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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Newsagents in Rushden robbed

**A newsagents in Rushden was robbed by a man who forced staff to lock themselves in the toilet after he emptied the safe.**

The man, who is believed to have been armed, walked into the McColl's newsagents in Grangeway just before 10pm on Sunday 25th January, just as the store was due to close.

He demanded to know where the safe was and told the two staff members to empty it and put the money in a bag.

He then told the shop workers to lock themselves in the toilet while he escaped.

It is believed he may have fled in a silver people carrier which was parked behind the shop.

He was a white man and was wearing a jacket that was either pink, red or brown as well as blue jeans and gloves.

Witnesses, or anyone who knows anything about this incident, can call Northamptonshire Police on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111.

### Salvation Army First Sunday Event

**On Sunday 1st February Rushden Salvation Army, Church Street, Rushden will present their First Sunday Event.**

The guest will be Mairi Addy, a member of Boobs and Brass, supported by folksinger Jim Carroll. The event commences at 6pm. Prior to this event, at 5pm, free refreshments will be available. Admission is free.

## World Champion gymnast Daniel Keatings to be ambassador for Northampton Schools

**Commonwealth, European and World Champion gymnast Daniel Keatings visited Windmill Primary, Raunds, an Education Fellowship academy, in his new role as an ambassador for the Northamptonshire based Fellowship.**

He held two gymnastic workshops with pupils in school years 3 to 6 and took a whole-school assembly. Dressed in his Team GB kit, he wowed the children with an amazing floor gymnastics demonstration, showed them his medals, and spoke about how he first became interested in sport aged just five years. He spoke about the importance of sport and fitness and working hard at what you believe in, inspiring the children with his energy and passion.

Lizzie Rowe, Deputy CEO of The Education Fellowship, said: "The Fellowship gives its sincere thanks to Daniel for being so willing to take up this new role of Ambassador for the Fellowship. He plans to visit our academies and deliver a strong message of fitness, sport and a healthy lifestyle to them, and equally importantly inspire and motivate our pupils to believe that their dreams and potential can be fulfilled if they work at them hard enough."

Daniel Keatings said: "I was really pleased to receive the invitation from The Education Fellowship to become an Ambassador. I have been lucky enough to be able to pursue my dream of being a professional sportsman but would never have got to where I now am without the support and guidance I received from a very young age. Having the opportunity to hopefully inspire and encourage these pupils to go for the dreams, whatever they may be, is an absolute honour."

Windmill Primary Principal, Michelle Ginn said: "We are delighted that Daniel, as a well-known popular local sportsman, came here to inspire and enthuse our pupils. Windmill Primary is the first school Daniel has visited since his success last summer at Glasgow 2014. It's important for our children to understand that there is a whole world of opportunities out there. This visit will hopefully increase the aspirations of every pupil within our school community."

As a new ambassador for the Education Fellowship, Daniel is committed to inspiring its pupils, lifting aspirations and underlining the importance of sport and fitness by visiting the schools and meeting and working with students of all ages.



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# Friends of St James Church, Thrapston

The parish church of St James is probably the oldest building in Thrapston. Parts of it date back to the 13th century, when Thrapston was awarded its charter in 1205. For centuries, it has been a place of worship, sanctuary and solitude. It is a place where important events, such as weddings, funerals, baptisms, services of remembrance and civic services are held. Recently, it hosted a very moving service to remember those of the town who fell in the Great War.

As with all ancient buildings, the cost of maintaining it escalates year on year and this has increasingly become a struggle for the congregation to fund. The church does not receive any finance from the state or the Church of England to maintain the building and it is becoming more difficult to obtain grants from other bodies to fund

major repairs, as funds are scarce and grants generally only cover a small proportion of the costs.

Everyone is welcome to worship in St James but many who do not feel able to do so may nonetheless value the contribution the church makes to the local community. You might admire its architectural beauty, its historical or genealogical heritage (it is the resting place of some of the ancestors of George Washington) or you may value the services offered by the church, such as baptisms, weddings and funerals.

If you do, you may wish to support the church in some way. Your support could be financial and/or helping to raise further funds to preserve our wonderful building.

If you feel you would like to help, then please contact Lindsey Burch on 01832 730019 or [theburchbunch@uwclub.net](mailto:theburchbunch@uwclub.net)



## Super shortlisting success for Spire Homes

Local housing association Spire Homes has been shortlisted for two awards in recognition of their work to get more people online as well as their investment in the community in partnership with their contractor, Keepmoat.

The two awards see Spire Homes shortlisted in the Excellence in Digital Engagement and Contractor Engagement categories at the TPAS (Tenant Participation Advisory Service) Central Region Awards. The awards recognise both individual and collaborative initiatives that have made a real difference to people's lives and their wider communities.

Over the last two years, Spire Homes have developed an expanding digital engagement

programme which is encouraging more of their tenants to get online along with providing more self-service options, so tech savvy customers can manage their account securely online.

"We launched My Account in May last year so our tenants could do things like check their rent balance, make a payment and report repairs securely through our website," said Samantha Wylie, Head of Customer Service.

"It's been really popular amongst tenants who use the internet a lot, but we've been careful to make sure those who aren't online yet don't get left behind. We've been building up confidence with free training and internet taster sessions but also trying to improve

people's access to the internet with things like our laptop loan scheme."

