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NEWS IN BRIEF

Charity shop reopens
The Cancer Research charity shop in Rushden has reopened after being closed for one week for a major refurbishment.

The shop, which has been trading for over 20 years, was officially reopened by the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Kaye Rawlins on 4th November.

Comments from customers have been positive. The shop is bright and cheerful with a well-stocked assortment of items.

After the reopening, a bouquet of flowers was presented to the Deputy Mayor, by the manageress Jo Armstrong, in front of the Christmas range of items.

Mighty oaks grow from little acorns

The Acorns proved their might in Ringstead recently, when they won the George Evans Memorial Quiz and were presented with the shield.

The quiz was organised by members of the Evans family in aid of the British Legion Poppy Appeal. It was the seventh time the event has been held at the Ringstead Village Social Club. Thirteen teams competed and a total of £320 was raised.

Collections at local village shops and businesses, the Remembrance Day Service and tea, and Ringstead Cinema, plus donations for wreaths and from the Ringstead Heritage Evening organised by Jon Abbott brought the overall total to £1,928.

Tom Pursglove and Peter Bone MP's Joint Listening Campaign succeeds

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Rt. Hon George Osborne MP, has given the go-ahead for up to £25 million of funding to upgrade the Chowns Mill Roundabout at Higham Ferrers.

The Chowns Mill Roundabout links the A45 and A6, but suffers from significant levels of congestion and has witnessed a number of accidents. The upgrade will address these issues, helping to open up development and create jobs.

In addition, the Chancellor has announced a study into dualling the A45 between Stanwick and Thrapston, so that the A45 can provide a continuous expressway between the A14 and the M1. Stanwick Lakes is an

SSSI, so this study will be a test bed for environmental measures that can reduce the impact of major roads at other sensitive sites.

George Osborne said: "Thanks to the Conservatives' Long-Term Economic Plan, we are able to invest in the East Midlands. We are committing up to £25 million to upgrade the Chowns Mill Roundabout, linking the A45 and A6 at Higham Ferrers, and have commissioned a study into dualling the A45 between Stanwick and Thrapston. Tom Pursglove, the excellent Conservative Parliamentary Candidate for Corby and East Northamptonshire, and Peter Bone MP, the Conservative MP for Wellingborough and Rushden,

have worked tirelessly to secure this investment and today we are giving it the go-ahead.

"For years, this junction has needed investment, and with strong local Conservatives, and a Conservative-led government that's fixing the economy, we are able to commit to funding this upgrade. The work will improve road safety, reduce congestion and bring new development, and we will find a way to dual this crucial part of the A45."

Tom Pursglove said: "Today's announcement will be very welcome news to people in East Northamptonshire. Having regularly raised this issue with Ministers, including with the Roads Minister, the

Transport Secretary and most recently, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, I am delighted that this major investment is going ahead. Local people have supported this important Listening Campaign in huge numbers and it is great that the Chancellor has listened to their calls."

Peter Bone MP added: "Under thirteen years of Labour, nothing was invested in East Northamptonshire. Under this Conservative-led government, we now have the Rushden Lakes development, the Chowns Mill Roundabout improvements and the dualling of the A45. The Conservatives' Long-Term Economic Plan is delivering for our area."

More silverware for Rushden Town Band

Following Rushden Town Band's success in the third section of the National Brass Band Championships in September, the band went to the Leicestershire Brass Band Association's Open Contest in Loughborough on 23rd November.

Playing 'Phoenix' by David Holling, the band was placed third out of 11 bands. They were delighted that their solo cornet player, Jane Nichols, was awarded the Best Instrumentalist for their section. The band is now getting ready for Christmas and the Butlin's Open Mineworkers Competition at Skegness in January.

For more details about the band, please see their website <http://www.rushdentownband.org/home.htm> or contact Sally Kneale on 01933 665420.



Chowns Mill Roundabout

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Fairtrade market a success

St Peter's Church, Oundle, was again the setting for a colourful Fairtrade and Eco Market on Saturday 8th November.

The church, decorated with hangings and artworks made by local school pupils as part of the Big Draw, was a hive of activity all morning.

Products on sale included colourful hats, scarves and bags; patterned bamboo socks, buttons and baskets from South Africa; wooden carvings from Argentina; organic health products; handmade jewellery and crafts made from recycled materials; local organic food, and Fairtrade foods from around the world.

There were also displays about the work of St Peter's Church Green Group and Transition Oundle.

Fairtrade tea, coffee and homemade cakes were served, raising £102 for church funds, while local musician Nick Penny delighted the crowds with his Paraguayan harp music. Charity Christmas cards (on sale in the church from October to December) also did a roaring trade, and

Father Christmas put in an early appearance, presenting gifts to children in his grotto and chatting to the customers in the church.

The Oundle Fairtrade Town steering group, which organised the event, were delighted by its success.

It shows that concerns about fair trade and the environment are clearly important to people. Make a note of next year's Fairtrade/Eco Market which will take place on Saturday 14th November – another opportunity for some ethical Christmas shopping!



Oundle Mayor, Councillor Gwen Radcliffe, with Father Christmas at the Fairtrade/Eco Market

Council SPD clarifies renewable energy planning policy

East Northamptonshire Council has produced a dedicated Wind and Solar Supplementary Planning Document (SPD).

The draft SPD was subject to a six-week public consultation earlier this year, which started on 26th May and ended on 7th July. Responses and comments received through this consultation have now been considered by the council and a number of improvements to the draft document have been made. The final version of the Wind and Solar Energy SPD was then adopted by the Planning Policy Committee on 29th September 2014.

The document sets out information and requirements for the preparation of planning applications relating to wind and solar development. It is intended for use by developers in selecting sites and drawing up proposals, as well as by the council in determining planning applications. It covers issues such

as heritage, landscape, noise, safety and decommissioning. Now adopted, the SPD will form a Local Development Document for East Northamptonshire, which will support the Local Plan.

The Wind and Solar Energy SPD links to a range of policies within the adopted Local Plan for the district. The key relevant documents are currently:

- North Northamptonshire Core Spatial Strategy (adopted June 2008)
- Rural North Oundle and Thraspton Plan (2011)

It is hoped that the Wind and Solar Energy SPD will prove a useful document to ensure appropriate wind and solar energy development in the district.

For more information, see the statutory notice on page 15, email planningpolicy@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk or call 01832 742337.

Christmas crime prevention events in Oundle and surrounding villages

Police in Oundle will be paying a seasonal visit to local villages during December to provide crime prevention advice and update residents on local policing activities.

Officers will be holding several events in the Oundle area and people are invited to come along to meet their local police officers and PCSOs, chat about any concerns they have about crime in their area and find out more about how to protect their home and property.

As well as a range of home security advice,

officers will also have a number of automatic lighting timers and other crime prevention items to give away.

The 'Don't let crime in this Christmas' events will be held on the following dates:

- **Saturday 6th December**, Lutton Village Hall at the Christmas Fair, 10am–12noon. Oundle Christmas Market, 12noon–7pm
- **Friday 12th December**, Brigstock – Co-op car park, 3pm–5pm. Nassington School Christmas Fair, 3.15pm–5pm

- **Saturday 13th December**, Laxton Village Hall, 10am–12noon

- **Wednesday 17th December**, Outside Titchmarsh Village Shop, Titchmarsh, 3pm–5pm

- **Thursday 18th December**, Glapthorn Village Hall, 3pm–6pm

- **Friday 19th December**, Outside Barnwell village stores, Barnwell, 3pm–5pm

Please check the East Northants local policing pages at www.nothants.police.co.uk for any amendments or additional events.

Planning councillors grant Irthlingborough west application

An application for a major expansion to the west of Irthlingborough including 700 houses was granted by East Northamptonshire Council's Development Control meeting on Monday 24th November.

Members agreed with the officer recommendation to grant the application for a mixed-use development which, as well as housing, also covers commercial development for business, industrial and storage use, land for expansion of Huxlow Science College and drainage and highways infrastructure.

The application came to the Development Control committee following public consultation and councillors debated concerns around other development plans for the town and the need for appropriate infrastructure and facilities. They also considered petitions and letters objecting to the development.

For more information about the application, visit www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/planning and enter the reference number 10/00857/OUT.

Letters to the editor

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Dear Editor

WAITROSE OUNDLE – EMPLOYEE PARKING

It's about a year since Waitrose opened in Oundle and, whatever your view on whether that has been a good thing, one problem has arisen which needs to be addressed. Because Waitrose has a policy of limiting employee access to its own car park, their staff have to find somewhere to park on adjacent streets or in the long stay car park, leading to additional congestion in an already busy area.

As part of the site development arrangements East Northants Council (ENC) placed a restriction on Waitrose to the effect that their policy on staff parking should not adversely affect the surrounding area. ENC have monitored the state of the local streets but because this was done on only two quiet days it does not reflect the

true picture. A second independent survey was carried out over four months and tells a different story, showing that there is a problem which needs to be addressed; the results of this survey, including photographic evidence, were passed to ENC but to date there has been no response. A petition signed by over 60 local residents has also been submitted to ENC and again a response is awaited. These papers may be seen at the Court House, Oundle.

