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NEWS IN BRIEF

Rutland Water charity ride

Two district residents will be riding four times around Rutland Water (100 miles) on Sunday 14th September, to raise money for Action for Aspergers.

John Simpson and Tom Wand, whose son is autistic, are raising funds to help with Phase II of a special sensory room. You can donate to help this worthwhile local charity via the donate button on the homepage of the charity's website: www.actionforaspergers.org Alternatively you can sponsor by contacting Tom on 07840 274319.

Homes to benefit from superfast broadband

Northamptonshire County Council has announced that more than 21,800 homes and businesses in the county can now get faster fibre broadband as the multi-million pound Superfast Northamptonshire project continues apace, bringing the high-speed technology to more communities.

The latest areas to benefit from the programme include parts of Aldwinckle, Barnwell, Cotton, Denford, Mawsley

Village, Northampton, Oundle, Stoke Doyle, Thorpe Waterville, Thrapston and Woodford. Fifteen roadside fibre broadband cabinets in these communities have just 'gone live'.

The first stage of the project, led by the county council in partnership with BT, builds on the private sector's commercial roll-out of fibre broadband to make the high-speed technology available to about 90 per cent of homes and businesses in the county by the end of 2015. Over 56,000 homes and

businesses will have access to fibre-based broadband as a result of this first stage of the project.

Without public investment from the county council and the Government's Broadband Delivery UK (BDUK) programme, as well as private investment from BT, it would not be commercially viable to make faster fibre broadband available in these communities. Public sector intervention is critical to ensure more people can benefit from access to faster broadband.

This announcement comes as the Department for Culture, Media and Sport reveals that more than one million UK homes and businesses now have access to superfast broadband as a result of the UK wide roll-out. The rate at which the fibre technology is being rolled out under the Government programme is rapidly accelerating, with up to 40,000 UK premises gaining access every week. It will extend superfast broadband to 95 per cent of the UK by 2017.

The Superfast Northamptonshire project is playing its part in delivering this goal and remains one of the front runners in England. The county council's ultimate aim goes beyond the Government's nationwide 95 per

cent coverage target and intends to secure countywide access to superfast broadband by the end of 2017.

Bill Murphy, Managing Director of Next Generation Access for BT, said: "The Superfast Northamptonshire programme is making strong progress, bringing high-speed fibre broadband to some of the most challenging areas.

"The programme shows the power of the public and private sectors working together. BT has brought technical expertise to the table as well as millions of pounds of investment and, if we can go further, we will do so.

"This exciting technology is providing a major boost for local households and businesses, whether they are using it to work more efficiently and find new customers or for online learning and leisure."

The county council has already launched a procurement initiative for the next major stage of the project and more news on the outcome of this will be available in the autumn.

For more information about the project, including the ability to see when services may be rolled out in your area by using the 'When and Where' interactive deployment map, please go to: www.superfastnorthamptonshire.net



Installing superfast broadband

Panel revealed at Raunds Library

Raunds Stitches, a group of approximately 12 ladies who previously produced a 'Time Line Banner of Raunds', have been working on a WWI Commemorative Panel for the past three months.

The panel has now been unveiled and will hang in the Raunds Library. It depicts the town's war memorial through a church window and to complete the picture, images of local men who lost their lives are sewn on either side. It is a beautiful piece of work that the ladies are justly proud of.

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New website and competition celebrate biodiversity in Nene Valley



The Nene Valley Nature Improvement Area (NIA) project has launched a new interactive website, which aims to encourage people to share their views on the local natural environment.

Covering over 41,000 hectares across Northamptonshire, Huntingdon and Peterborough, the Nene Valley Nature Improvement Area features a variety of natural habitats, including wildflower meadows, wetlands, marshes, woodlands and wet grasslands. With fishing lakes, birdwatching opportunities and children's adventure playgrounds, the NIA is an attractive area for animals – such as otters, kingfishers and grass snakes – to call home.

Researchers from the University of Northampton have joined forces with conservation organisations and the national Sciencewise initiative to launch the new NIA website, which features a wealth of information, a virtual tour and a discussion forum.

The website provides an opportunity for local people to share their thoughts on the Nene

Valley, and an online mapping survey has been developed to identify areas of the valley that are particularly valued and why these areas are important to visitors. This will provide university researchers with valuable data that can be used to inform future plans for the valley.

A photo competition has also been launched to find some of the best images of the Nene Valley and to encourage people to explore the area over the summer. Judges are looking for images of wildlife, landscapes, people, heritage, water, and the built environment taken in the Nene Valley. There are separate categories for children so everyone can enter. Images should be submitted through the NIA website, and the winners will be selected through an online vote. The most popular photos will be displayed in the autumn as part of the Nene Valley Festival, and the photographers of the top two images will each win a pair of Opticron binoculars.

If you would like to contribute to this important project or take part in the photo competition please go to: www.nenevalleynia.org.

Charity event brings cinema back to Finedon

Oundle and Ringstead cinemas are supporting a fundraising evening organised by Pete and Pat Donaldson for the Help Ben Appeal.

