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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Lottery grant for Ringstead Cinema

For the last three seasons Ringstead Cinema has been given technical support by Oundle Cinema and has used their Outreach equipment.

Now Ringstead has received a Big Lottery Fund grant enabling the purchase of a new projector and blackout blinds.

Donations were also received from two organisations in the village. The projector will be permanently installed and the blinds will mean the film season can be extended.

The new season of films begins with *Philomena* (12A) on Friday 26th September at Ringstead Village Social Club. Doors open at 7.30pm and the film starts at 7.45pm. Tickets £4. Contact 01933 460373 for further information.

### Archer achieves personal best

Local archer Brad Denny (Archers of Raunds) has just returned from China where he competed in the Youth Olympic Games and achieved his best individual result yet at international competition.

Brad made it to the quarter finals of the individual competition and finished his Olympic campaign ranked in eighth place out of the 32 competing male archers.

For more information about Archers of Raunds please visit [www.archersofraunds.co.uk](http://www.archersofraunds.co.uk)

# Oundle rower enjoys summer of success

Over the summer, Oundle School pupil, Anna van de Braak (16) represented Oundle School Boat Club (OSBC) at two prestigious rowing events including the British Rowing Junior Championships, where she and her fellow crew members received bronze medals.

At the British Rowing Junior Championships on 20th July, Anna competed in a composite Junior Women's Eight. Featuring rowers from five clubs in the eastern region, the crew came third overall, claiming the bronze medal.

There was a strong field, with the race being won by Henley Rowing Club, who

went on to represent Great Britain over the summer. This was the first national medal for a number of the crew members, including Anna.

At the Henley Women's Regatta back in June, Anna was part of a composite crew, racing in a Junior 16 Quad with rowers from Hollowell Scullers, St Neots Rowing

Club and Stowe School.

Rowing Coach at Oundle, Jeff Roche, commented: "The crew had limited training time, and with only three practice sessions before the regatta the crew performed well in the time trials and were one of the 16 crews to qualify for the knockout side-by-side racing. Their first round race against Star Rowing Club was close, but a good row from a well-drilled Star crew meant that the composite crew were beaten by one-and-three-quarters lengths. Despite the loss, it was a promising performance from the girls and a great opportunity to compete at a prominent event."

Anna said: "The experience of both regattas has been absolutely amazing. It was my first year competing at these events, and although we had very little time training together we also did our own training separately. I was thrilled to

receive a bronze medal."

Anna has spent the last year developing her technique and fitness in a single scull. Following a tough easter quarter when the local river was flooded, Anna went on to compete at the National Schools' Regatta in her single and battled through knockout rounds to make the finals of two different events at the Star Regatta in June. Anna will be the Girls' Captain for OSBC for the coming year.

Mr Roche added: "Training to compete at this level is never easy and it has been good to see Anna rise to the challenge and make the transition to training regularly with more purpose and consistency. Her experiences show that there are opportunities for those with the drive and ambition to compete at a high level, and I hope that she can use these achievements to motivate herself and others in the coming year."



Anna in BRJC boat

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# School drama group plays to Edinburgh Fringe

Over the summer, a cast of Oundle School pupils rounded off their school drama careers in style with their production of *Just at the world's largest arts festival, the Edinburgh Festival Fringe.*

The pupils returned to Oundle in early August for rehearsals before travelling to Edinburgh for seven nights of further rehearsals and performances at Paradise in St Augustine's, just off the Royal Mile in the heart of the Fringe.

Just, a play by the Booker nominated writer Ali Smith, originally commissioned for the National Connections Festival, is a dark comedy whose political themes are couched in the absurdist traditions of Kafka, Ionesco and Brecht. At the centre is a corpse impaled with an umbrella, a blind judge, townspeople who speak in a comic chorus, an amnesiac malaprop cop, and a passionate outsider mourning an agrarian age. Their story is one of personal tragedy, the perversion of justice, a community's sinister undertone, told with Ali Smith's trademark wit and wordplay.

Play director and Oundle School English teacher, Andrew Martens, commented: "After working so intensely as a group, the cast formed a tight unit and gave consistently stellar performances to appreciative audiences, including many current and old Oundelians in Edinburgh for the festival."

Emma Kemsley-Pein said: "Just was certainly a challenging play to work on. It is far from run of the mill and as a result we had to really push ourselves and think outside the box in terms of how we were going to portray our characters and our interaction with others onstage."

"The political nature of the play is thought provoking and encouraged us to consider the wider effects of imbalances of justice and power. I'm sure I can speak on behalf of the whole cast when I say it was an unforgettable week in Edinburgh."

When not on stage, the pupils enjoyed the Royal Mile and other areas packed with festival-goers, handing out fliers to prospective punters, and soaking up the atmosphere of such a unique cultural experience.

