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NEWS IN BRIEF

Prayer room now open

Rushden Salvation Army has opened a Prayer Room, which is available for public use from Monday to Friday, 9am–2pm.

This is a quiet room that allows visitors to pray in a very relaxed atmosphere. Entrance is through the reception on Church Street. More information is available from Gill Valentine on 01933 353528.

Players wanted

Adult badminton players are wanted to join a friendly club which meets at King John School, Thrapston on Mondays, 8pm–10pm.

For further information call Clive on 01933 461568.

Quiz night

An evening of fun and entertainment is expected on Saturday 25th October, when Laxton Village Hall hosts its Quiz Night.

Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7pm prompt start. In addition to the quiz there will be a raffle, reverse bingo, a grand auction, magic from Larry and music by David.

Tickets cost £8 per person – includes hot and cold nibbles (bring your own drinks). Teams of six will be organised on the night. Come along and enjoy a great evening whilst supporting two worthy causes.

Seating is limited so please book your places as soon as possible by calling Derek 01780 450475 or Tim 01780 450005.

Oundle housing development scheme blocked following public inquiry

East Northamptonshire Council has successfully defended an appeal against a proposed housing development in Oundle, after a formal appeal was made by the planners.

The proposal to develop up to 95 dwellings on land between St Christopher's Drive and the A605 Oundle Bypass was refused by East Northamptonshire Council in October 2013 on the grounds that it went against the Rural North, Oundle and Thrapston Plan (RNOTP).

Persimmon Homes appealed this decision in November 2013, arguing that the council could not demonstrate five years' deliverable supply of housing land, which is a requirement of national planning policy. The inability to meet this requirement would normally lead to the granting of planning permission on appeal, regardless of whether or not a proposed scheme fits the Local Plan.

At a public inquiry held in June, a number of issues were discussed, evidence was presented and plans scrutinised. The Inspector was satisfied that East Northamptonshire Council

East Northamptonshire Council



currently has housing land supply for 3,865 dwellings, which equates to nine years' worth. Given that the council is easily able to demonstrate a robust five-year housing land supply, the Inspector concluded that the scheme's

obvious conflict with the adopted Local Plan (RNOTP policies 1 and 2) was strong enough grounds on which to dismiss Persimmon Homes's appeal.

Steven North, Leader of East Northamptonshire Council,

said: "We're pleased with the decision and are confident that this should reduce future risks of further speculative applications for development schemes on unallocated 'greenfield' sites throughout the district."

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Friends of Glapthorn School celebrate another successful year

Over 20 families and members of staff recently celebrated another successful year for the Friends of Glapthorn School (FOGS), by enjoying an afternoon of business and pleasure together.

Whilst the AGM was held, some of the adults and children worked up an appetite by going up to the local woods on a nature hunt, led by Bug Life Chief Executive and Glapthorn School parent Matt Shardlow, before returning to a bring and share tea.

This year's FOGS activities – including fetes, clothing collections, raffles and secondhand

uniform sales – raised over £4,300 which funded 20 new computers for the school and several places on the annual residential trip for Year 3 and 4 pupils. FOGS also continued to play a vital role in strengthening the school community by organising events such as the regular Film Club for children and the 'Adult Enrichment' programme for parents.

With the final decision about the move to the two tier system being made in November, Glapthorn School is preparing to make the possible change from a position of strength, with exciting plans for additional new facilities.



Manor School pupil secures place on national sports programme

Bradley Denny, a sixth form pupil at Manor School Sports College, Raunds, has secured a place on UK Sport's World Class Performance Programme.

Having reached the quarter finals in the Men's Individual Archery event at the Youth Olympics in Nanjing, China this August, Bradley is looking to represent the UK at the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro.

The programme ensures that athletes with medal winning capabilities get the support they need at every stage of their development. This includes coaching, training and competition support, medical and scientific services and access to the best facilities that the UK has to offer.

Bradley, aged 17, is currently in his second year of sixth form, studying BTECs in Sport and ICT. The school is

supporting Bradley by offering flexible lesson times to meet his training needs.

Principal Linda Brooks commented: "Bradley, through hard work and determination, is on track to achieve the ultimate goal in sport – representing your country in an Olympic Games. I am delighted that his considerable efforts have been rewarded with this place on the World Class Performance Programme."

Church concert in Thrapston to commemorate war dead

St James' Church, Thrapston will host a performance of Berlioz's Requiem for Tenor Solo, Chorus and Orchestra on Saturday 25th October in commemoration of those who died during the First World War.

A 40 strong chorus of local singers has been rehearsing for the event since mid-September and will be accompanied by a large orchestra, including four brass ensembles, playing from the Gallery.

This rarely performed work creates a stunning sound, and promises to be a truly

fitting tribute to all who fell in the Great War.

The event has been organised in collaboration with the Royal British Legion, Thrapston Historical Society and Thrapston Town Council.

Ticket purchase details: Nave seats, Adult £10, Child £5; Gallery (restricted view) Adult £8, Child £4. Available from chorus members, Jollys Toy Shop, High Street, Thrapston and from Music Director, Vincent Davy. Tel 01832 733586 or email vincedavy@hotmail.com

The concert will begin at 7.30pm. Early booking is advised.

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If there is a matter that you would like to raise, drop us a line. Please remember, however, that the purpose of this feature is to stimulate a healthy, constructive debate on subjects of general public interest in our area. We will not support the pursuit of personal vendettas, or publish derogatory or defamatory letters. What might you want to discuss? Judging from the correspondence we have

already received, there are several questions that are of particular interest: Does the new 'superfast' broadband work for you? How is the new LED street lighting working in your area? Is your town or village thriving and what can you do if it isn't? How does the County Connect bus service work for you?

So, please let us have your letters at news@nenevalleynews.co.uk or post to Nene Valley News Ltd, Unit 4, Eastwood Road, Oundle, PE8 4DF

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Oundle festival welcomes schoolchildren to launch

Andrew Spurrell, Chairman of Oundle Festival of Music & Drama welcomed pupils from Oundle Primary School at Oundle Bookshop recently, to discover the set books for the 2015 festival.

Also present at the syllabus launch was Cllr Gwen Radcliffe, Oundle Town Mayor, who was

delighted to announce the council's sponsorship of the Junior Speech & Drama prizes.

Oundle Festival of Music & Drama is a competitive festival for amateur performers of all ages. Running from 15th to 18th April 2015, there are a wide variety of solo and group classes to choose from.

Last year, instrumental groups included brass

bands and string quartets; singers and choirs performed pop hits, songs from the shows, opera solos and barbershop harmonies; and the drama ranged from comic verse to Shakespeare sonnets.

For further details visit www.ofmd.org.uk or call 01832 273191. Closing date for entries: 28th January.

Vision for Raunds – Your town needs you!

The Vision for Raunds community group has now produced a Draft Community Plan and Action Plan.

Raunds Town Council took the decision at the start of 2013 to ask the townsfolk to share their opinions and aspirations for Raunds in the next decade. To facilitate this they held a series of public meetings. Following on from this, a Vision for Raunds Steering Group was formed with an independent chairman. The Town Council then took a step back, allowing the community group the freedom to conduct the survey.

The plans were launched at the Town Carnival and are now available for residents to view and comment on. They can also be viewed online at the Raunds Town Council website <http://www.raunds-tc.gov.uk/> and at www.vision4raunds.wordpress.com/

Additionally, copies are available at the Raunds Library. We are required to consult with residents and so need your feedback on the content, prior to presenting the plans for possible adoption by the town council.

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Visitors to Rushden Community College's recent Open Evening encountered a Tardis and Derrick the Dalek on arrival, part of a special Doctor Who display set up for the event.

Learning Resources Centre Manager, Tracey Frohawk said: "Visitors had the opportunity to be photographed in the Doctor's Tardis

and thoroughly enjoyed themselves."

Fortunately nobody was 'exterminated' by the Dalek.

The Tardis was constructed by Design Technology Technician, Ricky McLaren and Derrick the Dalek was obtained by Head of Science, Angela Smith. The display was arranged by Tracey with the help of her assistant, Maria Quantrill and students at the college.



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East Northamptonshire Council will be adopting this legislation to ensure the safety of those hiring boats in the district.