Philomena (12A) starring Judy Dench and Steve Coogan will be shown at Star Hall, Laws Lane, Finedon on Saturday 20th September at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £5 and are available on the door or by contacting 01933 681029.

In the 1920s Star Hall was used as a cinema. This was followed by the Regent Cinema which closed some fifty years ago. Now there will be a chance to sit in the seats from the original cinema and watch a film.

Fourteen-year-old Ben Talbot was born with a brain abnormality. He is severely disabled and has extensive learning difficulties, relying on adults for all his mobility and care. Ben hasn't developed any speech and finds it extremely

difficult to communicate. Due to the serious muscle contractures in his legs, he is now suffering with a developing curvature in his spine. This could lead to hip problems in the future and the difficulties can now only be resolved by surgery.

There are several surgeons in the US that carry out a 'keyhole' surgery procedure on disabled children like Ben. It has been carried out on hundreds of children with a reported 100 per cent success rate. Ben's family are trying to raise £30,000 to enable them to take Ben to St Louis Children's Hospital in Missouri USA for this specialist surgery on his legs, which will make a massive difference to his life. So far over half the money has been raised.

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European art project comes to Nene Valley

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Visitors to Summer Leys Wildlife Trust Nature Reserve this summer will get a unique opportunity to see one of these brand new public art installations and another will be located next to Irthlingborough Lakes and Meadows Nature Reserve at Stanwick Lakes.



Changing Tracks art at County Mayo

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If you are interested and want to find out more, please contact Adam Wilson, Volunteer Coordinator on 01933 677837 or 07538 616387 or email adamw@northamptonshire-carers.org. Alternatively you can download an application form and volunteer befriender role description from www.northamptonshire-carers.org.

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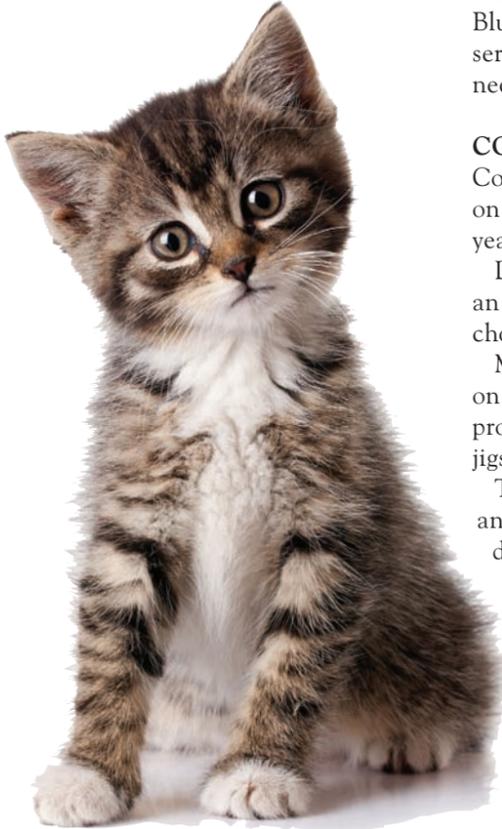
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"No diving" as work starts on Splash Pool

The Splash Leisure Pool in Rushden has been emptied to allow work to start on improvements to the centre.

The £330k project funded by East Northamptonshire Council will include the replacement of essential mechanical equipment to enable the pool to remain open for future use, new lockers and improved changing areas and showers.

Splash has now temporarily closed for approximately eight weeks and whilst the work is being carried out, customers can use the pool at the Nene Centre in Thrapston and enjoy sporting activities at the Pemberton Centre in Rushden.

East Northamptonshire Council's appointed observer to the Aspirations Wellbeing board, Cllr Glenvil Greenwood-Smith, said: "As you can see from the photo, the pool has been emptied, the contractors are in and we're looking forward to having an improved facility open in the autumn for all swimmers."

"Some people have raised concerns about the pool closing during the summer holidays. There's no good time

to temporarily close a pool and we had to think long and hard about when we could undertake the work.

"The alternative was to close during term time which would result in having to cancel the programme of the Swim School. This would have an impact on over 2,500 children, missing out on learning to swim later this year.

"We therefore decided to close the pool during the holiday, losing the casual fun swim opportunity but retaining the swimming lessons programme, a decision which we're sure is welcomed by parents."

Chris Tye, Group Operations Manager at Aspirations

Wellbeing who run the facility, adds:

"Most users of the pool were telling us that the work needed to be undertaken sooner rather than later, particularly with regard to installing new lockers and improving some of the changing areas. Work has now started on this and we can't wait to reopen the pool to our loyal customers."

Keep informed of the progress of the works through the media, on the Aspirations Wellbeing and East Northamptonshire Council websites and on Facebook and Twitter. For more information about Aspirations Wellbeing's services, please call 01933 410505.



Splash Leisure Pool emptied of water and ready for improvement works to start

Raunds remembers fallen soldiers of First World War

A service of remembrance to commemorate the start of the First World War was held on 3rd August in St Peter's Church, Raunds.

The service was preceded by a procession to the church led by the Royal British Legion who were joined by the Town Mayor, councillors, a group of naval cadets and officers, together with other representatives of the local services and the community.

