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NEWS IN BRIEF

Titchmarsh Flower & Vegetable Show

Titchmarsh Flower & Vegetable Show is on Saturday 9th August. Anyone can enter their homegrown produce – be it flowers, fruit or vegetables – for some friendly competition.

There are classes for children to enter, as well as handicraft and flower arranging categories. The Show ends with an auction of produce, where top quality fresh produce is auctioned, providing excellent value for the purchasers.

Further information is available on the village website www.titchmarsh.info. Show programmes are available on the website and also in Titchmarsh Village Shop.

Village Open Gardens is big hit

Over 400 people turned out for Harringworth's first ever Open Gardens afternoon, held on Sunday 13th July.

Ten gardens of varying sizes and styles were opened for the afternoon and visitors enjoyed cream teas and a plant sale. The event raised over £2,000 for the Harringworth Appeals Fund.

For more information on future events in Harringworth, a new village website has been launched (www.harringworthvillage.org), or check out the Facebook page or Twitter feed.

Irthlingborough Business Forum to help local companies

Formed six months ago, Irthlingborough Business Forum has become the voice of local businesses.

Formed by Cllr Roger Powell, managing partner of RSP Promotions and a distinguished author,

the Forum has attracted over 35 attendees from the community and works closely with the Federation of Small Businesses, who are co-partners. Roger decided to create the forum to help create more business opportunities in the community.

Roger said: "The Forum was set up to help raise funds for local businesses."

The Forum has set out the following aims:

- To enable members of the business community to come together for networking and support;
- To facilitate an exchange of ideas and information between local businesses, local authorities and other organisations and to promote a greater understanding of the local economy;
- To promote Irthlingborough as an attractive location for business;
- To raise awareness of the needs of local businesses and the factors affecting

local economic growth and prosperity.

"We want to be intermediaries between employers and local and national government," Roger continued.

In the short term the Forum also plans to raise funds to help the local community and protect the leisure facilities in the town including the football stadium, which could be used as a leisure and conference facility thus benefiting the town and the wider community.

One of their long-term aims is to see a business park in the area.

Paul Garcia, Director of Salon Serve based in Waterside House, said: "We want to raise the profile of the community, and give businesses a voice."

Working with local schools and colleges the Forum also hopes to help promote apprenticeships in the town. They hope that by working with students they will be able to keep talent

in the community, to fill positions some of the larger companies offer as well as vacancies within the smaller businesses.

To raise funds, Roger has a few plans for events, one of which will include a re-enactment of the Battle of Waterloo. Roger is currently working with the Waterloo 200 committee for the event. Other ideas include having an outdoor cinema during the summer months and brass bands amongst many others.

If you are interested in joining the Forum contact Maxine Aldred, OBE, Federation of Small Businesses on 07825 531044 or Maxine.aldred@fsb.org.uk or Roger Powell at rspromotions@gmail.com.

Meetings are held every two months and the next meeting is on 4th September, 6pm–8pm at the Nene Business Centre. To book your place register at www.irthlingboroughforumsept.eventbrite.co.uk



Roger Powell (far right) with Claire and Paul Garcia

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Collyweston residents celebrate completion of affordable homes

Northamptonshire Rural Housing Association (NRHA) has completed six new homes in Collyweston and celebrated the achievement with the new residents and partners during Rural Housing Week.

The celebration tied in with the launch of Rural Housing: Countryside in Crisis, a new publication from the National Housing Federation. The publication highlights the challenges faced by those living in rural areas, including the lack of affordable homes for young people in rural locations.

Recruitment account manager Daisy and Mathew, who works in retail, were both living with parents but wanted their own space. Daisy explained: "We really wanted to be in Collyweston, as it's close to our families, and easy for us both to get to work, but the minimum rent in the village is over £900 a month and we just couldn't afford it."

Mathew has lived in Collyweston his whole life, and when they realised that NRHA was building a small development with priority for local people, they found they were eligible to apply for a home. The homes included two bedroom homes for affordable rent, and they applied to become the tenants.

Daisy and Mathew moved into their new house in May, and already it feels like home.

They have also made great friends with their next door neighbours.

Daisy said: "We were so pleased to be allocated one of the two bedroom houses. We've been really lucky to find such a great new home in our village. I'm really pleased we can afford to stay in Collyweston and hope we will be here for many years!"

NRHA Chairman Christopher Sparrow said: "It's always a pleasure to talk to new residents and find out what a difference their new homes are making to their lives. Whilst it is vital to build new homes that are a sympathetic addition to an existing community, this is just the start. Enabling residents like Daisy and Mathew to get their first home is a very important part of the work we do."

"There is a real need for more affordable homes in the county's villages, so we are pleased to be officially opening this development in Collyweston during Rural Housing Week. This gives us a chance to celebrate the excellent services delivered by housing associations in rural areas and highlight the housing challenges people in rural communities face."

Shelagh Busby is the Chairman of Collyweston Parish Council. She said: "We are

really pleased to have been involved with this development from the beginning. The design and materials fit in very well with our rural area.

"Thanks must go to all the people that have worked so hard to complete the houses and to make the landscaping look as if it has

been here a long time. May I welcome the new residents, I hope they enjoy being part of the Collyweston community."

The development was part funded by the Homes and Communities Agency. The developer was emh homes and Whiterock Homes was the contractor.

The team at Northamptonshire Rural Housing Association celebrates the completion of new affordable homes in Collyweston with residents and partners



East Northamptonshire Council supports LIGHTS OUT

This August East Northamptonshire Council is supporting the LIGHTS OUT event, which marks the hour Britain entered the First World War, 100 years ago.

LIGHTS OUT is an invitation for every community member, every building and every business in the UK to turn off their lights from 10–11pm on 4th August, leaving on a solitary light or candle for a shared moment of thought.

Gill Mercer, Chairman of East Northamptonshire Council, said: "We encourage all our residents

to join us in this poignant moment of World War One reflection and remembrance."

This project complements a candlelit vigil at London's Westminster Abbey, which will be held at the same time. Volunteers for the

Royal British Legion are also organising gatherings locally. To find out where your nearest event is go to: www.britishlegion.org.uk

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High numbers turn out for art exhibition

Despite the rather inclement weather, visitor numbers to Tamsin Edwards & Marlene Snee's art exhibition at Higham Ferrers were still high.

Set in the wonderfully

atmospheric grand hall of Chichele College, the two local artists showcased their latest works.

Great interest was shown in Marlene's recent delve into Chinese style art – a

delicate and intricate talent – whilst the quirky, humorous paintings by Tamsin brought a smile to visitors on what proved to be a rather damp and dismal weekend.

Both creative ladies greatly enjoyed the opportunity to meet and talk to people, especially as the work of an artist is frequently one of solitude.

Always eager to develop and learn new skills, Marlene is about to indulge in experimental landscape work. She wants to create a series of new works that are impressionistic in style and which suggest their subject matter rather than distinctly portray.

After her recent commission to create illustrations for the children's book 'Tales of Two Shires', Tamsin is now concentrating her talents on providing pen sketches for both a soon-to-be-published poetry book and a French language e-book.

Examples of their artwork can be seen at www.minigallery.co.uk/Marlene_Snee/ and www.texart.co.uk

It's raining cats and dogs



Local resident's last wish granted

Irthlingborough resident Dean Swain, who was diagnosed with skin cancer, sadly passed away in June, but not before his final wish was granted.

Swain, a mechanic, had his wish to sit in his beloved Ford Sierra, which he had sold three years previously, after friends and family took to the Internet to track down the 1991 RS Cosworth.