One is left to wonder whether Waitrose are immune from the existing rules and regulations. Meanwhile, we continue to hope that ENC will stand by the residents and the business community of Oundle. If you have comments we would be pleased to hear from you.

Signed: East Road (Oundle) Residents' and Businesses' Association

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From the East Northamptonshire Council Chairman

On 11th November I attended a very moving ceremony for Veterans Day at the American Cemetery in Madingley, Cambridge. Being organised by the US forces, everything was done with clockwork precision.

All wreath layers, including myself, had a member of the US military allocated to them as their personal wreath bearer. At the allotted time we all stepped forward in unison to take our respective wreaths and lay them together against the Tablets of the Missing. The ceremony ended with the firing of volleys followed by the Royal Air Force Piper, who played the bagpipes, which always brings tears to my eyes.

The American Cemetery was dedicated in 1956 and is the final resting place of 3,812 American servicemen and women.



The Royal Air Force Piper

It is the only World War Two US cemetery in the UK. The memorial stone lists the names of 5,126 missing in action, lost or buried at sea. The memorial has a magnificent three dimensional map 30 feet long and 18 feet high showing wartime Europe and the main bombing targets and how many US and UK planes flew each of these missions.

A very enjoyable day was spent at the Youth Conference organised by East Northants Council. It took place at the Pemberton Centre, where I welcomed pupils from four schools from Rushden, Higham Ferrers, Irthlingborough and Raunds. The conference was titled 'the Real X Factor' and aimed to get the pupils thinking about voting. The young people started the day shy and reticent but came out of their shell when they started some of the interactive tasks. During the main activity, each group was given a statement. For example, the voting age should be lowered to 16. They then had to decide if they supported it or not and put together a campaign. To get home their message, they had to write and deliver a speech, design a banner, write a petition and create three tweets.

By the end of the day, the pupils were enthusiastically joining in and coming up with brilliant ideas. They had overcome their shyness. When I welcomed them, I said that I hoped they would enjoy the conference. Their feedback showed that they thought it was excellent. Some of their comments were "Really fun and enjoyable", "I really enjoyed it, it was educational and I met some amazing people", "It gave me confidence to express my opinion" and "It

gave you a chance to debate and create a campaign." It was thoroughly enjoyable for all, including myself.

I also attended an excellent Remembrance Band concert by the Rushden Town Band, organised by the British Legion. This award-winning band is just about to be promoted to the Second Section in 2015, having won the Third section this year. I also attended several commemorative services in All Saints' Church Northampton. The first was for

the 825th anniversary of Northampton Borough gaining its Borough charter from King Richard I in 1189. A huge procession formed with many military as well as civic leaders. Another service commemorated the 125th anniversary of the founding of the County Council.

This is a busy time of the year, with many carol services leading up to Christmas, all of which I am looking forward to being a part of. See you there.

ENC Chairman, Cllr Gill Mercer

Beer festival raises record amount

On Thursday 13th November the Brigstock Beer Festival committee handed a cheque for £6,462.07 to this year's main charity Cransley Hospice, following the weekend of events on 19th and 20th September.

It started on the Friday night with four comedians and a compere. It was a fun evening for the packed audience, who also enjoyed sampling from a range of 25 real ales and four local ciders.

On Saturday afternoon the Viking re-enactment group staged their battles; there was a 'flash mob' performance by the Brigstock Community Choir and lots of other entertainment. The festival was rounded off in the evening by local band Midlife Crisis. The weekend raised over £9,000 for charities and local groups surpassing the amount from any of the 10 previous years. Cransley Hospice was chosen as the main charity this year, as it

has helped many local people in their time of need.

Chris Allen, Chairman of the Beer Festival Committee said: "We were really pleased with the success of the weekend, as it was well attended and enjoyed by all the people that attended. We had something for all ages, and we have been able to make a major contribution to our main charity, Cransley Hospice."

Diana Patrick MBE, Fundraising Manager for Cransley Hospice said: "It was a pleasure to work with the Brigstock Beer Festival committee. We had a great day with the team at Brigstock and they managed to raise this magnificent amount to help us continue to run the Hospice. I was very pleased to receive the cheque on behalf of the Cransley Hospice."

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New War Memorial unveiled to the public

Thrapston and District Royal British Legion Branch and Thrapston Town Council were pleased to be able to dedicate the new Thrapston War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday 9th November 2014.

Thrapston had lacked an external War Memorial since the end of the Great War. There is an impressive carved wooden memorial in St James' Church that displays the names of those who gave their lives in two World Wars and in later conflicts.

Both the local Royal British Legion Branch and Thrapston Town Council had identified the need for a new memorial separately and after discussion the Legion Branch agreed to lead the project. The group soon settled on a simple design and began fundraising, with the full support of Thrapston Town Council.

The go-ahead for the quarrying, carving and installation of the memorial was given in late August. As installation day approached a roadblock was hit quite literally: the need for the County Council to issue permits for possible road and footpath closure; if these were not granted, the new memorial would have been left stranded. Through the agency of Mr Daren Tailby,

stonemason and contractor to the project, with a lot of phone calls and the decision to change from a large crane to a heavy lift Hiab vehicle, the delivery deadline of Friday 7th November was met.

Starting at 10.30am on Sunday 9th November a dedication ceremony was held featuring Cllr Alan Winter Town Mayor of Thrapston, East Northamptonshire, Cllrs Peter Baden, David Read and County and District Councillor Wendy Brackenbury, all of whom had been instrumental in ensuring funds from the respective councils had been made available to the project.

As a feature of the dedication ceremony, the winners of the poetry competition run by the Royal British Legion Branch on the theme of 'Remembrance' were present to read their winning entries. The work of Masie Clark and Milly Machinchy, both aged 11 years of The King John School in Thrapston, had been very well received. Just before 11am, Branch Chairman Ian Byrnes surprised the two young ladies by inviting them to remove the Union Flag that was covering the War Memorial stone and on behalf of the Town and its people they unveiled the new memorial. All present were invited to join in

the dedication, led by the clergy: 'In remembrance of all of our town who have given their lives over countless years to defend our nation.'

'We the people of this town and district, dedicate this Memorial to their memory, that it shall be a daily reminder of their sacrifice.'

For the Thrapston & District Branch of The Royal British

Legion Committee it was a week that had started with the project completion in serious doubt and reached 'mission accomplished' just six days later. It was a moment of drama and relief. With the Thrapston Town Council, District and County Councillors and the contributions of private individuals and town organisations, the project had

been completed in nine months, from the start of fundraising in February to the dedication on 9th November.

Ian Byrnes, Chairman Thrapston & District Branch of the Royal British Legion said: "We hope the people of Thrapston and its surrounding area are pleased with the new memorial."



The new memorial after dedication and initial wreath laying

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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:

Ashton

14/02073/LBC (27/12/2014) (LB/CA) (LBRegs) Proposed internal alterations, changes to external fenestrations and new soil vent pipe to bathroom at Millers Cottage 25 The Green Ashton Northants PE8 5LD
14/02244/VAR (27/12/2014) (Info) (LB/CA) Variation of condition 2 – relocation of Klargestor pursuant to planning permission 14/00488/FUL dated 1.5.14 at Hawthorn and Broom Cottages 29–30 The Green Ashton Northants

Benefield

14/02040/FUL (27/12/2014) (LB/CA) (Info) Demolish and remove existing garage and replace. Proposed garage will be constructed of concrete blocks with flat roof. No part shall be more than 2.5 metres high and floor area will not exceed 30sqm at Bluebell Cottage 39 Main St Upper Benefield Northants PE8 5AN
14/02140/FUL (27/12/2014) (LB/CA) & 14/02141/LBC (27/12/2014) (LBRegs) Insertion of conservation roof light in east/rear elevation of the new extension under construction approved under EN/09/01716/LBC at 18 Main St Upper Benefield

Brigstock

14/02182/REM (20/12/2014) (Info) Reserved matters: Erection of four dwellings and upgrade of Newtown (Resubmission of application 11/00450/OUT) pursuant to planning permission 11/01347/OUT dated 22/03/2012 at Allotment Gardens Newtown Brigstock Northants

Chelveston-cum-Caldecott

14/02248/FUL (20/12/2014) (Info) Proposed detached dwelling with detached garage at Church House Caldecott Rd Chelveston Northants NN9 6AT

Deenethorpe

14/02177/FUL (27/12/2014) (LB/CA) First floor extension to form bedroom with en suite (above study and hall) at 9 Deenethorpe Corby Northants NN17 3EP