Everyone took full advantage of the vast opportunities to enjoy the wealth of theatre on tap, and by the last night each pupil had seen at least 20 different shows over the course of the week.

The cast included pupil leavers Robbie Younger (18), Livvy Sellers (19), and Georgie Anstey (18), with current pupils Emma Kemsley-Pein (17), Alex Wallitt (17), Monica Dahiya (17), Annabelle Sherwood (17), Dylan Martens (16), and Polly Halstead (17) as stage manager.

Livvy Sellers will be starting a course at Central Drama School later this year.



Oundle School pupils

## Higham choir honours Henry Chichele

On the Monday and Tuesday of the August Bank Holiday, the choir of St. Mary's Higham Ferrers travelled to Canterbury to sing evensong, close to the tomb of Henry Chichele, Higham's benefactor, who was appointed Archbishop of Canterbury 600 years ago.

The choir of some 40 men, women and juniors had wanted to celebrate the Chichele anniversary in music, and was invited to sing at this, the most important cathedral in the Church of England. They had spent the last year raising money to pay for transport and

all overnight expenses.

On the Tuesday a second coach went from Higham taking parishioners on a Canterbury pilgrimage. Tuesday evening saw the choir concluding evensong, by singing William Byrd's Sacerdotes Domini around the beautiful Chichele tomb.

Music Director, Tony Edwards said: "It was a marvellous experience for all of us, a great privilege and a very moving experience for the choir to be able to honour Henry Chichele in this way, on behalf of the whole town. Now it's back to psalms and anthems each Sunday at St. Mary's."



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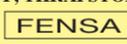
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There are also walks planned for those wanting to look after their health or get fit including two regular Health Walks and Nordic Walking with Fiona Fiander. Fiona, of Rushden Nordic Walking is offering taster sessions on Friday 26th and Saturday 27th September.

She said: "We are really keen for people to come and have a try on the Friday of Stanwick Lakes Walking Week as it is National Fitness Day, and people all over the country will be joining in and taking their first steps to getting fit and keeping healthy."

For more information about Walking Week at Stanwick Lakes, visit [www.stanwicklakes.org.uk](http://www.stanwicklakes.org.uk), the Stanwick Lakes Facebook page or email [info@rfrtrust.org.uk](mailto:info@rfrtrust.org.uk)



Stanwick Lakes Nordic Walkers warming up before a walk

## LNR cadets pay tribute to Rushden Lance Corporal

On 28th August members of the Leicestershire, Northamptonshire and Rutland (LNR) Army Cadet Force (ACF), whose units are affiliated to a number of local regiments including the 9/12th Lancers, gathered in Rushden to remember and celebrate the life of Lance Corporal Harry Knight.

Harry was from Rushden and was a member of the 12th Lancers when he was killed in battle, exactly 100 years earlier; he was the first soldier from Rushden to be reported killed.

It was on 28th August 1914 that the 12th Lancers made a charge against the Prussian Dragoon Guards near the village of Moÿ-de-l'Aisne, northern France. This was one of the last events of its kind in modern

warfare and was where Harry Knight lost his life to an enemy bullet, just a month after the start of the conflict.

Major Tony Turner, Officer Commanding, D Company, LNR ACF, said that the members of Leicestershire, Northamptonshire and Rutland Army Cadet Force were proud and honoured to be present

to represent the regiment and stand with the family of Lance Corporal Knight to pay tribute to a 'Brother Lancer'.

He commented: "We do not forget, we remember; we remember Lance Corporal Harry Knight and give thanks for his life and his sacrifice, simply saying 'Thank you Harry, may god bless you and watch over you, we will never forget'."



Cadets with Harry Knight's nephew

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offer to the existing town centre and other proposed developments in the area. The proposals will help to publicise town centre shops and provide additional car parking to strengthen the use of Irthlingborough town centre. It is proposed that elements of the famous heritage of Rushden & Diamonds FC will be conserved in a new setting. The proposals will be

on show to the public at Huxlow Science College from 4pm to 7pm on Friday 19th September and 10am to 2pm on Saturday 20th September.

The public consultation will enable the community to give its views on the future of Nene Park.

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- 1 lemon – juice and zest
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- Salt and pepper
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- Extra virgin olive oil for drizzling (optional)

### METHOD

- Place a deep-lipped frying pan or wok onto a medium-low heat, add the olive oil and garlic and gently fry for a minute. Be careful not to burn or brown the garlic too much as this will make it bitter.
- Turn the heat up to medium.
- Add all the vegetables, the lemon zest and a pinch of salt and pepper.
- Use two wooden spoons (metal spoons tends to cut the vegetables) and gently toss the vegetables to coat them well with the olive oil and garlic.
- Continue to toss and gently fry the vegetables for about five minutes.
- Boil enough water to just cover the vegetables.
- Once you have finished frying the vegetables, turn the heat to high and add the boiling water. Add salt to taste to the water.
- Boil rapidly until the vegetables are just done but still a bit crisp. You can test this with the point of a sharp knife.
- Drain the vegetables and put into a serving bowl.
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"This varied and unusual line up of concerts in my first Music in Quiet Places series," he explains, "and should appeal to a broad audience. I hope it might tempt some who maybe think classical music is not for them to come and try it out."