The second shortlisting in the Contractor Engagement category comes from Spire Homes' work with repairs contractor Keepmoat Property Services. Since entering into a contract two years ago, the partnership has provided training and work experience opportunities for young Spire Homes tenants as well as significant investment into the community through Spire Homes' Community Grants Fund and, most recently with the 12 Deeds of Christmas, where

people could nominate unsung heroes and community groups to receive a good deed from Santa's little helpers.

"To be shortlisted for one award is great but two is a huge achievement," said Lynn Stubbs, Director of Business Services at Spire Homes. "Helping tenants get online and investing in the communities where we work are two really important areas for Spire Homes. These shortlistings really are a testament to the passion and drive of our staff and contractors to help our tenants and the wider community."

## National Voter Registration Day – 5th Feb

On Thursday 7th May there will be a UK Parliamentary election as well as local government elections in some parts of England.

Voting will take place in all Parliamentary constituencies of the UK to elect Members of Parliament (MPs) and local councillors in some English local authority areas.

To be able to vote, you must be registered. You can do this online at [www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote) All you need is your National Insurance number, date of birth and address to register online.

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# The recipe for a great meal out this Valentine's Day



**After flowers or chocolates, the next big question that's usually on the agenda for Valentine's Day is whether to go out to that romantic restaurant or enjoy a quiet meal in.**

Whatever your decision this Valentine's Day, make sure you choose one of the 673 of eateries in East Northamptonshire with a rating of 3 or more.

The Food Hygiene Rating Scheme rates food businesses on their hygiene standards, based on inspections carried out by East Northamptonshire Council. Businesses in the area are rated on a scale ranging from 0, which means urgent improvement necessary, to a top rating of 5 which is very good.

So, whether you're reserving a table at that romantic hotspot, a cosy little cafe, or planning on ordering a takeaway on your way home

for a romantic meal, make sure to check the hygiene rating first! Look out for the green and black Food Hygiene Rating stickers displayed on windows and doors. If you can't see a sticker, then ask staff or check online at [www.food.gov.uk/ratings](http://www.food.gov.uk/ratings)

Steven North, Leader of East Northamptonshire Council, says: "Valentine's Day is a busy time for our local restaurants, cafes and pubs. With the majority of food businesses in the district rated 3 or above, the Food Hygiene Rating Scheme makes it easier for everyone to choose to eat their romantic meals in places where food

hygiene is taken seriously."

Catriona Stewart, Head of Food Hygiene Ratings team at the Food Standards Agency, said: "The Food Hygiene Rating Scheme is a great tool when choosing where to eat out, particularly when celebrating a special meal, because it tells you what's going on in the kitchen and behind the scenes. For local eateries, a good rating will be good for business during this busy season."

This Valentine's Day, make sure you order the flowers, buy the chocolates AND check out the Food Hygiene Rating of your favourite places to eat or order from, at [www.food.gov.uk/ratings](http://www.food.gov.uk/ratings)



# Freemasonry in Oundle

**There has been a Freemasons' Lodge in Oundle, St Wilfrid Lodge, since 1922, meeting at the Talbot Hotel from October to April. It is one of 94 Lodges in Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire.**

Freemasonry is the oldest and largest of the secular (non-religious) fraternal societies.

Freemasons give their time, skills and money freely and quietly towards helping local, national and international charities. St Wilfrid donated £5,000 to East Anglian Children's Hospice (EACH) in 2014.

Freemasonry is a tolerant, diverse fraternity that does not discriminate against members, or prospective members, because of their religion, race or nationality.

It's based on honesty, fairness and kindness of heart. It's friendly, fun and family inclusive, enabling members to develop their social skills and make life-long friendships.

There are myths, rumours and misconceptions about freemasonry. If you would like to know more about its tradition, heritage and culture, and see a Freemason's Lodge set out, then come along the open day on Saturday 14th February at the Westgate Suite, Talbot Hotel, Oundle from 10am until 2pm.

Wives and partners are welcome to have a guided tour and enjoy a cup of coffee.

If you would like to know more you may email the Provincial Grand Secretary [pgsecretary@northants-hunts-masons.org.uk](mailto:pgsecretary@northants-hunts-masons.org.uk)

# Pancake Day fun in Raunds

**Pancake Day will be fun at Raunds Enterprise Centre this year, where you are invited to tuck into delicious pancakes (variety of fillings) and other refreshments.**

Children will be on half-term holiday, so bring them along to celebrate Shrove Tuesday, without the bother of cooking pancakes yourself.

This invitation comes from St Peter's Church Steering Group who are organising the event, and they look forward

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# Romance in East Northamptonshire



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We can accommodate larger wedding receptions in the Walled Garden, which is adjacent to the Hall and a perfect siting for a marquee.

Although the area is part of the public park, as the name suggests, the surrounding wall gives complete privacy and is the perfect venue for a summer wedding.