Licensing will apply to all pieces of water in the district of East Northamptonshire where boats are available for hire by members of the public.

The licence fee will be set at £150 for a new licence and £100 for a renewal.

All existing businesses have until 31 March 2015 to apply for a boat for hire licence.

For further information please contact:
In writing: Julia Smith, Health Protection Manager, East Northamptonshire Council, Cedar Drive, Thrapston, NN14 4LZ
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Entries will be divided into three age groups: 7-9, 10-12 and 13-15 years. There will be prizes for the two best stories in each age group – a £50 voucher to spend in local Colemans shops for first place and a £25 voucher for second place.

We are grateful for the support of Colemans, who are providing sponsorship, and for the help we've received from the team at East Northamptonshire Libraries. We have also written to headteachers throughout the district to let them know about the competition.

So please let us have your stories. They should be up to 500 words long and sent to us, preferably by email to news@nenevalleynews.com. Alternatively, entries can be posted to NVN Story Competition, Unit 4, Eastwood Road, Oundle, PE8 4DF. The closing date for entries is 21st November 2014 and we aim to announce the results by 6th December 2014, so winning entrants should receive their vouchers before Christmas. Judging will be done by the Nene Valley News Editorial Board, supported by representatives from Colemans and East Northamptonshire Libraries. The winning entries will be printed in the newspaper.

Get writing!

Oundle Fairtrade/Eco Christmas Market returns

Oundle's popular Fairtrade/Eco Market will be held again this year in St Peter's Church, on Saturday 8th November from 9am to 2pm.

A wide variety of handmade/recycled crafts, cards, Fairtrade foods and gifts will be on sale. There will also be the

opportunity to find out more about local green issues.

Charity Christmas cards will be on sale as usual, and Father Christmas may make an appearance at about 11am. Come and browse, enjoy a cup of tea or coffee, and do some ethical Christmas shopping.

SPOTLIGHT ON OUNDLE

DEVELOPMENTS AT OUNDLE SCHOOL

Since the days when F W Sanderson was Headmaster (1892-1922), Oundle School has been recognised as the foremost engineering school in the country. Oundle's science provision has also been distinctive; not least with SciTec, the award-winning and innovative science complex which opened in 2007 with 16 state-of-the-art laboratories. The school has many other outstanding features and over the next decade it will build on its strengths, with two multi-million pound development projects: completing the SciTec Campus and fulfilling a Sports MasterPlan. Both developments will see the provision of cutting-edge facilities to maintain the school's academic and sporting heritage.

The SciTec Campus is designed to fulfil the school's original ambition for SciTec, linking together the sciences, mathematics, design, technology and engineering both physically and philosophically. Construction is due to commence in April 2015 with

works completed by September 2016. A new mathematics department will be built adjacent to the first SciTec building, whilst the Patrick Centre will be extensively refurbished and re-designed to offer facilities and opportunities in new fields such as nanotechnology and robotics. Plans include new design and technology laboratories, new classrooms and four open-plan workshop bays, whilst retaining the current 'large projects' space for which the school is famous. The environmental features of the current SciTec will be replicated, including photovoltaic cells on the roof and construction methods that maximise natural light, ventilation and thermal efficiency.

The Sports MasterPlan will improve the facilities and spectator experience for sport which will benefit pupils, local clubs and others using the facilities. Developments include new hospitality venues as well as increased and improved car parking facilities for sports centre users. The MasterPlan also incorporates a new

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Council seeks public opinion

People are being asked to give their views on proposals to change how Northamptonshire County Council's household waste recycling centres (HWRCs) are run.

As part of last year's budget setting process, the county council's cabinet agreed to review the service to deliver £1million of savings over a four-year period.

Now, following an evaluation of the HWRC provision, a plan has been drawn up as to how the service could work.

Proposals include closing the HWRC at Wollaston, one of 10 centres run by the council, as well as changing the number of days that sites are open and revising opening hours.

The closure of the Wollaston HWRC has been suggested to help the county

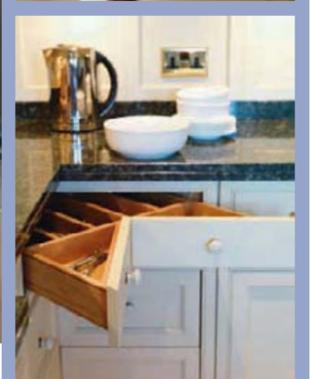
council save money. The site receives fewer users and less waste each year than the other nine sites but still costs a similar amount to run, making it relatively poor value for the taxpayer.

Additionally, Wollaston is well served by three other nearby HWRCs, including the newly redeveloped site at Rushden.

People have until 31st October to complete a questionnaire about the proposals. The survey is available online at www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/hwrc and leaflets are being distributed at the 10 HWRCs alerting people to the online survey.

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multi-sport indoor sports centre, which will offer enhanced leisure benefits to the local community. Throughout the development, which will take place over the next decade, the school is working closely with local planners and the Forestry Commission to ensure appropriate guardianship of the grounds, including significant re-planting of trees and landscaping. The first phase, comprising one refurbished and two new astroturf pitches as well as a state-of-the art cricket pavilion, is due for completion in 2015.

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SPOTLIGHT ON OUNDLE FOR NENE VALLEY FESTIVAL

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- 25th October–2nd November: Magic Tree Trail. Follow the trail and find out more about the magic trees. Barnwell Country Park. 10.30am–1pm. £4 for trail sheet, arts and crafts materials and pumpkin. For more details Tel 01832 273435.
- 26th October: Lyveden Way countryside walk. Enjoy a four mile guided walk along

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- 27th October–31st October: Halloween at Lyveden. Have some fun at Lyveden this Halloween with crafty art workshops and trails happening every weekday during half term. Lyveden New Bield. 10.30am–5pm. £2 per child for activities. Tel 01832 205158.
- 30th October: Halloween Happenings at Oundle Market. Enjoy face painting from Arty Designs, pumpkin carving, Halloween crafts by Caroline Kisby, pottery tiles to paint and much more! Tel 01832 272 055.
- 31st October: Zombie Walk. Starting at Smiths at No 4. £10 includes homemade soup and bread. Two walks at 7pm and 8pm. Tel 01832 272055.
- 8th November: Discovery tours at Lyveden New Bield. A guided tour around the main features of the Garden and the Garden Lodge. 2pm–3.30pm. Free event (admission charge applies). Tel 01832 205158.

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- 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/dnotification

Benefield

14/01752/VAR (01/11/2014) (Info) (LB/CA) Variation of condition 3 – swept path analysis and condition 4 – boundary pursuant to application

13/00507/FUL – Change of use from commercial (hotel rooms) to residential dated 16.05.2013 at The Benefield Wheatsheaf Main St Upper Benefield PE8 5AN

Bulwick

14/01757/VAR (25/10/2014) (Info) Variation of condition 3 – visibility splays pursuant to planning permission 14/00906/FUL dated 23.7.14 Parking area for three cars and new vehicle access at 3 Blatherwycke Rd Bulwick NN17 3EU

Collyweston

14/01795/FUL (25/10/2014) (Info) Remove existing garage, shed, greenhouse and oil tank and erect rear extension and make alterations including removal of chimneys, re-rendering of all elevations in off white and erect detached garage within the rear garden of the property at 12 Main Rd Collyweston Stamford

Easton-on-the-Hill

14/01775/FUL (01/11/2014) (Info) (LB/CA) Demolition of a three bedroom bungalow to be replaced with a four bedroom, one and a half storey detached dwelling with minor alteration to the vehicular access at 41 West St Easton On The Hill PE9 3LS

14/01792/LBC (01/11/2014) (LBRegs) Demolition of two breezeblock greenhouses at 37 West St Easton On The Hill PE9 3LS

14/01797/FUL (25/10/2014) (Info) Extend existing part of ground floor to 1.5 storeys at 33 Porters Lane Easton On The Hill PE9 3NF

14/01832/FUL (01/11/2014) (Info) (LB/CA) Proposed detached oak framed garage at 17 High St Easton On The Hill PE9 3LN

14/01833/LBC (01/11/2014) (LB/CA) (LBRegs) Proposed detached oak framed garage at 17 High St Easton On The Hill PE9 3LN