Launching the season on Friday 26th September at 7.45pm in St Peter's Church in Oundle will be 'Letters from the Front' – a

combination of songs inspired by a world at war and soldiers' letters, performed by Adam Sullivan (tenor), Joseph Padfield (baritone) and Gavin Roberts (piano).

The events of four long years during WW1 inspired an outpouring of extraordinary words and music from some of the greatest writers and composers of the age – on both sides of the conflict – Butterworth, Elgar, Fauré, Gurney, Hindemith, Korngold, Poulenc and Puccini among many others.

As well as poetry and music, these years also produced writing of a more intimate and personal nature as young soldiers wrote letters to keep their families up to speed with life on the Front Line. Read by young men from Oundle and Prince William schools, this evening is a tribute to the fallen and to those left behind.

On Friday 10th October in the Church

of St Mary Magdalene in Geddington at 7.30pm folk/early music specialists Alva will entertain the audience with street songs from Shakespeare's time. In those days the streets were full of singers, competing to be heard. With cries and songs they spread the latest news, spun fabulous tales or sold their wares. They even brought Shakespeare himself to the streets with ballads telling gripping tales of King Lear and Titus Andronicus, or the mad pranks of Puck.

A captivating cast of Shakespearean characters make an appearance during the programme together with fairies, ghosts, goblins, and even the devil himself, in this concert which celebrates the 450th anniversary of the Bard's birth.

And to round off the autumn season will be the wonderfully inventive Schubert-based folk-rock band, The Erklings.

Comprising three classically trained multi-

instrumentalists, the band will perform new arrangements of Schubert's finest songs in fresh and original English translations. Equally comfortable in an elegant concert house or a noisy club, The Erklings are the only group around getting audiences dancing to Goethe and Schiller.

The band was founded by American baritone and classical guitarist Bryan Benner after finally discovering a way to mix his passion for modern songwriting and his love of Schubert's Lieder. Bryan joined forces with Austrian percussionist Thomas Toppler and Austrian cellist/brass specialist Gabriel Hopfmüller and thus The Erklings were born. Taking place on Friday 7th November at 7.30pm in Prince William School hall, Oundle, this is one concert not to be missed.

For more information contact the Box Office on 01832 274734 or visit [www.oundlefestival.org.uk](http://www.oundlefestival.org.uk).



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## Notice of planning applications received

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

### 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/dcnotification](http://www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/dcnotification)

### Apethorpe

14/01570/FUL (04/10/2014) (LB/CA) Installation of uPVC double glazing units to the east elevation of the rear extension at The Old Village Hall Main St Apethorpe PE8 5DL

### Ashton

14/01575/FUL (27/09/2014) (Info) Addition of new roof light to south-western side elevation to proposed en suite shower room at Manor House The Green Ashton PE8 5LD  
14/01577/LBC (04/10/2014) (LB/CA) Internal alterations at ground floor level to include: kitchen remodelling, removal of pantry area and replacement of kitchen floor with insulation and incorporated damp-proof membrane. At first floor level: to include the formation of an additional bedroom and new en suite to main bedroom, with an additional roof light to southwestern roof slope at Manor House The Green Ashton PE8 5LD

### Benefield

14/01516/LBC (04/10/2014) (LB/CA) (LB/Regs) Replace broken and woodwormed rafters x6; replace woodwormed and weakened joist x11; replace woodwormed and weakened floorboards; replace one section of floorboard with glass floor to allow light through to upstairs landing at 15 Main Street Lower Benefield  
14/01564/FUL (04/10/2014) (LB/CA) Replacement of existing modern conservatory and the erection of a two storey extension, to provide additional living space including a dining room at ground level and additional space to the bedroom at first floor level. The existing modern conservatory is to be replaced with a timber garden room at Manor House Main St Lower Benefield PE8

### Brigstock

14/01221/FUL (27/09/2014) (Info) Exchange of house type to provide a detached dwelling and garage. Planning permission granted ref 02/00318/FUL – smaller dwelling now proposed at Pumping Station site rear of 16 Stanion Rd Brigstock NN14 3HW  
14/01590/FUL (30/09/2014) (Info) Single storey extension to form annexe living accommodation at 30 Stanion Rd Brigstock NN14 3HW

### Collyweston

14/01249/FUL (27/09/2014) (Info) Erection of replacement building, landscaping (to include bund) and minor alterations to an existing building to provide secure vehicle parking at Builders Yard Slate Drift Collyweston