Easton-on-the-Hill

14/02049/LBC (27/12/2014) (LBRegs) Reinstatement of bricked up doorway and replacement of window on the north elevation of the southern part of the building at 9 Church St Easton on The Hill Stamford Northants
14/02214/FUL (27/12/2014) (LB/CA) (Info) Conversion of existing Victorian barn to create ancillary accommodation to the main dwelling at 37 West St Easton on The Hill Northants PE9 3LS
14/02215/LBC (27/12/2014) (LB/CA) (LBRegs) Renovation of Victorian barn into habitable guest accommodation at 37 West St Easton On The Hill Northants PE9 3LS

Harringworth

14/02160/VAR (27/12/2014) (LB/CA) Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) pursuant to 13/00684/FUL Two storey side and single storey rear extension with balcony – to allow alterations including the removal of the balcony at Maple Cottage 40A Grettton Rd Harringworth Northants NN17 3AD

Higham Ferrers

14/02168/ADV (20/12/2014) (Info) 6 no. hoarding signs and 5 no. flags at land between A6 Higham Ferrers Bypass and A5028 Station Rd Higham Ferrers Northants
14/02175/FUL (20/12/2014) (Info) Temporary sales area including sales office, car parking, railings, hard and soft landscaping, lighting and temporary access at land between A6 Higham Ferrers Bypass and A5028 Station Rd Higham Ferrers Northants

Islip

14/02206/FUL (20/12/2014) (Info) Demolition of existing pavilion and erection of replacement pavilion facility and ancillary works (revised scheme following approval 14/00008/FUL) at Islip Cricket and Football Ground Toll Bar Rd Islip Northants

Kings Cliffe

14/02137/FUL (20/12/2014) (Info) New three bedroom detached house at 63 Park St Kings Cliffe Northants PE8 6XN

Lilford-cum-Wigsthorpe

14/02245/FUL (20/12/2014) (Info) Erection of one dwelling and detached double garage with associated

off-road parking at The Cottage Lilford Northants PE8 5SG

Nassington

14/02187/FUL (20/12/2014) (Info) Extension at ground and first floor and new garage at 8 Mill Rd Nassington Northants PE8 6QA
14/02188/FUL (20/12/2014) (Info) Demolition of existing house and construction of new house with integral garage at 8 Mill Rd Nassington Northants PE8 6QA

Oundle

14/02003/VAR (27/12/2014) (Art8) (Info) Variation of condition 27 of planning permission number 14/01614/FUL to remove footpath link to Sutton Rd from drawings and variation of condition 37 to remove obligation to provide off-site highway works at Herne Lodge and Ashton Rd Oundle Northants
14/02082/FUL (20/12/2014) (Info) & 14/02083/LBC (27/12/2014) (LBRegs) Rebuild section of wall at Lorne House 38 Market Place Oundle Northants
14/02178/FUL (27/12/2014) (LB/CA) First floor front landing extension at 5 St Anns Court Oundle Northants PE8

Raunds

14/02171/VAR (20/12/2014) (Info) Variation of condition 2 – external materials pursuant to application 12/00431/FUL – Single storey side extension and first floor front extension (Re-submission of 11/00613/FUL) at Oak Rise Brooks Rd Raunds Northants NN9 6NT

Ringstead

14/02216/FUL (20/12/2014) (Info) Vehicular access to Church St Recreation Ground at Recreation Ground Church St Ringstead Northants

Rushden

14/02127/FUL (20/12/2014) (Info) Construction of single storey side/front extension at 5 Hay Close Rushden Northants
14/02167/FUL (20/12/2014) (Info) Demolition of garage and construction of rear extension at 1 St Georges Way Rushden Northants NN10 6UB
14/02199/FUL (20/12/2014) (Info) Extensions and loft conversion including insertion of first floor windows and rooflights at 63 Northampton Rd Rushden Northants NN10 6AJ

Tansor

14/02243/VAR (20/12/2014) (Info) Variation of Condition 1 to allow full-time residential occupation of the dwelling pursuant to planning permission 00/00272/RWL dated 17/5/2000 at Tansor Wold Farm Buildings Tansor Wold Rd Tansor Northants PE8 6UX

Thrapston

14/02207/FUL (20/12/2014) (Info) Construction of a three storey block of five 2 bedroom flats with refuse and recycling store, and secure bicycle store at Bridge Court Bridge St Thrapston Northants NN14 4JW

Titchmarsh

14/02154/VAR (20/12/2014) (Info) Variation of condition 13: Location and plans 1192.21.01, 1192.22.01, 1192.22.02 to allow relocation of permitted garage pursuant to application 11/02050/FUL – Dwelling and garage and conservatory added to EN/11/00999/FUL dated 18/10/11 at 38 Polopit Titchmarsh

Woodnewton

14/02165/FUL (20/12/2014) (Info) Change of use and extension of barn to form residential dwelling and erection of garage at land and Barn Royal Oak Woodnewton Rd Fotheringhay Northants PE8 5HX

Yarwell

14/02042/LBC (27/12/2014) (LB/CA) (LBRegs) Erection of stone porch at St Mary Magdalene Parish Church Main St Yarwell Northants PE8 6PR

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 6 December 2014

Local head chef Richard Stearn to appear in The Great British Cookbook

Head chef Richard Stearn from The Chequers in Fowlmere is featuring one of his much-loved recipes in the eagerly awaited recipe book *The Great British Cookbook*.

Stearn, from Oundle, has been honing his craft as a chef for over 10 years and has worked under Michelin-starred chefs such as Clive Dixon, Heston Blumenthal, and Alain Roux.

Now he is featured in *The Great British Cookbook* alongside some very high-profile chefs including Adam Simmonds, Michael Caines MBE, Rick Stein OBE, and Nigella Lawson to name a few.

The Great British Cookbook, which is available to download, takes you on a journey

through 200 of the UK's most prestigious pubs, guest houses, hotels, Michelin-starred and AA Rosette restaurants; including Gidleigh Park, recently voted number one restaurant in the UK in The Sunday Times 'Top 100 Restaurants'.

The cost of downloading *The Great British Cookbook* is £12 and Macmillan Cancer Support and Hospitality Action will receive £5 each per download.

The Great British Cookbook showcases many of the UK's finest chefs, who have created 200 culinary masterpieces using locally sourced produce. It's the perfect book for you to use when cooking for your family and friends.

Stearn commented: "I'm

delighted to be involved in *The Great British Cookbook* along with so many respected chefs. It's truly an honour and it's a very exciting time for both myself and our restaurant The Chequers in Fowlmere. The recipe I came up with features on our menu from time to time and is one that is very close to my heart.

"We work hard as a team in the restaurant to offer our customers the best food in Cambridge by making everything in the kitchen ourselves. The recipe I've submitted is one favoured by our local customers and is one I take pride in making.

"It's incredible to be supporting two such great charities as they offer remarkable and much needed services in the industry and community. We're hoping Cambridge will help us reach the 20,000-download target to raise £200,000 for them."

The Great British Cookbook is sleek, stylish and reflects the amazing talent of the phenomenal chefs on display. This awe-inspiring compendium of mouthwatering recipes will appeal to every foodie.

Whether you cook each dish, visit each restaurant or impress on special occasions in 2015, *The Great British Cookbook* is a way to support two great causes and increase your culinary repertoire. Sign up for regular updates @GBCookbook



Richard Stearn

Winter wildlife and family festivities at Stanwick Lakes

As we head towards the shortest day, the nature reserve at Stanwick Lakes is once again wearing its tranquil 'face': the mournful calls of geese circling the lake are echoed by the flocks of overwintering birds arriving back in the Nene Valley after a summer spent on the Scandinavian tundra. Come down and experience the lakes and wildlife on the regular Thursday morning Health Walk, or join local ornithologist Bob Webster to spot and identify the wildfowl on 7th December.

Did you know that people have marked the shortest day of the year, called the Winter Solstice, for centuries? Stanwick

Lakes will be celebrating this occasion with a very special twilight lantern walk around the lakes and carol singing in the outdoor theatre on Sunday 21st December between 5pm and 7pm. To take part in this event, please book your tickets by ringing 01933 625522.

There are also plenty of traditional Christmassy activities at Stanwick Lakes throughout December for families to enjoy, including children's crafts, tree decorating and, of course, Santa Claus will be in the Stanwick Lakes grotto on Saturdays and Sundays, starting on 6th December.

Details of all these activities can be found online at www.stanwicklakes.org.uk or the Stanwick Lakes Facebook page.

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

Latest Rotary news

CHARITY FUNFEST

Twelve teams took part in the 3rd Annual Funfest organised by Rushden & Higham Rotary Club, Rushden Round Table and Cynthia Spencer Hospice. The event, which was held at Rushden & Higham Rugby Club's ground, was a roaring success with the arena buzzing with excitement at the competition for the coveted winner's trophy, which was presented by Earl Spencer.