Glaphorn

14/01729/FUL (01/11/2014) (Art8) To demolish existing conservatory and erection of a single storey rear extension at The Granary 6A Lower Farm Main St Glaphorn PE8 5BE

14/01731/LBC (01/11/2014) (LBRegs) To demolish existing conservatory and erection of a single storey rear extension at The Granary 6A Lower Farm Main St Glaphorn PE8 5BE

Islip

14/01689/LBC (01/11/2014) (LBRegs) Removal of existing boiler and flue, chemical and magna cleanse (power flush) and installation of new Grant Spira wood pellet condensing boiler and left hand hopper in existing position at 15 School Lane Islip NN14 3LQ

Little Addington

14/01713/FUL (25/10/2014) (Info) Proposed side extension at Clover Cottage Top End Church Walk Little Addington NN14 4AY

Nassington

14/01245/FUL (25/10/2014) (Info) Revert original shop part of property to a vintage tea room and retailing of associated/vintage items; single storey extension to rear to provide toilet and kitchen area at 50 Church St, Nassington PE8 6QG

Oundle

14/01669/FUL (25/10/2014) (Info) Single storey dwelling at 131 Glaphorn Rd Oundle PE8 5BA

14/01766/LBC (01/11/2014) (LB/CA) (LBRegs) Paint shopfront and replacement signage at 14 West St Oundle PE8 4EF

Raunds

14/01758/FUL (25/10/2014) (Info) Two new dwellings with detached garages at land adj The Willows House Brooks Rd Raunds

Rushden

14/01380/FUL (01/11/2014) (Art8) Conversion of former shoe factory (Grade II listed) to form eight x one bedroom flats and twelve x two bedroom flats including demolition of 20th century extension and north light sheds plus creation of 20 allocated parking spaces incl one disabled parking space, 20 cycle store area and addition of bin store at Grenson Shoes Ltd Queen St Rushden

14/01382/LBC (01/11/2014) (LBRegs)

Demolition of 20th century extension and north light sheds, conversion of former shoe factory (Grade II listed) to form eight x one bedroom flats and twelve x two bedroom flats incl removal of staircase and goods lift. Windows and doors to be replaced to match existing with some changes to fenestrations, repointing of external brickwork, existing roof to be inspected and insulated/waterproofed as required with existing slate re-used if possible. A new stair core, bin store and cycle store, external works and associated internal works at Grenson Shoes Ltd Queen St Rushden

14/01753/FUL (25/10/2014) (Info) Alterations to roof/extension to provide bedrooms and en suite bathroom at 332 Newton Rd Rushden NN10 0SY

14/01772/FUL (25/10/2014) (Info) Erection of three chimneys on industrial unit at Unit 2 Norris Way Rushden NN10

14/01822/FUL (25/10/2014) (Info) Proposed rear extension and roof alterations at 252 Newton Rd Rushden

Thrapston

14/01679/FUL (01/11/2014) (LB/CA) Change of use from (A2) financial and professional services to (C3) residential at 1 – 3 Bridge Street Thrapston NN14 4JW

Warmington

14/01734/FUL (25/10/2014) (Info) Demolition of existing garage, storage building and greenhouse and construction of new carport, greenhouse, storage building and studio building at 43 Church St Warmington PE8 6TE

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 11 October 2014

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

New calendar showcases the sights of Oundle



Calendar captures the landscapes of Oundle

The Friends of Oundle Library recently held a party to celebrate the launch of their third Scenes Around Oundle calendar, which each year raises money to improve the facilities at Oundle Library.

Pictures for the calendar were taken by local amateur photographers, who entered a special competition at Oundle Horticultural Society's Annual Show. Photographs for 2015 capture key events of the past year, as well as some of the wonderful countryside around the town.

Anne Lovely, one of the county's Principal Librarians, attended the launch party and announced an exciting new refurbishment being planned at Oundle Library. Work will start soon to install a new office for

Registration Services, which will be available for library customers to hire at other times. Money raised from the sale of the Friends' calendar will be used to help fund some of these planned improvements.

The Scenes Around Oundle calendar costs just £7 and can be purchased at Oundle Library and in various shops in the town.



Wildlife Trust prepares for festival

Discover local people's fascinating stories about the Nene Valley this month with the Wildlife Trust.

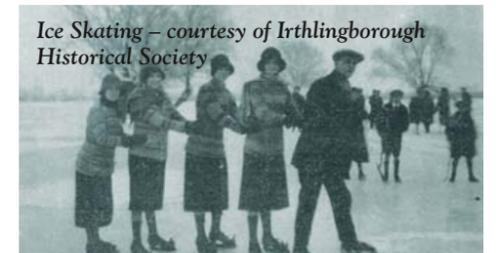
This month the Wildlife Trust is taking part in a new festival celebrating the unique world class wildlife, culture and heritage of the Nene Valley.

The Nene Valley Festival will take place between 24th October and 8th November and will feature over 20 organisations at key locations along the Nene Valley from Northampton to Oundle. The festival is a must for wildlife and culture lovers of all ages who are looking for inspiration, tranquillity and new experiences.

Join the Wildlife Trust for the Memories of the Nene Valley film premiere on Tuesday 28th October, 7pm–8.30pm at St Peter's Church, Irthlingborough to discover local people's fascinating stories about the area. If you're looking for a way to entertain the kids during half-term, enjoy an afternoon of spooky creepy-crawly fun at Irthlingborough Lakes and Meadows nature reserve on Friday 31st October, 2pm–4pm, if you dare!

Or join the Wildlife Trust for the Community Volunteer Day at Irthlingborough Lakes and Meadows on Saturday 18th October, 10am–2pm. Get a wildlife workout, meet new people and have fun while helping your local wildlife.

For more information about these Wildlife Trust events contact Claire Wylde on 01604 405285, email claire.wylde@wildlifebcn.org or visit www.wildlifebcn.org. You can also visit www.nenevalley.net and follow @_nenevalley #nenevalley2014 on Twitter for up-to-date information on the festival programme.



Ice Skating – courtesy of Irthlingborough Historical Society

When I grow up I want to be...

Spraying water from fire engine hoses, testing out handcuffs and setting off sirens were just some of the highlights when members of the local emergency services visited Oundle Primary School.

The school's Year 2 pupils were learning about jobs and police and fire officers were on hand to answer questions about what their role within the local community involves.



Pupils get involved

Local pupils to stage music event for hospices

Kirstin Blakemore, a pupil at Manor School Sports College, Raunds is organising the M.A.D. Youth Tribute, a music and dance show to raise much needed funds for two hospices.

St Wilfrid's Hospice, Eastbourne, cared for Kirstin's grandfather for 11 months, until his death earlier this year. Cransley Hospice, Kettering looked after the mother of one of Kirstin's friends.

The tribute will be held at Manor School Sports College on Friday 24th October at

7pm. Ticket prices: Adults £5, Concessions £3 available from ticketsource.co.uk/date/124388

A fun evening is planned, with a raffle to top off the event. Prizes include a tour of Parliament and the Terrace from local MP Andy Sawford, bottles of Chateauf-neuf-du-pape and Grant's whiskey donated by A F Blakemore & Son.

If you can't attend but still want to donate, visit these JustGiving pages <http://justgiving.com/madyouthtribute> <http://justgiving.com/madyouthtribute2>



M.A.D. Youth Tribute

A smooth ride for town visitors

After a successful bid by Cllr Dudley Hughes for funding from the Government grant to Northamptonshire County Council, Raunds now provides a smooth drive as you enter the town.

Repairs to the county's roads have been moving at a pace during the good weather

this summer. NCC spends over £12 million each year on improving roads. Owing to last year's bad weather an extra £1.2 million was received to help with the backlog. On top of that NCC has received £3.3 million for pothole repairs, which is good news for road users, as by the end of the year there will be 63,000 fewer potholes in our county.

Public exhibition outlines plans for Warth Park

Residents can have their say this month on proposals for a new supermarket and neighbouring KFC restaurant in Warth Park, Raunds.

A public exhibition will be held on Monday 20th October at Saxon Hall. Plans for the new stores will be on display and the event will be attended by representatives of the project team.