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For details and friendly advice please contact:

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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
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For more information on "significant" planning applications, visit [www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/dnotification](http://www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/dnotification)

### Benefield

**15/00059/FUL (14/02/2015) (Info)**

Replacement of existing pig buildings with purpose-built agricultural building for pigs at Hill Farm Glapthorn Rd Upper Benefield PE8 5AL

### Brigstock

**14/02372/OUT (21/02/2015) (LB/CA)**

(Art8) Outline: demolition of buried reservoir and residential development of 110 houses with access and associated infrastructure (All matters reserved apart from access and demolition of buried reservoir) at land off Benefield Road and Old Dry Lane Brigstock

**15/00103/FUL (14/02/2015) (Info)** Dropped kerb and hardstanding to driveway at 19 Sudborough Rd Brigstock NN14 3HP

### Harringworth

**15/00087/FUL (21/02/2015) (LB/CA)**

Proposed alteration to existing window opening to front elevation including new window, replacement of existing windows and external doors to all other openings with windows of different fenestration and rendering of all external brickwork to walls on all elevations

together with a new chimney at The Elms Gretton Rd Harringworth NN17 3AD

### Higham Ferrers

**14/02369/FUL (14/02/2015) (Info)** 33Kv substation and ancillary equipment with new vehicle access at Compound 1 Newton Rd Higham Ferrers

**15/00047/FUL (14/02/2015) (Info)**

Subdivision of existing site to create new four bedroom detached dwelling at 5 Chichele St Higham Ferrers NN10 8HT

### Irthlingborough

**14/01213/FUL (14/02/2015) (Info)** To widen existing access to field and move gate further into field. Place drop kerbs and add grey crushed concrete to hardstanding at field west of cemetery Wellingborough Rd Irthlingborough

### Islip

**15/00060/FUL (14/02/2015) (Info)** Two storey front extension to existing house at 41 Kettering Road Islip NN14 3JT

### Kings Cliffe

**14/02374/FUL (21/02/2015) (LB/CA)**

(LBRegs) Alteration to fenestration on rear elevation of extensions approved as part of 80/01302/FUL & 82/01587/FUL at 52 West St Kings Cliffe PE8 6XA

**14/02375/LBC (21/02/2015) (LBRegs)**

Alteration to fenestration on rear elevation of extensions approved as part of 80/01302/FUL and 82/01587/FUL. Installation of gates and internal alterations to include new ground floor cloakroom, new staircase to replace 1980s staircase, new opening in 1980s extension for breakfast bar and new first floor en-suite at 52 West St Kings Cliffe

### Lowick and Slipton

**14/02314/LBC (21/02/2015) (LB/CA)**

(LBRegs) Alteration to outside steps and new covered barbecue area at 27 Main St Lowick NN14 3BH

**15/00034/FUL and 15/00035/LBC**

(21/02/2015) (LB/CA) Alterations to extension section of house to include new conservation roof lights, new windows, and doors. Internal alterations including conversion of garage to living accommodation and section of first floor over garage at Little Thatch 8 Drayton Rd Lowick NN14 3BG

### Nassington

**14/02225/FUL (21/02/2015) (Art8)**

Change of use of Jacks Green at Rockingham Forest Park to provide for a range of tourist accommodation (caravan lodges and camping pitches), with supporting

access infrastructure, hardstanding bases with drainage and service provision, visitor facilities and landscape planting at Rockingham Forest Park Wansford Rd Kings Cliffe

### Oundle

**14/01823/FUL (21/02/2015) (LB/CA)**

Renovation of semi derelict and uninhabitable existing cottage to provide a single dwelling and conversion of disused buildings (comprising a brewery, maltings, stables, kiln, cartshed and cowshed) into eight dwellings (total of 9 dwellings) with associated alteration to access, parking and landscaping at 15 Mill Rd Oundle PE8 4BW

**14/02235/VAR (21/02/2015) (LB/CA)**

Variation of condition 7 in order to provide larger external play area pursuant to application 02/00977/FUL: Day nursery dated 25.02.03 at 2A Eastwood Rd Oundle

**15/00079/FUL (14/02/2015) (Info)** Single

storey front extension at 20 Clifton Drive

Oundle PE8 4EP

**15/00104/FUL (14/02/2015) (Info)** Single

storey rear and side extension at 21 Bridge View

Oundle PE8 4DT

### Polebrook

**15/00080/FUL (14/02/2015) (Info)** Two

storey side extension at Orchard House Lutton

Rd Polebrook PE8 5LX

### Rushden

**14/02376/FUL (14/02/2015) (Info)** Change of use from residential (C3) to church meeting hall (D1) including modification of existing access and internal alterations at 131 Bedford Rd Rushden NN10

**15/00003/FUL (14/02/2015) (Info)** Proposed detached dwelling with highway access at 166 Avenue Rd Rushden NN10 0SW

**15/00007/FUL (14/02/2015) (Info)** Proposed replacement windows and external alterations at 15-21 Church St Rushden NN10 9YU

**15/00022/FUL (21/02/2015) (LB/CA)**

Conversion of first floor into 3 apartments together with new external staircase to rear at 105 High St Rushden NN10 0NZ

**15/00055/FUL (14/02/2015) (Info)** Change

of use from vacant B1 to sui generis use as fourteen units of House in Multiple Occupancy at 42 Victoria Rd Rushden NN10 0AS

**15/00064/FUL (14/02/2015) (Info)** Change

of use from single residential dwelling (class C3) to residential care home (class C2) for five residents at 78 Wymington Rd Rushden NN10 9JX

**15/00069/FUL (14/02/2015) (Info)** Garage

conversion and internal alterations at 87

Melloway Rd Rushden NN10

**15/00072/FUL (14/02/2015) (Info)** Single

storey front porch at 176 Newton Rd Rushden NN10 0SZ

**15/00105/FUL (14/02/2015) (Info)** Single

storey front extension at 21 Keswick Drive

Rushden NN10 0JJ

**15/00107/FUL (14/02/2015) (Info)**

Conversion of individual dwelling into four flats at 32 Montague St Rushden NN10 9TS