### Easton-on-the-Hill

14/01588/FUL (04/10/2014) (LB/CA) Proposed replacement windows and doors at Easton House 54 Church St Easton On The Hill, PE9 3LL  
14/01600/FUL (04/10/2014) (LB/CA) (Info) Demolition of breezeblock porch, stone garage, stone store and two breezeblock greenhouses at 37 West St Easton On The Hill PE9 3LS

### Glaphthorn

14/01601/FUL (27/09/2014) (Info) Demolition of existing rear

single storey extension and erection of two storey rear extension at Raintree Benefield Rd Glaphthorn PE8 5BQ

### Harringworth

14/01500/FUL (04/10/2014) (LB/CA) Insert new half-glazed timber French doors in the north facing gable end; replacing the existing modern window with a thermally efficient timber framed window with fenestration to match the historic windows; removal of the modern red brick chimney stack; replacement of the corrugated roof with new clay pantiles; replacement of uPVC rainwater goods in cast aluminium (additional works to those covered by 14/00369/FUL and 14/00371/LBC) at 51 Wakerley Rd Harringworth

### Higham Ferrers

14/01505/FUL (27/09/2014) (Info) Retrospective: Proposed detached garage with playroom/study over at 75 Wharf Rd Higham Ferrers NN10 8BQ  
14/01532/FUL (04/10/2014) (LB/Regs) (LB/CA) Replacement of existing shop front at 69 High St Higham Ferrers NN10 8DD  
14/01538/FUL (27/09/2014) (Info) Erection of conservatory (4440 x 3018) to rear elevation of property at 11 Vine Hill Drive Higham Ferrers NN10 8EF

### Irthlingborough

14/01047/FUL (27/09/2014) (Info) Change of use from B1 (office) to D1 (day nursery) at Unit C Diamond Business Centre Attley Way Irthlingborough NN9 5GF  
14/01120/LBC (04/10/2014) (LB/Regs) Internal alterations to allow for change of use from B1 (office) to D1 (day nursery) and alterations to southwest courtyard to form play area. Installation of sink units, children's WCs, wash hand basins, water pipework. New soil pipework to attach existing and join main sewerage system through the south wall; removal of existing partitioning; reopening of a vent from the existing kitchen. Power trunking and electrics to be removed and internal pipework and radiators to be boxed in. External resurfacing to southern courtyard. Erect timber boundary fencing. All external pipework to be housed at

Unit C Diamond Business Centre

Attley Way Irthlingborough  
14/01634/FUL (04/10/2014) (Info) (LB/CA) Single storey rear extension to include new dining area, cold store and patrons toilet facilities at 33 High St Irthlingborough NN9 5TE  
14/01636/FUL (27/09/2014) (Info) Single storey side extension to existing house at 28 Middle Grass Irthlingborough NN9 5TW

### Kings Cliffe

14/01576/FUL (04/10/2014) (LB/CA) Two storey side extension at 4 Forest Approach Kings Cliffe PE8 6XG  
14/01593/FUL (04/10/2014) (Info) (LB/CA) Single storey extension to create bedroom at 85 Wood Road Kings Cliffe  
14/01643/FUL (29/09/2014) (Info) Removal of existing conservatory and replace with sunroom. at 71 Park St Kings Cliffe PE8 6XN

### Little Addington

14/01354/OUT (27/09/2014) (Info) Outline: Erection of two dwellings with outbuildings (all matters reserved except access and scale) Hillside Farm Irthlingborough Rd Little Addington NN14 4AS  
14/01489/FUL (27/09/2014) (Info) Reduction of public house trading area and change of use and conversion of part of existing public house to create one dwelling with adjustment of existing public house vehicular access and forming an additional vehicular access to serve the new dwelling. Construction of double garage to the proposed dwelling at The Bell Inn High St Little Addington NN14 4BD  
14/01490/OUT (27/09/2014) (Info) Outline: Site for the construction of one new dwelling with double garage (all matters reserved except for access) at The Bell Inn High St Little Addington NN14 4BD

### Oundle

14/01453/FUL (04/10/2014) (LB/CA) (Info) Proposed new external staircase, conservation roof lights and alterations to rear wall at 15 Market Place Oundle PE8 4BA  
14/01578/FUL and 14/01579/LBC (04/10/2014) (LB/CA) Erection of a single storey side/rear extension; infill of existing carport/covered

area; erection of porch to front; alterations to fenestration; erection of replacement garage/store; part demolition, alteration and re-building of Lorne Cottage including creation of a swept parapet roof, alteration/part demolition of walls/boundary treatments and associated landscaping at Lorne Cottage And Lorne House 38 Market Place Oundle PE8 4AJ