Members of the local community will be able to ask questions about the development and give their feedback. A planning permission application will be submitted following the exhibition so that views from the public can be taken into account.

The proposed 15,000 sq ft food store would primarily serve Raunds and the surrounding area. It is hoped that if planning permission is granted both the supermarket and the KFC outlet will be open within 12 months.

Warth Park is owned by Roxhill Developments and the second phase of development has provided units for DPD and Dr Martens. Transport company DSV has also confirmed that it will open on the site, with

construction of a 411,000 sq ft depot due to begin before the end of the year.

Once completed, the second phase of Warth Park is expected to create up to 1,500 jobs for the local economy.

Development Director, Simon Williams of Roxhill Developments said: "We're keen to hear from the public on these plans at Warth Park. It's important to get feedback from the local community as this will help shape the planning application before it is submitted.

"I encourage all residents to come along and find out more about the proposals, which will significantly improve the shopping provision in the town and surrounding area as well as boosting employment."

The public exhibition will be held at Saxon Hall, Thorpe Street, Raunds, NN9 6LT between 1pm and 8pm. The opening times are intended to allow residents who work during the day the opportunity to come and give their views. The exhibition is a drop-in event and there is no need to book.

ROXHILL AT WARTH PARK

A new foodstore for Raunds



Warth Park public exhibition

Monday 20 October 2014, 1pm to 8pm at Saxon Hall, Thorpe Street, Raunds NN9 6LT

Please come along to the exhibition to learn more about proposals to open a foodstore at Warth Park in Raunds. Plans also include the opening of a KFC restaurant.

Members of the project team will be available to answer your questions and listen to your views.

The exhibition is a drop-in event and there is no need to book. Come along to have your say.

www.roxhill.co.uk

Fantastic new Biffa Award funded swings and sculptures at Stanwick Lakes

A hexagonal swing and animal sculptures, funded by Biffa Award, have been officially opened at Stanwick Lakes.

Cllr Gill Mercer, Chairman of East Northamptonshire Council was accompanied by a gang of happy children and representatives from Biffa

Award to celebrate and try out the new play equipment.

Stanwick Lakes is a great place to get outdoors and spend time with your family. The Adventure Trail, with a rope bridge, zip slide and climbing rock, is a popular place for families to explore when they visit Stanwick Lakes. Made possible by a £15,000 grant from Biffa

Award, the new hexagonal swing is proving to be a hit with children, and the animal sculptures add an extra dimension, enabling younger children to play alongside their older siblings.

Julian Menham from Biffa was present at the opening: "It was great to see Biffa Award money in action and the children

enjoying the swings at Stanwick Lakes today."

So, when your family

visits Stanwick Lakes this autumn, make sure you explore the Adventure

Trail, try out the swing and clamber over the giant wooden ladybird or snake!



New swing at Stanwick Lakes

Local charity joins coalition to tackle reading crisis among under 11s

Local children's literacy charity Beanstalk is part of a new campaign to get all children reading well by the age of 11. Called 'Read On. Get On.' the coalition is made up of teachers, parents, businesses and charities.

It is estimated that 1.5 million children will reach the age of 11 unable to 'read well' by 2025 unless urgent action is taken to tackle the reading crisis. Shockingly, in Northamptonshire last year, 1,300 pupils left primary school unable to read to the required level.

Beanstalk is working to address this issue by recruiting and training volunteers from the local community to go into primary schools to work with children who are falling behind with their reading. The charity currently supports 400 children in over 70 schools across Northamptonshire.

The 'Read On. Get On.' report published this week found that disadvantaged children are the worst affected, with four in 10 not reading well by the age of 11 – almost double the rate of their better-off peers. The report also found that they are not reading enough outside of school, or with their fathers.

'Read On. Get On.' aims to create a nation of strong readers by:

- Encouraging parents to read with young children for ten minutes each day

- Urging the public to volunteer to help disadvantaged children improve their reading
- Building a powerful coalition of the county's most influential public, private and charitable organisations to pledge to support the mission
- Urging all political parties to support the 2025 target

Sue Porto, Chief Executive of Beanstalk, said: "The one-to-one support offered by Beanstalk's reading helpers plays a vital role in helping children to read well by age 11 and we are delighted to be a part of 'Read On. Get On.'"

Greg Yarnall, Beanstalk Area Manager for East Midlands, added: "It is truly shocking that so many children leave primary school unable to read confidently.

"We are urgently looking for more volunteer reading helpers to provide vital one-to-one support in local schools.

"We are currently looking for volunteers to work across the whole of Northamptonshire. If you think you could give a child the gift of reading I would urge you to step forward to become a reading volunteer."

To find out more, you can call the Northamptonshire Central Office on 01604 720969 or visit www.beanstalkcharity.org.uk/reading-helpers

Do you know about Thrapston and District U3A?

If you are in your 'third age' and no longer in full-time employment, then you might enjoy becoming a member of Thrapston and District University of the Third Age (U3A).

Membership provides access to a range of activities, social events, visits to places of interest, and the opportunity to join a number of special interest groups.

U3A organises groups specialising in classical music, family history, French, bridge, photography, tai chi,

and gardening. For more information visit the website www.thrapstonu3a.co.uk

If you would like to find out even more about U3A, you are very welcome to attend one of its monthly group meetings. They are held on the third Friday of the month at Thrapston Plaza from 10am to 12 noon. There is a small cover charge of £2 and refreshments are served from 10am. The main programme starts at 10.30am.

The next group meeting is on 17th

October, when singer-songwriter Andy Smith will be treating guests to a humorous morning with a talk entitled, 'Under the Influence.'

It will be a welcome second visit from this very amusing raconteur who will be performing a selection of music and original songs.

Visitors are most welcome to join. If you have any queries about the morning or U3A contact the Chairman, Glynn James, Tel 01832 733792 or the Publicity Secretary, Ann Carter, Tel 01832 358136.

Ferdi's Kitchen

By José Ferdi Tavares

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Osso Buco alla Milanese/Veal Shin Milanese. One of my top recipes of the year. Italian cooking at its best.

Prep time: 40 mins

Cooking time: 2 hours 30 mins

Serves: 4

Ingredients

- 4 large pieces veal shin, about 4cm thick, trimmed of excess fat
- Flour for coating
- 3 tbsp olive oil
- Large knob of butter
- 2 onions, finely diced
- 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 2 carrots, finely diced
- 2 celery sticks, finely diced
- 4 sage leaves, finely chopped
- 2 fresh bay leaves
- Zest of 1 lemon, finely grated
- 2 fillets tinned anchovy, finely chopped
- 50g flat leaf parsley, stalks removed, leaves chopped
- 200ml dry white wine
- 200ml veal stock. If you can't get veal stock use ½ beef and ½ chicken stock
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Instructions

- Make a series of vertical cuts around the edge of the veal to avoid shrinkage. Season with salt and pepper, including the bone marrow in the middle.
- Spread the flour on a plate. Dip the veal in the flour, shaking off the excess.
- Heat oil and 2/3 of the butter in a large, heavy-based casserole over medium-high heat. Add the veal in a single layer and brown on both sides. Transfer to a plate and keep warm.
- Deglaze the pan with a little white wine and pour off liquid over veal.
- Add a little olive oil and the remainder

of the butter and gently fry the onion, garlic, carrots and celery for about 5 minutes until the onion is translucent.

- Stir in the sage, bay leaves, anchovy fillets, lemon zest and parsley.
- Return the veal to the pan, making sure that it is submerged and not sitting on top of the vegetables. Simmer for 3 minutes.
- Pour in white wine and stock along with any remaining juices from the plate on which the meat rested.
- Bring to the boil, then simmer for 15 minutes.
- Skim off any impurities that rise to the surface.
- Cover with a lid and cook over very low heat on the hob or preferably in the oven at 150C for about 2 hours (time may vary according to the hob/oven) until the veal is very tender (almost falling off the bone). Turn the veal every 30 minutes or so. Add a little stock if the sauce seems a bit dry before the meat is done.
- Buon appetito!

Serve with Saffron Risotto alla Milanese (recipe in a future edition).