Searching on specialist Ford sites and using social networking, they found the car just six hours later in Mansfield, Nottingham. Before selling the car Dean had taken care of it for 11 years, and in 2006 it took pride of place when he married his wife, Kara.

Since Dean passed away his family and friends have raised over £4,000 for Macmillan Cancer Support and they are now raising money to buy the

car from the current owners, who have agreed to sell it to Kara for £10,000. Since 'Get Daddy's Car Back' was created on Facebook there have been donations of over £3,400 from the UK, the USA and Australia.

The family plans to turn the car into a fundraising tool for

Macmillan, to be known as the Macmillan Cosworth. It has already been invited to the national Ford show and Beaulieu National Motor Museum in Hampshire.

Dean's cousin, Dennis Munden said: "It would mean so much to all the family if we could get Dean's car back.

"Hopefully in years to come, his son can take it out to car shows and raise even more money for Macmillan."

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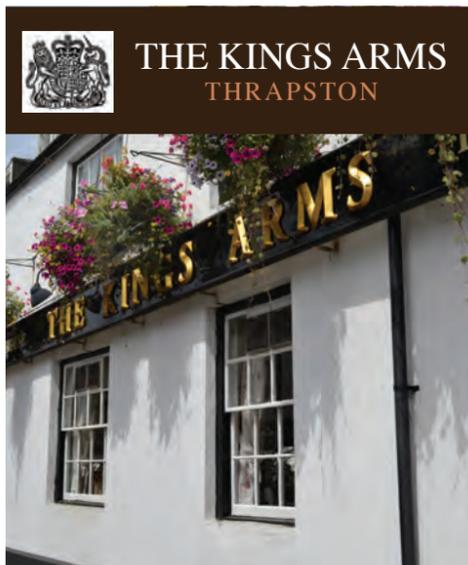
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A SPOTLIGHT ON THRAPSTON

Discover the history of Thrapston



St James' spire is one of many great sights to enjoy in Thrapston

Thrapston may only be a small town but it has a vast amount of history behind its buildings, parks and the River Nene which runs through it.

Take a walk around the town with a Thrapston Heritage Trail leaflet, which takes you from The Old Rectory built in 1836 all the way down to the medieval Nine Arches Bridge. In-between you will discover the Court House, once a police station and now a pub; the old Calling

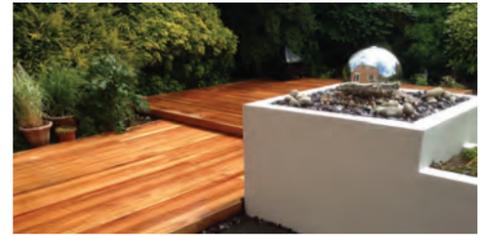
Post, which once stood on Thrapston Wharf and St James' Church with the tomb of Sir John Washington, relative to the American president. This is just a taster of the historical gems you'll find in the town, so grab a Thrapston Heritage Trail leaflet from the East Northamptonshire Council offices (once the Union Workhouse and Infirmary) or download it online from www.nenevalley.net/adventure/walking

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Following a successful and collaborative handover period, Darren is delighted to announce that Michael Wildman, who

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However, before we move too much towards the party season, we thought we would use the new-found space to restock on our ever-increasing range of day dresses. Ideal for the races or for wedding guests, these less formal frocks are proving extremely popular.

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The Food The restaurant serves a traditional British style of

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The Restaurant

We have now been open for one year! Located on the first floor, this chic restaurant is a real hidden gem. It provides a cosy, relaxed dining environment alongside a great quality À La Carte menu. This space has already been used for a plethora of events, including a wedding!

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14/01168/FUL (02/08/2014) (Info)
Single storey extension to rear at 3 Fermyn Close Brigstock NN14 3AJ

Chelveston-cum-Caldecott

14/01162/REM (02/08/2014) (Info)
Reserved matters: details of appearance, landscaping, layout and scales, pursuant to outline application 12/00861/OUT Residential development of one unit (some matters reserved) dated 19.4.2013 at 1 Kimbolton Rd Chelveston NN9 6AN

Great Addington

14/01134/FUL (02/08/2014) (Info)
Trolley and PE store at Great Addington Church Of England Primary School Woodford Road Great Addington NN14 4BS

Higham Ferrers

14/01100/FUL (02/08/2014) (Info)
Erection of garden shed at St Marys Parish Church Church Walk Higham Ferrers NN10 8BT

Irthlingborough

14/01184/FUL (02/08/2014) (Info)
2 new flats to side of 25 Queen St at 25 Queen St Irthlingborough NN9 5RW
14/01232/FUL (02/08/2014) (Info)
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14/01214/FUL (02/08/2014) (Info)
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Nassington

14/01202/FUL (02/08/2014) (Info)
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Rushden

14/01170/FUL (02/08/2014) (Info)
Construction of single storey rear extension at 15 Manor Rd Rushden NN10
14/01208/VAR (02/08/2014) (Info)
Variation of condition 13 to relocate principal access doors to avoid CCTV junction box, regularise the size/scale of Plots 1 and 2 since approved layouts cannot be achieved with floor to floor heights indicated, increase the floor area of bedrooms 2 and 3, bathroom and kitchen, amendments to site area to improve functionality, amendments to elevational treatments and the inclusion of solar panels to the rear roof slopes pursuant to application 12/01480/FUL – 'Demolition of existing commercial building and erection of four terraced dwellings' dated 09.01.2013 at 65 Sartoris Rd Rushden
14/01215/ADV (02/08/2014) (Info)
One double pole mounted totem sign at 88A To 116 High St South Rushden
14/01233/FUL (02/08/2014) (Info)
Rear extension and conservatory at 180 Bedford Rd Rushden NN10 0SB

Thrapston

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David Reed
Head of Planning Services
Dated 19 July 2014

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

Vital restoration work continues at nature reserve

This summer there will be lots of important restoration work taking place at Irthlingborough Lakes and Meadows nature reserve, which is owned and managed by the Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire.

Although there will be some temporary disruption on site over the next few months, these improvements will enhance the reserve for both wildlife and visitors.

Works will include path resurfacing, improvements to areas of grassland, the installation of bridges and the creation of

water channels and scrapes to help connect the grassland and lakes in areas which are important for over-wintering wetland birds.

There will also be fencing installed along the cycle path, in preparation for the introduction of cattle grazing on the site. Islands will be created on some of the lakes where there are existing spits of land by cutting channels across them to help encourage wetland birds to breed, such as lapwing and snipe.

Ian Wilson, Reserves Officer at the Wildlife Trust, said: "The work we are doing should reduce flooding of the cycle path and improve habitats for wetland bird species at this internationally important site."

If you are interested in getting involved with the ongoing management of the nature reserve, there are plenty of ways that you can help. Please contact the Wildlife Trust on 01604 405285, email claire.wylde@wildlifebcn.org or visit www.wildlifebcn.org for more information.



Irthlingborough Lakes and Meadows

Culture Week: 'The Bohemian Life'

Do schools encourage conformity? Is original thought frowned upon? Can one be a genuine individual at a school such as Oundle School?

Pupils in the Second Form (Year 8) at Oundle School could perhaps give a better answer than most, having just spent a week exploring 'The Bohemian Life' as part of Culture Week, an annual event which this year took place from 23rd–26th June. A cross-curricular initiative, Culture Week links areas such as literature, music, art, drama, movement, film, philosophy, science and the world around us all.

A bohemian is typically defined as 'a person with artistic or literary interests who disregards conventional standards of behaviour.' Through the theme of 'The Bohemian Life', time was dedicated to counter-culture, rebellion and the concept of living for one's art.