The service, led by the vicar Sheena Bell was relayed to an almost full church.

Following the service the procession and congregation moved to the memorial gardens where a ceremony was held to remember those who died. The names of the 135 fallen were read out by a group of young people from Raunds and District. Wreaths were then laid and after the playing of the Last Post the ceremony concluded with a blessing and the singing of the National Anthem.

A Garden of Remembrance consisting of poppies and 135 crosses was laid to one side of the War Memorial.

Hall Park, Rushden named one of the best in Britain

Hall Park in Rushden is one of the very best parks in the UK – and that's official.

The park is among a record-breaking 1,476 parks and green spaces that will today receive a prestigious Green Flag Award.

The award, handed out by environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy, recognises and rewards the best parks and green spaces across the country. A Green Flag flying overhead is a sign to the public that the space boasts the highest possible standards, is beautifully maintained and has excellent facilities.

Hall Park is owned and maintained by Rushden Town Council and is enhanced by beautiful parkland and wonderful mature trees. The park welcomes all users and has different sections for various activities.

Sarah Peacock, Leader of Rushden Town Council said: "We are absolutely delighted to

receive a Green Flag Award for first time from Keep Britain Tidy.

"This Award recognises and highlights that people in Rushden are benefitting from a green space of the very highest quality.

Keep Britain Tidy's Green Flag Award Scheme Manager, Paul Todd said: "We are delighted to announce yet another record-breaking year for Green Flag Award parks and green spaces.

"A Green Flag Award provides national recognition for all the parks' managers, staff and volunteers who, through their dedication and hard work, have helped to create these fantastic places for everyone to enjoy.

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I joined Scotts of Thrapston Ltd in 1999 and soon decided that I would like to live in the area and so moved to Oundle.

• How would you describe a typical day?

Scotts of Thrapston Ltd has four divisions: timber buildings, educational buildings, joinery and trussed rafters for new homes. Each day brings fresh challenges, as each division competes for space and resources. My role is to facilitate this and ensure that we are able to provide our customers with an excellent product on time. An evening might involve a meeting connected with the two charities that I am involved with: The Leprosy Mission England and Wales, and Nongoma Friendship Ltd, a link between Oundle and a remote town in Kwa Zulu Natal, South Africa where we are funding a growing project initially started to feed 80 children from child headed families. I am fortunate that Scotts of Thrapston encourages working with the community, which means I can get involved in some great local initiatives, one of which recently was being a judge in the local schools' Dragons' Den competition.

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

I am passionate about the county, and have grown to love the beautiful countryside in East Northants and enjoy visiting the many lovely villages. I can cycle 15 miles from my house and pass through about eight different villages. The scenery is stunning. I am pleased that East Northants are included in Northamptonshire business events, and my Chairman, David Scott and I regularly attend events with the Northamptonshire Enterprise partnership, and are keen supporters of the Northamptonshire Community Foundation which provides grants for many good causes around East Northants.

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

I love my home town of Oundle, but it is great to be able to head out to one of the many beautiful East Northants villages and enjoy a pint with a view.

• What does East Northamptonshire mean to you?

East Northants means beautiful rolling countryside, friendly people, and after spending 10 years living in Surrey around the M25, it also means no real rush hour!

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

I think that we should always be looking to improve leisure facilities for children and in particular teenagers. Whilst East Northants is a lovely place to live, I feel that teenagers get itchy feet and seek something a bit more lively. To provide events and opportunities for them should be our priority.

• What is your favourite food and drink?

My favourite food has to be very hot curries, and good old-fashioned pub grub, washed down with either a pint of real ale, or a cold full-bodied white wine. Cheers!

If you would like to feature in My day in East Northants please contact the editorial department on 01522 513515 or email news@nenevalleynews.co.uk



Notice of planning applications received

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

Significant applications
All "significant" applications are highlighted in green. These are defined in the 2006 Statement of Community Involvement as those for:

- 100 dwellings and over
- residential development of 3ha or over if number of dwellings not known
- 1000 square metres of floor space or over
- commercial/industrial development of 1ha or over if floor area not known
- would, in the council's opinion, alter the overall character of the locality by means of scale, use or visual appearance
- would, in the council's opinion, be sensitive due to substantial demolition in a conservation area
- would, in the council's opinion, be sensitive due to development next to a listed building

For more information on "significant" planning applications, visit www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/denotification

Ashton

14/01262/LBC (06/09/2014) (LBRegs) Repairs to roof/ceiling structure and west gable wall as attached remedial works specification at The Creed Chapel The Green Ashton Northants PE8 5LD

Chelveston-cum-Caldecott

14/01372/FUL (30/08/2014) (Info) Construction of single storey rear extension to provide extra accommodation for adults with dementia and/or mobility and learning difficulties at Wildacre Raunds Rd Chelveston Northants NN9 6AB
14/01454/FUL (30/08/2014) (Info) Single storey side extension and covered link to existing garage at 7 Britten Close Chelveston Northants NN9 6AY