### Thrapston

**15/00006/FUL (14/02/2015) (Info)** Iron

railings to front and side of property at 16

Market Rd Thrapston NN14 4JU

### Titchmarsh

**15/00058/VAR (21/02/2015) (LB/CA)**

Variation of condition 1 – to change garage

design pursuant to planning permission

13/00905/FUL dated 23.9.13 – Erection of new

dwelling, detached garage and new accesses to

highway at 17 St Andrews Lane Titchmarsh

NN14 3DN

### Warmington

**14/02164/FUL (14/02/2015) (Info)**

Conversion and extension of existing barn to

create a new residential unit at Springfield Farm

Barn Spinney Close Warmington

### Woodford

**15/00027/VAR (21/02/2015) (LB/CA)**

Variation of condition 3 – doors now

removed and condition 15 – approved plans

to be changed to new drawing numbers as

fenestration to doors and windows been

changed and garage design is single storey

with no doors to southern elevation pursuant

to planning permission 12/00198/RWL dated

12.4.12 Renewal – Construction of detached

two storey dwelling and detached garage and

footpath to Club Lane. Reconstruction of stone

wall behind footpath at 3A De Capel Close

(Resubmission of 08/01228//FUL) – allowed

under appeal ref APP/G2815/A/08/ 2090727

dated 06.03.2009 at 3A De Capel Close

Woodford Kettering NN14 4HR

### 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 31 January 2015**

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.

# Time to reflect on a winter walk

Here in Northamptonshire the National Trust has a range of inspiring places to get out and enjoy the winter with family and friends. Harry Bowell, Regional Director for the National Trust in the Midlands, says: "Gardens, parks and the countryside all have a stark beauty at this time of year. With no leaves on the trees, you can appreciate the size and structure of ancient and veteran trees. Winter opens up our landscapes like no other season, with new and unexpected views."

Winter is a great time to get the walking boots on and get out for a walk – whether that's a leisurely stroll with lots of time for quiet reflection or something a bit more vigorous and challenging. And of course there are many National Trust tearooms to help visitors warm up afterwards by providing hot chocolate or a warming bowl of soup. The website has lots of inspiration, with details of self-guided and downloadable walks, such as the route through the woodlands surrounding Lyveden New Bield.

Lyveden New Bield is a perfect place to relax, reflect and unwind. Visitors can enjoy a stroll around the grounds, discovering the beautiful Elizabethan water garden and seeing the Garden Lodge in full view now that the trees have lost their leaves. A walk to nearby

Ladywood or, for the more adventurous, a stride out along the Lyveden Way offers rewards of wonderful wildlife.

Claire Barrett, Operations Manager at Lyveden New Bield says: "Lyveden reveals its strange and mysterious setting in winter, with the dramatic scale of the Garden Lodge in full view now that the trees have lost their leaves. I enjoy walking along the Lyveden Way to nearby Ladywood, following the boundary of Sir Thomas Tresham's ancient deer park."

Winter is also a great time to spot some seasonal wildlife. As well as more familiar birds like robin and blackbird, it's possible to spot something more unusual at this time of year, like siskins, jays, fieldfares or redwings. Winter can be a difficult time for small birds to find food – we can all help by putting out food for them at home or even by making garden bird feeders. We love to see photos of the wildlife visitors have spotted – pictures can be sent in via Facebook (/NTmidlands), Twitter (@NTmidlands) or Instagram (NTMidlands).

Visitors can plan their winter walks and wildlife adventures by visiting [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/midlands](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/midlands)

# First round of Rotary Club Young Chef Competition takes place at Manor School



Winner of the heat – Tom Roberts, Year 8 student



The winning meal – beef stroganoff served on tagliatelle

Head judge for the competition was Ian Campbell, chef patron at The Chequered Skipper in Ashton. Alan Dodds, President of the Thrapston and Raunds Rotary Club and three of his fellow club members were also on hand to provide their opinions on the meals presented.

Whilst there was a high standard of cooking from all participants, it was Year 8 student Tom Roberts who took first place with his beef stroganoff. Second place went to Louis Exall, also in Year 8, who cooked a vegetarian stroganoff. Tom won a £10 gift voucher and now has the opportunity to participate in the district final taking place this month.

Students from Manor School participated in the first round of the Rotary Club Young Chef Competition 2015 in December.

Organised by the

Thrapston and Raunds division of the Rotary Club, four students participated in the local heat where they had a maximum of 90 minutes to cook a main meal.

## Stanwick Races Group

Stanwick Races Group arose when a group of villagers that carried out fundraising for the Millennium Village Sign decided they needed a new project to keep them occupied once the sign was in place. It was suggested that a fundraising race could be organised. The Stanwick Races Group was born.

In 2014 the group donated around £2,400 to local good causes such as Stanwick Rovers Football Club, Stanwick Brownies, Friends of Stanwick School (FOSS), Stanwick

Environmental Project (STEP) and Stanwick Drama Group etc.

The next races are due to take place on Easter Monday 6th April 2015 which the group are in the process of organising. The 10k race will as usual start at 10.30am in the High Street with the 2k Fun Run starting five minutes later from the same place.

Any offers of assistance in organising and/or running the event would be gratefully received and should be directed to either Chairman of Stanwick Races Group,

Les (Tel: 01933 624820) or Race Organiser, Simon (Tel: 01933 623607).

