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### NEWS IN BRIEF

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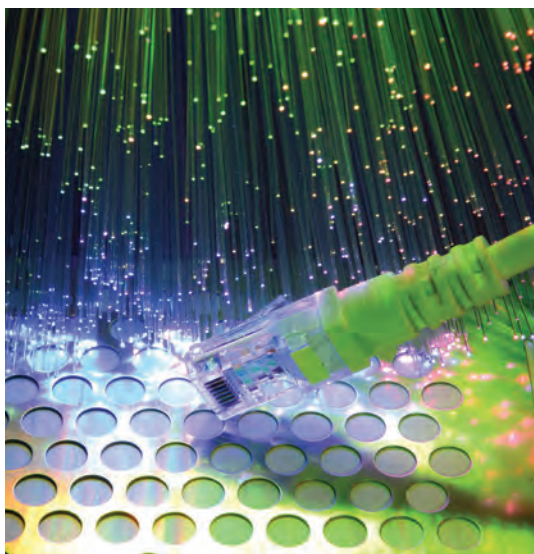
Do you have any jumble to donate? Call Marie (01572 747791) or Tracey (01572 747591) – they are happy to collect if you give them a call. Do come along on the day at 2pm and grab a bargain!

# Denford to miss out on superfast broadband rollout

On 16th August 2014 our lead article concerned the introduction of superfast broadband in Northamptonshire.

The article was based on a press release by NCC and BT. A good news story you might have believed, but it hasn't been good news for everyone in East Northants.

In particular, the residents of Denford are peeved that speeds there will not be improved. They have consulted BT and have received the following comment: "At the time of writing, there are no plans to deliver BT Infinity to your area. However, in the future there may be developments which allow us to connect customer(s) over a longer distance. I'm very sorry if this comes as a disappointment."



Since Denford was mentioned in the 16th August press release as one of the areas to benefit from superfast, local residents are certainly disappointed.

Since we need to keep you informed about issues like this, and not least because we had published the original press release, we asked the team at The Big Idea, who are leading the countywide installations, for their comments. Is there a formula which can be used to illustrate the loss of speed over the final connection to premises via 'copper wire'? How else might greater speeds be achieved?

Their response was as follows: "[T]he majority of premises which are fibre enabled will be able to access superfast speeds – however, the project website is clear that this does not apply ubiquitously to all premises in the areas mapped and that not all parts will benefit at the same time. Reasons for this are provided.

"The first stage of the Superfast Northamptonshire project being delivered with BT will roll out fibre based broadband (mostly Fibre to the Cabinet [FTTC]) to over 56,000 premises by the end of 2015, of which over 50,100 will benefit from access to superfast broadband (download speeds above 24Mbps). This information is available on the Roll Out page of the project website.

"FTTC can reach speeds of up to 80Mbps (download). The available speeds experienced by any householder connected to the same cabinet is dependent on a range of variables – including distance from the cabinet, the quality of the copper line from the cabinet, potential for 'noise' or electrical interference, the quality of the wiring internally within the premise, the age of your PC etc.

"Because there are so many variables, there is no

formula as such that we can share with you but in general terms the speeds available will gradually lessen the further away a premise is from its connecting cabinet and when approaching a distance of about a mile, the speed impact is likely to start to drop off more quickly – however, it is not an exact science.

"Around 90% of premises which will be fibre connected through the first stage of the project will benefit from access to superfast line speeds of more than 24Mbps, whilst many others will see significant speed improvements (note that the general minimum requirement to support higher performance broadband services (like BT Infinity) is a speed of at least 15Mbps). Only a few will not experience any benefit at this stage but this is not the end of the story.

"The County Council remains focused on securing full coverage through the next stages of the Superfast Northamptonshire project. The largely FTTC solution for the first stage of the project will ensure as many people and businesses can benefit from superfast broadband as soon as possible (over 50,100), whilst not everyone connected to an upgraded fibre cabinet will see the same speed benefits.

"The few localities which will not see a speed uplift benefit from the project's first stage and largely FTTC rollout will remain within our considerations as we seek to secure full coverage. We will be looking into solutions through further stages of the project. Moreover, BT is continuing to improve on the speed performance achieved over its copper network."

So... if you're thinking of changing to superfast broadband it's best to check that it's going to deliver a real benefit to your property.

We want to hear from you, so please submit your news story or event at [www.nenevalleynews.co.uk](http://www.nenevalleynews.co.uk)



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# Calling up the dawn

**Oundle musician Nick Penny has released a new album of music for harp, guitar and birdsong.**

Each track on Calling up the Dawn is

dedicated to a different species of songbird – including the blackbird, songthrush, cuckoo and nightingale – and Penny uses field recordings taken in local woods.

## Letters to the Editor

**If you would like to submit a letter to the editor please send it to [news@nenevalleynews.co.uk](mailto:news@nenevalleynews.co.uk) for consideration.**

*The following letter was received in response to Margaret Fone's letter published in the last issue:*

Dear Sirs,

Like Margaret Fone, all my garden birds have gone. They were absent last winter but reappeared in the spring, including blackbirds, sparrows, robins, woodpigeons, collared doves and other supposedly common species.

There were not many of them but the sparrows and blue tits began to breed, obviously taking away food to feed their young, but the young never appeared. The parents also disappeared. It took several weeks for the larger birds to go, along with the predators like the local sparrowhawks and magpies.

It is perhaps significant that these disappearances appeared to coincide with the post flowering spraying of oilseed rape. I can't prove this but not only did the birds disappear but the insects that they might feed on too. The greenfly on my roses didn't need me to spray them. The wasps, bees and hoverflies have gone, as have the ants and midges. There were no thunderflies this year and butterflies have been very scarce.

I'm waiting to see how many rooks return to their traditional rookeries later in the year. There are very few in the local fields. They seem to have been replaced by jackdaws which are town based birds. The birds that feed on insects high up in the air, like swifts, were not affected and did well this year.

Telling the BTO and RSPB resulted in replies that might as well have been 'You are an idiot, don't bother us.' Andy Sawford, our MP, was much more helpful and passed my concerns to the Environment Minister. I hopefully await some further action.

It's impossible for me to prove that the birds etc were poisoned as I can't produce any bodies. They don't just drop out of the sky, so it's all very circumstantial. But something is killing birds and insects on this side of the town nearest the rape fields. Could this wildlife

catastrophe affect people too? Are the local children in danger?

*John Goring*

Dear Sirs,

Health and nuisance risks for residents of Rushden – Objection to Planning Application 14/01772/FUL

We want to make the people of Rushden aware of the health and nuisance risks of Planning Application 14/01772/FUL at Norris Way Industrial Estate.

A local garage has erected three industrial chimneys on the roof of their unit without planning permission. The garage is using those chimneys to vent industrial spray paint and solvents into the air next to local houses and Alderwood LLA (a care home for young adults with autism and learning difficulties).

Planning Application 14/01772/FUL, for the chimneys, was only submitted after complaints were made to the Council about the development.

The people of Rushden are impacted by the development in the following ways:

- Potential Health Risks (toxic solvents and paints are being sprayed into the air that may carry asthma and other health risks).
- Noise Pollution (the ventilation system is built next to homes in Saxonlea Close).
- Odour (the fumes carry across Saxonlea Close, Kensington Close, Wellingborough Road and beyond).
- Loss of property value.
- Loss of amenity (local residents cannot use their gardens when the spray shop is in use).
- Visual pollution.

Anyone with concerns or comments should contact the Council immediately.

*Residents of Saxonlea Close*



"I love the sound of birdsong," said Nick, "and we're lucky to live in an area with so many accessible woods. Composing music to accompany the birds is my way of celebrating some of the most beautiful and evocative sounds in the English countryside."

Nick has previously released four CDs of local birdsong and several albums featuring his own compositions for Paraguayan harp and classical guitar. Night and Day, which includes music for harp and nightingales, was featured on the Open Country programme on BBC Radio 4.

The new album is on sale now at the Oundle Bookshop and the Dolby Gallery. You can also purchase the album online at

[nickpenny.com](http://nickpenny.com) or download it at [nickpenny.bandcamp.com](http://nickpenny.bandcamp.com).

Nick also often gives talks about his work and plays his harp live with recorded birdsong. He can be contacted on 01832 272783.

## Calling all 7 to 15 year olds

**Nene Valley News is holding a writing competition. The subject is Nene Valley Make Believe News.**

Entries will be divided into three age groups (7–9, 10–12 and 13–15) and the author of the best story within each group will win £50 worth of vouchers to spend in local Colemans shops. One runner-up in each age group will receive £25 worth of vouchers.

We're 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've also written to headteachers throughout the district to let them know about what we're

doing.

So...please let us have your stories. They should be up to 500 words long and sent to us preferably by email at [news@nenevalleynews.com](mailto:news@nenevalleynews.com), or by post 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 the winners should have their vouchers in time to spend before Christmas. Judging will be by done by the Nene Valley News Editorial Board supported by representatives from Colemans and East Northamptonshire Libraries.