Clopton

14/01258/FUL (30/08/2014) (Info) Conversion and extension of existing outbuildings to create granny annexe/guest accommodation ancillary to the use of the house at Clopton Manor Main St Clopton Northants NN14 3DZ

Great Addington

14/01336/FUL (06/09/2014) (Art8) Conversion of existing barn to form 1 no. dwelling at Rectory Farm Cranford Rd Great Addington Northants NN14 4BQ

Hargrave

14/01474/LBC (06/09/2014) (LB/CA (LBRegs)/14/01475/FUL (06/09/2014) (LB/CA) (Info) Proposed new bio-mass fuel store, boiler flues, gardener's toilet and rest room at Churchlands Church St Hargrave Northants NN9 6BW

Higham Ferrers

14/01384/FUL (06/09/2014) (Info) (LB/CA)/14/01385/LBC (06/09/2014) (LB/CA)(LBRegs) Solar panels to rear roof slope, new windows and doors, new roof light to front roof slope, new canopy above door and new pergola to rear elevation at 17 North End Higham Ferrers Northants NN10 8JB

Irthlingborough

14/01268/FUL (06/09/2014) (Art8) Redevelopment of previously cleared site development, with erection of 21 new dwellings and associated parking, landscaping and new access at Tower Factory Victoria St Irthlingborough Northants NN9 5RG

Kings Cliffe

14/01405/FUL (08/09/2014) (LB/CA) Proposed alteration works, extension and new detached garage

at 21 West St Kings Cliffe Northants PE8 6XB

Nassington

14/01389/FUL (30/08/2014) (Info) / 14/01390/LBC (30/08/2014) (Info) Demolish existing double garage and shed and construct detached dwelling with single garage. Form new vehicle access for existing dwelling with double garage at 35 Church St Nassington Northants PE8 6QG

Oundle

14/01198/VAR (06/09/2014) (LB/CA) Variation of condition 3 (approved plans) to allow larger rear extension pursuant to planning permission 14/00200/FUL Extension to the existing car showroom of approximately 20 sqm 50% of which is to the front of building, 50% to the rear. All existing materials to be reused or matched at 1 Station Rd Oundle Northants PE8 4DB
14/01297/LBC (06/09/2014) (LBRegs) Extension to the existing car showroom of approximately 20sqm 50% of which is to the front of the building, 50% to the rear. All existing materials to be reused or matched at 1 Station Rd Oundle Northants PE8 4DB

14/01343/FUL (30/08/2014) (Info)

Demolition of conservatory and construction of single storey side and rear extension at 12 Tilley Hill Close Oundle Northants PE8 4PU
14/01373/FUL (30/08/2014) (Info) Demolition of existing building and erection of new agricultural sheep building at Oundle Lodge Stoke Doyle Rd Oundle Northants PE8 5TN
14/01394/FUL (30/08/2014) (Info) /14/01395/LBC (30/08/2014) (Info) Alterations to two glazed entrance doors on south elevation and rear exit door at The Old Town Hall Market Place Oundle Northants PE8 4BA
14/01453/FUL (30/08/2014) (Info) Proposed new external staircase at 15 Market Place Oundle Northants PE8 4BA

Raunds

14/01404/FUL (30/08/2014) (Info) Demolition of existing rear conservatory and attached garage elements and erection of two storey side and single storey rear extensions at 70 Stanwick Rd Raunds Northants NN9 6DG
14/01439/FUL (30/08/2014) (Info) Ground floor and first floor rear and side extension, brick wall along part of north boundary. Development of roof space, glazed rear canopy. Existing garage enlarged and repositioned at Harwell Chelveston Rd Raunds Northants NN9 6DA

Ringstead

14/01190/FUL (30/08/2014) (Info) Erection of nine houses and four apartments with associated parking and access at 18 High St Ringstead Northants NN14 4DA

Rushden

14/01349/FUL (30/08/2014) (Info) Erection of two chimneys on industrial unit at Units 2 to 4 Norris Way Rushden Northants
14/01442/FUL (30/08/2014) (Info) Residential development for 5 dwellings at land at 55 Bedford Rd Rushden

Stanwick

14/01406/FUL (30/08/2014) (Info) Installation of 1040 individual solar photovoltaic panels and associated inverters and switchgear to provide a 250kw solar PV installation at Hollywell Farm Chelveston Rd Stanwick Northants NN9 6TZ

Sudborough

14/01347/FUL (30/08/2014) (Info) Erection of a 20m diameter lunge pen, 11m diameter horse walker and erection of six 2.4m x 1.2m mirrors at certain locations around the existing

60m x 40 manege at Stables Slipton Lane Sudborough Northants

Thorpe Achurch

14/01345/FUL (30/08/2014) (Info) Two storey side and rear extension at Corner Cottage and Number 16 Achurch Rd Thorpe Waterville Northants

Thrapston

14/01195/FUL (30/08/2014) (Info) Porch to front elevation at 11 Scotney Way Thrapston Northants NN14 4SA
14/01341/FUL (30/08/2014) (Info) Two storey extension to increase living space to ground floor and to create an additional bedroom on the first floor at 11 Swan Close Thrapston Northants NN14 4TP
14/01458/FUL (30/08/2014) (Info) A garage conversion and front extension consisting of: a small single storey extension with a mono pitched roof, forward of a principle elevation by 90cm. Removal of garage door. Installation of a window to match existing ground floor window. Conversion of garage space to a habitable room at 24 Hever Close Thrapston Northants NN14 4XL