### Raunds

14/01605/VAR (04/10/2014) (Art8) (Info) Variation of condition 16 – CSH levels pursuant to application 07/02238/OUT – Outline application for residential development at Darsdale Farm and Rushmere, Chelveston Rd, with all associated highway, access and other infrastructure works (all matters reserved except means of access) at Darsdale Farm Site Chelveston Rd Raunds NN9 6DA

### Rushden

14/01509/FUL (27/09/2014) (Info) Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 1no new bungalow with detached garage at 312 Newton Rd Rushden  
14/01515/FUL (27/09/2014) (Info) Conversion of garage into habitable room and single storey extension to rear at 47 Quorn Rd Rushden NN10 6UU  
14/01531/FUL (04/10/2014) (LB/CA) Installation of new external ATM to replace existing, new aluminium ATM surround and new ATM signage at 75-79 High St Rushden NN10 0NZ  
14/01553/FUL (27/09/2014) (Info) Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of pair of detached dwellings with associated detached garages at 180 Avenue Rd Rushden NN10 0SW  
14/01612/FUL (27/09/2014) (Info) Wrought iron structure positioned on base of old bandstand to be used as a rose arbour and to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the 2012 Olympics (retrospective) at Hall Park High St South Rushden NN10 9NG

### Stanwick

14/01556/FUL (27/09/2014) (Info) Proposed new first floor rear

bathroom to be built over existing single storey sun room at 38 Spencer Parade Stanwick NN9

### Sudborough

14/01110/FUL (30/09/2014) (Info) Change of use of farmland to equestrian. Alterations to existing barns, erection of hay barn and construction of all-weather area with associated parking works at New Lodge Farm Slipton Lane Sudborough NN14 3BW

### Thrapston

14/01587/FUL (04/10/2014) (Info) (LB/CA) Replacement of corrugated asbestos roof sheeting on part of roof with slate to match main part of roof at 10 Chancery Lane Thrapston NN14 4JL

### Thurning

14/01635/FUL (29/09/2014) (Info) Single storey permanent dwelling (to replace temporary dwelling under P.P. 10/01392/FUL) at Tandee Nurseries Barnwell Rd Thurning PE8 5RH

### Warmington

14/01619/REM (27/09/2014) (Info) Reserved matters: Erection of a detached two storey dwelling (all matters reserved except access) pursuant to application 13/00257/OUT at The Red Lion Peterborough Rd Warmington PE8 6TN

### Yarwell

14/01505/LBC (04/10/2014) (LB/Regs) (Retrospective) To provide additional support to the first floor bathroom to enable a disabled adaptation to be carried out at 19 Mill Rd Yarwell E8 6PS

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.  
LB/Regs – Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990.

David Reed  
Head of Planning Services  
Dated 13 September 2014

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

# Tour of a lifetime



Oundle School hockey club

**This summer saw Oundle School's girls' hockey club make the most of the long school break, with a three-week overseas tour.**

In the heat and humidity of Malaysia, the sun of Sydney and the rain of New Zealand's winter, the group of 34 girls played a total of 20 matches against local schools and clubs. They soon found that playing on tour is very different to playing school matches during the hockey season – one of the major benefits of such tour experiences.

Large squads and some challenging conditions (not to mention weather variances) helped develop the players' understanding of the fast and frequent substitutions that are now part of hockey. The girls made the most out of the opportunity to play in new positions, therefore gaining a better understanding

of different types of defensive press and formations.

New skills and ideas were tested out in competitive matches, something which is not always possible during term time. This helped boost the girls' confidence and soon saw them trying aials, drag-flicks and transferring the ball more often, improving their game considerably.

Overall, the tour offered much in the way of developing the pupils' hockey, not least by playing both club sides and school teams whose patterns and ideas were well established. The girls were also lucky enough to train at Sydney's Olympic Stadium under the guidance of Larry Macintosh, Head Coach at the NSW Institute of Sport.

Throughout the tour, the standard of hockey was well balanced, with the Oundle girls winning nine, drawing three and losing

eight of their games. For coaches, such balance on tour is important as it shows that the challenges faced were appropriate for developing the teams.

As with any school tour, time away from pitches and planes is a must as it gives pupils valuable opportunities to expand their cultural and linguistic horizons. Highlights are often those times spent with host families, with the pupils learning about the places they are visiting.

Time was spent exploring the cities, with surfing in Sydney and climbing the iconic Sydney Harbour Bridge being two memorable experiences. Malaysia and Australasia offered tremendous contrasts, from the bustle of Kuala Lumpur's markets and temples to Sydney's Taronga Zoo and then on to the crafts and culture of New Zealand's Maoris.

Travel, matches and exploring meant a packed and challenging itinerary, but the girls returned eager to start the hockey season in September and with a strong appetite to explore the Far East further in future years.

The Great War commemoration on 4th August coincided with the tour's stop in New Zealand, and the girls took the opportunity to mark 100 years since war was declared, by laying a wreath at the New Zealand Cenotaph in memory of the Old Oundelians and the ANZACS who gave their lives.