Habitat improvements continue

With the help of funding from the SITA Trust and Heritage Lottery Fund, the Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and

Northamptonshire has been busy making important improvements for wildlife and visitors at Irthlingborough Lakes and Meadows nature

reserve. Over the summer, shallow scrapes and pools have been created for wetland birds and new ditches have been dug to make better conditions

New fencing at Irthlingborough Lakes and Meadows ready for cattle grazing



for invertebrates, waders and waterfowl. By removing willow from some of the lake edges, the Wildlife Trust is gradually returning the landscape to its former open state and making the reserve more attractive to birds such as lapwing and wigeon. Newly created islands will also provide an ideal breeding habitat for wetland birds, such as terns and snipe. And there is still more to come over the next few months. Fencing along the

East Northamptonshire Greenway has already begun and when fully completed cattle will be introduced to graze parts of the site to complete the picture. Footpath resurfacing along the old railway line may involve some temporary disruption but will make the site even more accessible to visitors once complete – particularly for those with pushchairs and wheelchairs. Dog owners will also welcome improvements made

to the designated 'doggy dip' area off the Greenway, which will make it easier for dogs to get in and out of the water for a well-deserved swim during their walk. If you are interested in getting involved with 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.wyld@wildlifebcn.org or visit www.wildlifebcn.org for more information.

Police survey aims to highlight online risks for young people

The Northamptonshire Police and Crime Commission launched a consultation earlier this month, aimed at assessing young people's experiences of social networking and how much they understand about the risks they face when they are using the Internet.

Surveys have been created for different age groups, as well as parents and carers. These are available online until the end of October, after which time the results will be evaluated and used to create a new online

safety programme for young people across the county. The results will also be used to identify areas where further education and advice is needed.

The surveys are available at <http://www.northantspcc.org.uk/#!/GetInvolved/23393>

Those who share their views will be in with a chance of winning £100, which will be given away to one person from each group surveyed.

If you want to find out more about online safety, visit the CEOP website: <http://ceop.police.uk/>

Brigstock's 10th annual Beer Festival welcomes The One Show

Brigstock held its 10th annual Beer Festival between 19th and 20th September.

The festival started with a comedy night on Friday featuring four excellent comedians and a packed house.

The festival continued on Saturday, when a variety of stalls outside the village hall and in the surrounding meadow were manned by

local groups and charities.

Festival attendees had the choice of more than 25 beers and ciders to try. Entertainment was provided by local bands, a magician, a Viking re-enactment group, and the Brigstock Community Choir organised a 'flashmob'.

Neil Morrisey from BBC's The One Show also attended and helped to judge a national homebrew competition. The

cameras then stayed to film proceedings for the rest of the afternoon.

The festival concluded on Saturday evening with the highly acclaimed band Midlife Crisis, who played an eclectic mix of covers.

In nine years the Beer Festival committee has raised nearly £60,000 for good causes. The main charity being supported this year was Cransley Hospice.

Higham Ferrers TIC opens to the public

The launch of the Tourist Information Centre in Higham Ferrers took place on Saturday 27th September.

The centre is the result of a collaboration between the town's Tourist Group and the Library in Midland Road.

The Mayor, Cllr George Whiting and his wife were present as were other town and East Northants Councillors. Also in attendance was Cllr Derek Lawson, together with a number of

officials from the Library service.

It was a very happy occasion and a big step forward to encourage more visitors to the historic town.

There is a considerable amount of information already at the Library and the beautiful wall tapestry, made by local craftswomen, is on display. Please visit and see for yourself how much the town has to offer.

Contact 01933 411191 or the Town Hall for more information or a guided tour.

Civic Service addresses needs of vulnerable residents

Thirty-two Civic Leaders and dignitaries from across Northamptonshire joined the Mayor of Raunds, Cllr Louisa Thomas, at her Civic Service in St Peter's Church on Sunday 28th September.

The Civic party paraded to the church, led by the standard-bearers of the local Royal British Legion and youth organisations, including T S Collingwood and the Brownies.

In her address to the congregation, the Cllr Thomas reflected on the needs

of people with disabilities, particularly those whose special needs are not readily apparent, such as individuals with autism. Cllr Thomas called for patience and understanding towards all vulnerable residents.

A collection was taken on behalf of the Mayor's charities, Gillets House (supporting people with autism) and Canine Partners (dogs trained to support their owners in everyday tasks) which raised a total of £148 together with a further £148 for the St Peter's Restoration Fund.

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From the East Northamptonshire Council Chairman

I was very interested in a visit to Chester Farm to see Roman graves with complete skeletons in them. When this facility is complete it will provide a fantastic tourist attraction for the area.

Along with other councillors, I was given a tour of Stanwick Lakes to see all the wonderful new attractions, including the new double-decker bird hide and the new adventure trail play equipment. We visited the unique sculpture from the Changing Tracks project and the assault course.

I was most impressed by the new forge and the facilities for training young people in the

blacksmith's trade, shoemaking, basket weaving etc, that Rockingham Forest Trust is running now at Stanwick Lakes.

I returned to Stanwick Lakes two weeks later to open the new play equipment officially, with representatives from Biffa who funded it. We are really lucky to have all this on our doorstep.

I attended the opening of Rushden Feast, and had an enjoyable ride on the dodgems. We then retired to Rushden Historical Transport Museum for a fish and chip supper courtesy of the Mayor of Rushden, Cllr Richard Lewis. We were entertained royally in a railway carriage by the wonderful pianist

and accordionist, Dr Busker. It was a very jolly evening. If you have not visited the museum, you should, and if you like real ale, the bar will be of particular interest.

I also attended a garden party at the lovely Grendon Hall, for the Northamptonshire County Council Chairman, Cllr Joan Kirkbride. This is another well-used local facility.

I was also pleased to attend two Macmillan coffee mornings, one for the Mayor of Higham Ferrers, Cllr George Whiting and one at Rush2TheDen, which runs pre-school activities during the day and a youth club at night.

I hope that many of you will come to my Afternoon Tea at the Bridge Hotel, Thrapston on 26th October, from 2.30pm to 5pm. I am pleased to announce that the speaker will be David Laing, the new Lord Lieutenant, who will talk about his role. This event will be held in aid of my chosen charity this year, PROSTaid. I hope to help with early diagnosis of prostate cancer, which kills far too many men if not caught early. The tickets are £12 and can be obtained from Barbara Wiggins on 01832 742198 or bwiggins@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk. If you cannot attend, perhaps you might like to donate a raffle

prize for the event. It would be very much appreciated.

ENC Chairman, Cllr Gill Mercer



Cllr Gill Mercer

Emergency Planning Team urges community to be prepared for evacuation

Northamptonshire County Council's Emergency Planning Team is inviting people to prepare an 'emergency grab bag' in the rare event that they should need to evacuate their home.

The Team is encouraging families to prepare for an emergency situation such as a flood or a fire, by packing some essential items into a bag, so that they would be ready to leave their home at short notice.

Cllr André González de Savage, County Council cabinet member for

strategic infrastructure, economic growth and public protection, said: "We all hope we will never find ourselves in a situation where we have to evacuate our home, but if the worst happens, it's important to be prepared.

"There are basic essentials we would all need, such as a torch, spare batteries, prescription medication and a phone charger, but many people forget about those harder to replace items like important documents and family photos.

"Having to evacuate your home is an incredibly stressful situation and you're unlikely to be thinking clearly at such a time, so it's worth preparing an 'emergency grab bag', or at least a checklist in advance, to save you time in an emergency."

The Emergency Planning Team suggests including the following items:

- Contact information for family, friends and emergency services – refer to the Household Emergency Plan, which can be downloaded

from www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/emergencies

- Toiletries
- Medication and prescription details
- Identity documents
- First aid kit
- Torch
- Spare batteries
- Insurance details
- Spare keys
- Special items for babies or children
- Items for your pets
- USB memory stick with a back-up

of your computer

- Irreplaceable sentimental items
- The message is being issued as part of a campaign called Don't Be A Numpty, which offers advice on staying safe in a range of situations, from flooding to heatwaves. A special Numpties' video explaining the importance of preparing an 'emergency grab bag' and the items that should be included can be viewed by visiting www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/emergencies

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11am
Free for first session (10 week term £65)
beds@babysensory.co.uk
Tel. 07921 299375
www.babysensory.com/en/classdetails/beds
Baby Sensory, 0-13 months. Classes focusing on sensory activities for our babies' learning and development.