Titchmarsh

14/01350/FUL (06/09/2014) (Art8) Erection of five market value and six affordable dwellings and bungalows at New Brook Farm Islington Titchmarsh Northants NN14 3DG

14/01403/FUL (06/09/2014) (LB/CA) Erection of conservatory at rear of dwelling at The Old Forge High St Titchmarsh Northants NN14 3DF

Woodford

14/01181/FUL (30/08/2014) (Info) New build 4 bedroomed single storey house over 3 levels. Built to Passive House standards and aiming for zero carbon status code level 6. Making maximum use of site contours and utilising materials such as grass roof to make the building invisible from most directions. Building effectively appears to be underground from most directions at OP1619 SP9775 Addington Rd

Ringstead

14/01440/FUL (30/08/2014) (Info) New detached light industrial unit at Wold Lodge Cranford Rd Great Addington Northants NN14 4BH

Woodnewton

14/01396/VAR (30/08/2014) (Info) Variation of condition 2 – drawings pursuant to application 13/01506/FUL – New two storey dwelling with loft room on site of previously demolished dwelling, with associated double garage/car port serving new dwelling and adjacent existing dwelling at Site of 47 Main St

Woodnewton

14/01432/FUL (30/08/2014) (Info) Demolition of existing dwelling and agricultural building and replacement with a new five bedroom two storey detached house at 17 Main St Woodnewton Northants PE8 5EB

The reason for applications being advertised is as follows:
Art8 – Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995.
Info – Non-statutory – included for information only.
LB/CA – Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas Act 1990.
LBRegs – Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990.

David Reed
Head of Planning Services
Dated 16 August 2014

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

Living (very) well in later life

“Both loneliness and isolation contribute greatly to poor mental and physical wellbeing, and we all need to find ways to help older people not to feel cut off from society.”

Northamptonshire County

Council's Chair, Cllr Joan Kirkbride was very clear about this when opening Serve's Wellbeing and Volunteering Centre in Rushden and commented that Serve's Living Well and Active programme was a great

opportunity for older people to reconnect and enjoy life more, while providing substantial health benefits.

Both Cllr Kirkbride and her consort, Alex, were impressed by the range of 'Living Well' activities being offered by

Serve, which include such diverse activities as pub lunches, outings, computer training, arts and crafts, and yoga. As she said: "There's something for everyone here at the Centre."

But Serve's mission doesn't stop in Rushden and Serve provides services, activities and projects throughout Northamptonshire to give people even more of a chance to become involved, helped by Serve's excellent transport scheme run by volunteers

which supports all services delivered by Serve. One recent project, 'Here be Dragons', is a reminiscence project based around capturing local stories and legends from older people, which has reached into the heart of Northamptonshire.

However, as noted by Dr Cate Carmichael, CEO at Serve, "without our willing volunteers, it would be hard to do so much. They give us the extra reach into people's lives



Cllr Joan Kirkbride with Zoe Brown (public relations, Serve), Alice Clarke (apprentice, Serve) and Aimee Ridley (apprentice, Serve)

and into our communities."

In support of this, Cllr Kirkbride paid generous tribute to those people who are willing to go the extra mile and give time freely to help others.

She said: "Volunteers are the back bone of any charity and Serve certainly values their volunteers".

Serve is working hard to recruit, train and support

more volunteers of all ages, and provide even more community based projects.

If you would like to volunteer please contact Diane Eaton, Volunteer Coordinator and If you would like to take part in the 'Living Well' activities, please contact, Liz Clarke, Wellbeing Manager. You can contact them both on 01933 315555.

Church celebrates 300 year anniversary

Ringstead Baptist Church celebrated its 300th anniversary on 15th July with special events at Ringstead Shared Church.

On the first weekend in July there was a Flower Festival, 300 Years' History in Flowers. A band of talented flower arrangers produced the most stunning displays, which depicted episodes from the church's history as well as aspects of faith. A steady stream of visitors enjoyed the spectacle, and the wonderful perfume of the flowers, before spending time watching pictures of old Ringstead over coffee and cakes.

The following Saturday afternoon there was a wonderful Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving. Almost 100 people – present members and friends, former ministers and members, representatives of the Central Baptist Association, and friends from nearby churches – heard an address by Rev Dr Rob Ellis, Principal of Regent's Park College, Oxford, where the ministers in training are based. The singing was led by organist Alan Smith (a

former organist at the church) and the Ringstead Shared Church Music Group. Old friendships were renewed and a great deal of 'catching up' took place over tea after the service. The gift of a beautiful carved cross was received from Christ Community Church, Orlando, with which the church is twinned.

The next anniversary event will be an Organ Concert given by Malcolm Pentelov on Sunday 31st August at 4pm, followed by tea. Admission is by free ticket in advance from 01933 622316/624677. A retiring offering will be for church funds.