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# Cyclists ride for charity

Tom Wand and John Stimpson of Thrapston completed a 100-mile fundraising cycle ride around Rutland Water, Leicestershire recently.

Both men were sponsored by AJ Cycles of Higham Ferrers. Also taking part some of the way was Phil Ashton of Kettering. The men's efforts raised £1,300 for the Action for

Asperger's autism charity of Barnwell, Northants.

Mr Wand said that the training for the ride was more hard work than the ride itself. The ride took the men seven hours and 15 minutes to complete and the total mileage covered was 108 miles.

Mr Wand explained that the cyclists had wanted to help Action for Asperger's, "because of the good work that they do for people with Asperger's syndrome and autism."

Spokesperson for Action for Asperger's, CEO Elaine Nicholson said that the charity was, "mightily impressed by the men's efforts," adding, "We are extremely thankful for all those who sponsored the men on their fundraising mission...this money will do much to help lives which have become adversely affected by the experience of autism."



Tom Wand (left), Elaine Nicholson, Action for Asperger's and John Stimpson

## Film catalogue expands at Oundle Library

Hundreds of new film titles are now available for loan at Oundle Library, thanks to the generosity of Oundle Cinema.

The DVDs include foreign language films as well as classic Hollywood movies, children's films and blockbusters. They can be borrowed for a small contribution to Friends of Oundle Library.

Oundle Cinema's Chris Gill explained: "The collection is an archive of films we've shown at the Stahl Theatre and village cinema screenings over the last few years.

"We wanted to make it easier for people to borrow these films and Oundle Library seemed the ideal place for them to live. We're so pleased the Friends' group has agreed to take on the stewardship of the DVDs and that the money raised will be used to improve the library. It's an arrangement where everyone wins."

The DVDs can be borrowed for longer than one week and new films will be added to the collection every year. Ask to see the catalogue when you next visit Oundle Library.

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## MANOR SCHOOL ACHIEVES SCHOOL GAMES SILVER MARK

It has been confirmed that Manor School Sports College has been awarded the Sainsbury's School Games Silver Mark for 2013/14, which is testament to the hard work and commitment of the school's Sport and Creative Studies department.

The Sainsbury's School Games Mark rewards schools for their commitment to and development of competition, school sport and physical education. The Mark was created by the Department of Culture, Media and Sport and launched in June 2012.

The criteria are set by Sport England and the Youth Sports Trust to assess participation, competition, workforce and clubs. The School Games Mark is an annual award and must be reapplied for each year.

School Sport Manager, Hannah Hore said: "Manor School continues to provide excellent opportunities for students across physical education and school sport all

year round. This academic year I will be working with the PE department to develop additional opportunities including inclusive sport formats for the School Games, both intra-school and at district level. Our aim is to achieve the Gold School Games Mark for 2014/15, which will include the creation of a School Sport Organising Committee to build on the success of the SPARK Academy."

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# Local artist captures spirit of aviation

Rushden based aviation and railway artist Keith Hill will be holding his 23rd Annual Exhibition in the historic setting of Rushden Hall for nine days during November.

The exhibition, which is a 'Mayoral Event', will be opened by Rushden Town Mayor Cllr Richard Lewis at 11.30am on Saturday 15th November in the presence of local Second World War Veterans. As in previous years the Veterans will be escorted by the young people of the Rushden ATC Squadron. On the opening day there will also be a small display of military vehicles.

The exhibition will feature all of Keith's latest work including, for the first time, his

new WWI Commemorative Collection, a series of ten paintings depicting aviation scenes from the First World War.

Also new this year will be two paintings marking the 70th anniversary of the disappearance of American band leader Glenn Miller.

Many of the paintings and prints on show will be those that depict local aviation and railway scenes, in particular RAF Chelveston and the Rushden branch line.

The exhibition runs from Saturday 15th until Sunday 23rd November and is open daily from 11am until 4pm. Parking and admission are both free.



Keith Hill Artist

# Old skills offer new opportunities for young people

Unemployed local youngsters are really benefiting from a new Heritage Lottery Fund project, which lets them try their hand at traditional crafts and learn valuable new skills.

Two have obtained apprenticeships in shoemaking and bricklaying, while others have gone on to further education and employment. So far more than 20 young people have taken part in a programme of six courses, including green woodworking, basket making and dry stone walling.

Last year Rockingham Forest Trust was delighted to receive funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund to breathe new life into the heritage skills and crafts of the Nene Valley. As well as establishing the training courses in a new green oak barn at Stanwick Lakes, the 'Trading Places' project has also been busy working with communities along the Nene Valley.

One young person who recently spent three days as a blacksmith said: "I had an awesome time; it's an experience I will never forget."

The training has raised awareness of traditional trades and has provided practical experiences and skills for young people. The shoemaking course has direct employment links to local industry, while others such as dry stone walling and blacksmithing

develop skill sets that are relevant to modern employment opportunities – such as bricklaying and metal fabrication.

'Trading Places' is funded for another three years and as well as training many more young people, the project aims to open up occasional courses to the wider public. If you are interested, contact 'Trading Places' Project Manager, Stuart Taylor by emailing [stuart@rftrust.org.uk](mailto:stuart@rftrust.org.uk)



# Police cars grow moustaches for Movember

Police cars in Northamptonshire are growing moustaches in support of Movember.

Throughout November, a number of Northamptonshire Police's vehicles will sport moustaches to support the international Movember movement – which sees men sponsored to grow moustaches, to raise money for cancer and mental health projects.

Inspector Ian Wills, from the force's Roads Policing Unit, said: "It's great that we can use our vehicles to raise awareness of Movember."

"The whole Movember movement was created to highlight the issue of men's health and encourage people to talk more openly about the issue."

"Having moustaches on our cars will hopefully encourage men across

Northamptonshire to take part by growing their own moustaches and raising money."

Since 2003, Movember has raised more than £340 million across the world and funded more than 800 programmes in 21 countries.

The money raised helps to improve the lives of men affected by prostate cancer, testicular cancer and mental health problems.

As well as the cars in Northamptonshire, police vehicles in Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire will also wear moustaches during November.

The forces have challenged residents who spot any of the cars parked by the side of the road to Tweet pictures of them using the hashtag #MoPo. Motorists have been warned, however, not to take pictures of the vehicles while driving.

# Irthlingborough Christmas Fest

Irthlingborough Town Council Events Committee has the pleasure of inviting the Residents of Irthlingborough to its Annual Christmas Fest.

To be held on the High Street on Saturday 6th December from 4pm until

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

### Apethorpe

**14/01982/FUL (29/11/2014) (LB/CA)** Change of use to allow public access for sixty days of pre-booked tours in addition to previous residential use. No physical works at Apethorpe Hall Hunting Way Apethorpe PE8 5DG

### Ashton

**14/01973/FUL (29/11/2014) (LB/CA)** Change of use of outbuilding (to previously approved Unit 1) to form dwelling at Chapel Farm Buildings The Green Ashton PE8 5LD  
**14/01974/FUL (29/11/2014) (LB/CA)** Change of use of barns (Units 2, 2A and 3) to three dwellings (previously consented for two units under application 13/00879/FUL) at Chapel Farm Buildings The Green Ashton  
**14/01975/FUL (29/11/2014) (LB/CA)** Change of use of barn (Unit 6) to three dwellings (previously consented for one unit under application 13/00879/FUL) at Chapel Farm

Buildings The Green Ashton PE8  
**14/01978/FUL (29/11/2014) (LB/CA)** Change of use of land from agricultural to equestrian use and erection of six field shelters at Chapel Farm Buildings The Green Ashton PE8 5LD  
**14/01979/FUL (29/11/2014) (LB/CA)** Extension of parking area and erection of parking barns and garage to serve dwellings at Chapel Farm Buildings The Green Ashton PE8 5LD

### Benefield

**14/01997/VAR (29/11/2014) (Info) (LB/CA)** Variation of condition 3 – materials to upper and lower roof to be natural slate pursuant to planning permission 14/00339/FUL dated 15.4.14 – Part removal of existing rear extension and erection of part two storey, part single storey rear extension at 55 Glapthorn Rd Upper Benefield PE8 5AL

### Brigstock

**14/01986/FUL (22/11/2014) (Info)** Dropped kerb and hardstanding to driveway at 19 Sudborough Rd Brigstock NN14 3HP  
**14/01990/FUL (29/11/2014) (LB/CA)** Proposed new dwelling at 42 High St Brigstock NN14 3HA  
**14/02030/FUL (22/11/2014) (Info)** Three-year temporary consent for an existing static caravan to remain in situ to assist the applicant to develop her equestrian enterprise at Spinney Hill Paddocks Stanion Rd Brigstock NN14 3FF