Director of Studies, Ben Evans, commented: "We hope to break down the barriers between individual subjects and instead allow the pupils to explore and learn within a framework that is unconstrained by syllabi and exams."

Culture Week 2014 intended to challenge conformity, to promote originality and to provide a learning experience like no other.

Diverse bohemian figures such as Henri Gaudier-Brzeska, Alan Turing, Lytton Strachey and Giacomo Puccini took centre stage for a week of education that looked to 'sow seeds' for each one of the 64 participants.

During Culture Week, Second Form pupils did not attend school lessons but were instead split into groups and enjoyed a variety of activities including:

- **FILM:** Pupils watched and reviewed Baz Luhrmann's musical *Moulin Rouge*, set in a fantasy CGI Paris of the 1890s.
- **LITERATURE:** Drawing upon the bohemian outlook of challenging traditional values, pupils looked at a selection of texts which challenge traditional approaches, ranging from comic books to *Private Eye*, to Lytton Strachey's *Eminent Victorians*; with opportunities for them to write for themselves in one



Oundle School Culture Week

of these 'challenging' styles.

- **ART:** Flower Power originated in Berkeley, California, as a symbolic action of protest against the Vietnam War. Pupils created their own flowers using a variety of paper folding methods; some simply cut, others more complicated using origami techniques. Many of these were added to the 'Flower Power Jacket' whilst others became part of a large decorative bouquet.

One of the other highlights of Culture Week was a visit to Cambridge.

In the morning, pupils joined an experienced artist at Kettle's Yard to look at the work of Henri Gaudier Brzeska; they heard an introduction to his work before having an opportunity to create masterpieces of their own, by carving images from art soap using a range of tools. After lunch, they moved to the Fitzwilliam Museum where they were treated to the museum's collection of 20th Century Art.

- **MUSIC:** Puccini's famous opera *La Bohème* was first staged in 1897. Music and History teachers brought to life the story with the aid of musical excerpts from the 2009 film version, to take pupils through the dramatic unfolding of events in this most tuneful of popular operas.
- **DANCE:** The Dance and Movement sessions looked at ways in which strong emotions can be expressed through movement; the session drew upon operatic scores and the soundtrack from *Moulin Rouge*, forming connections between this and other aspects of the Culture Week programme.
- **DESIGN TECHNOLOGY:** Using 'hippy' and 'punk' as two counter-culture starting points, pupils were each given a plain chef's

jacket. They were then asked to decorate them with paint, plastics and anything else they can find to individualise the jackets before wearing it as a statement of their own translation of non-conformity at Oundle School.

- **PHILOSOPHY:** Will hiding our differences help us to be more tolerant of each other? Is freedom of expression more important than community? Do some people deserve not to be listened to? Based on the pedagogical methods of the Philosophy Foundation, the philosophy sessions explored themes surrounding democracy, tradition and change.

Pupils engaged in dialogue with one another to question and critique the leadership of today's society by exploring preconceptions about the British government. Invited to challenge the status quo, pupils had the opportunity to think dialectically and ensure they understand what is meant by 'normal'.

- **SCIENCE:** Science sessions explored the lives and work of those scientists who evoke the spirit of the bohemian. Scientific genius with a touch of bohemianism could well be applied to the following names: Richard Feynman, Galileo Galilei, Alan Turing, Isaac Newton, Robert Hooke, Richard Owen, Charles Darwin, and Ernest Rutherford.

Pupils had the chance to learn about some or all of these individuals during the week; their contribution to scientific understanding, and what marked them out as bohemians across the ages. At a higher level, pupils were also introduced to the concepts and themes of the Michael Frayn play *Copenhagen*, about the meeting between Niels Bohr and Werner Heisenberg.

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Our next Sunday walk is on 20th July when we will meet for a walk in the beautiful countryside near Kingsthorpe, on the edge of Northampton.

On Thursday 7th August at 6.30pm the group will be meeting at Thrapston Church Hall (Chancery Lane Car Park NN14 4JL) for a walk in the Thrapston countryside, after which we will be having a Fish & Chip Supper followed by a very short AGM. This would be a good opportunity for you to meet fellow walkers, the

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For further details of the above walks, contact

the Secretary, Peter Riches on 01933 396826 or visit our website www.northamptonshireshamblers.org.uk

But if you can't make it on the above dates we'd really be pleased to see you on any of our future walks, just get in touch.

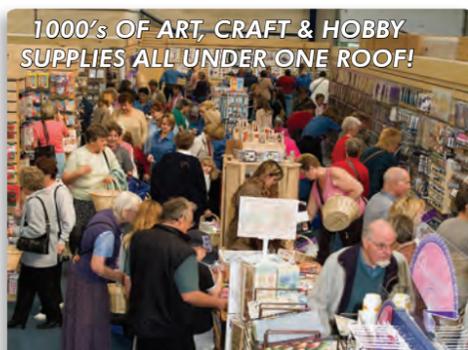


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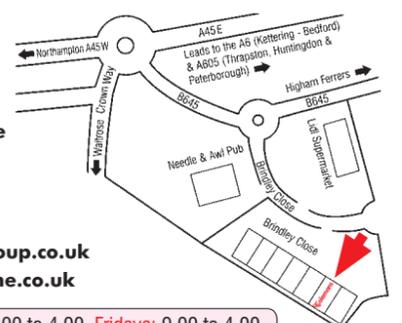


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Fundraising begins at The Friends of St Mary's launch

The launch of 'The Friends of St Mary's', Higham Ferrers attracted over 150 guests. A packed Bede House witnessed Mrs Deirdre Newham, the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of the County, plant a yew tree in the churchyard and set the fundraising in motion.

Grateful thanks go to Waitrose for their donation of wine, and to the musical trio and the student helpers from Bosworth.

'The Friends' has already received 65 Registrations (over 100 individuals), mostly from Higham Ferrers and Rushden, but also from as far afield as the USA and Canada. As long as the impetus of the charity continues in this vein, the objectives of the organisation of assisting in the preservation of the magnificent Grade One listed buildings will be assured. The heritage of the buildings will be protected for future generations to enjoy.

Future Events:

Saturday 25th October – Coffee Morning in the Bede House from

10.00am to 12 noon. Various stalls will be available including the sale of Bottles and Cakes. The emphasis is on an enjoyable and informative social occasion.

Friday 14th November – Waitrose Cheese and Wine Evening at 7.00pm in the Bede House. Tickets £10 each from Trustees, Sidey Design and Higham News, Market Square. Another 'must' social occasion!

Further events are still at the planning stage and will be communicated to you in due course.

Plans are also being formulated for enhancing the beauty of the churchyard to make it a pleasant rest area for visitors to the town. Crocuses will be planted in the autumn to include the rear grass mounds bordering Midland Road.

If you are interested in supporting the heritage of these lovely buildings, Membership Forms are available from Mrs Pat Spencer, 14 Chapel Hill, Higham Ferrers NN10 8NA – Telephone 01933 316376 or email eddie@spencer1938.plus.net.

Bede House



Ferdi's Kitchen

By José Ferdi Tavares

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Lomo de Cerdo Adobado con Salsa de Pimientos y Chorizo / Marinated Pork Loin Steak with Bell Peppers and Chorizo Salsa.

INGREDIENTS

6 pork loin steaks – de-boned about 2cm thick (I bought the pork loin steaks from my local butcher, Trendalls in Oundle, who cut them to perfect thickness. Supermarket loin steaks tend to be too thinly cut. Reduce cooking time if using a thinner steak.)