Gareth Terrett, Head of Hockey at Oundle, commented: "The tour offered a tremendous amount for the girls. Not only did they have a lot of fun travelling together and exploring new places, but they improved their level of hockey significantly thanks to the amount of tour time dedicated to matches and skills.

"Ideas on the pitch have now been established and these will filter into teams at

all levels in the school. All the tour members had the opportunity to play against older and more experienced players. In doing so, they learned a great deal about team play and ways in which to develop their own skills. I am now very much looking forward to seeing their experiences being put into practice this coming season."

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# From the Chairman of East Northamptonshire Council

The highlight of my past two weeks was the opportunity to take one last look at the ski slope at Rushden Lakes before the bulldozers take it down.

Work started on the site a few weeks ago and the undergrowth was cleared and checked to make sure there was no colony of protected newts there.

Barton Plant Limited, part of the Bennie Group, have been contracted to remove the slope and have already taken the digger on site. The earth from the mound will then be tested and unless it is found to be

contaminated, it will stay on site and become the earth beneath the new car park areas.

To celebrate its demise, a small group of people who were connected to the Rushden Lakes campaign gathered, including John Wills who started the ski club at Rushden Lakes.

Now the fight for Rushden Lakes has been won and we are about to see this landmark site transform the area – not only in the look of the site itself, but by bringing jobs and prosperity to East Northants. Personally having fought so hard for

it, attending every day of the three-week hearing, it is wonderful to see it come to fruition.

A poignant event in August was the commemoration of the day that Great Britain entered the First World War, 100 years ago. A service was held at the War Memorial in Rushden at which I read a poem. We must never forget the sacrifice that these men made for us.

I also enjoyed the Proms in the Park in Rushden Hall Park. Having started this now annual event when I was Mayor of Rushden five years ago, it is wonderful to see that it has become a Rushden tradition and is enjoyed by many people every year.

September sees the start of a busier period for Mayors and Chairmen with lots of events after the relative quiet of August. Let's hope we get a bit more sunshine before autumn sets in.

ENC Chairman,  
Gill Mercer

Ski slope at Rushden Lakes



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**6th–28th September (weekends only)**

**Watercolour Exhibition:**

**Michael Aubrey**  
The Old Hind Gallery, 34 West Street, Oundle PE8 4EF  
10am–6pm (weekends only)  
Admission free  
Tel. 01832 272492  
[www.michaelaubrey.co.uk](http://www.michaelaubrey.co.uk)  
Paintings from many countries at Oundle's 'secret gallery' in the walled garden of a 16th century drovers' inn.

**Saturday 13th September National Heritage Open Day at Rushden St. Mary's Church**

10am–1.30pm and 3pm–5pm  
Michael Wadsworth 01933 357253  
Guided tours to belltower, escorted tour of the church (if required), church trail and light refreshments.

**Ride and Stride**

Between churches in Northamptonshire  
10am–6pm  
Sponsorship forms and church lists from [emdoherty@sky.com](mailto:emdoherty@sky.com) or local church.  
Sponsored walk or cycle ride between churches in aid of Historic Churches Trust.

**Make Art like a Roman!**

Stanwick Lakes Visitor Centre  
12noon–4pm  
Free event  
[r.patching@rftrust.org.uk](mailto:r.patching@rftrust.org.uk)  
Make artwork inspired by Roman artefacts, led by a contemporary artist.  
Booking necessary for printmaking workshop.

**13th & 14th September Art Exhibition at Chichele College**

Higham Ferrers  
10am–4pm  
Free  
[vixart@live.co.uk](mailto:vixart@live.co.uk)  
Various styles of art using different mediums, from acrylic to bamboo fibre.

**Sunday 14th September Film: The Grand Budapest Hotel (15)**

Stahl Theatre, West Street, Oundle  
Bar and Ticket Office open 7.15pm, programme starts 7.45pm. £5 adults, £3 under 18s. Tickets from Oundle Festival Office. Tel. 01832 274734 or on the door.  
1930s hotel concierge Gustav's life involves theft, a family fortune and being framed for murder.

**Monday 15th September Higham Ferrers WI**

The Adult School, Westfield Terrace, Higham Ferrers

2.15pm  
Olga Earl on 01933 412848  
The subject will be 'Protecting your Assets' by Barry Matthews. New members most welcome.

**Family History**

St James' Church Hall, Thrapston  
7.30pm  
Visitors £2.50  
[tdhs40@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:tdhs40@yahoo.co.uk)  
Tel. 07891 778407  
First World War theme.

**Tuesday 16th September Seven Springs Tasting & Skype from Amps Fine Wines**

6 Market Place, Oundle PE8 4BQ  
7pm prompt  
£15  
[danielle@ampsfinewines.co.uk](mailto:danielle@ampsfinewines.co.uk) / Tel. 01832 273502  
Enjoy South African wines made by an English couple complemented by Boewerors sausages.

