5	0	1	38
Thrapston A	6	4	0	2	29
Kettering B	5	2	1	2	20
Geddington A	4	2	0	2	16
Desborough	6	1	1	4	15
Rockingham	4	0	1	3	8
Thrapston B	4	0	1	3	4
Burton Latimer B	4	0	0	4	1

Men's Division Two

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Geddington B	5	4	0	1	30
Corby B	6	4	1	1	30
Finedon A	5	3	1	1	24
Burton Latimer A	5	3	0	2	24
Kettering C	5	2	0	3	21
Finedon B	4	1	0	3	9
Thrapston C	5	0	1	4	8
Corby C	3	0	1	2	6

decided when Corby meet Kettering later this month while in the closely contested Division Two Ferrers & Rushden head the field with Oundle in hot pursuit.

Ladies' Division

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Corby A	5	4	0	1	42
Thrapston A	5	3	1	1	28
Ferrers & Rushden	5	2	2	1	25 ½
Corby (Rock)	4	4	0	0	24 ½
Thrapston B	7	1	2	4	19
Oundle	6	0	2	4	12 ½
Kettering	4	1	1	2	11 ½
Burton Latimer	5	0	1	4	5

Mixed Division One

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Corby	4	4	0	0	30
Kettering A	4	4	0	0	27
Rockingham	5	3	0	2	21
Thrapston A	3	2	0	1	15
Thrapston B	6	0	2	4	12
Geddington	4	0	1	3	8
Kettering B	4	0	1	3	7

Mixed Division Two

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Ferrers & Rushden	5	2	3	0	24
Finedon	6	2	2	2	23
Oundle	3	2	1	0	17
Thrapston C	5	1	1	3	16
Burton Latimer A	4	1	2	1	15
Burton Latimer B	4	0	2	2	13
Desborough	3	1	1	1	12

Chess Corner

By Derrick Sims

Every now and again a chess superstar comes onto the scene. One such star was Bobby Fischer, who at a time when many of the top players were from the USSR, hailed from Chicago in the USA.

Bobby learned to play chess at the age of six and became the world's youngest Grandmaster at the age of 15. He left school aged 16 to pursue a full-time chess career.

In the 70s there were no official Blitz or Rapid World Championship matches. In 1970 an unofficial Blitz World Championship competition was held in Montenegro. This was won by Fischer with a score of 19 points, an astonishing four and a half points ahead of Mikhail Tal from Russia. This confrontation came at a time of high tension between the USA and the USSR. Fischer became an emblem of the Cold

War between the two countries. The conflict came to a head in 1972 when the 29-year-old Fischer faced Boris Spassky in the World Chess Championships. Fischer won with a score of twelve and a half points – four points ahead of Spassky.

Now we come to another child prodigy and chess superstar, namely Sven Magnus Carlsen from Norway. Magnus became a Grandmaster at the age of 13 and went on to be the youngest player ever to be ranked as world Number 1 in 2010. It took another three years for him to become world champion when he defeated Viswanathan Anand from India in 2013.

This year Carlsen has become world champion in both Rapid and Blitz games. To hold three world championship titles at the age of 23 is truly a remarkable achievement.

So is Carlsen a better player than Fischer? Sadly we'll never know, as the controversial Fischer died in 2008 – a chess genius and a troubled soul.

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