1 tbsp white wine
Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

For the Marinade (Dried herbs are used. If you use fresh, double the quantities of the herbs.)

2 tsp Spanish smoked sweet paprika (or the piquant if you prefer a little heat)
1 tsp oregano
1 tsp thyme
1 tsp rosemary
½ tsp black pepper – freshly ground
1 tbsp olive oil
1 garlic clove, crushed
1 tbsp white wine
1 tbsp sherry vinegar (or red wine vinegar)

For the Peppers and Chorizo Salsa

2 red bell peppers – cut into strips
2 shallots diced (or 2 small red onions)
2 tomatoes diced
1 garlic clove – crushed
10 black or kalamata style olives – pitted and quartered
12 capers (optional)
30g Spanish chorizo – thinly sliced and cut into strips
2 tbsp olive oil
1 tbsp sherry vinegar (or red wine vinegar)
Zest of 1 lime or ½ lemon
2 tbsp flaked unsalted almonds
2 tbsp parsley – finely chopped

For the Bell Pepper Salad

4 bell peppers – mixed colours: 2 red, 1 green and 1 yellow or orange
1 red onion
Extra virgin oil for dressing salad
Cider or white wine vinegar
½ cup flat leaf parsley chopped (extra if serving with boiled potatoes)
Salt
Black pepper

METHOD

- Mix all the marinade ingredients in a large glass bowl. Rub into the pork steaks, ensuring they are well covered with the mix. Leave out for about an hour or 3 hours in the fridge.

- Lightly toast the almonds in a dry pan and set aside.
- Add a splash of olive oil to a low-to-medium hot pan. Add shallots (or onions) and garlic and sauté gently for 1 or 2 minutes until softened.
- Add chorizo and peppers and continue cooking for 2 minutes.
- Add tomatoes and vinegar. Cook for 3 minutes or until tomatoes start to break down.
- Add olives, capers, zest and 1 tbsp parsley and cook for 3 minutes.
- Add ½ the toasted almonds.
- Taste for seasoning and add salt or pepper if needed.
- Turn the heat right down and cover with the lid to keep warm and stop the sauce from reducing any further.
- Remove steaks from the marinade and scrape off the marinade mixture. Season lightly with salt and pepper.
- Heat a large pan to medium-high heat.
- Add olive oil to pan. Fry the steaks for 2 minutes (or a bit longer if you prefer well-done) on each side. If your pan is not big enough for all the steaks, do them in two batches. Try not to overcrowd the pan as the steaks will 'stew' rather than fry; frying caramelises and adds flavour.
- Remove steaks and cover to keep warm. Rest for 3 to 5 minutes.
- Pour off any excess oil from the pan. Turn the heat to high and pour in wine to deglaze the pan, stirring to blend in any tasty bits left in the pan. This should take about 30 seconds.
- Pour the reduced wine into the sauce and stir.
- Plate the steaks and ½ cover the steaks with the sauce. Sprinkle the remaining parsley and almonds over sauce.
- Serve with the Bell Pepper Salad and boiled potatoes (peeled and tossed with olive oil, salt, pepper and chopped parsley) or a pile of crispy potato chips.

CHEF'S NOTES

Traditionally the sardines are left whole, un-gutted, but they must be very fresh. If you are using defrosted sardines, or if you are only going to use the fresh sardines a day or two after purchase, then it's best to gut them. Take extra care when turning them, as they will be more fragile when gutted.

An ice cold bottle of Vinho Verde from Portugal's northernmost province, Minho (on the border with Spain), is the perfect accompaniment. Or just a well-chilled beer.

Legal order gives effect to parish boundary changes in East Northamptonshire

Following a year-long review of parish arrangements in the district, East Northamptonshire Council has now made the legal order which will bring the changes into force.

The changes affect parish boundaries and the way that a small number of parish and town councils are set up. They will come into effect on 15th

October 2014, but for practical purposes the first time things will change will be at the local elections in May 2015. The council will now ask the Local Government Boundary Commission for England to make the corresponding changes to the district ward and county electoral division boundaries.

Details of the legal order, the changes

and the reasons for them can be found at www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/parishreview or any of the council's offices in Thrapston, Rushden and Oundle.

Leader of East Northamptonshire Council, Steven North, says:

"Aside from the council's statutory duty to carry out regular reviews of

our parish boundaries, this is also an opportunity to work with partners, the town and parish councils, to better understand our local communities so that we can ensure a more effective governance service is in place. We'd like to thank everyone who took part in the consultation process and appreciate their input."

ENC Chairman, Gill Mercer

Watching the parade of the Queen's Royal Lancers in Northampton brought a lump to my throat; they make me so proud to be British.

They were parading in full dress uniform complete with lances, some on horseback and others in armoured vehicles. They had just come back from Afghanistan and had not yet even seen their families.

This was a fitting tribute for the start of Armed Forces Day, which has been celebrated in many towns, including St Neots where we enjoyed a concert by the Band of the Royal Corps of Signals and the Military Wives Choir. The final part saw us waving



ENC Chairman, Gill Mercer at the opening of new affordable housing in Collyweston

Union Jacks and singing Jerusalem, Rule Britannia and Land of Hope and Glory.

The day before this I watched whilst the flag was raised at Huntingdon District Council offices. We were joined by US and UK military personnel from nearby RAF Alconbury. We are rightfully proud of the special relationship and use such occasions to reinforce it.

Another memorable occasion was the Garden Party of the new High Sheriff, Anne Burnett in Wigsthorpe. I met a lot of interesting people there who were involved in charity work. It reminds you that a lot of dedicated people work in charities around our county.

I was very impressed with the Moulton College awards ceremony where I enjoyed displays of cabinet making, ornate masonry, brickwork, garden design and floral displays.

I was delighted to welcome over 40 mayors and chairmen from Northamptonshire and neighbouring counties to my civic service, which was held at Rushden Hall. It was a really memorable day and prayers were said for all who help the community and especially for those who are working to get Rushden Lakes completed.

Elsewhere, Collyweston is set to benefit from a new small development of affordable houses at The Drove. It came about through collaborative working between the Parish Council, East Northamptonshire Council,

Northamptonshire Rural Housing Association and East Midlands Housing to help provide affordable houses in the countryside.

The Americans really know how to celebrate and the Independence Day party at Alconbury was no exception. We enjoyed a barbecue, a funfair and a fabulous firework display choreographed to music.

I am now looking forward to the installation

of the Mayor of Peterborough at Peterborough Cathedral and their Open Day a week later. I am also looking forward to the East Northamptonshire Schools Dragons' Den competition. We hope that the young people of today will be the business people of the future, so it will be interesting to see what ideas they come up with.

ENC Chairman, Cllr Gill Mercer

Rushden has a new Youth Centre!

A new Drop-In Youth Centre, specifically designed to cater for the young people of Rushden, has opened in the Windmill Club, Glassbrook Road and is being pioneered by its young leader, Sam Perkins.

It's definitely a Youth Club with a difference! Take a look at the Mission Statement:

To change the lives of young people by showing them God's love through what we do. Also to provide them with a safe environment where they can express themselves as they wish.

The Club's Goals are in a similar vein:

- To build relationships with the young people of Rushden
- To try and provide a Christian message where we are able
- To give the young people freedom of choice within the youth centre
- To have a building for the youth of Rushden, somewhere they can go and chill out and have time for themselves
- Judgement Free Policy (Never Say No)

The whole concept is the idea of 18-year-old Sam Perkins, a young man who had a Christian upbringing, attended Rushden Community College, leaving at the age of 16 to join Rushden Park Road Baptist Church as their Intern Youth Worker. This involved him in the organisation of the 'Worship 4 All' events, helping with the youth groups and organising the 'drop in for a heavenly cuppa!'