**Thursday 18th September Oundle Art Group Meeting**

Olive Grove, Polebrook  
1.45pm–3.45pm  
Free  
Jane Sanders 01832 226495; Chris Yates 01832 226395.  
Painting/sketching. Meet in car park, tea in cafe.

**RSPB Mid-Nene Local Group Indoor Meeting**

Saxon Hall, Raunds  
7.30pm  
£3 (children free)  
Graham Bell 01536 725924  
'The Wonder of Clouds' – an illustrated talk by Ian Loxley of the Cloud Appreciation Society.

**Thrapston District Historical Society Meeting**

St James' Church Hall, Thrapston  
7.30pm  
Visitors £2.50  
[tdhs40@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:tdhs40@yahoo.co.uk)  
Tel. 07891 778407  
'Best Foot Forward': Talk by Kevin Varty.

**Discovery Walks**

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**Friday 19th September Raunds Mayor's Charity Golf Day**

Rushden Golf Club  
1pm  
£40 (£30 if member at RGC)  
[pwathen@btinternet.com](mailto:pwathen@btinternet.com) or Tel. 01933 622087

Annual Pairs Stableford event in 7th year in aid of National Autism and Canine Partners.

**Rushden & District History Society**

South End Junior School, Wymington Road, Rushden NN10 9JU  
7.30pm  
Members £1.50, non-members £2.50, all welcome.  
Tel. 01933 350038 for more information.  
Malcolm Deacon – 'Tudor Northamptonshire'.

**Friday 19th & Saturday 20th September Denford Village Hall**

7.30pm (doors open at 7pm)  
Tickets £5  
Tel. 01832 733677  
Denford Thespians go 'Over the Top' with a revue featuring songs, sketches and monologues with a wartime theme.

**Saturday 20th September Movies Under the Stars: Dirty Dancing Encore (Cert 12A)**

Stanwick Lakes Outdoor Theatre  
Open 6pm – film starts 8.15pm  
Adult (15 and over) £7.50 + 50p fee; child (under 15) £5 + 50p fee. Normal car park charges apply.  
Book online <https://billetto.co.uk/starmovie4> or Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/stanwickoutdoorfilm>  
Watch this 1980s classic on a really BIG screen. Bring a picnic and escape the stuffy front room. Hot food also available to purchase.

**Baby/Kids Nearly New Sale**

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

**Bordeaux & Food Experience**

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**Messy Church**

Rushden Salvation Army, Church Street, Rushden  
4pm–5.30pm  
Free

Gill Valentine 01933 353528  
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**Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st September Apple Weekend**

Lyveden New Bield  
10.30am–5pm  
Normal property admission charges.  
Tel. 01832 205158  
[www.nationaltrust.org.uk/lyveden](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/lyveden)  
A celebration of apples! Tasting, juicing, identification, children's activities and all manner of family fun.

**Sunday 21st September Film: The Lunchbox (PG)**

(Hindi/English with subtitles)  
Stahl Theatre, West Street Oundle  
Bar and Ticket Office open 7.15pm, programme starts 7.45pm.  
£5 adults, £3 under 18s  
Tickets from Oundle Festival Office, Tel. 01832 274734 or on the door.  
Charming film about the unexpected friendship between two strangers through exchanging lunchbox messages.

**Leisurely Walk**

The Lamb Inn, Little Harrowden  
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£2 for non-members  
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[www.northamptonshireshamblers.org.uk](http://www.northamptonshireshamblers.org.uk)  
Sociable circular walk via Oringbury. If not lunching, please do not use pub car park.

**Bird Walk with Bob Webster**

Stanwick Lakes  
9am–11am  
£1 per person, free to members of Stanwick Lakes.  
Booking recommended.  
Standard car parking charges apply.  
Walk around Stanwick Lakes and identify the birdlife with local ornithologist Bob Webster.

**Morning Worship**

Whitefriars Church at Whitefriars Junior School, Boughton Drive, Rushden NN10 9HX  
10.15am  
Free  
Philip Evans 01933 316834  
An informal church service to which everyone is welcome.

**Monday 22nd September Ramble with a Ranger**

Stanwick Lakes  
10.30am–12noon

£1 per person, free to members of Stanwick Lakes.  
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**Tuesday 23rd & Thursday 25th September Start of Rushden Runners – Beginners/Returners**

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Return of yoga class (course code is AILVH200C0)

**Thursday 25th September Oundle Art Group**

Tansor Village Hall  
1.45pm–3.45pm  
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Jane Sanders 01832 226495; Chris Yates 01832 226345.  
'Autumn Colours' – indoor practice session, bring any media.