The damp and drizzly start to the day did not perturb the teams that took part in an assortment of games which entailed the participants getting very wet in any case. The afternoon's activity, in welcome sunshine, culminated in a triumph for winners Wykes Warriors who

were congratulated by Earl Spencer. Among others taking part were teams from Travis Perkins, The Rolton Group, Grenson Shoes and Durasteel. In addition to the races, there were children's amusements, craft stalls, a licensed bar, barbecue and plenty of inflatables to keep all the family entertained.

The event, which raises money for the Hospice and other local charities, raised £8,000 and Judy Webb, Secretary of the Rushden Higham Rotary Club, commented: "This year's event was bigger and better than ever with all of the teams having a great time, and the spectators seemed to enjoy the day too. Let's hope this means another great event next year."

Next year's Funfest will take place

earlier, on Sunday 17th May and the committee is already looking for teams. If you are interested in entering a team or would like some more information on the event, please contact Judy by emailing judy.rotary@yahoo.com.

CLEAN IT UP!

Members of the Rotary Club of Wellingborough Hatton, led by Rotarian Bob Parfitt, have linked up with 'Let's do it! World' to help save the planet by keeping the environment clean. This month a few Rotarians and partners went out and cleared an area off the Hardwick Road in Wellingborough, collecting 10 sacks of rubbish which included over 200 beer cans, five boxes of used needles, a pushchair, a radio and



a sledge, all of which weighed over 100kg.

The idea was inspired by a civic led mass movement which began in Estonia during 2008 when 50,000 people gathered to clean up the entire country in just five hours. This is now an international movement with over 100 countries working together, engaging over 10 million participants.

Working with passion and perseverance to support sustainable

waste management principles, the movement's aim is to clean up the world of illegally dumped solid waste and then to keep it that way. To reach the essential transformation in our global society, they have set the ambitious goal of involving 350 million people by 2018.

If you would like to organise a 'Let's do it!' clean-up in your area then help can be at hand by emailing: Bob Parfitt, ludibob@tesco.net.

Cash-strapped small companies helped with business rates relief

As part of its work to better support businesses, East Northamptonshire Council is helping 1,542 local firms discover and enjoy discounts on their rates bill.

Business rates are taxes to help pay for local services and they're charged on most non-domestic properties. Some of these properties may be eligible for a discount. This can be a huge help to local companies with managing their bills and budgets.

To support businesses in the district, East

Northamptonshire Council currently provides rate relief to:

- 1,008 small businesses totalling £1.86million
 - 276 other businesses who enjoy up to £1,000 discount, totalling £243,000
 - 192 charities/non-profit making organisations totalling £1.55million
 - Rural settlements – around 66 businesses get rate relief totalling £115,000
- ENC also supports businesses in other ways, including:
- Empty new properties get up to 18 months'

complete exemption from business rates

- Businesses can now pay their rates over 12 installments rather than over 10
 - ENC will agree special payment arrangements with businesses that are struggling
- Leader of East Northamptonshire Council, Steven North, says: "This council is committed to supporting businesses of all sizes, but recognises that smaller companies sometimes need a little extra help.

"We want to see a thriving and successful

retail sector in East Northamptonshire and supporting small businesses is a key part of that strategy.

"These businesses create jobs, wealth and opportunity for residents, businesses and the council so we will do what we can to support them in becoming as profitable and successful as possible because it benefits everyone in the long run."

To find out more, visit www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/businessrates or call 01832 742000.

Small Wonders
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We offer an award winning purpose built day nursery and out of school club

- ★ We have places available to enrol children immediately who have been attending another local nursery that has closed in Thrapston. We will offer those parents free registration, which would normally cost £50. We would welcome the opportunity to show you our nursery at any time.
- ★ Highly experienced professional and caring team
- ★ Focused activity room access with qualified teacher every day for those children going to school in this calendar year - focusing on Numeracy, Phonics, ICT and 'getting ready for school'
- ★ Close links with all local schools including Laxton Junior School and Oundle Primary School
- ★ Forest School included in fees throughout the year - working with Northamptonshire Rangers
- ★ Yoga for PreSchool with a professional instructor included in fees
- ★ Newly renovated nursery, Out of School and Holiday Club - over £40,000 spent on new equipment. Recent events include Mobile Planetarium, Popdance Workshop, Zumba and Sublime Science.

We would really welcome the opportunity to show you around our Nursery so please call us or email at smallwondersnursery@firstforchildcare.com to arrange a visit. We look forward to your call.

Unit 2A, Eastwood Road, Oundle PE8 4DF Tel: 01832 274929

Ferdi's Kitchen

By José Ferdi Tavares – ferdis.kitchen@gmail.com

Oxtail and Red Wine Stew from Pamplona – Rabo de torro de Pamplona. Serves 6.

The first chills of approaching winter turns the culinary attention to things hearty and warming. Based on a traditional recipe from Pamplona, Spain this gorgeously rich and tasty recipe ticks all the boxes. Oxtail is packed with flavour and reasonably priced. Maybe that's why the bulls are in such a rush to get away during The Encierro – The Running of the Bulls, in July!

Instructions

- 2kg oxtail, jointed
- 50g plain flour
- 4 tbsp olive oil
- 4 garlic cloves, sliced
- 2 red onions, diced
- 2 sticks celery, diced
- 200g carrots, diced
- 2 tbsp tomato paste
- 2 leeks, thickly sliced
- 4 tbsp brandy (optional)
- 500ml medium-bodied red wine
- 500ml good beef stock
- A large bouquet garni of fresh bay leaves, parsley stalks, rosemary and thyme sprigs
- 2 tbsp chopped flat-leaf parsley
- Salt and ground black pepper

Instructions

- Preheat the oven to 150C/300F/Gas 2 if not cooking entirely on stove top.
- Trim the excess fat off your oxtail pieces and season well with salt and pepper. Toss in the flour and shake off the excess. Keep the remaining seasoned flour.
- Heat 2 tbsp of olive oil in a large flameproof casserole over a medium-high heat. Fry the oxtail pieces in batches until well browned. Lift them onto a plate as they are done.
- Reduce heat to medium and add the rest of the oil to the pan. Add the garlic, onions, carrots, celery and leeks and fry for about 10 minutes or until browned.
- Pour the brandy over and set alight. Once the flames have died stir in the remaining seasoned flour.
- Gradually stir in the red wine and bring to the boil, stirring. Reduce heat and simmer for 3 minutes.
- Add the beef stock, bouquet garni, tomato paste, and ½ tsp of salt and ½ tsp of black pepper. Stir.
- Add the oxtail ensuring it's covered by the liquid.
- Cover and simmer gently for 2 ½ – 3 hours, until the oxtail is tender but not falling apart
- Alternatively cover and place in the centre of oven and cook for 3 hours or until the oxtail is tender but not falling apart.
- After 1 hour check and add a little water if necessary and then check every 30–45 minutes.
- Remove from the heat, leave to cool, then cover and chill overnight.
- The next day scrape the fat off the top of the casserole. Gently reheat and then remove the oxtail.
- Pass the remaining sauce, in batches, through a fine sieve into a clean pan, pressing out as much sauce as you can with the back of a ladle. Discard what's left in the sieve.
- Return to the heat and simmer vigorously for 5–10 minutes, stirring, until the sauce is reduced and is well flavoured. Adjust seasoning if necessary.
- Return the oxtail and gently simmer for 5 minutes or until heated through.
- Sprinkle with chopped parsley.
- Serve with mashed potatoes, and steamed carrots and broccoli.



Visitors young and old can get involved with the Christmas preparations



Setting the scene for the season of goodwill

The National Trust is getting ready for a traditional Christmas.

Christmas is coming, and the National Trust in Northamptonshire is busy preparing for it, making traditional decorations, stirring up the Christmas pudding and getting all nostalgic by sharing favourite festive traditions.

Harry Howell, Regional Director for the Midlands, says: "Christmas is surely a time for nostalgia and a bit of tradition – and no one does this better than the National Trust. From our Christmas markets and visits to Father Christmas to making festive decorations, we've got something to help everyone get into the spirit of a traditional Christmas across the Midlands. And we can offer a real alternative to the busy high street at this often hectic time of year!"

If you're looking for somewhere to really get into the Christmas spirit and find an extra-special gift for friends and

family, at Canons Ashby, as well as lots of lovely Christmas gift ideas, you can also shop for decorations and choose from a selection of delightful Christmas cards.

Christmas decorations are already going up at many of the Trust's houses. Canons Ashby will be beautifully decorated for Christmas in the Victorian style, with costumed characters leading guided tours around the house.

If you're feeling artistic you can even have a go at making your own traditional decorations at many of the Trust's visitor attractions. At Lyveden you can learn how to make a traditional Christmas wreath to proudly display on your front door, by attending workshops on 11th and 12th December.

To start your Christmas preparations and find a festive event near you, visit www.nationaltrust.org.uk/midlands

A special U3A Christmas event

Thrapston & District University of the Third Age invites you to join them for a FREE Special Christmas Event on Friday 19th December 2014 from 10am to 12noon.