After a year at the church, Sam left to spend four months in Nottingham with the 'Youth for Christ' organisation returning in 2014 to "answer God's calling to set up the Youth Centre."

The Centre, which is open from 7.30pm to 9.00pm every Monday and Wednesday night, currently has around 50 members with more young people joining each week. The Club runs weekly drop-ins, quiz nights, band nights, a members' parents' group and has a regular 'Live' spot on Wednesday nights on the local Rushden based radio station Radio Northants.

More details are on the Centre website – www.rushdenyouthcentre.wix.com/rushdenyc

Northants man appointed Chairman of The Leprosy Mission England and Wales

The managing director of local joinery manufacturer Scotts of Thrapston once crossed the road to avoid people with leprosy while backpacking in India in the 1990s.

But now Peter Waddup, who was born and bred in Northampton, attending Northampton School for Boys, has been appointed Chairman of The Leprosy Mission England and Wales.

After his backpacking experience, thoughts of this most marginalised group stuck in Peter's memory. After he found out that the late National Director of The Leprosy Mission England and Wales, Rupert Haydock, attended his church, he would "corner him" every Sunday to ask more about the work of the mission.

In 2009, Peter was asked to join the Board of Trustees at The Leprosy Mission England and Wales and one year later became the Treasurer and Chairman of the Finance and Planning committee.

On the day he became Treasurer, Peter was advised by Rupert that he should visit one of The Leprosy Mission's projects. Rupert suddenly died the following week and Peter, remembering his final words, arranged to visit projects in Kolkata and West Bengal, India, in February 2011. In December 2013 he travelled to Ethiopia with Ann Widdecombe, Vice-President of The Leprosy Mission England and Wales, to witness first-hand the Woreda 1 slum transformation project in Addis Ababa.

Peter, who lives in Oundle, said: "I had travelled as a backpacker through Rajasthan in India back in 1993 and must confess to crossing the road to avoid people with leprosy. How little I knew then, and how fortunate for me to be able to compensate now for those actions that were so wrong and misguided.

"I was thrilled and humbled when the outgoing Chairman, Colin Osborne, asked if I would consider becoming the new Chairman. My hopes for the Board during my term are to see the passion for this amazing cause sustained by the trustees and to support and assist the new National Director, Peter Walker in any way I can. I love to visit the offices in Peterborough and see the dedication of the staff for this amazing work.

"Some of the transformations the charity sees are just amazing but there is still so much work to do."

While living a busy life, Peter still finds time to support the Cobblers, as do his wife Helen and children, Elizabeth and Joshua, who are all season ticket holders. He also tries to see the Saints and the county cricket club as often as he can.



Peter Waddup with leprosy-affected Hegen Lerenso who is begging on the streets of Ethiopia

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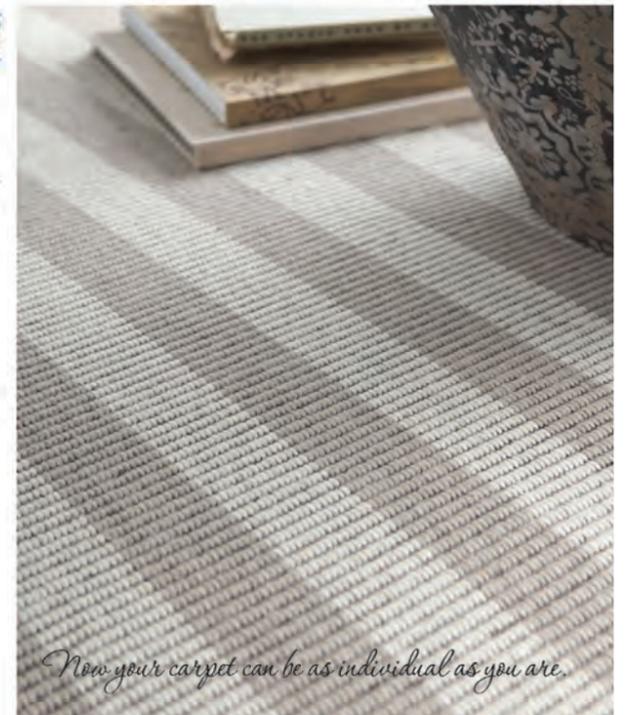
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A visit to the Somme

By Paulina and Richard Hunt

A few weeks ago my eye was drawn to the colourful, flower-filled troughs around the Oundle war memorial and the carved names of the local men who lost their lives during World War One.

As my husband and I were planning to spend a few days on the Somme, I decided to find out whether any of the men listed were buried in the Picardie region. Fortunately I discovered an excellent publication in the local bookshop which helped enormously with my research, 'Shadows of the Past: The Oundle War Memorial Men' by Ray Rundle. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission website was also a useful source of information and helped us find some of the more remote cemeteries.

The Péronne communal cemetery extension was the first site we visited. We found the headstone of Sergeant B L Siddons amongst those of his comrades in the Australian Imperial Force; Siddons having emigrated to New South Wales before the Great War, according to Rundle. In order to locate the graves of other Oundle men, we travelled to several cemeteries in the Somme area, the smallest containing 100 burials and the largest with 2,758 headstones.

In Bazentin-le-Petit we discovered special memorial stones for 59 men – mainly 1st Northamptonshires including Private Frederick Phillipson – whose graves had been destroyed in a subsequent battle.

The most poignant memorial we visited was the Lutyens-designed building at Thiepval, dedicated to over 72,000 missing British and

Commonwealth servicemen. We found the names of seven Oundle men inscribed on memorial panels for the Northamptonshire and London Scottish Regiments.

As a result of our trip we were able to make a connection with the following young men and their final resting places or memorials on the Somme:

- Private G E Afford
- Corporal T L Cooper
- Corporal W Craythorne
- Private M W Gurton
- Private G Lacey
- Private F Phillipson
- Private C Sharpe
- Private W E Sharpe
- Sergeant B L Siddons
- Private A J S Smith
- Private H Titman
- Private F Whistlecroft



Nene Valley Time Trail

Taken from 'Thanks for the Memories' by Irthlingborough Historical Society.

THE TRAMPS PALACE

On 18th December 1933, the Joint Committee and Assistance Board opened a new 'Casual Ward' at Irthlingborough. The site was near to what is now the Diamond Centre and is now office accommodation.

However, back in 1933, this was a very forward-thinking plan and a wonderful building designed to provide for those who spent "hours of wearying journeying on the roads" and needed comfort at the end of the day (in other words – for tramps).

Such was the accommodation provided that plans were made for the immediate closure of overcrowded Casual Wards in Kettering, Thrapston, Wellingborough and Oundle.

The contract for the building was awarded to Messrs W Thompson of Irthlingborough, whose tender of £14,000 was the lowest estimate out of 19 firms. The cost caused great resentment among local people when they learned of the facilities provided.

Under normal circumstances a vagrant was allowed to stay for two nights, though no one was discharged on Christmas Day. After registering, vagrants would be passed to the bathroom where they would put their clothes into a cupboard or a drying

room if wet. After that a male tramp would be sent to a dormitory containing 20 beds and then given a supper which invariably consisted of 8oz bread, 1oz dripping and a pint of tea. Women and children went to their own room with up to 15 beds, where they were cared for by a matron.

In the morning, the Casuals would find their dried clothes outside their door and would then be given a breakfast of 8oz bread, 1oz margarine and a pint of coffee. Work would then be required of all inmates. This would usually be in the gardens surrounding the building. After a second night's rest they would be sent on their way with a meal of 8oz bread and 2oz cheese.