Tuesday 14th October

Discover Portugal
Amps Fine Wines, 6 Market Place, Oundle PE8 4BQ
7pm prompt
£15
danielle@ampsfinewines.co.uk
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Tea Dance

Pemberton Centre, Rushden
2pm-4.15pm
£3 Includes tea/coffee and cakes.
Tel. 01933 356552
Ballroom/Sequence dancing. Proceeds to charity.

Film: Locke (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.
Gripping thriller following Ivan Locke trying to stop his life untangling as he drives home.

Thursday 16th October

Thrapston District Historical Society presents 'The Jarrow Marchers'
St James's Church Hall Thrapston
7.30pm
Visitors £2.50
tdhs40@yahoo.co.uk or
Tel. 01832 731047
A talk by Brenda Williamson. All welcome.

RSPB Mid-Nene Local Group

Indoor Meeting
Saxon Hall, Raunds

7.30pm
Admission £3 (children free)
Graham Bell 01536 725924
'Cranes' - an illustrated talk by Ralph & Brenda Todd.

Discovery Walks

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Oundle Art Group Meeting

Tansor Village Hall
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'Painting in the style of Lowry'
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Thursday 16th & Friday 17th October

Elton Chapel Thrift Shop
Highgate Hall, Elton
10am-4pm on Thursday and 10am-1pm Friday
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Our annual bonanza of secondhand goods and coffee fundraiser for the chapel roof.

Friday 17th October

U3A Local Branch Meeting
Thrapston Plaza
10am-12noon
£2 (includes refreshments)
Mr Glyn James (Chairman) 01832 733792
Ann Carter (Publicity) 01832 358136
Singer/songwriter Andy Smith is treating us to a humorous talk: 'Under the Influence!'

Community Law Service Advice Bus, with Oundle & Rushden MIND and SERVE

10.30am-12.30pm at Village Hall Car Park, Easton-on-the-Hill
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Saturday 18th October

Community Volunteer Day
Irthlingborough Lakes and Meadows Nature Reserve, Randall Close entrance
10am-2pm
Free, donations welcome.
Claire Wylde 01604 405285
claire.wylde@wildlifebcn.org
Get to know your community and help local wildlife with the Wildlife Trust.

Thrapston Town Band Concert

St Mary's Church, Ringstead
3pm
Individual ticket £5, Family ticket £12.50. Price includes refreshments.
Rosemarie Coles 01933 624262. Tickets available from Ringstead Post Office.
Popular music from World War One. Children welcome to this lively performance.

Renée & Shelby's Coffee Morning for Cransley Hospice

The Albert Underwood Room, St Peter's Church, Irthlingborough
10am-12noon
Admission 50p
Mr Wainwright 01933 650961
Coffee morning with raffle, sale of goods and cakes. In memory of Mary Wainwright.

Intimately Eva

Smiths at No 4 Cafe - Bar, Oundle
6.45pm for 7pm
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Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th October LMS Branch Line at War - 1940s

Rushden Transport Museum, The Railway Station, Station Approach, Rushden, Northants NN10 0AW
Train Times: Sat & Sun - First train 11am, last train 4pm.
Entrance fee applies. Train fares: Adults £4, Children £2.
Tel. 01933 353111. Experience the atmosphere of wartime Britain. www.rhts.co.uk

Sunday 19th October

Harvest Festival Service followed by Shared Lunch
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 - with guest speaker Nadine Parkinson.

Higham Deanery Evensong (Church of England)

St Peter's Church, Irthlingborough
6pm
Free

Andrew Presland 01933 316927
All are welcome. Guest speaker will be Rev Miles Baker, Peterborough Diocese Mission Enabler.

Leisurely Four-Mile Walk

Hatton Arms, Gretton NN17 3DN
10am for 10.30am
£2 Non-members
Peter 01933 396826
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Lovely views over the Welland Valley, several stiles. Only use pub car park if lunching.

Monday 20th October Next meeting of Higham Ferrers WI

The Adult School, Westfield Terrace, Higham Ferrers
2.15pm
Olga Earl 01933 412848
It will be our AGM. New members are always welcome.

Thrapston District Historical Society Family History - Genealogy Resources

St James's Church Hall Thrapston
7.30pm
Visitors £2.50
tdhs40@yahoo.co.uk or
Tel. 01832 731047.

Wednesday 22nd October Winter Health & Wellbeing Day

The Pemberton Centre, H E Bates Way, Rushden NN10 9YP
10am-1pm
Free
Diane Eaton, SERVE, Church Street, Rushden. Tel. 01933 315555
Services and information available to offer support/help during the difficult winter months. Refreshments provided.

Thursday 23rd October Oundle Art Group

Tansor Village Hall
£5.50 Non-members
Jane Sanders 01832 226495
Chris Yates 01832 226345
'Oil on Canvas using palette knife' with Claire Daniel.
Bring oils in various colours, prepared canvas and knife.

Film: The Two Faces of January (12A)

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.
A sleek and glamorous thriller with murder, lust, avarice, greed, manipulation and duplicity.

Friday 24th October (session 1) and Friday 28th November (session 2) Dragon Tealight Craft Workshop - A Two-session Event

Stanwick Lakes Visitor Centre

10.30am-1pm
£30 per person
Booking essential with Lisa on 07809 205273
Normal car park charges apply.
Stanwick Lakes 01933 625522
www.stanwicklakes.org.uk
Make a dragon-shaped pottery tealight in session 1 then, after firing, decorate it in session 2.

Friday 24th October Rushden Mayor's Charity Race Night

Heritage Chapel Hall, Park Road, Rushden NN10 0RW
7.30pm First Race
£7.50 inc Fish and Chips.
Bar and Raffle
Tel. 01933 316216
All proceeds will go to Rushden Mind.

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 651084
'Landmarks' - A talk by Derek Blunt (parish churches in Northamptonshire).

Ringstead Cinema - The Railwayman (15)

Ringstead Village Social Club, High Street
NN14 4DA
Disabled access from rear car park.
Doors open at 7.30pm, film starts 7.45pm
Bar available.
Tickets £4.
Tel. 01933 460373 for details.

Saturday 25th October

Lyveden Way Countryside Walk
Lyveden New Bield
10.30am-12.30pm
Normal property admission charges.
Tel. 01832 205158
www.nationaltrust.org.uk/lyveden
Join us for a four-mile guided walk along the Lyveden Way. Dogs welcome.

Christian Aid Annual Book Sale

St Peter's Church, Irthlingborough
10am-2pm
Alan 01933 650369
Linda 01933 653192
Tea/coffee served from 10am.
Sausages and burgers from 11am.

Harvest Supper & Dance

Heritage Chapel & Halls, Park Road, Rushden NN10 0RG
7.30pm-11pm
£5
Please bring your own drinks and glasses. An evening of dance to suit all tastes.

Halloween Ghost Train - Be prepared to be scared!

Rushden Transport Museum, The Railway Station, Station Approach, Rushden,

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Train fares: Adult £4, Child £2. www.rhts.co.uk
Tel. 01933 353111

Craft Fair

St Peter's Church, Raunds
10am-4.30pm
No admission charge.
Contact Keith and Elaine Gubbins 01933 624384
Crafts, stalls raffle, lunches, teas and refreshments.

'The Empire Bikes Back'

Stanwick Lakes Visitor Centre and surrounds
11am-3pm
Free event - car park charges apply.
r.patching@rfrtrust.org.uk for more information. Book by calling 01933 625522
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Every Tuesday and Thursday (except Christmas and New Year)

Health Walks
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10am-11am
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Every Wednesday (except December)

Rainbow Cafe for Tots (aimed at up to age 5) and their adult carers
Stanwick Lakes
10.30am-12noon
£2 per child - normal car park charges apply.
Tel. 01933 625522
www.stanwicklakes.org.uk
Make new and exciting crafts, then join Lisa from Music and Movement to play, sing and dance.

Alternate Wednesdays

U3A Country Dancing
St James's Church Hall, Thrapston
2pm-3.30pm
ghearnden@tiscali.co.uk
Tel. 01933 622827
The U3A country dance group meets on alternate Wednesdays. All are welcome. Non U3A members are welcome for a taster.