### Collyweston

**14/01776/OUT (29/11/2014) (Info) (LB/CA)** Construction of detached chalet bungalow and associated garaging with improved vehicle access at land adjacent 2 and 3 Slate Drift Collyweston PE9 3PG

### Easton-on-the-Hill

**14/01995/FUL (22/11/2014) (Info)** Garage extension at 54 Stamford Rd Easton On The Hill PE9 3PA  
**14/02049/LBC (29/11/2014) (LBRegs)** To remove a masonry pier located between the kitchen and dining room and replace with metal column. To also replace the plasterboard clad concrete lintels with oak beams to match original beams in dining room at 9 Church St Easton On The Hill PE9 3LL  
**14/02050/LBC (29/11/2014)**

**(LBRegs)** To replace the existing masonry structure in kitchen with a metal column and replace the reinforced concrete lintels with wooden beams at 9 Church St Easton On The Hill PE9 3LL  
**14/02051/LBC (29/11/2014) (LBRegs)** To create a bathroom on first floor currently a WC at 9 Church St Easton On The Hill PE9 3LL  
**14/02052/FUL (29/11/2014) (LB/CA)** Extension and internal alterations to detached dwelling and extension to detached double garage (retrospective) at 16B Church St Easton On The Hill PE9 3LL

### Higham Ferrers

**14/01881/LBC (29/11/2014) (LB/CA) (LBRegs)** Upgrade the windows on right of ground floor to match those on left and on first floor with additional leaded light windows in same style at 5 Market Square Higham Ferrers  
**14/01998/FUL (29/11/2014) (LB/CA)** Proposed alterations to pedestrian access and single storey extension to form new reception area with metal staircase to the side and extended walkway on top at 5-7 College St Higham Ferrers NN10 8DX

### Kings Cliffe

**14/01789/VAR (22/11/2014) (Info)** Variation of condition 2 (approved drawings) to change the colour of cladding from green to buttermilk pursuant to planning permission 14/00072/FUL Construction of two light industrial units at Elliotts Yard Park St Kings Cliffe  
**14/01999/FUL (29/11/2014) (Info) (LB/CA)** Garage loft conversion to create hobby room at 2 Howards Meadow Kings Cliffe PE8 6YJ

### Nassington

**14/01971/FUL (29/11/2014) (LB/CA)** Erection of a carport at Frog Hall 27 Northfield Lane Nassington PE8 6QJ

### Oundle

**14/01917/FUL (22/11/2014) (Info)** Erection of front porch at 77 Gordon Rd Oundle PE8 4LD  
**14/01926/FUL (22/11/2014) (Info)** A single storey side extension at 26 Cotterstock Rd Oundle PE8  
**14/01928/FUL (22/11/2014) (Info)** Proposed single storey kitchen, utility and sun room extension at 23 St Peters Rd Oundle PE8 4NR

### Raunds

**14/02000/REM (29/11/2014) (Art8)** Reserved matters for the erection of 230 (two hundred and thirty) residential units pursuant to outline application 11/01747/OUT Proposed sustainable urban gateway to Raunds comprising employment (Use Classes B1, B2 and B8); residential (Use Class C3); new vehicular and pedestrian access and associated road infrastructure, public open space and landscaping, including flood alleviation measures. (All matters reserved except for access) dated 07.12.12 at West End and North of Brick Kiln Rd Raunds

### Ringstead

**14/01750/FUL (22/11/2014) (Info)** Erection of a four bedroom detached house on the land between Nos. 17 and 21 Denford Rd on the original footprint of the approved scheme Ref 12/01162 but relocated 500mm back from the line of No. 17 Denford Rd as requested by the planning officer at 21 Denford Rd Ringstead NN14 4DF  
**14/02029/FUL (22/11/2014) (Info)** Single storey side extension to provide bedroom and shower room at 10 Back Lane Ringstead NN14 4DR

### Rushden

**14/01956/FUL (22/11/2014) (Info)** Hip to gable roof extension, window to gable end and rear dormer at 79 Park Avenue Rushden NN10 9NR  
**14/01983/FUL (22/11/2014) (Info)** New roof with dormer windows to rear elevation to provide two bedrooms plus rear single storey extension to lounge at 4 Pippin Close Rushden NN10 6PZ  
**14/01984/VAR (29/11/2014) (Art8)** Variation of condition 2 – the removal of tree T154 and its replacement within the public open space area pursuant to planning permission 14/00017/REM dated 30.6.14 – Reserved matters: Landscaping details in respect of the showhome area covered by reserved matters application 13/01647/REM and 96 unit scheme covered by reserved matters 13/01644/REM pursuant to outline planning application 10/01017/OUT – Erection of a NHS Resource Centre, creation of up to 125 dwellings with associated open space, space for educational use by South End Infant School, removal of four trees covered by TPO, new access roads and alterations to

existing internal road layout (All matters reserved) dated 16.07.2012 at Rushden Hospital The Drive Rushden

### Stanwick

**14/01909/FUL (22/11/2014) (Info)** Single storey front extension to kitchen by moving wall forward to front of existing canopy roof and in line with existing garage. at 4 Courtwood Stanwick NN9 6PN

**14/01954/OUT (29/11/2014) (Art8)** Outline planning application for up to two hundred and thirty residential dwellings all matters reserved (except for means of access) at land north of West Street Stanwick NN9

### Sudborough

**14/01743/FUL (29/11/2014) (Info) (LB/CA) (LBRegs)** Use of land as garden and parkland; erection of new gates to Newton Lane access, pedestrian gates to front and side of dwelling, metal double leaf gates for new driveway; erection of metal estate railings; new access door to Indoor Riding School; and hard/soft landscaping at Manor Farmhouse Newton Lane Sudborough NN14 3BF  
**14/01744/LBC (29/11/2014) (LBRegs)** Erection of new gates to Newton Lane access, pedestrian gate to front of dwelling; erection of metal estate railings; and hard/soft landscaping to include patio to rear of dwelling at Manor Farmhouse Newton Lane Sudborough NN14 3BF

### Woodnewton

**14/02005/FUL (29/11/2014) (LB/CA)** Fixture of twelve solar panels to roof of garage (part retrospective) at Olivers Folly 12 Main St Woodnewton PE8 5EB

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

**David Reed**  
**Head of Planning Services**  
**Dated 8 November 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.

## Christmas lights switch-on event in Thrapston to be biggest ever

**On Saturday 29th November everyone is invited to join in the festive fun in Thrapston, as the town's annual lights event gets a big make-over and is set to be the largest of its kind that the town has seen.**

The Thrapston Lights Festival will also welcome a 'freezing cold' celebrity to switch on the town's Christmas lights!

This year Thrapston Town Council, several local businesses and community members have worked closely together to create an event which will see Thrapston High Street packed with entertainment and fun from 2.30pm to 6pm, with the lights switch-on taking place around the town's Christmas tree near the library at 5pm.

There is so much going on that the High Street will be closed for the event, to make room and to allow for crowds to move around safely.

Alan Winter, Mayor of Thrapston and Chair of the Town Council said: "We have listened to what our community would like to see at this annual event, and as a result we are creating a much bigger sense of occasion.

"People have asked for more attractions and entertainment for all ages, and we have come up with an event which we think will be enjoyed by all and that will create a great buzz in our town."

The entertainment and activities will include a snowboarding simulator, a huge covered winter wonderland bouncy castle and several merry-go-rounds, as well as a host of choirs singing throughout the event, mulled wine and roasted chestnuts, a traditional candyfloss and popcorn cart, plus a traditional street organ which will play festive tunes.

Christmas shopping opportunities will abound as the shops remain open with their festive windows, and a Christmas market will be taking place in the centre of the town featuring a mix of good quality food and gift stalls.

Father Christmas will be set up in Christmas Cottage with his elves, waiting to meet and greet visitors with a cheery wave. The very popular magician and children's entertainer Mr Marvel will be performing between 2.30pm and 4pm along the High Street, and a team of professional face painters will be working their magic to create wonderful faces, hair feathers and temporary tattoos.

There will also be a petting zoo thanks to the Hamerton Zoo team, who will be bringing some of their furry and feathery friends to meet the crowds. Even Lightning McQueen and his friends will be joining the fun and will be on display at the Huntingdon Road end of High Street.

The lights switch-on will take place at 5pm, following the very popular annual visit from Thrapston Primary School choir and Thrapston Town Band. 'Thrapston's Got Talent' winner Aisha Glasgow will be singing to everyone in the run-up to a very special guest appearance by an 'extra cold' celebrity!

Charlotte Croser of Jollys Toys and a member of the organising team said: "Thrapston is a thriving community which loves getting together at town events – proven by the success of the Charter Fair and the new monthly Farmers' Market. We expect a great turnout and that great, friendly and festive atmosphere that the community here in Thrapston creates so well."

For more information please contact: Thrapston Town Council, Tel: 01832 734673 or Charlotte Croser, Tel: 01832 358915.