In the five weeks leading up to Christmas 1935 a total of 2,899 tramps were sheltered and fed at Irthlingborough and these numbers led to a feeling that too many tramps were being attracted to the area.

During the war, the building was used for a variety of purposes, including a hospital for Blitz victims from London and a Girls' remand home. In 1948, it was leased to Richard Thomas and Baldwin as a hostel for foreign workers in the local ore mines.

In 1965 both the mines and the hostel were closed and the building remained empty until 1972, when it was converted to a records store by British Steel.



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Messy Church

Rushden Salvation Army, Church Street, Rushden
4pm–5.30pm
George Ellitson 01933 313106
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Saturday 19th July & Sunday 20th July

Teddy Bears Picnic
Rushden Transport Museum, The Railway Station, Station Approach, Rushden, Northants NN10 0AW
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www.rhts.co.uk
Bring your favourite bear along for a ride on the train.

Sunday 20th July

Shamblers Walking Group Circular Walk
The Windhover Pub/Restaurant
10am for 10.30am start
Contact: Peter 01933 396826
www.northamptonshire-shamblers.org.uk
Enjoy a leisurely walk with friendly company in beautiful countryside. Optional meal afterwards.

Morning Worship with Holy Communion

Whitefriars Church at Whitefriars Junior School, Boughton Drive, Rushden 10.15am
Free
Contact: Philip Evans 01933 316834
An informal church service to which everyone is welcome.

Thursday 24th July

Discovery Walks
Meet in Wakerley Village 2pm
£1.50, no need to book.
Tel. 01780 782747
www.weanorthamptonshire.org
Exploring Northamptonshire – Wakerley 4.5 miles.

UFO Watch Group

Globe Public House, Raunds 8pm
Tel. 01933 622769
Anybody interested in Ufology or who are experiencers, please come along to the meeting.

Oundle Art Group Meeting

Tansor Village Hall 1.45pm–3.45pm
£5.50 for Non-members
Contact: Jane Sanders 01832 226495 or Chris Yates 01832 226345
Phyllis Vaughan 'Chickens and Flowers'. Bring acrylic, oil/oil

pastels, prepared board or canvas/paper for pastels.

Friday 25th July

Thurning Feast
Thurning Village Hall and grounds
5pm–12 midnight
£5/£2.50 over 65s/under 14 free if accompanied
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Saturday 26th July

Open Air Theatre – The Pantaloon's History of Britain
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Gates open at 6pm
£12.50 adult, £8 child, £35 family (booking essential)
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The Heritage Chapel and Halls, Park Rd, Rushden, NN10 0RW
7pm
£5
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'Trash and Treasure' table top sale

Laxton Village Hall
10am–2pm
Tim on 01780 450005 Derek on 01780 450475
To book a table to sell from contact Tim or Derek. Coffee, cakes, bacon rolls will be available.

Sunday 27th July

Morning Worship
Whitefriars Church at Whitefriars Junior School, Boughton Drive, Rushden 10.15am
Free
Philip Evans 01933 316834
An informal church service to which everyone is welcome.

Oundle Companion Dog Show

Barnwell Country Park, Barnwell Road, Oundle, PE8 5QJ

Registration from 12 noon, Judging 1pm Pedigree Classes £2, Fun Classes £1.50.
Fun events £1
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Fun dog show for all breeds and crossbreeds supporting CAMVET.

Monday 28th July

Family Fun Session
Laxton Village Hall
2pm–3.30pm
Oundle Children's Centre
http://www.libraryplus.childrencentres.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.

Wednesday 30th July

Damsels and Dragons
Irthlingborough Lakes and Meadows, Higham Ferrers end of the Greenway
10.30am–12.30pm
Free
Contact: Claire Wylde 01604 405285
claire.wylde@wildlifebcn.org
Become a knight or princess and join the Wildlife Trust on a quest to discover these flying wonders. No booking required.

Thursday 31st July

Oundle Art Group Meeting
Titchmarsh
1.45pm–3.45pm
Free
Contact: Jane Sanders 01832 226295 or Chris Yates 01832 226345
Painting/Sketching at Titchmarsh. Meet at village shop. Tea at village shop.

Oundle Art Group Meeting

Wadenhoe
1.45pm–3.45pm
Free
Contact: Jane Sanders 01832 226495 or Chris Yates 01832 226345
Painting/Sketching. Meet at the Old Barn Tearooms, Wadenhoe.

Friday 1st August

Lyveden 50 Things activities: Maths Activity, Lyveden New Bield
2pm–4pm, hourly timed sessions throughout the day. Normal property admission charges plus £2 per child for activities.
Tel. 01832 205158
nationaltrust.org.uk/lyveden
Join us for a 'Fab Friday' maths activity.

Saturday 2nd August

Craft, Gift & Vintage Fayre
Masonic Hall, Wellingborough Rd, Rushden 10am–4pm
Free & free parking
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Lots of lovely items made by local people at affordable prices. Refreshments available.

Coffee Morning

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

Display & Collection of Photographs & Documents (1914–2014)

Raunds Library
10.30am–1.30pm
Free
Tel. 01933 461480 (answerphone available)
Display of donated photos, featuring many aspects of Raunds. Articles from 1914 needed for preservation.

Sunday 3rd August

First Sunday Event (Songs of Praise)
Rushden Salvation Army, Church Street, Rushden
6pm, prior to this refreshments at 5pm.
Contact: Gill Valentine 01933 353528
An hour of vocal and brass music, come along for a good old sing.

Morning Worship

Whitefriars Church at Whitefriars Junior School, Boughton Drive, Rushden 10.15am
Free
Contact: Philip Evans 01933 316834
An informal church service to which everyone is welcome.

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Every Tuesday and Thursday (except Christmas and New Year)

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Every Wednesday (except December)

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Every Thursday during school term time

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

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Little Treasures Tots group

St Laurence's Church, Stanwick 9.30am–11am
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Contact: Nicki 01933 625658
For pre-schoolchildren and their adult carer. Bible story, song, craft and fun. All welcome.

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
Tel. 01933 625522
www.stanwicklakes.org.uk
Learn new craft skills, share your experience and meet up with crafty friends.

Third Friday of the month (recommend checking before travelling)

Stanwick Stitchers
Stanwick Lakes
10.30am
Free entry – normal car park charges apply
Tel. 01933 625522 or Pauline 01933 229817
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Second Saturday of the month WE Watch and



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Last Saturday of the month except December event Farmers' Market

Market Square, Higham Ferrers
9am–1pm
danielle@highamferrers-tc.gov.uk
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Second Saturday of every month (Same Saturday as Oundle Farmers' Market)

Coffee N' Cakes
Oundle Methodist Church, Drummingwell Lane (behind the Talbot Hotel)
10am–12 noon
Contact: John Hewitson 01832 272209
Filter coffee, tea, squash (free refills), homemade cakes. Warm welcome. Proceeds to various charities.

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

Local Producers' and Farmers' Market
Stanwick Lakes
10am–2pm
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Andy Sawford MP unites with local campaigner to fight cancer

Corby MP Andy Sawford joined forces with a dedicated cancer campaigner from Brigstock to highlight Cancer Research UK's ambition to help more people survive.

Andy met Sophie Gorman to find out about the part he could play in helping to achieve Cancer Research UK's ambition that within 20 years three in four of all cancer patients diagnosed will survive at least ten years.

Mr Sawford said: "It was a pleasure to meet Sophie and listen to her story. Cancer Research UK's pioneering work into the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of cancer is helping to save millions of lives.