This is no ordinary meeting. It will feature entertainment and displays from the U3A's own special interest groups and Christmassy refreshments.

Visitors are very welcome – this is an ideal opportunity to find out more about U3A and have an enjoyable morning.

The venue is The Plaza, Cosy Nook, Thrapston. For further information, please contact Chairman, Glyn James by telephone on 01832 733792, or Ann Carter, (Publicity Secretary) on 01832 358136, or take a look at the Thrapston U3A website: www.thrapstonu3a.co.uk

A request from Rushden Historical Transport Society

The Museum Group of RHTS wish to eventually recreate part of the Parcels Office in the original building. Unfortunately, we do not have any photographs of the interior and we are hoping that some readers of Nene Valley News will know of someone who worked at, used or visited the station, and might be able to advise us on how it was set out. Please contact Val Baker on 01933 318988.

Writing competition – an apology

We owe you an apology! The email return address for your entries for the writing competition was wrongly published as news@nenevalleynews.com, whereas it should have been news@nenevalleynews.co.uk – a small but very important error at the end of the address.

Some of you obviously worked out that the address was incorrect because we've already

had a number of entries but in order to ensure that everyone has a fair chance to send us their stories we're extending the deadline to Monday 15th December 2014. This will, we hope, still allow us to get the prizes to the winners before Christmas.

So, once again, apologies and send your entries to us as soon as possible, but no later than 15th December.

Nature Improvement Area a boost to wildlife, community and economy

Nene Valley project leading by example.

Wildlife, communities and local economies are reaping the benefits of England's new Nature Improvement Areas, according to a report published last month.

The Nene Valley is one of twelve Nature Improvement Areas (NIAs) set up by the government in 2012, which have helped farmers to access EU grants, made valuable contributions towards university research and boosted the £210 billion rural economy.

They've also attracted outside investment – more than £730,000 from business partners and £7.8 million from NGOs and not-for-profit organisations.

Environment Secretary, Elizabeth Truss said: "A healthy environment and a healthy economy go hand in hand. These Nature Improvement Areas show how protecting our precious wildlife and outstanding landscapes can help grow our £30 billion rural tourism industry and create more jobs for hardworking people as part of our long-term economic plan."

Almost 19,000 hectares of threatened habitat – equivalent to 23,000 football pitches – have been created or restored since the NIAs were set up with £7.5 million of government funding.

Volunteers have spent 24,300 days – or 66 years in total – surveying wildlife and improving habitats, and more than 11,000 people have taken part in educational visits.

These wild habitats are now bigger, better connected, and more widespread, enabling wildlife such as butterflies and water voles to thrive.

The Nene Valley NIA covers an area of 41,000 hectares running through the heart of Northamptonshire and skirting Huntingdonshire to the eastern fringes of Peterborough. It includes the River Nene and its tributaries, gravel pits, reservoirs and much of the floodplain. Heather Procter, Nene Valley Project Manager, said:

"In the Nene Valley we must find a careful balance between the pressures

for development, tourism and recreation and the valuable wildlife that the valley is increasingly known for. Through the NIA we have so far ensured that 1,500 hectares of farmland is managed in a more environmentally-friendly way, created over 100 hectares of wildflower meadow, and engaged communities in the future of their local environment.

"As we work towards the end of this round of Government support for NIAs in March 2015, we urge the Minister to build on the good work already achieved through NIAs, and provide leadership and support for existing and new NIA projects into the future."

NIAs were first announced in the Natural Environment White Paper, the first government White Paper on the environment for 20 years, with the aim of creating 12 initial areas to reconnect

nature on a significant scale through local partnerships.

The NIA partnerships have improved access to the countryside, creating new public footpaths and connecting a network of paths which will span 540km by 2015.

The NIA partnerships are on track to restore, create, enhance and maintain a further 5,500 hectares by 2015, joining up people and communities with their landscapes.

But the vision doesn't end there. In the Nene Valley there are plans to continue to protect and enhance the landscape for the benefit of wildlife, people and the economy for years to come. Local people can help to form plans for 2015–20 by adding their thoughts to the interactive map on the Nene Valley NIA website, <http://www.nenevalleynia.org/my-nene-valley>.



Harvesting wildflower seeds from the stunning Boddington Meadow Wildlife Trust Nature Reserve, to be used to create new meadows in the Nene Valley

Body found in church

Workmen in Ringstead received a shock recently while installing new toilet facilities in St Mary's Church.

The last thing they were expecting to come across was a body under the floor while putting in the sewage pipe. On discovery of the body they called in the County Archaeologist, who was monitoring excavations in the churchyard. The body was in a brick-lined vault and had probably been

placed there around 200 years ago.

There has been much speculation as to who the mystery gentleman is. The identification has been made difficult, if not impossible, due to the memorial stones having been removed and placed in the bell tower. This was done when the church was renovated in the early 1860s and it's not known if plans of the burial locations were lodged with the diocese at this time.

One possibility is that it was the Curate, Benjamin Clay, who gave his life while rescuing his dog from the Nene. Parish records show that Benjamin was buried on 20th June 1826 at the age of 31. The record does not indicate if he was buried in the church but his memorial stone suggests that he was.

The opened vault was cordoned off and work stopped until approval was given by the diocese to continue.

Enclosure around vault



Find out about volunteering in East Northamptonshire

East Northamptonshire Council will host a drop-in session this month for residents interested in forming or developing local volunteer groups.

Voluntary Impact Northamptonshire works to improve the quality of life for the county's communities by supporting voluntary and community action. On 16th December they will be in the council's reception area at the Thrapston office from 10am until noon.

Visitors can arrive at any point during the two-hour slot to ask questions and receive guidance from Becky Thornton, Sector Support and Development Manager at Voluntary Impact Northamptonshire.

Su Davies, External Funding Manager at East Northamptonshire Council, said: "I am very pleased that Becky is able to hold this session here at the council. The knowledge on offer may prove to be invaluable to the success of volunteer groups

in the district. I will also be available on the day to offer advice on funding. I do hope to see many residents making the most of this opportunity."

For more details about the drop-in session please contact Su Davies on 01832 742191 or email sdavies@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk See www.voluntaryimpact.org.uk for information about the work Voluntary Impact Northamptonshire does in East Northamptonshire.

Restorative Northamptonshire moves forward

A programme of work led by the Northamptonshire Police and Crime Commission to help people think about the consequences of their actions has taken a step forward.

As part of the work to make Northamptonshire a restorative county, the OPCC has commissioned Restorative Solutions CIC, a national organisation, to help provide support and training across the county.

Restorative Solutions, working with Northamptonshire charity Groundwork will provide support, training and advice to criminal justice and other organisations to help them embed restorative practices in the delivery of their day-to-day business.

This builds on the work Northamptonshire Police have been doing for some years with the support of partners across the county.

Launching Restorative Northamptonshire, Police and Crime Commissioner Adam Simmonds said: "Not only am I passionate about providing better support to victims of crime, I am also passionate about prevention and providing a way to help stop crime from happening in the first place.

"There is strong evidence that restorative approaches work with victims having positive experiences

of face to face conferencing, leading to reductions in reoffending by those who participate as well as generating savings in the criminal justice system.

"However, I want to extend our approach to wider than the criminal justice system where there is growing evidence for using restorative practices to prevent conflict or harm in the first place, to deal with minor conflict proactively in order to help prevent people from coming into the criminal justice system in the first place – I am delighted Restorative Solutions CIC and Groundwork Northamptonshire are working collaboratively with us to achieve this."

Restorative practice techniques include formal meetings involving victims and offenders, or more informal techniques as part of daily business – such as a police officer dealing with low-level crime on the street, or a teacher preventing or managing conflict between young people in the classroom.

The agreed model – Restorative Northamptonshire – will provide a direct service, where organisations can refer more complex cases, while also offering tailored support to organisations wishing to embed restorative practices into their own policies and service delivery.

This approach enables restorative activities to be used both proactively,

to build and sustain positive relationships, and reactively where conflict or harm has already occurred.

Speaking as International Restorative Justice Week comes to an end, Adam added: "Restorative practices help people think of others, the impact their actions can have on others and encourages mutual respect and honesty. I believe that using these techniques in one setting can only have a beneficial impact in other areas of people's lives, which in the long term will lead to less crime and anti-social behaviour.

"We have to use every tool available to us in tackling those people committing crime and involved in anti-social behaviour in Northamptonshire and if using restorative practices helps do that – even in the long term, then that's what we should do."

The Ministry of Justice has provided funding to all Police and Crime Commissioners to develop restorative justice activity in their areas. In Northamptonshire this funding has been matched by the county Chief Executives Group.

Adrian Lee, Chief Constable for Northamptonshire Police said: "There is significant evidence that restorative practices produce better outcomes at less cost for some offences. Northamptonshire Police have been committed to

this approach and have welcomed the partnership support we have received.

"We are committed to working collaboratively with Restorative Solutions CIC, Groundwork Northamptonshire and our partner agencies to help support this vision.