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Every Wednesday evening Dog Training and Socialisation and Ringcraft
 Halefield, Woodnewton, near Oundle
 Classes from 6.45pm
 Tel. 01832 293432
 oundledogs@aol.com or www.oundledogs.co.uk
 Dog training classes following the KC Good Citizen Scheme and Ringcraft. New members always welcome.

Third Wednesday of month except December (different date)
Higham and Rushden U3A
 Pemberton Centre, Rushden
 2pm-4pm
 £2 for visitors
 Contact Membership Secretary 01933 314425
 Monthly speaker followed by beverages and mixing for social chat.

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.

Music Makers
 Joan Strong Centre, Oundle
 11.15am-12noon
 £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.

Little Treasures Tots Group
 St Laurence's Church, Stanwick
 9.30am-11am
 Donations to cover costs
 Nicki 01933 625658
 For pre-schoolchildren and their adult carer. Bible story, song, craft and fun - all welcome.

Every Thursday
The Silverfox Turners Club
 Dale End Scout Headquarters, Croyland Road, Wellingborough
 10am-1pm
 £2 all members
 Secretary Trevor Rhodes
 Tel. 01933 382790

Newly formed wood turning club. Open to all levels of wood turners, warm welcome guaranteed.

Third Friday of the month
The Poetry Group
 Raunds Library
 2.30pm
 Free
 Tel. 01933 622151
 How World War One changed poetry.

Third Friday of the month (recommend checking before travelling)
Stanwick Stitches
 Stanwick Lakes
 10.30am
 Free entry - normal car park charges apply.
 Tel. 01933 625522 or Pauline on 01933 229817
www.stanwicklakes.org.uk
 Come and join this informal friendly group of stitchers to chat, stitch and eat cake!

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.

Every Friday
Raunds Racqueteers Badminton Club
 Raunds Manor School
 7.30pm-10pm
 First Visit Free, £5 thereafter. Casual or Full membership discounted rates available.
 Andrea 01933 624777
 New members required for friendly club. Min age 16. Coaching not available. Call for details.

Second Saturday of the month
WE Watch and Phoenix Group
 Stanwick Lakes
 For more information email wewatchstanwick@hotmail.co.uk
 Tel. 01933 625522
 Two clubs for keen young nature lovers. WE Watch for ages 8-13 and Phoenix for ages 13-18. Supported by RSPB and Wildlife Trust.

Second Saturday of every month (Same Saturday as Oundle Farmers' Market)
Coffee n' Cakes
 Oundle Methodist Church, Drummingwell Lane (behind the Talbot Hotel)
 10am-12noon
 Free
 John Hewitson 01832 272209
 Filter coffee, tea, squash (free refills), homemade cakes.
 Warm welcome. Proceeds to various charities.

First Saturday of the month
Thrapston Farmers' Market
 Thrapston High Street
 9am-1pm
 Free
www.thrapstonfarmersmarket.moonfruit.com
 Every first Saturday of the month. Local meat, beer, cider, cheese, eggs, deli, preserves etc.

Last Saturday of the month (except December)
Farmers' Market
 Market Square, Higham Ferrers
 9am-1pm
danielle@highamferrers-tc.gov.uk
 Aberdeen Angus beef, organic eggs, vegetables, Italian peppers, organic pork and lamb, free range poultry, beer, pork in all its forms in addition to pickles, pies, herbs, fresh fish, fruit and honey, preserves, traditional bread, plants & cheese.

Last Sunday of the month (except December) (recommend checking before travelling)
Local Producers' and Farmers' Market
 Stanwick Lakes
 10am-2pm
 Free entry to market - normal car park charges apply.
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THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (PUBLIC BYWAY NV9 - PARISH OF TANSOR & PUBLIC BYWAY ME9 - PARISH OF ASHTON)

(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council intend, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order the effect of which is to prohibit all motor vehicles except motor cycles from proceeding along those lengths of Public Byway NV9 in the Parish of Tansor and Public Byway ME9 in the Parish of Ashton as set out below. Private access to land or premises adjacent to the said lengths of byways is unaffected.

RIGHT OF WAY TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: The existing route of NV9 to be closed begins on Luton road at point A on the map at National Grid Reference (NGR) TL06894 89841. The route travels approximately 489 metres generally west of south to point B at NGR TL06669 89422, at the parish boundary with Ashton and the start of byway ME9. The route is shown by a solid black line between points A - B. The existing route of ME9 to be closed to all motor vehicles begins at point B on the map at NGR TL06669 89422, at the parish boundary with Tansor and byway NV9. The route travels approximately 506 metres generally west of south to point C at NGR TL06461 88900, at the junction with Ashton Wold. The route is shown by a solid black line between points B - C.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required to prevent surface damage to the byway during the winter.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The Order will come into effect on 1st November 2014 and will continue in force for a period of six months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for this Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such extent as is indicated by the display of notices.

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Glaphorn village news

Communication was high on the agenda at the Glaphorn Parish Council last month with a project to install a new community noticeboard, the launch of a Facebook page and funding for the delivery of the Nene Valley News to every house in Glaphorn.

The Parish Council and the Village Hall committee share a noticeboard, sometimes to the detriment of others when the Parish Council dominates the space available. Therefore, working in partnership with the Village Hall committee, the Parish Council is developing a project to replace the existing noticeboard with one that allows all parties, including some general public space, to display their notices with ease.

The Parish Council has launched a Facebook page in an effort to further enhance communication between the council and the community. The council will use the tool to impart information regarding their work, village events, and other news stories. If you would like to be up to date with Glaphorn news, go to Facebook and just 'like' the Glaphorn Parish Council page.

Finally on communication, and not least, the Parish Council has agreed to pay for the delivery of the Nene Valley News. In association with KM Media and TNT, the Glaphorn Parish Council will fund a young person to make the fortnightly delivery of the Nene Valley News to every home in Glaphorn.

The Village Hall committee reported that solar panels have been installed on the roof and are up and running, with thanks to Roger Bettley and John Melhuish for their work to make the project possible. The Village Hall now boasts a new and very smart sign which will help guide speakers and visitors to the lovely village hall. And many residents enjoyed another Safari Super,

raising a further £400 towards the village hall funds.

Hats off to the ladies of Glaphorn WI as they come to the end of yet another successful year and their membership is still increasing. With excellent speakers and successful competitions, they have started a new venture of photographing hats for hire! A drama group is due to start in September, and the members have completed four blankets for the Sue Ryder Hospice in Peterborough, as well as beanie hats for the Samaritan's Purse Charity, and baby hats for the Premature Baby Ward in Exeter Hospital.

Glaphorn Allotment Gardeners' Association have had a bumper growing season on the allotments, with some fantastic produce (apart from the blight on the potatoes). The cutting back of the boundary hedges has been most effective – so far we have not seen any deer in the allotment, although one rabbit was spotted! All plots are taken, with a waiting list.

This year's Southwick and Glaphorn Show was held in St Leonard's Church, which was a beautiful backdrop for all the produce, handicrafts and cookery entries. Glaphorn School again took part and the children produced some gorgeous paintings and worked very hard to get their petunias flowering profusely.

Christmas is coming. Keep your diaries free for the Christmas Fair which will be held in St Leonard's Church on 6th December. More details to follow nearer the time. Meanwhile the regular pattern of services continues at 9.15am on the first four Sundays of the month. Vern Stark runs the Sunday Club, which meets on the third Sunday of the month at 9am in the Village Hall. All children between the ages of four and 11 are most welcome. You can contact Vern on 01832 274279 to have a chat and find out more.

The Empire bikes back!

Trading Places (a Heritage Lottery Fund project run by the Rockingham Forest Trust) is staging an event that will bring to life the Edwardian cycling heritage of the Nene Valley.

Visit Stanwick Lakes with your bike between 11am and 3pm on Saturday 25th October to take part in a stately (slow, even) bicycle ride around the lakes, led by members of Northampton's own Ministry of Bicycles.

While your bike is fine as it is, you should consider wearing suitable dress (or trousers) for an Edwardian bicycle outing: flat caps (on top of safety helmets of course), bloomers, cycle clips or trousers tucked into Argyle patterned socks and lots of tweed are really the least you can muster. Whatever you do, you must not wear lycra for this event – unless it cannot be seen.