# Celebrating Local Democracy Week 2014

East Northamptonshire Council marked Local Democracy Week in October with a wealth of information about registering to vote, how to vote and other ways to have your say on issues that matter to you.

To start off the week, the Council explained the biggest change to electoral registration in almost 100 years, Individual Electoral Registration (IER), which will make it easier, simpler and faster for people to register to vote. If you have any queries about your registration, call 01832 742119.

Next, residents were encouraged to attend a public meeting and see councillors debating issues. For details of all the committees and meeting dates and times, visit [www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk](http://www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk) and click on the 'Your Council' tab.

Mid-week the roles, powers and services of the town and parish councils were highlighted. See [www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/](http://www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/)

parishandtowncouncils for contact details for East Northamptonshire town and parish clerks.

Then came a reminder about the opportunity to express views through the consultation process. To find out more about why and how the Council consults, visit: [www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/consultation](http://www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/consultation)

Creating a petition was the final topic of the week. The Council welcomes petitions, recognising that they are a great way for people to let them know their concerns. If you would like to present a petition to the Council, you can do so at any one of the full Council meetings. Contact the Democratic Services Manager on 01832 742113 or email [memberservices@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk](mailto:memberservices@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk) to discuss.

If you missed any of the daily releases, visit [www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/news/archive](http://www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/news/archive) to find out more.

## Higham Ferrers set to bloom

The Friends of St Mary's, the Chichele Garden Group from Higham Ferrers Tourism and pupils from The Ferrers School have been busy planting bulbs around the town for all to enjoy next spring.

In the churchyard, the 'Friends' have planted 2,000 crocus bulbs together with many drifts of daffodils around the graveyard and along Church Walk.

In the Chichele College garden, another 1,000 native daffodils, lent lilies and Tenby daffodils have been added to the many already planted around the grassed recreational area.

In past years local children have helped to make this a wonderful sight in the spring, through planting bulbs. In keeping with this tradition, Miss Sarah Golding, Jay-cee, Ava, Maya, Izzy, Pippa, Lily, Holly and Megan of The Ferrers School spent an enjoyable

and worthwhile afternoon working hard to ensure that the garden looks even more beautiful next year.

Make sure that you pay a visit to Higham Ferrers St Mary's churchyard and the Chichele College garden in the spring and enjoy the fruits of their labour.



School pupils planting bulbs

## Special meeting to discuss Irthlingborough West development

A planning application proposing an expansion to the west of Irthlingborough will be considered by a meeting of East Northamptonshire Council's Development Control Committee at 6pm on 24th November.

The proposed mixed-use development is located above abandoned ironstone mines and includes:

- residential development for up to 700 homes;
- commercial development for business, industrial and storage use;
- land for the expansion of Huxlow Science College and
- drainage and highways

infrastructure including a new roundabout on Finedon Road (A6).

Several rounds of consultation have been conducted since this application was first submitted in 2010 and further information has been submitted to enable a full assessment of the scheme. Details of the proposal can be viewed at [www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/planning](http://www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/planning) using application number 10/00857/OUT.

Chair of Development Control, Cllr Pauline Bradberry, said: "Due to the scale of the application, we decided to hold an extraordinary meeting where we can dedicate

significant time to discussing the benefits and risks of the proposal.

"As with all Council meetings, members of the public are welcome to come along to the council chamber in Thrapston and hear the discussions or to voice their opinions."

To speak at the meeting, please contact the Planning Committee Clerk on 01832 742198 by 5pm on Friday 21st November.

The agenda for this meeting will be available four working days before the meeting at [www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/agendas](http://www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/agendas) and at the customer service centres in Thrapston, Rushden and Oundle.



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# Stanwick bids for ITV People's Millions

**The village of Stanwick is bidding for £50,000 in the ITV People's Millions competition, to create an allotment and community garden facility for residents.**

The Parish Council led initiative, Stanwick Outdoors, has reached the final stages of the competition and will compete on TV in a public telephone vote against one other project on Tuesday 25th November.

On that date, the telephone number for voting will be published in the Daily Mirror and on the website [www.peoplesmillions.org.uk](http://www.peoplesmillions.org.uk) from 9am.

The result will be announced on the early evening ITV Anglia West News the following day.

Parish Council Chairman, Amanda Michel said: "Stanwick has grown by 30% in the last few years and there is a high demand for allotments, but we currently have no community growing facilities at all to offer. We need people to vote for us to turn this patch of rough grassland into a vibrant community facility."

The money will be used to provide a safe off road access, car parking, water supply, fencing, raised beds for those with restricted mobility and seating in the social area. There are plans to hold produce fairs, pumpkin growing and carving competitions together with other events that the whole community can get involved with.

Community gardening offers a wide

range of health and wellbeing benefits. This project will get people involved, working together in sustainable activities that can develop new skills,

help to overcome social isolation and promote healthy lifestyles. It will offer opportunities for all age groups to work together.



## Oundle revs up for Classic Sprint

**No, Oundle isn't tipped to be the filming location for the next instalment of Fast and Furious, but the cars and motorcycles gathered and parading through town on 28th December definitely deserve star billing.**

And what a lineup: elegant, eccentric, cool, classic, memorable, and unforgettable... countless loved and lusty two and four-wheeled vehicles will gather, gleaming and geared up for the first Oundle Classic Sprint – an event to fuel-inject plenty of thrilling horsepower into the post-Christmas haze.

Vintage, classic and historic cars and motorcycles will fill the streets – displayed, demonstrated and driven with pride – through the picturesque Market Place

and down North Street, offering great photo opportunities.

Vehicle sprints will be held in various categories: Vintage cars and bikes (prewar); Vintage cars and bikes (postwar); Historic cars and bikes (1960–1980); Classic cars and bikes (1980–2000). To close the event, rally cars of all eras will switch on their headlamps for a frosty twilight parade through Oundle.

This event offers a packed day delivering fun, food, and entertainment for all the family, from 10am till that chequered flag drops at four.

The event is sponsored by Nene Valley Brewery, Lunar Training, Qprep and Oundle Town Council, with all profits to be donated to charities, mainly Help for Heroes.

For a taste of the type

of vehicles scheduled to attend check out Qprep Monthly Motors Meets on YouTube.

Visit Facebook, Oundle Classic Sprint, for event details and to register a vehicle to demonstrate or exhibit.

This will be a day to admire the engineering of groundbreaking vehicles, on two wheels and four; a day to be reminded that driving is fun – and of when it was still pioneering to pack a little power in your wheels; to take to the country lanes with a picnic hamper, with no fear of losing your joy in a traffic jam.

The Oundle Classic Sprint is set to be a very special seasonal event. Just when you think Christmas has run out of steam, enjoy an injection of proud and loud petrol power!



## The gift of five stars this Christmas

**Food businesses in the district are being encouraged by East Northamptonshire Council to work hard to achieve and maintain a five-star rating this Christmas.**

From cafes to takeaways, be sure to display your Food Hygiene Rating sticker to show your customers that you take food hygiene seriously.

The Food Hygiene Rating Scheme (FHRS) is designed so that most food businesses, no matter how small, can achieve the top rating.

Steven North, Leader of East Northamptonshire Council, said: "This is an important time for local businesses. A good Food Hygiene Rating is something to be proud of. It matters to customers so we are reminding all food businesses in East Northamptonshire to display their rating and have a prosperous festive season."

Need to improve your rating? Have you thought about attending the East

Northamptonshire Council Food Safety Training course? It's designed for anyone working with or around food and will get you a nationally recognised qualification (Chartered Institute of Environmental Health Level 2 Award in Food Safety in catering). Not only is the course interesting and delivered in an interactive way, it also provides the opportunity to network with other local businesses.

The next course will take place on 12th November, shortly followed by another on 22nd January 2015. For more information about what the course covers and for booking details, visit: [www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/foodsafetytraining](http://www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/foodsafetytraining)

If you run a food business and would like to discuss your rating or would like some tips on how to improve food safety in your business, telephone 01832 742055 to speak to a Council officer. They are on hand Monday to Friday 9am–5pm to offer advice and support.

## Visit your local LibraryPlus

**When was the last time you visited your local LibraryPlus?**

Did you know we offer much more than our core service of books/reading? I've seen many changes in the 16 years I've worked for this proactive, transformed service and I'm passionate about what we do. In this regular column I'll introduce you to the 'Plus' in LibraryPlus. Support/advice tailored to the community, events, dedicated friendly staff that will never 'Shhhh' you. A welcoming, comfortable place that's here to help you!

• Events: All six LibraryPlus venues in East Northants hold many groups and events

for all ages. Children's events are FREE. Find each LibraryPlus on Facebook.

- What's New? Join our Afternoon Show Book Club with John Griff, BBC Radio Northampton; Higham Ferrers LibraryPlus – new Tourist Information point.
- Did You Know? We open Sundays 1–4pm!
- Get Involved: Need work experience or simply want to give back to the community? We

will have a volunteering opportunity for you.