Bin business as usual during bank holiday

Please remember that East Northamptonshire Council will collect your refuse/recycling and, where applicable, the brown lidded Garden Waste Service bins on your normal collection day during the week beginning 25th August – the late summer bank holiday.

For more information about rubbish and recycling, go to www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling or call 01832 742026.

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From the ENC Chairman

It has been another busy fortnight representing East Northants as your Chairman. First off, I attended the Northampton University Graduation ceremony where it was wonderful to see the delight of the parents and students whose hard work has paid off.

I also attended the civic service of the Chairman of South Northants Council, which was held outdoors in the town square at Brackley. We were lucky with the weather and enjoyed a delightful performance of the Brackley Morris Men whilst we sang Lord of the Dance, accompanied by the Brackley Brass Band. There was also an interesting interpretation of the story of the Good Samaritan by the Hub, Brackley. This was followed by magnificent refreshments with the most enormous and delicious frankfurters (the diet went by the wayside).

The homecoming parade at Kettering for the Royal Anglian Regiment was an event not to be missed. Under a blazing sun, the Lord Lieutenant, High Sheriff of Northamptonshire, the Mayor of Kettering and the CO of the regiment watched as their band gave us a marvellous performance. The regiment is affectionately termed 'The Poachers' and they have a poacher as their mascot, complete with dead hare. The poacher is actually one of the sergeant majors who is given leave to grow a beard for the occasion. It was good to see the crowds welcome back the regiment after their tour of duty in Afghanistan.

It was a pleasure to hear the Northampton Male Voice Choir at a special service to mark the work of St John Ambulance,

including awards for long service for many of the volunteers.

One of my favourite hymns is Jerusalem and, whether linked to the Commonwealth Games or not I do not know, but I have sung this five times in a week at various services including a civic service in the lovely church of St Andrew in Thrapston.

At the start of August, East Northants Council staff made a tremendous effort to support my chosen charity, PROSTaid which supports those living with prostate cancer. The theme was 'fancy dress starting with P' which inspired some very imaginative entries including several pirates (one with his own alligator), several pandas, a pussy cat, a paramedic, a patient, a punk, a pink lady, a private, a psychic and even Peggy from Hi-de-Hi! Many thanks to all who took part; it was great fun and raised over £170 for PROSTaid.

And finally...I hope you're enjoying the good weather and will take this opportunity to go out and explore some of the fantastic places to visit around East Northants. For ideas visit www.nenevalley.net

ENC Chairman, Cllr Gill Mercer



The homecoming parade of the Royal Anglian Regiment, also known as The Poachers.

Have you had your Invitation to Register?

If you have received an Invitation to Register letter from East Northamptonshire Council, it's because you still need to register under the new system. You can do this online at www.gov.uk/register tovote

Thousands of you were invited to register this month due to the changes in the voter registration system.

If you don't have access to the internet, please consider asking a family member or friend to help you complete the form online. Otherwise, fill in the form you were sent and return it in the pre-paid envelope provided. If you have problems completing the form, call 01832 742119. Please be aware that it will take several minutes to complete the form.

Most residents who were registered to vote have been re-registered automatically and the council wrote to them in July to let them know. This

happened because local electoral registration staff compared the names on their electoral registers to government records to confirm identities. This was done carefully through a secure system that was tested thoroughly.

For many different reasons some people have not matched against government records and therefore cannot be transferred automatically. For example, you may have moved home since the record was last updated.

Before, the head of the household was responsible for registering everyone who lived in the property. From 10th June, people in England register as individuals instead. So don't worry if some members of the household have matched and others have not. Just make sure you are in by completing and returning the form if you have received one.

To find out more about the changes please visit: www.gov.uk/yourvotematters

Council and committee meetings

East Northamptonshire Council makes its decisions at council and committee meetings. Most of these are open to the public and start at 7.30pm in the council chamber, Cedar Drive, Thrapston.

There are nine meetings arranged for September, ranging from Development Control to Policy and Resources. Visit www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/meetings to view the full calendar of meetings, agendas, reports and minutes.

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 10am for 10.30am start
 £2 for non-members
 Tel. Peter 01933 396826
www.northamptonshire-shamblers.org.uk
 Enjoy a leisurely circular walk with friendly company in beautiful countryside. Optional meal afterwards.

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

Monday 18th August
Higham Ferrers WI
 The Adult School, Westfield Terrace, Higham Ferrers 2.15pm
 Tel. Olga Earl 01933 412848
 We are celebrating our 30th anniversary. If you are free on Mondays why not join us?

Monday 18th and Sunday 31st August
Try Fishing
 Irthlingborough Lakes and Meadows Nature Reserve 9.30am–2.30pm
 Free
 Tel. Claire Wylde 01604 405285 claire.wylde@wildlifebcn.org
 Join a fishing taster session with local experts to show how it's done. Booking required.

Monday 18th – Thursday 21st August
Lyveden 50 Things
Activities: Guess What's Lurking at Lyveden!
 Lyveden New Bield 10.30am–5pm
 Normal property admission charges.
 Tel. 01832 205158
www.nationaltrust.org.uk/lyveden
 Themed, self guided children's activities.