Because there will be a road closure in place around the High Street and Grange Road, the refuse collection on that day will have to be rearranged. This may mean that the day will be changed, or as in 2014 an early collection in the area of High Street and Grange Road with a request that the empty bins in that area are removed as early as possible. Whichever is decided will be publicised in good time.

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# From the East Northants Chairman

**I was delighted to attend an extraordinary event at the Guildhall in Northampton, where the French Government honoured several men from Northamptonshire for their contribution to the liberation of France during the Second World War.**

Sydney Forscutt of Woodford and two other gentlemen from Northamptonshire were presented with the prestigious Legion d'honneur, the highest decoration that can be given in France and rarely awarded to anyone who is not a French national.

The medals were presented by the French consul, Robert Mille on behalf of François Hollande, the President of France, Grand Master of the Order. The consul had not had this honour bestowed on him personally, so he was not able to pin the badges on to the veterans; he could only hand the boxes to them. It was a very special day for all who gathered at

the ceremony.

The Mayor of Oundle organised a very enjoyable concert at St Peter's Church to raise money for Chat Youth counselling and Volunteer Action. It showcased the talents of some wonderful musicians from Oundle School and those who had won Oundle Musician/Singer of the Year contests.

Having stepped down last summer due to health reasons from the role of Lord Lieutenant of Northamptonshire, I was saddened to hear of Lady Juliet Townsend's untimely death at the end of last year. The family organised a private funeral, but there will be a memorial service to remember this most remarkable woman. I have the honour of representing the people of East Northamptonshire and will pay our respects. Lady Juliet is described in her obituary as a countrywoman and writer and for many years the Lady in

Waiting to Princess Margaret. She will be sorely missed.

I was also sad to hear that the US Air Force is pulling out of two local airbases – Alconbury and Molesworth. We have formed a close attachment to the base with regular visits and will miss this

association.

On a more positive note, I'm looking forward to attending the Rotary Young Musicians competition in Rushden which I'm sure will showcase a wealth of local talent.

*ENC Chairman, Cllr Gill Mercer*



ENC Chairman, Cllr Gill Mercer at the presentation of the Legion d'honneur to three Northamptonshire gentlemen for their contribution to the liberation of France during WWII

## Sign up for eBilling and enter iPad Mini free prize draw

**You could win an iPad Mini when you sign up to manage your Council Tax or Business Rates bills online.**

Each new eligible household or business that signs up to the eBilling service provided by East Northamptonshire Council by 27th February 2015 will be automatically entered into a free prize draw to win an iPad Mini (16GB) supplied by AMC Computer Supplies Ltd of Kettering.

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securely keep track of your bills from the comfort of your own home and you don't have to worry about waiting for bills in the post. You also don't have to bother with filing as your bill is stored for you on your own account, which you can access online at any time.

Leader of East Northamptonshire Council, Steven North, explains: "Each year, East Northamptonshire Council sends up to 80,000 bills and notices. Every household and business that signs up to eBilling will help us to save paper and

postage, money that can be used elsewhere on local services.

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## Team Balancise offers Youth Running Course

**Team Balancise is pleased to offer a new 12-week Youth Running Course.**

The course is the brainchild of Graham Bufton and Philip Middleton, two England Athletics trained coaches, who are keen to develop young local athletic talent.

The course will start at 11.30am on Saturday 21st February at the Cricket Pavilion in Higham Ferrers, and run to Saturday 16th May with the Easter Bank Holiday weekend off (Saturday 4th April). It is open to boys and girls aged 13 to 17 years old. It will cost just £24 for the entire course which is to be paid at the beginning of the 12 weeks.

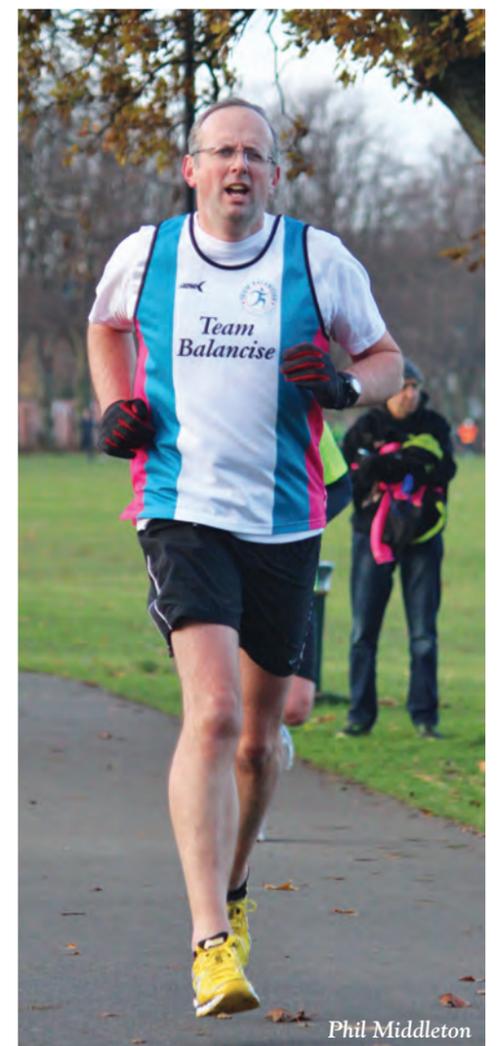
Graham Bufton said: "I think this course is a great opportunity for young people to get out there and find out what it is like to commit to their sport and to be coached along the way. The one-hour sessions will cover track work, hill

sessions, speed work, general running and other enjoyable drills. I'm hoping we will find the next Mo Farah!"