"It's vital that we continue to support their work and do everything we can to help beat cancer sooner."

Two in four people diagnosed with cancer today in the UK will survive their disease for at least ten years, compared to just one in four in the early 1970s. In the East Midlands, this means that around 12,000 people each year can now expect to survive the disease for at least ten years.

But despite the successes, Cancer Research UK believes much more can be done to help more people in the East

Midlands and across the UK beat cancer sooner.

Sophie was one of over 100 Cancer Research UK Ambassadors who came to Westminster in early July to meet their MPs and highlight the importance of parliamentary support to accelerate progress in the fight against cancer.

Sophie said: "I'm really excited to have taken part in Cancer Research UK's day of action, because I know that this is a great way to help make a difference.

"I feel passionate about supporting Cancer Research UK's work. So many people are diagnosed with cancer and it's vital that we do all we can to help save more lives.

"It was fantastic to meet Andy Sawford again and discuss my reasons for becoming a Cancer Research UK Campaigns Ambassador and why access to treatments matters to me personally. Cancer Research UK is making huge progress but we need the help and support of MPs like Andy to help more cancer patients survive."

After the meeting Andy Sawford MP wrote to Health Secretary Jeremy Hunt MP to ask him to back measures to improve access to radiotherapy treatment for all patients who need it.



Skate ramp at Jubilee Park removed

It is with great regret that we have to inform you that the skate park at Jubilee Park has had to be demolished.

We have been continually repairing the ramp for the last couple of years and in recent months we have undertaken major repairs to certain sections. However, this week it has become apparent that the whole structure of the ramp is unsafe and in danger of

collapsing. A professional BMX rider had ridden the ramp and in his opinion it is not fit for purpose. The structure has now failed an inspection and consequently we have had no option but to take it down.

We are in the process of sourcing funding and designing a new ramp and we hope to be starting work on this in the autumn. Ideally we would have

liked to have kept the old ramp going through the summer holidays but it was on borrowed time and that time has now unfortunately run out quicker than had been anticipated.

We are fully aware of the importance and value of the ramp to the community and we will be making every effort to get it replaced as soon as possible.

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Talking newspaper moves to new studio

Wellingborough and District Talking Newspaper for the Blind has recently moved to a new recording studio.

The old one in Dexters Chambers, Park Road, which they had occupied for nearly 35 years, had become too expensive and they were very fortunate to obtain a new studio within the Belgrade Centre, Denington Road, at an economical rent. Sincere thanks are due to everyone involved in this relocation and for the generous donations received to cover the costs.

The move was accomplished without any gaps in the weekly recordings.

The new studio was officially opened by The Worshipful the Mayor of Wellingborough, Councillor Jim Bass, accompanied by the Mayoress. After performing the traditional ribbon cutting ceremony, he recorded a message to be included among the news items for the following week.

WDTN provides a weekly news and magazine recording by post to any blind or partially sighted person living in the area.

If anyone knows of a potential new user of the service, please contact the secretary, Ann Boucher on 01933 674901.



The recipe for a great meal out in East Northants

Good food is an important part of everyone's holiday or day out. This summer East Northamptonshire Council is reminding residents and visitors to check out the food hygiene rating of local cafés, restaurants and pubs before they indulge.

95% of eateries in East Northamptonshire have a food hygiene rating of 4 or more, so there's plenty to choose from, whether you're grabbing a sandwich on the go, sitting down to a four-course meal or enjoying a local delight.

The Food Hygiene Rating Scheme rates businesses on their hygiene standards, based on inspections carried out by

East Northamptonshire Council. Businesses in the area are rated on a scale ranging from 0 (urgent improvement necessary) to a top rating of 5 (very good).

Where food is served, look out for the green and black food hygiene rating stickers displayed on windows and doors. If you can't see a sticker, ask staff inside for the rating or check online at: www.food.gov.uk/ratings

Julia Smith, Health Protection Manager at East Northamptonshire Council, said: "The summer holiday season is a busy time for our cafés, restaurants and pubs. With the majority of food businesses here rated 4 or above, it's easy to choose

to enjoy your meal in an eatery where food hygiene is taken seriously."

Catriona Stewart, Head of the Food Hygiene Ratings Team at the Food Standards Agency said: "The Food Hygiene Rating Scheme is a great tool when choosing where to eat out, particularly when you are in a place that you haven't visited before. It tells you what's going on in the kitchen and behind the scenes. A good rating will be good for business during the holiday period, so if you are a local eatery, make sure you remember to display your sticker!"

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Listing end date: 26/07/14 **Salary:** Negotiable **Job Reference:** CT12
Contact Jamie or Suzanna on 01933 698111 or suzanna@ecophy.co.uk

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (AMENDED BY THE LOCALISM ACT 2011) NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 2012 DESIGNATION OF NEIGHBOURHOOD AREAS



East Northamptonshire Council




Stanwick Parish Council

Notice is given that applications have been made by the following town and parish councils for the designation of three Neighbourhood Areas, under Section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and Regulation 5 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012:

- Higham Ferrers Town Council (revision to the designated Neighbourhood Area, previously approved on 17 June 2013)
- Irthlingborough Town Council (designation of a new Neighbourhood Area)
- Stanwick Parish Council (designation of a new Neighbourhood Area)

This will enable these town and parish councils to undertake neighbourhood planning and, in particular, to prepare Neighbourhood Plans for their respective parishes. It is intended that wider, strategic planning issues will be addressed through the adopted Local Plan for East Northamptonshire Council, which consists of the North Northamptonshire Core Spatial Strategy (adopted June 2008); Rural North, Oundle and Thrapston Plan (adopted July 2011); and saved policies from the East Northamptonshire District Local Plan (adopted November 1996). Preparation of a replacement Local Plan is already underway, which will consist of the North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy (JCS) review and relevant site specific Plan(s), prepared by East Northamptonshire Council.

Higham Ferrers
East Northamptonshire Council is seeking to designate a revised Neighbourhood Area boundary for Higham Ferrers. This is necessary in order to ensure that the Neighbourhood Area boundary aligns with the revised parish boundary for Higham Ferrers, which is due to come into effect on 15 October 2014, and the proposed adjacent Neighbourhood Area boundaries for Irthlingborough and Stanwick.

Irthlingborough
Irthlingborough Town Council considers that the whole of the revised parish area of Irthlingborough, due to come into effect on 15 October 2014, represents the most appropriate area to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area – shown on the map. This will ensure that any policies that are developed, which extend or have influence outside of the existing built-up areas, can be implemented and have weight in planning decisions.

Stanwick
Stanwick Parish Council considers that the whole of the revised parish area of Stanwick, due to come into effect on 15 October 2014 represents the most appropriate area to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area. Nevertheless, 16.9ha land south of Kimbolton Road (B645) has been excluded from the proposed Neighbourhood Area for Stanwick, as this land is due to transfer from Stanwick to Chelveston cum Caldecott, as of 15 October 2014. The proposed Neighbourhood Area is shown on the map.

Higham Ferrers Town Council, Irthlingborough Town Council and Stanwick Parish Council are all 'relevant bodies' for the purposes of Section 61G of the 1990 Act, and are therefore qualified to undertake neighbourhood planning. In the case of the three proposed Neighbourhood Areas, the preparation of each Neighbourhood Plan will be led solely by the respective town and/or parish council.