"We have used restorative justice techniques within the police for some time and have had positive feedback from victims and offenders. However, the move towards becoming a restorative county, working alongside other agencies, is an exciting step forward for Northamptonshire."

Gary Stephenson, Chief Executive of Restorative Solutions CIC, said: "Restorative Solutions, a pioneering not-for-profit Community Interest Company, have a record of delivering

innovative and ground-breaking programmes in communities and public sector agencies using restorative approaches to meet the needs of victims and reduce the offending behaviour of offenders.

"We also applaud the ambition in Northamptonshire to use the technique in a much wider setting, in order to respond to conflict and prevent events from escalating with the emphasis on the needs of victims.

"We are delighted following a competitive process to be selected by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner to work in partnership with Groundwork, the OPCC for Northamptonshire and Northamptonshire Police in order to deliver the vision of a restorative county."



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www.stanwicklakes.org.uk
 – info@rftrust.org.uk –
 Tel: 01933 625522
 Visit Santa in his magical grotto and receive a present. Also you can explore the playground or come inside and make lovely Christmassy gifts.

Saturday 6th December
Shelmerick Academy Christmas Concert
 Heritage Chapel Hall, Park Rd, Rushden NN10 0RG
 6pm
 Free entry – Mulled wine & mince pies available to purchase.
 End of Term Dance, Drama & Musical Theatre show – 25th year.

Christmas Coffee Morning
 Irthlingborough Methodist Church
 10am-12noon
 No admission fee
 Tel: 01933 651643
 A festive coffee morning, also a Christmas gift stall with a wide range of items

Sunday 7th December
Santa's Coming to Barnwell Country Park
 Barnwell Country Park
 10.30am-3.30pm (Santa has a mince pie and sherry break from 12noon to 12.30pm)
 Tel: 01832 273435 for details.
 Let your child tell Santa what they would like for Christmas and receive a small present. £3.50 per child.

All Age Advent Service
 Whitefriars Church at Whitefriars Junior School, Boughton Drive, Rushden NN10 9HX
 10.15am
 Free
 Tel: Andrew Presland 01933 316927

An informal church service to which everyone is welcome.

Monday 8th December
Oundle & District U3A
 Christmas Celebration
 Royal Victoria Hall
 2-4 pm
 Tickets £1.50
 Contact: 01832 272084.

Higham Ferrers WI
 The Adult School, Westfield Terrace, Higham Ferrers
 2.15pm
 Pat Barber on 01933 396647
 It will be our Xmas Party. Please feel free to join us next year to make new friends.

Tuesday 9th December
Film Night 'The Jersey Boys' (15)
 Laxton Village Hall
 7.30pm-10pm
 £5
 Tel: Noel Jessop 01780 450273 or email noel@stuartlighting.com.
 Showing 'The Jersey Boys' (15) The story of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons. Refreshments available.

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

Wednesday 10th December
Winter Wonderland Celebration – 1950s theme
 The Rushden Academy, Hayway, Rushden NN10 6AG
 2.30pm-4.30pm
 Car parking will be available onsite from 2pm (at the earliest please).
 This event is open to our local community, friends and families. 1950s dress is optional! Please come along and join the festivities free of charge with a voluntary contribution to our

chosen charity Cynthia Spencer Hospice.

Into Christmas
 The Great Hall, Oundle School
 7.45pm
 £5 from the Stahl Box Office.
 Entertainment in the form of famous Christmas classics and songs, solo and ensemble performances, along with a few dramatic and entertaining sketches.

Thursday 11th December
Oundle Art Group Meeting
 Tansor Village Hall
 1.45pm-3.45pm
 £6 for non-members
 Tel: Jane Sanders 01832 226495 or Chris Yates 01832 226345
 'Abstract Flowers' with Chris Yates. Bring acrylics, oils and a palette knife and any surface.

Discovery Walks
 Meet near Aldwinckle School
 2pm
 £1.50, no need to book.
 Tel: 01780 782747
www.weanorthamptonshire.org
 Exploring Northamptonshire – Aldwinckle and Thrapston – 4.5 miles.

Thursday 11th & Friday 12th December
Christmas Wreath Making Workshop
 Lyveden New Bield
 10am-2pm
 £30 per person (booking essential)
 Tel: 01832 205158
www.nationaltrust.org.uk/lyveden
 Make a Christmas wreath to take home. Light lunch and all materials provided.

Friday 12th December
Film: The German Doctor (Wakolda) (12A) (Spanish 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.
 A German SS Officer escapes and is taken in by unsuspecting South American family.

Whitefriars Church Retireds' Group – with Christmas songs and carols led by Gill and Jeff Crow
 The Bridge Community Office at Whitefriars Junior School, Boughton Drive, Rushden, NN10 9HX
 1.30pm-3pm

Free
 John & Celia Underwood 01933 676989
 A friendly group to which all are retirement age are welcome.

Buffet/Dance
 Gladstone WMC, Wellingborough Rd, Finedon
 7.30pm-Midnight
 £7 inc Buffet and Entertainment.
 Tel: Peter 07434 328237 or Karen 07434 133100.
 Finedon, Irthlingborough and District RBL, invite you to this event, which will include a raffle and spot prize on your numbered ticket.

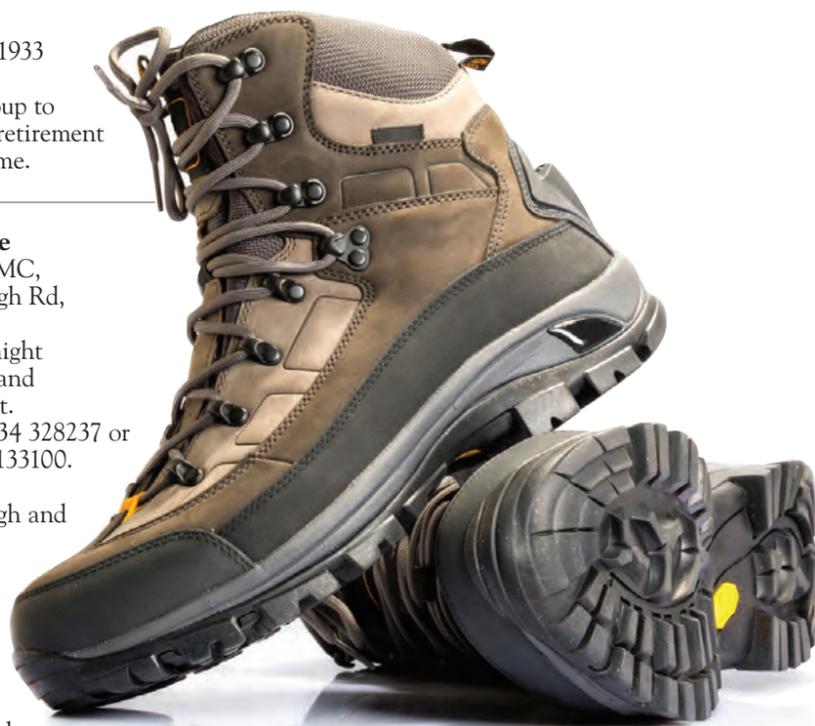
Saturday 13th December
Book signing of 'Sweet Earth' a novel by Jenny Dunbar
 Oundle Book shop, Oundle
 10.30am-12.30pm.
 Jenny Dunbar looks forward to meeting you at the book signing of her recent novel. <http://www.lockpublishing.com/dunbar.html>.

Stanwick Lakes Santa Run
 Stanwick Lakes
 For registration and more detailed information – www.runatstanwicklakes.co.uk
 5k – £8, 10k – £13, Half marathon – £17 – normal car park charges apply.
www.stanwicklakes.org.uk – info@rftrust.org.uk –
 Tel: 01933 625522
 Get your running shoes on and take part in one of the three Santa Runs – 5k; 10k; Half-marathon.

Coffee morning and community shop
 Laxton Village Hall
 10.30am-12noon
 All welcome
 Tel: Tim Gilbert 01780 450005.
 Season's special mince pies and mulled wine, coffee, tea, cakes and sale of local and seasonal produce.
 Newspapers available.

Breakfast with Father Christmas
 St Peter's Church Irthlingborough
 9.30am-11.30am
 Children £4 must be accompanied by an adult.
 There will be craft activities, a choice of breakfast and a visit and a small gift from Father Christmas. Tea or coffee and mince pies will be available for adults to purchase.

Angelic Events, Present a Christmas Psychic, Holistic & Craft Fair
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Imperial Court Christmas Coffee Morning
 Imperial Court, Duck Street, Rushden (opposite Iceland Carpark)
 10am-12.30pm
 £1.50 (includes cake and tea/coffee)
 Tel: Ray 01933 315116
 Imperial Court Coffee Morning with raffle, auction, tombola and bric-a-brac stalls, all welcome to attend.