For further information please call Graham on 07788 698 883 or Philip on 07545 980972.



Graham Bufton



Phil Middleton

## And the winners of The Education Fellowship Bake Off are...

**Students from Rushden Academy and pupils at Windmill Primary won the inaugural Fellowship Bake Off, which took place in all The Education Fellowship's academies in the run-up to Christmas. The two winning schools each receive £100 of John Lewis vouchers to spend on board games for a wet break.**

The Bake Off proved to be great fun for everyone taking part. Each Fellowship school was provided with all the ingredients needed to make and decorate gingerbread people and have the opportunity to win the £100 for their school. Having done the baking and designs, representatives from each academy chose their best gingerbread man from all the entries and these special gingerbread men were submitted to and

judged by a professional Waitrose in-house chef.

Because of the high quality of the Bake Off and range of talent shown in the gingerbread designs, the Fellowship decided to award not just one but two prizes, one for a Secondary academy and another for a Primary academy. Pupils and students of all ages were really enthused about the fun to be had with the competition – not least eating the gingerbread afterwards!

Lizzie Rowe, Deputy CEO of The Education Fellowship, said: "The pupils and students from our academies really embraced this Christmas competition; the level of attention to detail, enthusiasm and fun we all had in making our wonderful little men, and indeed woman, was infectious."

# Oundle pupil enters fourth year in business

**“It’s been an exhilarating journey so far,” declares Oundle Lower Sixth Form pupil, Crawford Johnston (17), as he enters his fourth year in business helping young people to score top marks in English exams.**

Invited to present a workshop at the UK’s largest home educators’

gathering, HESFES festival, Crawford’s Creative Writing Magic Money Cards attracted crowds of interest. Mike Greene, star of Channel 4 television’s Secret Millionaire programme, met the schoolboy for a second time and after listening to Crawford present on his progress declared: “I am increasingly

impressed with your focus and business aims.”

The Chief Executive of the Cambridgeshire Chamber of Commerce has recently offered to mentor Crawford, who himself gained a top grade A\* IGCSE for English.

This time last year, Crawford received a powerful boost when

business superstar and government adviser Doug Richards described the schoolboy businessman as “a little Apple” at an Entrepreneurs and Education Programme seminar, where Mr Richards discussed the different kinds of business opportunities that exist in a wide array of markets.

Crawford is not shy when it

comes to making friends with the famous. Back in 2012 he met the author Alexander McCall-Smith, who described his Creative Writing Magic Money Cards as “magnificent” and “a most remarkable idea.” Praise indeed.

To see why Crawford has sales across five continents visit [www.creativewritingmmc.co.uk](http://www.creativewritingmmc.co.uk)

## Helping Rushden people in need

A few old Rushden charities were brought together by the Charity Commission in 1877 to form a combined charity called the Rushden Parochial Charities. Since then, it has helped generations of Rushden residents at times of particular need by using some of its income for certain purposes, as defined in the scheme that set up the charity.

These include: “... the benefit of deserving inhabitants of the Parish of Rushden by providing them with clothes, bedding, fuel, medical or other aid in sickness, food or other articles in kind, or with pecuniary aid in special cases...Or in providing evening

classes or lectures for young persons of the poorer inhabitants.”

Recently, this has been done by the charity paying for particular items for people in need, such as a bed or washing machine.

Any person or organisation seeking a grant for a resident of Rushden should, in the first instance, contact the Town Clerk (Vivienne Prodger) at the Town Council offices on 01933 316216 or at [clerk@rushdentowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@rushdentowncouncil.gov.uk) so that a short application form can be completed. Although the trustees meet only twice a year, they can make decisions on applications between meetings, and aim to respond to applications promptly.

# Ferdi’s Kitchen

By José Ferdi Tavares – [ferdis.kitchen@gmail.com](mailto:ferdis.kitchen@gmail.com)

**Lemon and Herb Roast Chicken**  
Serves 4–6

### Ingredients

- 1 Free range chicken approx. 2kg
- 2 Lemons (preferably un-waxed)
- 4 Garlic cloves, cut into halves
- 1 Handful of fresh rosemary
- 1 Handful of fresh thyme
- 4 Large fresh bay leaves
- 50ml Olive oil
- 2 Rashers of streaky bacon
- 2 Carrots, peeled
- 2 Parsnips peeled
- 2 Sticks of celery, leaves trimmed off
- 1L Chicken stock
- 1 Small knob of butter, preferably unsalted
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper

### Method

- Pre-heat the oven to 180C
- Squeeze one of the lemons and rub the juice all over the chicken. Allow to dry. Reserve the squeezed lemon, cut into quarters, to stuff into the cavity.
- Rub the chicken generously with olive oil.
- Season well, inside and out, with salt and pepper.
- With a sharp knife make a 2-centimetre incision through the skin between the thigh and carcass on both sides.
- Insert a bay leaf, a quarter of the rosemary and thyme and two halves of garlic into each incision, pressing the herbs down towards the thigh joint.
- Cut the lemon into quarters and stuff into the cavity with the remaining herbs and garlic.
- Cut the bacon rashers in half and place over the breast.
- Put the carrots, parsnips and celery in the roasting pan to form a trivet and place the

chicken on them.