Friday 22nd, Saturday 23rd, Sunday 24th
Movies under the Stars
 Movie 1 on Fri 22nd Aug – Raiders of the Lost Ark (Cert PG); Movie 2 on Sat 23rd Aug – Dirty Dancing (Cert 12A); Movie 3 on Sun 24th Aug – Top Gun (Cert 12A)
 In the Outdoor Theatre at Stanwick Lakes
 Film starts at 8.45pm – gates open 6.30pm
 Adults £7.50/Under 15's £5 – Book on 01933 625522 (10am–5pm) or billetto.co.uk/starmovie1 or 2 or 3. Credit card bookings online. Cash bookings only at Stanwick Lakes
info@rfrtrust.org.uk or 01933 625522
 Massive 40 sqm screen with HD picture. Picnics welcome – hot food also on sale. Free parking.

Friday 22nd August
Pond Dipping
 Lyveden New Bield 2pm–4pm, hourly timed sessions throughout the day
 Normal property admission charges plus £2 for pond dipping
 Tel. 01832 205158 www.nationaltrust.org.uk/lyveden
 Come along to our 'Fab Friday' pond dipping. Find out what's lurking in the moats.

Friday 22nd & Saturday 23rd August
Woodford Stock
 The Dukes, Woodford, Northants NN14 4HE 11am–midnight
 Free entry
 Live bands, BBQ, raffle, real ales, cider and stalls.

Saturday 23rd August
Music in Glapthorn
 Glapthorn Church 7.30pm
 £7
www.glapthornchurch.org.uk
 Tel. Gill Johnston 01832 273798
 An evening of light-hearted music with Barnwell Purely for Pleasure choir and Ruth Palmer.

Sunday 24th August
Priest's House Summer Exhibition
 Priest's House, West Street, Easton on the Hill 2pm–4.30pm
 Free entry. Donations accepted.
 Tel. Paul Way 01780 762619
 Exhibition of British Railway posters painted by local artist Victor Millington in a 1950s style.

Sunday 24th August
Morning Worship
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Sunday 24th and Monday 25th August
Flower Festival, Open Gardens, Teas and Scarecrows
 Glapthorn village near Oundle, PE8 5BE 2pm–5pm on Sunday and Monday
www.glapthornchurch.org.uk or Tel. Gill 01832 273798
 Flower Festival and teas all weekend. Fete Sunday 24th, Open Gardens Monday 25th.

Southwick Hall Open Days
 Southwick Hall, Southwick Near Oundle PE8 5BL 2pm–5pm (last admission 4.30pm)
 Adults £7/Child £3.50
 Tel. G Bucknill 01832 274064
 Medieval/Elizabethan manor house with family, archive and local life exhibitions. Grounds and refreshments.

Woodford Open Gardens
 Woodford Village, nr Thrapston 1pm–5pm
 £3 per adult, children free
 Tel. Brian 01832 734929 or bmearns@rocketmail.com
 Over 15 gardens, some new, tickets (valid both days), and plant stall on village green.

Monday 25th to Thursday 28th August
Lyveden 50 Things
Activities: Lazy Days
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 26th August
A Sywell Stroll
 Meet at the Sywell Country Park (NN6 6QX) 7pm
 Walk is free but there is a car park charge.
 Tel. Andrew Presland 01933 316927
 A short evening stroll, organised by Whitefriars Church, Rushden, but all are welcome.

Wednesday 27th August
Job Club
 No. 1 St Osyths Lane, Oundle, PE8 4BG 9.15am–11am
 Free
 Tel. Stephanie 01832 770010
 A free job club for all, helping you step by step into employment. Free breakfast!

Friday 29th August
Wild Art
 Lyveden New Bield 2pm–4pm, hourly timed sessions throughout the day
 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 30th August
Garage Sale in Higham Ferrers
 Various locations in town 9am–1pm
 £5 for a map of sites
 Tel. Liz 01933 396 926
 Type of car boot sale of goods on drives/garages etc.

Artisans' Day
 Chichele College, Higham Ferrers 10am–4pm
 Free admission
 Arts and crafts: exhibition, sale and demonstrations.

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Afternoon Teas and Cakes
 Laxton Village Hall 3pm–5pm
 Tel. Tim Gilbert 01780 450005 tim@grapevinecomms.biz

Tuesdays In August
Exploring East Northants by Bus
 Raunds–Wellingborough Area. 9.15am–11.30am or 9.15am–2.15pm
 Maps From £2.50, (includes bus costs)
 Tel. 01933 461480 (answerphone available)
 Various self-led routes and distances, suitable for everyone. Option to join in with the group.

Every Tuesday and Thursday (except Christmas and New Year)
Health Walks
 Stanwick Lakes 10am–11am
 Free – normal car park charges apply
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LICENSING ACT 2003
Notice of application for variation of a premises license (section 34)

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The licensing register may be inspected at the licensing authority East Northamptonshire Council, East Northamptonshire House, Cedar Dr, Thrapston, Kettering NN14 4LZ.