Raunds Community Choir 5th Annual Christmas concert
 Saxon Hall Raunds
 7.30pm
 Adults £7.50 and children £1.50
 Tel: 01933 626113
 Tickets available at Raunds & Ringstead Post Offices.
 Varied programme.

FROGS: Fourth Rushden Original Gang Show
 Beavers, Cubs & Scouts Heritage Chapel Hall, Park Rd, Rushden NN10 0RG
 6.30pm
 Adults £3, child £1
 Tel: Caz 07958 034080
 A rivvit, rivvit, rivviting, evenings entertainment. Working as a team to provide fun and laughter.

Christmas themed Coffee Morning and Visit by Father Christmas & Helpers with Post Van & sack to receive letters
 Heritage Chapel and Halls, Park Rd, Rushden NN10 0RG
 10am-12noon

No charge or booking needed.
 Father Christmas 10.30am-11.30am Handmade gifts to incl 'Happy Feets' preserves & jewellery, stalls, games & cake stall.

Sunday 14th December
Nativity Service
 Irthlingborough Methodist Church
 10.30am
 No admission fee
 Tel: 01933 651643
 Join with us to see if our lost sheep have returned from the local shops!

'Pedestrians in Podington' – a countryside walk
 Meet in the middle of Podington, near the church (NN29 7HS)
 10.30am
 Free
 Tel: Andrew Presland 01933 316927
 A Winter's day walk of two to three miles, with a festive flavour: organised by Whitefriars Church, Rushden, but all are welcome.

Mulled Wine and Music, Concert by The Six Week Community Singers
 Heritage Chapel Hall, Park Rd, Rushden NN10 0RG
 7pm
 Tickets £4
 Tel: Cheryl 01933 778677 / 07969 603958
 Sparkling Sets of Seasonal Music, Musical Director – Robert Peel, Conductor – Nilani Young.

Cafe Church
 Whitefriars Church at Whitefriars Junior School, Boughton Drive, Rushden NN10 9HX
 10.15am
 Free
 Tel: Chad 07974 956991
 Come and share a 'second breakfast' with us (cake and coffee guaranteed), and relax whilst the kids play.

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Silver Service

The Bridge Community Office at Whitefriars Junior School, Boughton Drive, Rushden, NN10 9HX 10.30am
Free
Tel: Andrew Presland 01933 316927
Traditional seasonal worship with an Advent theme.

Christingle Service in aid of The Children's Society
St Laurence's Church Stanwick
2pm & 3.30pm
Traditional Christingle Service.

Santa's Coming to Barnwell Country Park
Barnwell Country Park 10.30am-3.30pm (Santa has a mince pie and sherry break from 12noon-12.30pm)
Phone 01832 273435 for details.

Let your child tell Santa what they would like for Christmas and receive a small present. £3.50 per child.

Messy Christmas

Thrapston Baptist Church 4pm-6pm
www.thrapstonbaptist.co.uk/
tpsmmary@yahoo.com or text
Tel: 07967 695865.
Craft, games, Nativity story, songs, food and fun for all the family. For more details or to let us know you will be coming.

Thursday 18th December RSPB Mid-Nene Local Group
Saxon Hall, Raunds 7.30pm
Free admission
Graham Bell on 01536 725924
AGM, mince pies and members' slides.

Friday 19th December Thrapston and District U3A Special Christmas Meeting
The Plaza, Cosy Nook, Thrapston
10am-12noon
Ann Carter 01832 358136
A free Christmas special with entertainment and Christmassy refreshments - visitors are very welcome.

RATS - New Experience 'Snowcase Evening'
Heritage Chapel and Halls, Park Road, Rushden NN10 0RG
7pm
No tickets needed, donations on the night, refreshments available
Snowcase will include an adaptation of the 'Nutcracker Suite'.

Saturday 20th December Melodies Family Christmas Party and

Charity Fundraiser

Rushden Community College
5pm-8.30pm
£10 adults, £5 concessions, £2 student/performer contribution, or £20 for a family ticket
Cate on 07958 722108 or Chad on 07974 956991.
A family party with entertainment, raising funds for Access All Areas youth work.

Sunday 21st December Whitefriars Church Christmas Service

Whitefriars Church at Whitefriars Junior School, Boughton Drive, Rushden NN10 9HX
10.15am
Free
Tel: Andrew Presland 01933 316927
A fun time for kids and adults as we celebrate Christmas together as a community.

Sunday 21st December Winter Solstice Lantern Walk at Stanwick Lakes

Stanwick Lakes Visitor Centre Lake and Outdoor Theatre
5pm-7pm
Please book - normal car park charges apply
www.stanwicklakes.org.uk
- info@rftrust.org.uk - Tel: 01933 625522
Join us on the shortest day for a walk around the Lake and carols in the Outdoor Theatre. Wrap up warm; bring a lantern (or torch).

First Monday of month (different date)

Wildlife Trust Little Bugs Club
Irthlingborough Library 1.30pm-3pm
Free, donations welcome
Tel: Louise Tuffin 01604 405285
louise.tuffin@wildlifebcn.org
A fun monthly session for under 5s and their parents to discover local wildlife.

Every Monday

Wesley Centre Art Class
Irthlingborough Methodist Church
2pm-4pm
Tel: 01933 650195
Experienced teacher, all abilities welcome.

Every Tuesday and Thursday (except Christmas and New Year)

Health Walks
Stanwick Lakes
10am-11am
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Alternate Wednesdays U3A Country Dancing

St James' 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.

Third Wednesday of month (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.

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
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
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Every Thursday during school term time Music Makers

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

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
Tel: Nicki 01933 625658
For pre-schoolchildren and their adult carer - Bible story, song, craft and fun. All welcome.

Ongoing - third Thursday of each month.

Painting Class
St John Ambulance Hall, Raunds
10am-4pm
£15 per session.
Drawing and painting class using mixed media. Very friendly class - all abilities welcome.

First Friday of the month (recommend checking before travelling)

Craft Cafe
Stanwick Lakes
10.30am-1pm
Modest charges for some materials - normal car park charges apply.

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

Third Friday of the month (recommend checking before travelling)

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

Third Friday of the month Poetry Group

Raunds Library
2.30pm
Free, donations welcome
Tel: Mrs S J Hall 01933 622151

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 8-3 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
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Last Saturday of the month (except December)

Farmers' Market
Market Square, Higham Ferrers
9am-1pm
danielle@highamferrers-tc.gov.uk
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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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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
£65 per term
Tel: Derek Geater 01933 381848
Drawing and painting, mainly working in watercolour with some soft pastels.

More events can be found at www.nenevalleynews.co.uk

To submit your event please contact us via our website in the following format: Date, event, place, time, admission fee (if applicable), contact information, 15 word description.





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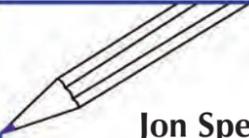
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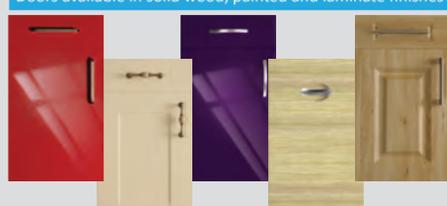
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PUBLIC NOTICES

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14

THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(WOOD ROAD, KINGS CLIFFE)

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of Wood Road, Kings Cliffe as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Wood Road, Kings Cliffe from the junction of Kings Forest to junction of Walkers Field.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required to install a new supply.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 8th December 2014 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted until 11th December 2014.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: Use Station Road, Park Street, West Street and Forest Approach.

Dated this 6th day of December 2014
QUENTIN BAKER, Director of LGSS Law JCM/T14/389

If you require any further information please contact Gary Thorp on 01604 364359.

LICENSING ACT 2003

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR VARIATION OF A PREMISES LICENCE (SECTION 34)

Notice is hereby given that Espresso's Coffee Bar & Lounge has applied to East Northants County Council for the variation of a Premises Licence in respect of Espresso's Coffee Bar & Lounge, 43 Brook Street, Raunds, Northants NN9 6LL and intends to vary the following licensable activities: Recorded and some live music events and the sale of alcohol, provision of late night refreshment and provision of regulated entertainment.

The Licensing register may be inspected at the Licensing Authority, East Northants County Council, Cedar Drive, Thrapston, Northamptonshire NN14 4LZ between 9.00am-5.00pm. Any representation by a Responsible Authority or Interested Party must be made in writing to the above address by 17th December.

It is an offence knowingly to make a false statement in connection with an application punishable on summary conviction by a maximum fine of £5,000.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14

THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(PILTON ROAD, LILFORD-CUM-WIGSTHORPE / THORPE ACHURCH AND LILFORD ROAD, PILTON)

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) 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 will be to prohibit traffic from proceeding along those lengths of Pilton Road, Lilford-Cum-Wigsthorpe / Thorpe Achurch and Lilford Road, Pilton as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: Those lengths of Pilton Road, Lilford-Cum-Wigsthorpe / Thorpe Achurch and Lilford Road, Pilton from the junction of Pilton Road to Main Street, Pilton.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required to repair a bridge parapet.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 5th January 2015 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted until 16th January 2015.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: Use Oundle Road, Stoke Doyle Road, Wadenhoe Road, Oundle Road, Stoke Doyle Road, Stoke Hill, Mill Road, Barnwell Road and A605.