- LibraryShop: 'Icons Of Northamptonshire' publication now in stock, priced £17.50.
- Oundle LibraryPlus: Friends calendar now available – ideal for Christmas.
- Crafters Wanted: Hire a space for £10 for our Christmas Craft Day in Libraries, 29th November. More information: [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/libraries), Twitter: @Library\_Plus

# LibraryPlus



# From the East Northamptonshire Council Chairman

**It never ceases to amaze me what marvellous charity work goes on in the county.**

That came home to me last week when I attended the AGM of the Northamptonshire Association of Youth Clubs (NAYC). This is an umbrella organisation that helps nearly 400 clubs and youth groups.

We heard a performance from some marvellous young people who won the NAYC's fifth annual anti-bullying song competition. We also heard about the excellent facilities run by the Association, including Whitemoor Lakes activity centre in Staffordshire, the King's Park Conference Centre and Tennis Centre in Northampton and the Pioneer Centre near Kidderminster.

We also attended the Northamptonshire Courts Service. This was like a civic service, but much grander. It is organised by the High

Sheriff, an annual post held this year by Anne Burnett who comes from East Northants. It was a splendid occasion. The procession consisted of several High Court judges, district judges, circuit judges, members of the bar, Chairmen of Benches of Magistrates, other High Sheriffs from neighbouring counties, the Lord Lieutenant and many clergy including the Bishop of Brixworth.

High Sheriffs wear a distinctive dark navy or black velvet uniform with neck ruff. They also wear a hat with a feather. If the High Sheriff is a man he also carries a sword. Lady High Sheriffs do have a sword, but it is carried by their cadet. It is not considered ladylike for them to carry a sword! Tradition and ceremony is something that the British do exceedingly well.

I also attended a conference in Kettering. I was particularly proud of the work

of the charity Groundwork Northamptonshire, as I am a board member appointed by East Northants Council.

One of their groups described the value of a regular half-hour walk each day, which can help with many ailments and is thought to prolong life by around five years. The volunteer walkers were especially enthusiastic and inspirational. Health Walks already take place at Stanwick Lakes in our area, but I am hoping to extend this to Rushden in the future.

Groundwork youth workers also enthusiastically described their Talent Match project. This helps young people to get into employment. Some of these young people have low self-esteem and do not have the skills or personal circumstances appropriate to get into employment. The Groundwork workers help them to overcome these difficulties using group sessions and one-to-one



(from left to right), Cllr Gill Mercer, Chairman of East Northamptonshire Council, John Kenny, Building Maintenance Supervisor at East Northamptonshire Council, and Reverend Peter Baden

mentoring.

On 24th October we raised the new Northamptonshire flag for the first time at the Council building in Thrapston. This was to coincide with the County Day, which is on 25th October. We held a small

ceremony and Reverend Peter Baden blessed the flag. This flag was recently unveiled for the first time in Northampton, after a competition was launched to decide on a design.

I have attended two interesting and very different

fundraising events. One was a Remembrance talk at Burton Latimer, where we heard about music during the First World War. The other was a race night in Rushden, in aid of the charity Mind.

ENC Chairman  
Cllr Gill Mercer

## Ofsted rates Rushden Academy's nursery Outstanding

**Rushden Academy, sponsored by The Education Fellowship, is delighted that its First Friends Day Nursery has been rated 'Outstanding'.**

An Ofsted inspection in September found the quality and standards of its early years provision to be universally outstanding, with the nursery providing high quality care and education for every one of its children.

Ofsted reported that children make excellent and often rapid progress with staff who are highly motivated to support children's individual needs and do so extremely effectively.

Children feel very safe and secure in

the small, friendly nursery environment and benefit from the highly effective key-person system the nursery operates. It also has particularly effective monitoring and tracking systems which inform continuous improvements. Safeguarding is a priority, with strict procedures in place, and processes for the recruitment of staff are robust. Its outdoor areas are an additional rich learning resource.

Lizzie Rowe, Deputy Chief Executive of The Education Fellowship, said: "Children attending this small, welcoming nursery have every opportunity to reach their full potential and I congratulate Faye Beck and her team for their superb work in bringing

the nursery to this outstanding status. Excellent teaching and management has led to highly motivated and engaged children enjoying a rich learning environment in this busy yet calm atmosphere. On top of this the children's emotional wellbeing is extremely well fostered."

Jude Goodacre, Acting Principal of Rushden Academy, said: "Everyone at Rushden Academy is extremely proud of the achievement of Faye and her team. My own three children attended First Friends and I am pleased to say that the links between the school and the nursery are strong for both our staff and our students."

Rushden Academy opened as an 11-18 years old sponsored academy in January 2013 and is sponsored by The Education Fellowship. First Friends Day Nursery is situated onsite and has registered places for up to 25 children per session. The nursery offers part and full-time places for children aged between three months and five years during term time and training days only. The nursery offers limited funded places for three year olds. The nursery accepts childcare vouchers.

For more information please contact the Nursery Manager Faye Beck at First Friends Day Nursery, Rushden Community College, Hayway, Rushden NN10 6AG, Tel: 01933 317926.



## Volunteers needed for Carers Sitting Service in Rushden

- Are you interested in using your existing skills and experience and developing new ones through volunteering?
- Perhaps you have been a carer yourself and appreciate the importance of getting a break?
- Are you retired or semi-retired, work part-time, or are taking a career break? Maybe you are looking after a family but have a few hours to spare and are interested in doing something that will make a difference in your town.
- Are you looking to get some experience and a reference for paid work in the future?
- Would you like to enable more carers in Rushden to benefit from the sitting service?

If so, becoming a volunteer befriender with the Carers Sitting Service may be for you.

### WHAT'S INVOLVED?

The Carers Sitting Service provides support by giving a break to those who have a caring responsibility for a husband, wife, partner,

parent, relative or friend. Sitting sessions take the form of befriending, do not involve provision of personal care, run from two to three hours and involve meeting the same person in their own home. We'll provide you with induction training and ongoing support. Travel expenses will be paid for any visits you make.

Volunteering is very flexible and you can fit it around your other commitments. You can do regular or more occasional sitting sessions. You don't need any qualifications to become a volunteer as we provide training and ongoing support. However, it is important that you are understanding, patient and a good listener.

Interested and want to find out more? Contact Adam Wilson, Volunteer Coordinator on 01933 677837 or 07538 616387, or email [adamw@northamptonshire-carers.org](mailto:adamw@northamptonshire-carers.org)

Alternatively, you can download an application form and volunteer befriender role description from [www.northamptonshire-carers.org](http://www.northamptonshire-carers.org)



# Hog Roast for Ringstead fishers

**Fishing is a solitary occupation – usually just a quick “go’day” to others already in position, and then the joy of a contemplative state of mind for several hours, then home.**

However, some of the regulars at the beautiful and tranquil Ringstead Grange Trout Fishery thought it might be a good idea to have a get-together before the season ends, so that everyone could meet and have a chat.

The group approached Bailiff John Barlow, of Thrapston, who then led a small team in organising a luncheon Hog Roast for Sunday 19th October.

An unseasonably warm and sunny day greeted everyone, with fishing boats already out on the water. The local Bonas Brothers music duo, followed by the Northampton Ukulele Band, gave a celebratory live music backing to the event as Phil Wilmott cooked and served the hog which he had so

generously given.

Bailiff John Barlow dispensed tea and coffee from his chalet office, some members demonstrated the art of ‘float tube’ fishing, and lake owner Rosemary Foster presented her trophy to the winner of the 2014 Junior Fishing Match, ten-year-old Harry Pearce of Rushden.

Members were also delighted to learn that, instead of trout fishing finishing in late November – as has been the custom in previous years – it will continue, alongside pike fishing, during the winter weekends. It was also a special day for Mr Barlow, as it marked the completion of his first year as Bailiff at the lake.

Congratulations are most certainly in order to everyone who took part in this happy event (‘And when are we having another one?’ they asked) and who contributed to a collection which raised over £500 for the Macmillan Nurses fund.

## Ferdi's Kitchen

By José Ferdi Tavares  
ferdis.kitchen@gmail.com

### Risotto alla Milanese

**Prep time: 20 mins**

**Cook time: 20 mins**

**Serves: 4**

#### Ingredients

- 350g carnaroli rice (alternatively Arborio rice)
- 50g butter (1 knob 30g and 1 knob 20 g)
- 40g beef or veal bone marrow
- ½ onion (finely chopped)
- 100ml white wine
- 1.5L hot veal or chicken stock (add extra if needed)
- 0.10–0.20g saffron powder (usually 1 sachet)
- 60g Parmesan cheese (finely grated)
- Salt and black pepper

#### Instructions

- Before you start cooking prepare the stock so that it is readily available when required.