In accordance with Regulation 6 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, the three proposed boundaries are now advertised for comments as to whether there is any reason why East Northamptonshire Council should not make these designations. Further information can be found on the council's website at www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/ consultation

Copies of the three proposed Neighbourhood Area boundaries will be available to view at the following locations until Monday, 15 September 2014:

- Customer Service Centre, Cedar Drive, Thrapston, NN14 4LZ (8.45am-5pm, Monday to Friday)
- Customer Service Centre, Newton Rd, Rushden, NN10 0PT (9am-4.30pm, Monday to Friday)
- Customer Service Centre, Oundle Library, Glaphthorn Rd, Oundle, PE8 4JA (10am-1pm, Monday to Saturday)
- Raunds Town Council, The Hall, Thorpe St, Raunds, NN9 6LT (9.30am-2pm, Monday to Friday)
- Libraries at Higham Ferrers, Irthlingborough, Raunds and Rushden (opening times and other details are available from Northamptonshire County Council)

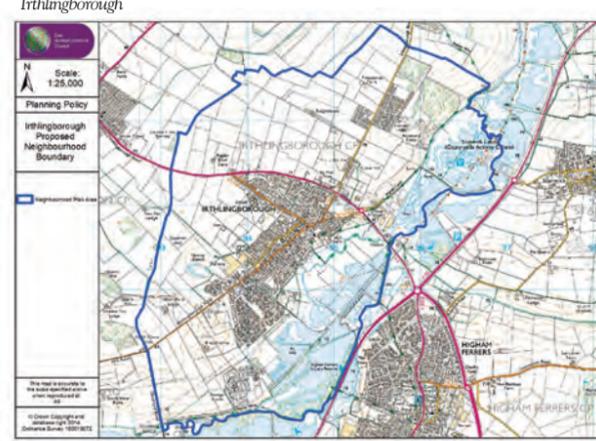
Any comments concerning these proposed neighbourhood planning boundaries should be made, in writing, to planningpolicy@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk or Planning Policy and Conservation, East Northamptonshire Council, Cedar Drive, Thrapston, NN14 4LZ by 4pm on Monday, 15 September 2014.

David Reed,
Head of Planning Services,
East Northamptonshire Council

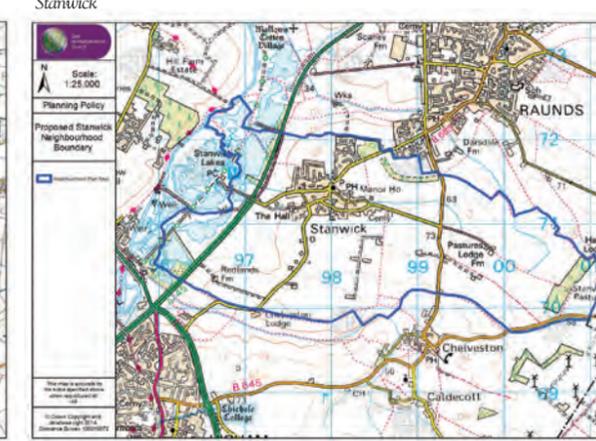
Higham Ferrers



Irthlingborough



Stanwick



Local archer triumphs at European Archery Junior Cup in Moscow

Bradley Denny, of Archers of Raunds, powered past teams from Italy and Russia to land a team gold medal clash with Germany – and took the honours in fine style, winning 6-2.

The gold medal brought Team GB's overall medal total to nine for the competition (two gold; four silver and three bronze) placing GB equal third in the medals table.

Bradley was in excellent form, finishing up ranked second out of the 44 other competing male archers in his age category.

And Bradley's summer of sport has just got even better as he's now heard that he and fellow GB archer Bryony Pitman have been selected by the British Olympic Association to represent Great Britain at the Youth Olympic Games in Nanjing, China. The pair, both 17, will be among 33 British athletes competing across 14 sports during the Games, which run from 16th to 28th August.

Their team leader will be Archery GB's Performance Coach, Songi Woo. She said: "Nanjing 2014 is going to be a fantastic

experience for our juniors. And hopefully it will be a big stepping stone up to the next level and the Olympics."

Bradley said: "Nanjing is going to be a fantastic experience for me and I'm so proud to have been selected to represent Team GB at the Youth Olympic Games. It's a big multi-sport event, which is rare for archery, so it's a chance to meet and learn from so many other athletes. Hopefully it can be a stepping stone for my dream to, one day, compete at the Olympics."



Bradley Denny (centre) with fellow teammates

Chess Corner

By Derrick Sims

I find it interesting learning how people were introduced to chess. A little while ago I watched a film called *Knights of the South Bronx*, based on the life of David MacEnulty, who taught youngsters to play chess.

The film's main character is a teacher at a tough school in the Bronx. His class are unruly, underprivileged kids and in desperation he introduces them to chess. This game enhances the students' self-esteem, and they realise that a positive approach to education will improve their chances in life.

Having been brought up in a comfortable working class home in Coventry, I had none of the hang-ups of the Bronx kids. Chess was just an absorbing game, along with many other board games, that we played together as a family.

Historically the pupils of Aylward House,

at my comprehensive school, were the top chess team in the school. When a star player failed to show up for a match, I was seconded to replace him. My ignominious defeat led to the polite suggestion that perhaps I was more suited to rugby, and so ended my schoolboy chess career.

After leaving school, I virtually stopped playing chess. It was not until two years ago, after a particularly tough time in my life, that I started playing regularly again. I found details about Rushden Chess Club on the web and joined the club. I have played regularly ever since and my game has gradually improved to a competitive standard.

Rushden Chess Club loves welcoming new members, so do come along to a meeting if you are interested. Club/County chess info: rushdenchessclub.com & <http://www.norchess.lloydbunday.co.uk>.

East Northants Tennis League

Corby B are making steady progress in their quest to join their A team in Division One next season.

Against Thrapston C Bip Wetherell / Darren Palmer took the plaudits, beating Tom Hall / Keith Stockley 6-1, 6-1 and Jim Arkell / Duncan Williams 6-0, 6-2. Ryan Lacey / Casey McQuade also beat Arkell / Williams 6-1, 6-4 but failed to make it a clean sweep, going down 6-2, 6-2 to Hall / Stockley.

Nearest rivals Geddington B are still firmly in the hunt for honours after a 6-2 win at Burton Latimer A. Both pairs collected three sets while Burton's main resistance came from Mike Cave / Harvey Miller, who halved both ties 6-1, 4-6 against Lance Holland / Graham Love and 3-6, 6-3 with John Fuller / Bill Worswick.

Burton A's fortunes changed for the better when they visited Corby C. Mike Cave / Richard Chapman claimed a maximum, defeating John Hanlon / Tony Cook 6-4, 6-0 and Ryan Lacey / Casey McQuade 6-2, 6-0. Harvey Miller / Jimmy Mac gave a resolute performance halving both ties 6-7, 6-1 against

Hanlon / Cook and 2-6, 6-2 with Lacey / McQuade.

Finedon A continue to impress as they gained their third win of the season, beating Kettering C 5-3. Glen Howlett / Gary Felce led the way defeating Niki Helbick / Dermot Bailey 6-3, 7-6 and halving 6-1, 4-6 against Mihai Diac / Colin Baker. Paul Atkinson / Andrew Powell edged out Helbick / Bailey 6-4, 6-4 but found the more experienced Diac / Baker a different proposition and went down 7-5, 6-1.

Mixed Division Two

	P	W	D	L	Pts.
Corby B	4	4	0	0	25
Geddington B	4	3	0	1	24
Burton Latimer A	5	3	0	2	24
Finedon A	4	3	0	1	20
Kettering C	4	2	0	2	19
Finedon B	4	1	0	3	9
Thrapston C	4	0	0	4	4
Corby C	3	0	0	3	3

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