Dated this 6th day of December 2014
QUENTIN BAKER, Director of LGSS Law JCM/T14/383

If you require any further information please contact Gary Thorp on 01604 364359.

East Northamptonshire Council

Adoption Statement
Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004
The Town and Country Planning Regulations (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012
Notice of adoption of the Wind and Solar Energy Supplementary Planning Document

In accordance with Section 23 of the above Act and Regulation 14 of the above Regulations, notice is hereby given that the Wind and Solar Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) was adopted by East Northamptonshire Council's Planning Policy Committee on 29 September 2014. The Planning Policy Committee approved all of the proposed amendments to the SPD arising from the statutory consultation under Regulations 12(b) and 35, which took place over 6 weeks, from 26 May and ending on Monday 7 July 2014.

The Wind and Solar SPD is a statutory Local Development Document and supplements the Local Plan for East Northamptonshire. The document sets out information and requirements for the preparation of planning applications relating to wind and solar development. It is intended for use by developers in selecting sites and drawing up proposals, as well as by the council in determining planning applications. It covers issues such as heritage, landscape, noise, safety and decommissioning. Once adopted, the SPD will form a Local Development Document for East Northamptonshire, which will support the Local Plan.

Copies of the above, together with other supporting documentation, are available on the Council's website (http://www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/info/200195/supplementary_planning_documents/66/supplementary_planning_documents) and may also be inspected during normal opening hours at:

- Customer Service Centre, Cedar Drive, Thrapston, NN14 4LZ (8.45am-5pm, Monday to Friday)
- Customer Service Centre, Newton Road, Rushden, NN10 0PT (9am-4.30pm, Monday to Friday)
- Customer Service Centre, Oundle Library, Oundle, PE8 4JA (10am-1pm, Monday to Saturday)
- Libraries at Thrapston, Rushden, Higham Ferrers, Irthlingborough, Raunds and the mobile libraries (opening times and other details are available from Northamptonshire County Council)

Any person who feels aggrieved by the adopted Wind and Solar Energy SPD, may apply to the High Court for permission to apply for judicial review, under Section 113 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, on the grounds that the document is not within the appropriate powers and/or a procedural requirement has not been complied with. Any such application must be made promptly and in any event not later than 3 months from the date of adoption.

If you have any further questions on the Wind and Solar Energy SPD, please contact the Planning Policy Team on 01832 742337 or planningpolicy@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk

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Chess corner

By Derrick Sims

It's been a busy couple of weeks for Rushden Chess Club who managed to cram in three league matches. Rushden maintained an unbeaten run with two victories and a draw.

Rushden A entertained Corby at the Bowls Club and benefited from home advantage with a convincing victory. Once again Hugh Murphy played magnificently for his win and James Gardner had a barnstorming performance to overcome a 14 point grade deficit in securing John Hart's resignation after 11 moves. Nik Puryer continued his winning streak with a convincing defeat of John Sawiak. Chris Chambers and Tony Blott salvaged a point for Corby with drawn games.

Rushden B started their campaign with a journey to the wilds of Northampton, the rigours of the trip inspired them to an excellent performance against Chess Mates D. Bob Ellam and the mighty warrior Nik Puryer came away with victories. Nik took a particular interest in running Ryan Reed's King ragged, eventually forcing him into losing his Queen. This was followed by a home game against Kettering C, the on-form Nik Puryer was again victorious and unsung hero Keith Bristow notched up his first win of the season but their efforts failed to secure a win with the match ending up honours even!

Rushden A have now moved up into third place in Division I behind Chess Mates A & B. Oundle are flying the flag for East Northamptonshire by gaining top spot in Division II with Chess Mates C hanging onto their coat tails. Rushden B are in third place.

The final results were:

Mon 10th Nov, A-Div:

Rushden A 4 – 1 Corby

- Bd1: H. Murphy (195) 1–0 J. Thomson (159)
- Bd2: J. Gardner (150) 1–0 J. Hart (164)
- Bd3: A. Lewis (140) ½ C. Chambers (U)
- Bd4: N. Puryer (127) 1–0 J. Sawiak (126)
- Bd5: S. Ganger (114) ½ T. Blott (114)

Tue 11th Nov, B-Div:

Chess Mates D 1½ – 3½ Rushden B

- Bd1: R. Reed (120) 0–1 N. Puryer (127)
- Bd2: N. Turner (119) ½ K. Bristow (117)
- Bd3: I. Revitt (109) 0–1 B. Ellam (106)
- Bd4: A. Reed (97) ½ J. Owen (100)
- Bd5: J. Vearling (U) ½ T. Murts (64)

Mon 17th Nov, B-Div:

Rushden B 2½ – 2½ Kettering C

- Bd1: N. Puryer (127) 1–0 K. Ball (124)
- Bd2: K. Bristow (117) 1–0 R. Cooper (112)
- Bd3: B. Ellam (106) 0–1 I. Andrews (97)
- Bd4: J. Owen (100) 0–1 J. Edmondson (U)
- Bd5: J. Wicks (63) ½ J. Calley (48)

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

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 – for details please call the Club Secretary on 07810 474969, or visit the club website <http://rushdenchessclub.com> and for the NCA (County Association) it's <http://www.norchess.lloydbunday.co.uk>.

ChromaSport & Trophies United Counties League as at 29th November 2014

Premier Division (40)	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	Division One (38)	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
AFC Rushden & Diamonds	17	13	3	1	50	14	36	42	Lutterworth Athletic	20	15	1	4	50	24	26	46
Holbeach United	17	13	1	3	47	18	29	40	Peterborough Sports	18	13	2	3	49	21	28	41
Yaxley	17	12	2	3	35	17	18	38	Wellingborough Whitworth	19	12	3	4	59	21	38	39
Peterborough Northern Star	16	10	2	4	42	23	19	32	Potton United	18	12	2	4	38	14	24	38
Cogenhoe United	17	10	2	5	31	20	11	32	Northampton ON Chenecks	18	12	2	4	46	25	21	38
Wisbech Town	15	9	3	3	36	18	18	30	Northampton Spencer	14	11	1	2	42	23	19	34
Huntingdon Town	12	9	2	1	25	12	13	29	Rothwell Corinthians	17	10	3	4	40	23	17	33
Thurnby Nirvana	16	9	1	6	45	37	8	28	Raunds Town	20	9	5	6	40	34	6	32
Desborough Town	20	8	3	9	35	43	-8	27	Woodford United	17	9	1	7	34	25	9	28
Newport Pagnell Town	17	7	4	6	35	25	10	25	Olney Town	17	8	3	6	39	25	14	27
Deeping Rangers	14	7	2	5	28	20	8	23	Thrapston Town	17	8	3	6	30	30	0	27
Boston Town	16	6	3	7	32	30	2	21	Rushden & Higham United	21	7	4	10	29	38	-9	25
Wellingborough Town	19	6	3	10	32	43	-11	21	Bugbrooke St Michaels	19	6	6	7	45	42	3	24
AFC Kempston Rovers (-3)	13	6	3	4	25	18	7	18	Blackstones FC	19	7	1	11	40	45	-5	22
Eynesbury Rovers	14	5	2	7	24	23	1	17	Bourne Town	19	6	3	10	31	47	-16	21
Harrowby United	17	4	3	10	25	38	-13	15	Buckingham Town	17	5	2	10	27	38	-11	17
Sleaford Town	19	4	3	12	31	54	-23	15	Irchester United	16	3	1	12	30	52	-22	10
Oadby Town	18	4	2	12	25	40	-15	14	St Neots Town Yth & St (-3)	19	3	1	15	27	65	-38	7
Northampton Sileby Rangers	16	3	3	10	25	46	-21	12	Burton Park Wanderers	18	1	4	13	14	61	-47	7
Harborough Town	19	3	1	15	12	62	-50	10	Stewarts & Lloyds Corby	19	0	0	19	14	71	-57	0
Long Buckby AFC	17	0	2	15	14	53	-39	2									

ChromaSport & Trophies United Counties League results

Saturday 29th November

Premier Division

- Long Buckby 1–5 AFC Rushden & Diamonds
- Wellingborough Town 2–1 Harrowby United

Division One

- Buckingham Town 0–2 Rushden & Higham United
- Stewarts & Lloyds Corby 1–3 Irchester United

Reserves Division

- Irchester United 4–1 Thrapston Town
- Raunds Town 4–3 Peterborough Northern Star
- Rushden & Higham United 0–4 Northampton Spencer

Unders 21s Division

- AFC Rushden & Diamonds 0–0 AFC Kempston Rovers



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