- Have the stock just simmering.
- Melt 30g of butter in a large pan and add the onion.
- Gently cook over medium heat for about 2 minutes being careful not to brown.
- Add the bone marrow and continue cooking for another 3 minutes, breaking the marrow with the spoon while stirring.
- Once the onion is soft, add the rice and stir until the rice is completely coated with the fat. The rice will start to become translucent. Keep stirring and gently cook the rice for another minute or two.
- Add the white wine, keep stirring and let the wine evaporate (it will probably take a couple of minutes).
- Add the stock and turn

the heat to medium/low. The stock, which is kept simmering, should be added a couple of ladles at a time. When this is absorbed, add more stock. Carry on in

this way for about 15 minutes. During this stage do not leave the pan alone and stir regularly (gently).

• After 15 minutes, you will probably need an extra 3 to 5 minutes to complete the final stage of cooking (this time depends on the type of rice you are using). From now on, taste the rice every minute until the rice is cooked al dente (this means that the rice is tender outside, but still slightly firm to the bite in the centre). At the same time, the tasting will tell you if you need to adjust the seasoning. Regular but gentle stirring is required for the last minutes in order to avoid the risotto sticking to the bottom of the pan.

- Put the saffron powder into a glass and add half a ladle of stock. Stir until the saffron dissolves and then add to the pan. If using saffron strands, steep for 2

minutes before adding to the pan.

- In these last minutes, if the stock is completely absorbed, you can gradually add a bit more (say half a ladle at a time) because at this final stage you do not want the risotto becoming too watery.
- Stir until all the rice is uniformly coloured (golden yellow). Continue cooking and adding stock if required.
- When the rice is perfectly cooked al dente, add the Parmesan cheese and stir for few seconds until the Parmesan has melted.
- Remove from heat and add all the remaining butter (cut into pieces) and stir until completely melted.
- Cover the pan with a lid for about 1 minute and allow the risotto to rest before serving it.
- Risotto should be served all'onda (like a wave). This means that when you serve it on to the plate, it should still flow a little.
- If you want a vegetarian option leave out the marrow and use vegetable stock.
- Buon appetito!

Serve as an accompaniment to Osso Buco alla Milanese. Ferdis-kitchen@gmail.com

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**St Mary's Church & Bede House**  
**Higham Ferrers**

#### Opening /Last Admission Times

**Friday** 12.00 Noon—5.00pm

**Saturday** 9.00am—6.00pm

**Sunday** 12.00 Noon—5.00pm

#### Admission

(including souvenir programme)

**Adults** £3.00

**Children** (under 16) Free

## CHRISTMAS SPARKLE

**Saturday, 22nd November 2014**

Market Square, Higham Ferrers 11.00am-6.30pm

- FUN FAIR • SANTA'S GROTTO
- CONTINENTAL MARKET •
- CRAFT STALLS • DODGEMS
- REFRESHMENTS •

**LIGHTS SWITCH ON AT 5.00PM**





**Saturday 8th November**  
**Craft And Food Fair**  
Brigstock Village Hall  
10am–4pm  
Free Admission  
Sally Wilks 01536 373428  
Local crafts, Christmas gifts, beer and food stalls.

**Coffee Morning and Community Shop**  
Laxton Village Hall  
10.30am–12noon  
All welcome  
Tim Gilbert on 01780 450005.  
Freshly brewed coffee and tea, cakes and bakes, soft drinks available. On sale: local eggs, honey, seasonal produce. Newspapers available.

**Sunday 9th November**  
**The Great Christmas Gift Fair**  
The Victoria Hall, West Street, Oundle  
11.30am–4.30pm  
Free Entry  
Handmade gifts, stocking fillers, tombola, vintage tea room, retro furniture and fashions, Pip Studio, Captain Clareways and a raffle in aid of The British Legion.

**Monday 10th November**  
**Oundle U3A Monthly Meeting**  
Victoria Hall  
Doors open 2.15pm, speaker 3pm  
Members £1  
Tel: 01832 274778  
Ian Burton – ‘Unusual Musical Instruments.’

**Tuesday 11th November**  
**Tea Dance**  
Pemberton Centre, Rushden.  
2pm–4.15pm  
£3 Includes tea/coffee and cakes.  
Tel: 01933 356552  
Ballroom/sequence dancing. Proceeds to charity.

**Film Night: The Railway Man (15)**  
Laxton Village Hall  
7.30pm–10pm  
£5  
Noel Jessop on 01780 450273 or email [noel@stuartlighting.com](mailto:noel@stuartlighting.com)  
Showing The Railway Man (15). Tea, coffee, wine, beer, soft drinks available.

**Men’s group Pensioners’ Parliament**  
Bingo and general session. Rushden Hall, Hall Park, Rushden  
2pm–4pm  
£1 + Raffle  
Secretary Malcolm 01933 314090

**Wednesday 12th November**  
**Oundle Branch Northamptonshire Family History Society**  
The Methodist Church, Drummingwell Lane, Oundle  
7.30pm–9.30pm  
Non-members £2  
For more information please contact 01832 272061 / 270061  
David & Sue Wilkinson.  
Talk about East Coast maritime adventures, lucky escapes and family myths.

**Thursday 13th November**  
**Oundle Art Group Meeting**  
Tansor Village Hall  
1.45pm–3.45pm  
Non-members £2.50  
Jane Sanders 01832 226495  
Chris Yates 01832 226345  
‘Still Life’ – bring any media.

**Discovery Walks**  
Meet opposite The Bell, Little Addington  
2pm  
£1.50, no need to book.  
Tel: 01780 782747  
[www.weanorthamptonshire.org](http://www.weanorthamptonshire.org)  
Exploring Northamptonshire – Little Addington – 4.5 miles.

**Raunds WI**  
The Saxon Hall  
7.30pm  
£3.50 for visitors  
Mary Harber 01933 624271  
The Speaker is Polly Feeley on Music & Memories of 1950s.

**Friday 14th November**  
**The Buildings of Oundle – an illustrated talk by Colin Ray, Oundle Historical Society**  
Oundle Methodist Church, Drummingwell Lane, Oundle  
7.30pm  
Members free  
Non-members £2  
Perdita Cawthorne 01832 205115

**Film: Jersey Boys (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, 01832 274734 or on the door.  
The trials and triumphs of 60s sensations The Four Seasons, with a fabulous musical soundtrack.

**Film: Captain Phillips (15)**  
Ringstead Village Social Club, High Street NN14 4DA.  
Doors open at 7.30pm, Film starts 7.45pm.  
Tickets £4  
Contact 01933 460373 for details.  
Disabled access from rear car park. Bar available.

**Saturday 15th November**  
**Messy Church**  
The Salvation Army, Church Street, Rushden  
4pm–5.30pm  
Free Admission  
Gill Valentine 01933 353528.  
Everyone is invited young and old, crafts/story and a cooked meal.

**Children in Need Jumble Sale**  
Harringworth Village Hall, Gretton Road, Harringworth, NN17 3AD  
2pm  
Free Admission  
Marie 01572 747791  
Popular annual Jumble Sale in aid of Children in Need.

**Autumn Concert to raise funds for Air Ambulance**  
The Heritage Church, Park Road, Rushden  
7pm  
£5 (including refreshments)  
Tickets ring 07789 221750, from any choir member or on the door.  
The Enigma Singers and Nene Valley Singers with guest soloists, compered by Diana Awdry.

**Warmington Children’s Tabletop Sale**  
Warmington Village Hall  
10am–12noon  
Free  
Email [children.tabletop@hotmail.com](mailto:children.tabletop@hotmail.com) for table availability and booking.  
Secondhand sale of mum and baby items including equipment, clothes, toys and maternity. Refreshments available.

**Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th November**  
**Sizzle and Stroll Morning**  
Lyveden New Bield  
9.30am–11.30am  
Normal property admission charges.  
Tel: 01832 205158  
[www.nationaltrust.org.uk/lyveden](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/lyveden)  
Enjoy an early stroll around the grounds and a bacon sandwich in the Tea Room.

**Saturday 15th November until Sunday 23rd November**  
**Mayor’s Memorial Art Exhibition**  
Rushden Hall, Hall Park, Rushden  
11am–4pm daily  
Free  
Tel: 01933 350283  
Description: Aviation, Railway and Local Art by Keith Hill.  
New WWI collection on display.

**Sunday 16th November**  
**Christmas Craft Fair**  
Fotheringhay Village Hall

11am–4pm  
Free Admission  
A selection of handmade items from local artists and makers including jewellery, mosaics, ceramics, textiles, scented candles, preserves and much more.

**Shamblers Walk**  
**\*change of venue (not Stanwick Lakes)**  
Barley Mow pub in Cosgrove MK19 7JD  
10am for 10.30am start  
Peter 01933 396826 / [www.northamptonshireshamblers.org.uk](http://www.northamptonshireshamblers.org.uk)  
A leisurely circular walk with friendly company along the canal and riverside. Optional meal afterwards.