- Pour the chicken stock into the roasting pan.
- Baste the chicken with the chicken stock every 20 minutes. Try to baste quickly to prevent the oven temperature from dropping too much.
- Roast the chicken for approximately 2 hours or until the internal temperature has reached 75–80C. Use a kitchen thermometer and insert the probe deep into the thigh.
- Alternatively insert a metal skewer deep into the thigh and remove. Press gently. If the juices run clear the bird is done.
- Remove the bacon after about 1 ½ hours to brown the breast.
- Start testing the temperature after 1 ½ hours and then every 15 minutes until done.
- Remove the chicken and place on a platter and cover loosely with foil. Rest for 10 minutes before carving.
- Pour the pan juices into a saucepan and reduce by 1/3. Thicken with a little corn flour mixed with water if desired. Whisk in the butter to give the sauce a lovely sheen.

Chef’s notes:

My favourite chicken is the St. George’s, available at Trendalls Butchers. It has a gorgeous flavour and the breast is thicker than supermarket chicken. This helps to keep the breast moist whilst ensuring the thigh is cooked through.



Mike Green and Crawford Johnston



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29th Nov Bury St Edmunds Xmas Market  
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# Oundle Music Trust announces appointment of Camilla Sherwin as Administrative Director

Oundle Music Trust is delighted to announce the appointment of Camilla Sherwin as its new Administrative Director, to support the Oundle International Festival, Music in Quiet Places and Oundle for Organist programmes.

Camilla brings with her a wealth of experience from the private, not for profit and voluntary sectors.

Most recently she has been the chair of two local organisations; roles which involved working closely with staff and volunteers to deliver successful projects and useful services in the community, marketing and public representation, raising funds and managing their expenditure.

Through this and work undertaken for Oundle School, she has established strong links with local organisations and businesses and made many friends in the area.

Before moving to Oundle, Camilla was Business Development Manager at London Remade, a private public partnership which was funded primarily through the Mayor's office. Whilst in post she raised significant amounts of public funding and ran the corporate sponsorship programme. She was also responsible for initiating new projects, developing networks and partnerships as well as managing the marketing and events team.

Kenneth Richardson, Artistic Director of Oundle Music Trust said: "I am delighted that we have persuaded someone of Camilla's experience to join us and help us realise the many exciting projects and programmes for 2015 and beyond."

Commenting on her appointment Camilla said: "I'm really looking forward to working for the Oundle Music Trust.

The programme for July's Oundle International Festival, put together by Artistic Director Kenneth Richardson, promises to be fantastic, with something for everyone. The Oundle for Organists courses are renowned worldwide for being an incubator for many of the country's leading organists, Oundle's excellent Food Festival is also coming under our umbrella and our season kicks off with Music in Quiet Places in May. There are busy times ahead!"



Camilla Sherwin

# East Northamptonshire Council approves tenant protection scheme

Tenants, and those thinking of renting a property, are being urged by East Northamptonshire Council to ensure their agent is affiliated to a government approved redress scheme.

Since 1st October 2014, letting agents and property management agents in England have been required to register with one of three such schemes, designed to provide a free, independent service for resolving disputes between letting agents and their customers.

This compulsory requirement comes as a response to an increasing number of complaints from tenants and landlords about letting agents.

The schemes give tenants somewhere to turn if they have concerns about discrimination, hidden fees, missing deposits or other disputes – and, importantly, receive compensation if it is due.

Letting agents and property management agents have a choice of three approved redress schemes to join:

- The Property Ombudsman Service – [www.tpos.co.uk](http://www.tpos.co.uk)
- Ombudsman Services: Property – [www.ombudsman-services.org/property](http://www.ombudsman-services.org/property)
- The Property Redress Scheme – [www.theprs.co.uk](http://www.theprs.co.uk)

Steven North, leader of East Northamptonshire Council, said: "Most tenants and landlords are happy with the service they get from their letting agent. But the changes mean that - in the few cases where people have complaints – they now have somewhere to go with their concerns.

"It's our responsibility to ensure that letting agents are all abiding by the rules and providing the sort of service and reassurance their clients have a right to expect."

Agents who have yet to join one of the approved redress schemes are reminded that they should do so immediately as non-compliance could result in a fine of £5,000.

## Don't know which way to turn? Struggling with personal circumstances? Need a listening ear?

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The aim is to reduce the stress and isolation that can accompany difficult times. All Listeners have achieved a Pastoral Care Certificate and will be supervised by trained counsellors. If a deeper level of support is required, users will be signposted to more specialised services. There is no fixed charge but donations

are invited. Those who wish to find out more or use the service at No. 1 St Osyth's Lane, Oundle can pop in on a Tuesday or Thursday for an application form to arrange an initial meeting, or contact us on 01832 770011 or email [managerno.1@oundlebaptist.org.uk](mailto:managerno.1@oundlebaptist.org.uk) A burden shared is a burden halved.



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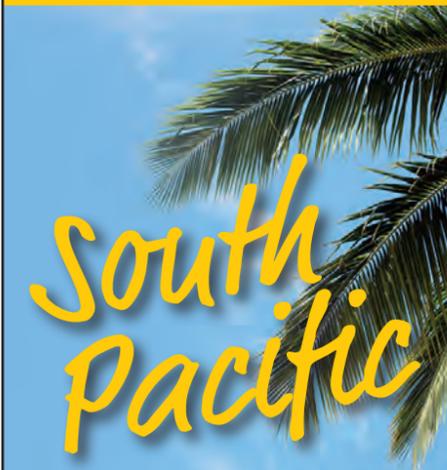
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Stanwick  
9.30am–10.15am  
Join Tanya and Nicki for  
45mins of fun, craft and  
prayer.