Marvel at Mr Bill Pollard and his wonderful Bomberdrome – the cycling Wall of Death – upon which members of the Ministry of Bicycles will perform daring feats of balance and speed for your entertainment.

You can learn about our very own

local Edwardian cycling hero, Mr Len Parsons of Irthlingborough, and his amazing cycling skills in races across Edwardian Britain, as well as enjoying film clips and stills in a display that brings Edwardian cycling to life.

All who complete the ride will receive a certificate, and there will be free tea and biscuits.

The event is suitable for all ages except the very young (cyclists must be able to move forward under their own steam and without stabilisers) – just bring a bike (or hire one from AJs at Stanwick Lakes on the day), oil your cranks and away we go!

Please call to book your place on the ride: Tel 01933 625522

More information from is available by email from r.patching@rftrust.org.uk

Thanks to the Heritage Lottery Fund, this event is free. Car parking charges apply.

To find out more about the Trading Places Project, which celebrates the traditional skills of the Nene Valley, visit the Facebook page Trading Places Nene Valley or email info@rftrust.org.uk

Pick up or pay up

A dog owner from Rushden has paid a hefty price for not picking up after his pooch and giving false information when questioned about it.

Michael Davey was spotted not clearing up his dog's mess in Hall Park, Rushden by the East Northamptonshire Council dog warden. He was issued with a £75 fine but gave a false name and address. This setback was soon overcome though, as a few days later the dog warden spotted Mr Davey getting in his car near the park and noted his registration number so his real name and address could be traced. Mr Davey was then sent details of his fine and how to pay it but chose to ignore the repeated requests to pay, which led to a court summons.

The case was brought before Northampton Magistrates Court when September when the defendant did not attend and a fine of £1,200 was issued for

dog fouling and giving false information. He was also ordered to pay £460 costs.

Steven North, East Northamptonshire Council Leader, said:

"We know that keeping our streets and green spaces free of litter and dog mess is extremely important to our residents and visitors. This is another case that should remind all dog walkers that failing to clean up after your dog is an offence, and one that we take very seriously."

Sarah Peacock, Leader of Rushden Town Council, which employs the dog warden for two days a week to patrol parts of the town, added:

"Most dog owners are responsible and clear up after their dog but there is a small minority who leave this offensive type of litter on our streets and in parks. It is to these we will issue fines, on the spot or, if necessary, as was the case here, via the courts. The message is simple: pick up or pay up."

Swivel Club raises £3,000 for Macmillan nurses

The Swivel Club (registered charity no 1138750) has raised a whopping £3,000 to help support the good work of the Macmillan nurses locally.

The club's Rock 'n' Roll event was a sell-out and saw the Rushden Bowling Club rocking along with Johnny Red and the Jets who were performing their Legends act.

Both popular acts went down a storm, filling the dancefloor for the evening. Swivel Club Chairman, Colin Wright said: "We are thrilled with how well this event went, and very pleased to be able to present the money

raised to such a worthy cause. The work that the Macmillan nurses do is invaluable and it is a big part of cancer care in the county."

If you'd like to support the Swivel Club the next event is on Saturday 25th October at Rushden Bowling Club, where the Rolling Clones will be performing. They are regarded by many as 'The best tribute to the Rolling Stones ever.'

To book tickets go to www.swivelclub.com or call Walt on 07984 266649 or the Bowls Club on 01933 312680. Tickets cost just £15 for this unique, local, fundraising event.

Facebook community page inspires Ringstead villagers to explore history

Jon Abbott, who grew up in Ringstead, started a residents' Facebook community page earlier this year.

He quickly realised that residents were keen to know more of Ringstead's past. This spurred him on to organise a 'Ringstead Village History Evening' which took place recently in the Village Social Club.

Three speakers shared some fascinating facts about the history of the village, covering the early Bronze Age period – when the River Nene would have taken a different course to the one it takes now – to the local men who fought in the First World War.

Stories were told about various residents and their activities dating back to the 17th century, including the story of one previous villager who played

a part in giving this country its first female Prime Minister.

Janice Morris spoke about the importance of the boot & shoe industry and farming for the village in the 19th century, whilst David Ball spoke about the two books he has researched and published about Ringstead people.

Steven Spence, from the Raunds War Memorial Association, spoke of the men involved in both world wars who came from Ringstead and Raunds, and some of their individual tales.

The evening was a sell-out, with approximately 100 people listening to the guest speakers, and a delicious selection of homemade cakes were eagerly consumed. A total of £500 was raised and passed on to Ringstead St. Mary's Church facilities fund and Poppy Appeal.

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Chess corner

By Derrick Sims

I was thinking the other day about the number of different ways people play chess.

Going back many years, to when I was a youngster, the only alternative to playing face to face was correspondence chess. This was very much dependent on the vagaries and delays of the postal system, and games could last for months.

In this digital age, the equivalent is online chess, where a player chooses an opponent through an online server. This is another form of face-to-face, where one plays a real person, and it's only in the last few decades that the option of playing against a computer has been possible.

The first fully electronic computer was developed during the Second World War and it was as early as 1946 that Alan Turing (widely thought of as the father of modern computing) came up with the idea of computers playing chess.

The earliest chess program was in fact written by Turing in 1950 and in 1952 the Russian grandmaster, Gary Kasparov, played against Turing's original program and defeated it in 16 moves. The algorithms invented by Turing were the foundation stones used by programmers over the next decade to help develop computer chess to its current level of sophistication.

Sadly, Turing did not live to see his algorithms implemented, as it was not until the late 1950s that computers were developed with enough power to run a chess program!

In the early days of chess computing the games were computer to computer, these mirrored the USSR v USA conflicts seen in real life chess. In 1966 a Soviet computer defeated an American computer by three games to one.

In 1977 the English grandmaster, Michael Stean, gained the dubious distinction of becoming the first grandmaster to be defeated by a computer – a fact mysteriously missing from his Wikipedia biography.

It wasn't until 20 years later that the IBM Computer 'Deep Blue' beat Gary Kasparov in a series of six games; it was subsequently reported that its victory may have been due to a bug in the program that caused it to make a totally unexpected move, catching Kasparov off guard. IBM had finally proved that a supercomputer could beat a grandmaster; most surprising was the fact that it didn't happen until 1997.

It is now possible, with a modern home computer and chess program, to emulate this; although playing a computer will never match the thrill of competing against and beating a real life opponent.

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://www.norchess.lloydbunday.co.uk>

FA Cup hopes dashed for another season

The United Counties League's FA Cup interest ended early with all clubs exiting by the First Qualifying Round stage.

The draw had not been kind, particularly to AFC Rushden & Diamonds and Boston Town, who were handed away ties against Step 3 opposition. Diamonds, the best performers in 2013-14, produced a good performance against Ryman Premier high-fliers Hendon, but bowed out owing to a single goal, with the home keeper denying them with a series of fine saves.

The Poachers were on the wrong end of a 7-0

drubbing at Evo-Stik League King's Lynn.

Wisbech were beaten at Norwich United, a single goal giving the Thurlow Nunn side their passage to the next round.

AFC Kempston Rovers had been removed from the competition, after playing a team member without international clearance in their Preliminary Round win over Sibley. That gave the competition newcomers a second chance of further progress, but Rangers were beaten 3-1 by Step 4 North Greenford at Fernie Fields, after taking the lead through Elliott Dent.

Irchester progress in FA Vase

Irchester moved into the next stage of the FA Vase despite losing their replay at Staines Lammas, as the Combined

Counties side were judged to have fielded an ineligible player in the drawn meeting at East Street.

RESULTS

Saturday 4th October

FA Vase – Second Round Qualifying

Harefield United 3 aet 2

Wellingborough Town

Irchester United 3 – 1 Crawley Green

Tring Athletic 2 – 1 Woodford United

Premier Division

AFC Rushden & Diamonds 8– 1

Sibley Rangers

Division One

Raunds Town 3 – 0 Buckingham Town

Rushden & Higham United 4 – 0

St Neots Town Youth & Saints

Wellingborough Whitworth 3 – 2

Thrapston Town

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