**Monday 17th November**  
**Higham Ferrers WI**  
The Adult School, Westfield Terrace, Higham Ferrers  
2.15pm  
Pat Barber on 01933 306447  
Why not join us for Craft and a Chat? We are making a Christmas Cracker.

**Tuesday 18th November**  
**Mens group Pensioners’ Parliament**  
Viewing local artist Keith Hill’s exhibition, Rushden Hall, Hall Park, Rushden  
2pm–4pm  
Secretary Malcolm 01933 314090.

**Thursday 20th November**  
**Warmington Ladies Choir**  
Elton Methodist Chapel  
7.30pm–9.30pm  
£8 per ticket including tea and cakes.  
Contact details and ticket sales 01832 280720  
[Ashley@matherholman.co.uk](mailto:Ashley@matherholman.co.uk)  
Title of evening, ‘Lest we forget.’

**Oundle Art Group Meeting**  
Tansor Village Hall  
1.45pm–3.45pm  
Non-members £6  
Jane Sanders 01832 226495; Chris Yates 01832 226345  
‘Architectural Perspective’ with David Rushton. Bring variety of pencils and papers, watercolour.

**Friday 21st November**  
**Talk by Tom Stroud on Arctic Wildlife – 16 months at Rothera Station**  
Methodist Church, Drummingwell Lane, Oundle  
7.30pm  
Non-members £3 and Members £2  
Keith Alvey on 01832 272666.

**Film: The 100-Year-Old Man who Climbed out of**

**the Window and Disappeared (15) (Swedish 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 01832 274734 or on the door.  
Offbeat comedy following Alan after he escapes from his nursing home on his 100th birthday.

**Saturday 22nd November**  
**Little Addington Christmas Fayre**  
St Mary’s Church, High St, Little Addington NN14 4BD  
2pm–5pm  
Admission: Children 16/under Free, Adults £1  
Tel: 01933 650245 or 650788  
Cakes, tombola, games, bric-a-brac, crafts, Christmas table decorations/cards, books, hamper raffle, teas/refreshments etc.

**Higham Ferrers Christmas Sparkle**  
11am–6.30pm  
Lights switch-on 5pm  
Fun Fair, French Market, Hog Roast, Angel Festival, live music, Santa’s Grotto.

**Christmas Fayre**  
Islip Village Hall  
10am–4pm  
Admission £1  
[annpeterdrew@btinternet.com](mailto:annpeterdrew@btinternet.com)  
Local craft stalls, children’s face painting, tombola, cakes, jams, marmalade.  
Refreshments in our Cosy Cafe.

**Advent Fayre**  
St Mary’s Church Ringstead  
10am–1pm  
Free Admission  
Esther Mitchell, [esthermitchell@uwclub.net](mailto:esthermitchell@uwclub.net)  
Purchase unique handmade crafts from a selection of local craftsmen, festive refreshments and children’s crafts.

**Orchestral Concert ‘Remembering the Fallen’ in association with The Royal British Legion**  
St Peter’s Church, Oundle  
7.30pm  
£12 (£10 in advance), Concessions £10 (£8 in advance), £2 Students, £1 discount for RBL members.  
Oundle Box Office 01832 274734  
Butterworth (A Shropshire Lad), Elgar (Cello Concerto – soloist Eduardo Vassallo), Vaughan-Williams (Pastoral Symphony). Conductor: Paul Hilliam.

**Craft & Gift Fair**  
Milton Ernest Village Hall  
1pm–4pm  
Adults £1, Children 12/under Free Admission  
Lynne Bufton 01933 412206  
Homemade crafts and gifts plus refreshments available.  
Stalls bookable (£10) Tel: 01933 412206. Come visit!

**Every Tuesday and Thursday (except Christmas and New Year)**  
**Health Walks**  
Stanwick Lakes  
10am–11am  
Free – normal car park charges apply.  
Tel: 01933 625522  
[www.stanwicklakes.org.uk](http://www.stanwicklakes.org.uk)  
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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](mailto:oundledogs@aol.com) or [www.oundledogs.co.uk](http://www.oundledogs.co.uk)  
Dog training classes following the KC Good Citizen Scheme and Ringcraft. New members always welcome.

**Alternate Wednesdays**  
**U3A Country Dancing**  
St James’s Church hall Thrapston  
2pm–3.30pm  
[ghearnden@tiscali.co.uk](mailto: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.

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

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**Every Wednesday (except December)**  
**Rainbow Cafe for Tots (aimed at up to age 5 and their adults)**  
Stanwick Lakes  
10.30am–12noon  
£2 per child – normal car park charges apply.  
Tel. 01933 625522  
[www.stanwicklakes.org.uk](http://www.stanwicklakes.org.uk)  
Make new and exciting crafts then join Lisa from Music and Movement to play, sing and dance.

**Every Thursday**  
**Folk Dancing**  
St Mary's Church Hall  
8pm–10pm  
First visit free, £2 per night thereafter.  
If you enjoy folk dancing come and join us.

**The Silverfox Turners Club**  
Dale End Scout Headquarters,  
Croyland Road,  
Wellingborough  
Bet 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.

**Every Thursday during school term time**  
**Music Makers**  
Titchmarsh Pavilion  
9.30am–10.15am  
£4 per child and £2 per sibling.  
Naomi Cooper on [musickmakersnorthants@gmail.com](mailto:musickmakersnorthants@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 [musickmakersnorthants@gmail.com](mailto:musickmakersnorthants@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  
Tel: Nicki 01933 625658  
For pre-schoolchildren and their adult carer – Bible story, song, craft and fun. All welcome.

**First Friday of the month (recommend checking before travelling)**  
**Craft Cafe**  
Stanwick Lakes  
10.30am–1pm  
Modest charges for some materials – normal car park charges apply.  
Tel: 01933 625522  
[www.stanwicklakes.org.uk](http://www.stanwicklakes.org.uk)  
Learn new craft skills, share your experience and meet up with crafty friends.

**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 Stitchers**  
Stanwick Lakes  
10.30am  
Free entry – normal car park charges apply.  
Tel: 01933 625522 or Pauline on 01933 229817  
[www.stanwicklakes.org.uk](http://www.stanwicklakes.org.uk)  
Come and join this informal friendly group of stitchers to chat, stitch and eat cake!

**Second Saturday of the month**  
**WE Watch and Phoenix Group**  
Stanwick Lakes  
For more information email [wewatchstanwick@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:wewatchstanwick@hotmail.co.uk)  
Tel: 01933 625522  
Two clubs for keen young nature lovers. WE Watch for ages 8–3 and Phoenix for ages 13–18. Supported by RSPB and Wildlife Trust.

**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.

**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  
Tel: John Hewitson 01832 272209  
Filter coffee, tea, squash. (free refills) homemade cakes. Warm welcome. Proceeds to various charities.

**Last Saturday of the month except December**  
**Farmer's Market**  
Market Square, Higham Ferrers  
9am–1pm  
[danielle@highamferrers-tc.gov.uk](mailto: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 and 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.  
Tel: 01933 625522  
[www.stanwicklakes.org.uk](http://www.stanwicklakes.org.uk)  
Browse through tempting treats and gifts made and farmed by local businesses.

**Ongoing**  
**Drawing and Painting Classes**  
Ecton Village Hall, Chelveston Village Hall, Warkton Village Hall, Kingsthorpe Community Centre  
Various (see my website) [dgartweb.sharepoint.com](http://dgartweb.sharepoint.com)  
£65 per term  
Tel: Derek Geater 01933 381848  
Drawing and painting, mainly working in watercolour with some soft pastels.

# Stock up for Christmas at Oundle Christmas Market

**Visit Oundle Christmas Market on Saturday 6th December and you'll be spoiled for choice with masses of stallholders selling delicious treats and goodies for your festive table.**

Whether you're after gourmet sausages, pies, charcuterie, cupcakes, Christmas puddings, cheese or handmade chocolate, there's bound to be a stall to suit your tastes.

Vegans and gluten-free customers will be well catered for. Store cupboard basics are also covered, with stalls selling coffee, oils, dressings, pickles and preserves – perfect accompaniments to your main meals over the holiday period, or those inevitable but comforting leftover snacks.

While you're perusing the stalls, you may want to sample the hog roast, venison and bison burgers or gourmet hotdogs, washed down with a tasty glass of mulled wine. Squisito – the BBC Midlands Best Street Food winner and producer of Italian food – will also be there to tempt your taste buds.

There won't just be food on offer. Stock up on gifts and cards from stalls like 'Shut the Gate' with its unique range of printed textiles and wooden signs, or the many stalls selling jewellery, handbags, accessories and novelty goods. You can even treat your pets as there will be a selection of gourmet dog treats to buy.