**Friday 26th September Mayor of Higham Ferrers' Coffee Morning for Macmillan**

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# United Counties League news and results

## DOUGHBOYS AXE WATTS

Wellingborough have parted company with manager Ben Watts and assistant Ash Civil after the Doughboys lost their first three league games and exited the FA Cup at the first hurdle. The pair only arrived at the Dog & Duck in April and were in charge for just ten games in total, just one of which ended in victory.

Taking over is a joint managerial partnership of Joe Smyth and Steve Herring. The duo left Burton Park during the pre-season and previously enjoyed great success at Whitworth. Smyth has also been in charge at Thrapston and begins a second spell in charge of the Doughboys having held the reins from October 2008 to May 2009. Steve's brother, Mark Herring, will assist the new bosses.

The incoming management are poised to introduce new blood to the squad after taking a couple of games to assess the players inherited. Former AFC Rushden & Diamonds midfielder Louis Smith has become the first new recruit brought in by Smyth and Herring.

New faces signed by the previous management team include defender Rashid Koriya from AFC Rushden & Diamonds and front men Jake Reynolds (Rushden & Higham) and Jordan Crawford (Stewarts & Lloyds).

The new regime kicked off with a 3-2 defeat at Harborough on 30th August, but fared better in their second match in charge, a 4-2 win at Desborough on 2nd September. A Gokhan Ulker double and singles from Michael Cirelli and Scott Liebscher gave Wellingborough their first win of the new campaign.

## EXPERIENCED DUO CHECK IN AT THRAPSTON

Thrapston have added a couple of seasoned campaigners to the Chancery Lane squad in recent weeks.

Frontman Chris DiFante, formerly with Kettering and Corby and more recently with Wellingborough, has signed for Thrappo along with wide man Dan Grainger who finished last season with Desborough.

Younger Town captures are wideman Matt Smith from the AFC Rushden & Diamonds under 21 side and former St Neots goalkeeper, Alex Vitue.

## LANKIES ADD TO SQUAD

Rushden & Higham made a couple of eve of season signings to strengthen their squad for the new campaign.

An experienced capture is Cogenhoe midfielder Jed Ainge, while a younger recruit is former Corby youth team full-back Fred Devereaux, who also had a spell with Sileby last season.

## SHOPMATES ADD TO ATTACKING INTENT

Raunds have added to their attacking capabilities by bringing in a couple of new faces.

Dave Townsend, returning from Huntingdon, has been among the goalscorers, scoring five times so far, while Scotland youth cap Lewis Hallford has joined from Buckingham. A wide player, he has played in the Scottish League for Elgin City.

Irchester have midfielder Jake Gillingwater back in the fold after a spell with AFC Rushden & Diamonds.

## STRONG START TO CUP FOOTBALL FOR DIAMONDS

After reaching the third qualifying round last season AFC Rushden & Diamonds needed a preliminary round replay at Bedford Town to dispose of the Eagles. An excellent performance saw Tom Lorraine,

Jason Turner and Matt Gearing on target in a 3-0 success over their higher grade hosts. A late Gearing goal in the Dog & Duck meeting had given Diamonds a second chance. Diamonds had earlier beaten Oxhey 5-1 at the Dog & Duck with a Fazel Koriya hat-trick, a Turner effort and an own goal.

## Chess Corner

By Derrick Sims

**In a couple of articles recently I've highlighted leading chess players making basic errors in competition matches. This must be particularly galling for them knowing that their schoolboy errors will come under scrutiny from players around the world.**

One such error occurred in this year's Politiken Cup. This competition is held annually in Denmark and has a long history stretching back to 1979. It attracts many of the top players and gives an opportunity for up and coming players to pit themselves against the Grand Masters.

Round One of this year's competition saw Richard Rapport, a Grand Master from Hungary competing against Tim Rogers from Hackney. Although Tim is not a Grand Master he has a very high ranking and should not have been out of his depth. Rapport was playing white and started with the king's pawn moving two squares – this is regarded as one of the most popular openings, as

it frees the queen and the king's bishop. Richard later moved his queen to e2 which was crucial to the checkmate that came after five moves.

Tim was beaten in less time than it took him to consume the coffee and rye bread breakfast in his hotel that morning. One can only speculate about his reception at Hackney Chess Club. I'm sure they treated him very gently.

For those of you who want to reproduce Tim's embarrassing blunder and are familiar with chess notation, the game is as follows: 1. e4 c6 2. Nc3 d5 3. Qe2 dxe4 4. Nxe4 Nd7 5. Nd6# {Checkmate.}

Chess is a game for people of all abilities, disabilities, and lifestyles. Rushden Chess Club loves welcoming new members, so do come along to a meeting if you're interested in playing chess in a very friendly environment. Club / County chess info: [rushdenchessclub.com](http://rushdenchessclub.com) & <http://www.norchess.lloydbunday.co.uk>.

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