Any representation by a responsible authority or interested party must be made in writing to the above address between 7th August and 4th September 2014.

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East Northamptonshire Tennis League

Kettering A secured the Mens Division One title with a decisive victory over Thrapston B, ending Corby's one-year tenure as championship title holders.

Chris Brigstock / Wayne Tideswell and Phil Smith / Jamie Hills all enjoyed straight set wins as they eased to an 8-0 triumph.

Corby T.C. A look to be destined for the runners-up spot with victories against Thrapston B and Geddington A respectively. Against Thrapston the Corby quartet were in imperious form. Iain / Scott Wetherell beat Phil Taylor / Jeremy Nicholas 6-1, 6-1 and Simon Hossack / Tom Roberts 6-0, 6-2. Luka Gagrca / Paul White defeated Taylor / Nicholas 6-0, 6-2 and Hossack / Roberts 6-2, 6-0. Geddington A did not fare so well,

though John Fuller / Graham Love did claim a 6-4, 0-6 half against the Wetherell pairing.

Geddington's fortunes changed when they entertained Kettering B. Fuller / Love halved 6-1, 6-7 against Jon Burrows / Jamie Hills and then followed up with victory over Mihai Diac / Dominic Whalley. Paul Rowden / Steve Brown also beat Diac / Whalley but went down 6-1, 6-4 to Burrows / Hills leaving the home side 5-3 winners.

Kettering B bounced back five days later with a 7-1 success at Desborough. Hills / Adam Brown were the mainstays picking up all four sets while the hosts Dave Henson / Alisdair Orr grabbed a consolation point halving 1-6, 6-0 with Diac / Whalley.

Rockingham belied their position near the foot of the table with a fighting performance against Thrapston A. Three of the four matches were halved and it was Mark Stockley / Martin Welsh who narrowly beat Andy Phippen / Gareth Street 6-3, 6-4 to see Thrapston home 5-3.

Mens Division One

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Kettering A	8	8	0	0	61
Corby T.C. A	6	5	0	1	38
Geddington A	7	4	1	2	33
Thrapston A	7	4	1	2	33
Kettering B	7	3	1	3	30
Desborough	7	2	1	4	21
Rockingham	5	0	1	4	9
Thrapston B	6	0	1	5	6
Burton Latimer B	5	0	0	5	1

United Counties Leagues – Fixtures and results

RESULTS from 09.08.14

United Counties League Premier Division
AFC Rushden & Diamonds P vs Sleaford Town P (Postponed)
Harrowby United 2 – 0 Wellingborough Town

United counties League Division One
Bourne Town 3 – 7 Irchester United
Bugbrooke St Michaels 2 – 3 Thrapston Town
St. Neots Town Y&S 2 – 3 Rushden & Higham United
Stewarts & Lloyds Corby 0 – 3 Wellingborough Whitworth
Woodford United 1 – 2 Raunds Town

FIXTURES for 22.08.14

Raunds Town vs Wellingborough Whitworth

FIXTURES for 23.08.14

United Counties League Premier Division
Peterborough Northern Star vs AFC Rushden & Diamonds
Wellingborough Town vs Boston Town

United counties League Division One
Northampton Spencer vs Thrapston Town
Rushden & Higham United vs Olney Town
St. Neots Town Y&S vs Irchester United

FIXTURES for 29.08.14

United counties League Division One
Peterborough Sports vs Irchester United
Thrapston Town vs Wellingborough Whitworth

Chess Corner

By Derrick Sims

It is pleasing to report that the Rushden Chess Club championships have drawn to a close. After many months of anguish and titanic battles it is now possible to reveal the pecking order in the Club.

Peter Hann completed a formidable 'triple whammy' and new boy James Gardner put in a stunning performance.

Gardner routed the opposition in defeating the previously unstoppable Ganger brothers. The battlefield was strewn with the casualties of war as the stunned Ganger brothers faced the formidable force of Gardner's armies. They will not take this lying down and I look forward to seeing how they react next year.

RCC Standard Open – 2014

1st James Gardner 3.0 pts
2nd Rajan Ganger 2.0 pts

RCC Rapid Open – 2014

1st James Gardner 4.0 pts
2nd Sajan Ganger 3.5 pts

Previous champion Peter Hann ended up sharing the spoils with Bob Ellam in the 'Standard Major' with third placed Peter Curtis just failing to spoil the party.

RCC Standard Major – 2014

Equal 1st Peter Hann 6.0 pts
Bob Ellam 6.0 pts
3rd Peter Curtis 5.5 pts

The 'Rapid Major' again featured 'Hann the Man' taking top place with the indomitable James Wicks coming a creditable joint second alongside Peter Curtis.

RCC Rapid Major – 2014

1st Peter Hann 4.0 pts
Equal 2nd James Wicks 2.0 pts
Peter Curtis 2.0 pts

The remaining Blitz championships saw Alan Lewis winning the 'Open' and Peter Hann completing a 'triple whammy' in the 'Major'.

RCC Blitz Open – 2014

1st Alan Lewis 2.0 pts

RCC Blitz Major – 2014

1st Peter Hann 4.5 pts

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