With a park and ride service running into the market place and the town's fabulous independent shops and cafes open for late night shopping, there will be plenty of opportunity to relax, soak up the atmosphere and find that 'perfect' gift. Starting at 12noon, the market runs until 7pm and the town's Christmas lights will be turned on at 6pm.

To add to the festive feeling, Father Christmas will be in his grotto, there will be carol singing, a fire-juggling stilt-walker, children's fairground rides, and Yarwell and Nassington Brass Band.

For more information, visit [www.oundlefoodfestival.co.uk](http://www.oundlefoodfestival.co.uk)



## 12 deeds of Christmas

**Do you know of someone, or a group of people in the local community who would benefit from a good deed before Christmas?**

That's the question being posed by Spire Homes and Keepmoat Property Services this festive season. The two organisations are teaming up to deliver 12 good deeds in the run-up to Christmas across communities in Northamptonshire, Rutland and Leicestershire.

Sharon Boot, Customer Engagement Officer at Spire Homes said: "We want to get as many ideas as possible from people in the local community for our 12 deeds. We want to do something a little different this year to bring some extra Christmas cheer.

"It could be donating a turkey to

the local pensioners' festive lunch or a festive hamper to someone, donating a Christmas tree to a local charity, helping out an individual, a visit from Father Christmas – anything that would make a difference this Christmas to a worthy cause."

Nominations are welcome from the local community with the final 12 deeds being chosen at the beginning of December. One good deed will be delivered on each day of the 12 days running up to Christmas.

An application form can be found on the Spire Homes website: [www.spirehomes.org.uk](http://www.spirehomes.org.uk) or applicants can call 0300 123 66 11 and ask to speak to the Customer Engagement Team.

Deadline for entries is 21st November.



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# Discovering the hidden treasures of Rome

**The start of the October holiday saw forty four very excited children from Year 5 and 6 at Laxton Junior School, and the First and Second Forms (Year 7 and 8) from Oundle School on their way to Rome for a study trip of the Classical World. A night-time stroll around the Colosseum set the tone for the trip, with the warm evening air of Rome in October heralding some very hot weather.**

The first day was spent in the ancient port of Ostia where the pupils experienced a day in the life of the ordinary people of Rome, visiting baths, temples, houses of both the wealthy and the poor, bakeries, fulleries, fish shops and markets. Highlights included the superb mosaics found all over the city and going down into the depths of a dark Mithraic temple, complete with the statue of the god killing a bull, eerily lit by a skylight.

On the Monday, the group was fortunate to be guided round the Forum and the Palatine by Professor Christopher Smith, Director of the British School at Rome. As it was the 2000th anniversary of the death of the Emperor Augustus, the pupils were able to see buildings hitherto closed to the public,

such as the House of Livia and the House of Augustus which both house magnificent frescos.

Trip organiser and Classics teacher, Mary James commented, "Our guide brought the seemingly random stones of the Forum to life and gave the pupils a real feel for the days of imperial power and wealth. The highlight of the afternoon was the Colosseum itself."

The final day focused on the legacy of Rome and how the ancient buildings are still so much part of the modern city. The group visited the Pantheon, the Hadrianic temple now part of a bank, and saw the new displays bringing the sculptures of Trajan's Column down to ground level.

Pupil Pip Pearson (12), commented, "Our trip to Rome was four days of non-stop laughing and seeing some amazing sights. The Colosseum is one of the most incredible places in the world and this was for me an absolute trip of a lifetime. The only annoying thing was the mosquitos which were everywhere!"

Pupil Harriet White (12), commented, "I thoroughly enjoyed my time in Rome, as it was an amazing trip looking at the history and evidence still

in existence today. There were many highlights which included a talk by Mr. Christopher Smith from the British school in Rome, on Augustus's house and looking inside the incredible Patheon, which has a hole in its roof to let light in. But my favourite highlight from the whole trip

was standing inside the vast incredible Colosseum, as I could imagine gladiators fighting for their lives with the crowds of spectators roaring in approval or disapproval. All in all, the Rome trip was inspirational and I am definitely going back to continue the journey."

Mary added, "The trip was very much enhanced by outstanding meals at Il Condor - the liveliness and friendliness of the staff matched their determination to give us a full and varied experience of the best of Italian cooking and made every evening relaxed and fun."



Oundle and Laxton Junior School pupils in Rome



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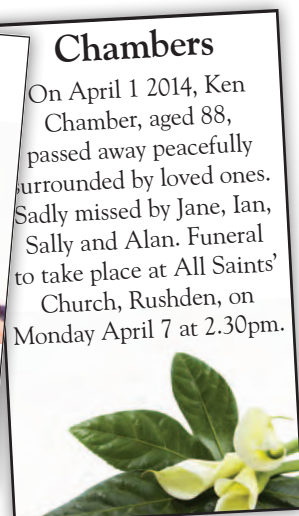
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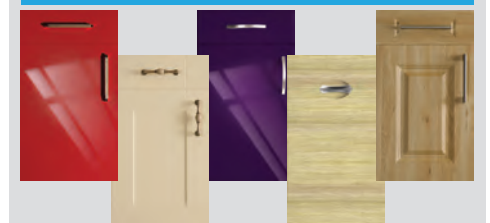
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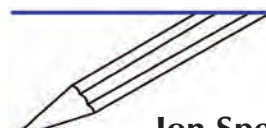
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#### ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL  
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(PROHIBITION OF HEAVY COMMERCIAL  
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STRUCTURAL WEIGHT RESTRICTION)  
ORDER 2014

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This Order will become effective on the 9th November 2014.

Dated this 8th day of November 2014

QUENTIN BAKER, Director of Legal Services

JCM/1417

#### SCHEDULE (7.5 tonnes weight restriction)

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#### ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

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#### SCHEDULE

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# Rushden & Higham RFC match report

Three injuries in the first 15 minutes, including to their captain Sharp, saw Rushden & Higham make some premature changes at flyhalf and 2nd row in their match against Vipers on 25th October.

Vipers opened the scoring with some snaking runs from their 15 before Rushden's Houghton scored the easiest try of his life. Howe and Hilson made strong runs before a ruck just short of the line saw Houghton dive over the line to make the score 5-5. No conversion made.

Chris Jackson who was controlling the game well for Rushden managed to attract two defenders and passed to Riding, who galloped in from 20 metres. Unfortunately, another conversion was missed.

Pressure from Vipers followed and a strong kick return saw them add another try to the tally, with the conversion being kicked, the half-time score was 10-12.

Strong scrimmaging from Rushden saw ex-England Colt Tom Spencer score another

try with another missed conversion. There then came a try by Vipers which started at the 22-yard line, bringing the score to 15-17.

Increased pressure from Rushden's scrum and Vipers' infringements saw the Den Boys camped on the Vipers

line. After a five-metre scrum Spencer picked and popped to Jackson who squirmed his way over to score. The kick was in front of the posts and Jackson converted the easiest kick of the day.

**Final Score:**  
Rushden 22 - 17 Vipers.

## Chromasport & Trophies United Counties League results

**Saturday 1st November**  
**FA Vase – First Round Proper**  
Irchester United 0 – 4 Fakenham Town

**Premier Division**  
Sleaford Town 0 – 2 AFC Rushden & Diamonds  
Wellingborough Town 4 – 2 Newport Pagnell Town

**Division One**  
Bugbrooke St Michaels 3 – 3 Raunds Town  
Rushden & Higham United 0 – 3 Lutterworth Athletic  
Thrapston Town 1 – 3 O N Chenecks

**Reserves Division**  
Huntingdon Town 2 – 1 Thrapston Town  
Raunds Town 3 – 0 Irchester United  
Rothwell Corinthians 6 – 0 Rushden & Higham United

# Chess corner

By Derrick Sims

**Rushden A played its second game in the Silver King Northamptonshire League Division I against Kettering B.**

Our gallant secretary and all-round good guy, Nik Puryer had an 'et tu, Brute?' moment when he defeated the higher graded James Brutus after a titanic battle lasting 53 moves.

Hugh Murphy showed his class in a well-deserved victory over Jonathon Martin, with James Gardner and Alan Lewis gaining much-needed draws to achieve a 3-2 victory. Rushden A are now placed fourth in Division I, ahead of Kettering B and Corby. The final results were:

Rushden A	Kettering B
1) H Murphy (195) 1	0 J Martin (159)
2) J Gardner (150) ½	½ G Arch (140)
3) A Lewis (140) ½	½ C Keech (141)
4) N Puryer (127) 1	0 J Brutus (136)
5) S Ganger (114) 0	1 S Walpole (139)

Some of the games can be found on the Rushden Chess Club website by clicking on 'County League Games'.

There is good news regarding the Intergenerational Competition between Rushden Chess Club and The Rushden Academy. This is now scheduled to commence in November and the games will be played in four consecutive weekly sessions. This provides an

excellent opportunity for the local school students to pit their skills against experienced chess players. This was a huge success last year and everyone is looking forward to the experience.

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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