**Sunday 1st February  
Whitefriars Church**

Morning Worship  
Whitefriars Church at  
Whitefriars Junior School,  
Boughton Drive, Rushden  
NN10 9HX  
10.15am  
Admission free  
Tel: Andrew Presland 01933  
316927  
An informal church service  
open to anyone of any age.

**First Monday of month  
Wildlife Trust Little Bugs  
Club**

Irthlingborough Library  
1.30pm–3pm  
Free, donations welcome  
Tel: Louise Tuffin 01604  
405285 [louise.tuffin@wildlifebcn.org](mailto:louise.tuffin@wildlifebcn.org)  
A fun monthly session for  
Under 5s and their parents to  
discover local wildlife.

**Every Monday  
Oundle Ladies' Running  
Group**

Oundle Pool car park  
6.45pm  
Jane Walker  
[janewalkercakes@icloud.com](mailto:janewalkercakes@icloud.com)  
Tel: 01832 272898  
All levels welcome. Come and  
give us a try, it's free.

**Every Monday  
Wesley Centre Art Class**

Irthlingborough Methodist  
Church  
2pm–4pm  
Tel: 01933 650195  
Experienced teacher, all  
abilities welcome.

**Every Tuesday and Thursday  
Health Walks**

Stanwick Lakes  
10am–11am  
Free – normal car park  
charges apply.  
Tel: 01933 625522  
[www.stanwicklakes.org.uk](http://www.stanwicklakes.org.uk)  
Regular walking can help  
improve your health. Join us  
in our regular walks.

**First Wednesday Monthly  
Raunds Ladies Group**

The Saxon Hall, Raunds  
8pm–10pm.  
Visitors £3.50.  
Guest speaker, refreshments.

**Every Wednesday  
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 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  
[website www.oundledogs.co.uk](http://www.oundledogs.co.uk)  
Dog training classes following  
the KC Good Citizen Scheme  
and Ringcraft. New members  
always welcome.

**Every Wednesday (except  
school holidays)  
Allegra Singers – Three-  
part Ladies' Choir**

Music Room at King John  
School, Thrapston  
7.30pm–9.30pm  
£3 per session  
Tel: Veronica 01832 732611  
or 07753 472225  
If you enjoy singing come and  
join us in singing modern/  
show songs. New members  
welcome.

**Alternate Wednesdays  
U3A Country Dancing**

St James' 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.

**Wednesday 4th February  
An illustrated talk on The  
Historic Rose with an  
emphasis on Old Garden  
Roses**

Methodist Church Hall,  
Drummingwell Lane, Oundle  
PE8 4AA  
7:45pm  
Entrance £2 patrons, £3  
visitors  
Tel: 01832 272623  
An illustrated talk in the  
company of fellow gardeners,  
free light refreshments, all  
welcome.

**Wednesday 4th February  
Raunds Ladies' Group**

Saxon Hall Raunds  
8pm  
Visitors £3.50 includes raffle  
& refreshments.  
[Linda.lintony.lew@btinternet.com](mailto:Linda.lintony.lew@btinternet.com)  
Tel: 01933 622926  
Monthly Meeting. Guest  
speaker, Shirley Allen –  
Spotlight on Spain.

**Wednesday 4th February  
Older Person Health Forum**

St Peter's Church, Midland  
Road, Rushden  
2pm–4pm  
Admission free – refreshments  
provided  
Tel: Diane Eaton at Serve  
01933 315555  
Free information afternoon  
with speakers: Early Stage  
Symptoms on Dementia –  
Mobility equipment/  
Adaptation to your home.

**Wednesday 4th February  
Champagne Ruinart Tasting  
& Supper**

The Marquess of Exeter,  
Lyddington  
7.30pm prompt  
£25  
A Champagne ambassador  
will host an awesome evening  
tasting Champagnes made at  
Ruinart, the oldest  
Champagne house. You'll  
have an unforgettable time  
with amazing fizz, fish & chips  
and fantastic company!

**Wednesday 4th February  
Musical Opportunities  
Concert**

Gascoigne Recital Room, off  
North Street Oundle PE8  
4AL  
6.15pm  
Admission free

Concert offering Oundle  
pupils a small audience to run  
through new repertoire prior  
to exams.

**Every Thursday  
Rushden Folk Dance Club**

St Mary's Church Hall,  
Rushden  
8pm–10pm  
First visit free £2 per night  
thereafter  
Tel: Val 01933 387327  
Everyone will be made  
welcome, singles or couples.

**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.

**Every Thursday  
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  
[musicmakersnorthants@  
gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**Every Thursday during  
school term time  
Music Makers**

Stanwick Village Hall  
2pm–2.45pm  
£4 per child and £2 per sibling  
Naomi Cooper on  
[musicmakersnorthants@  
gmail.com](mailto:musicmakersnorthants@gmail.com)  
Funky music and movement  
group for 0–5 years with

parachute, balls, bubbles and  
more. FREE taster sessions up  
for grabs.

**Thursday 5th February  
Discovery Walks**

Meet at Apethorpe Church  
2pm  
£1.50, no need to book.  
Tel: 01780 782747  
[www.weanorthamptonshire.  
org](http://www.weanorthamptonshire.org)  
Exploring Northamptonshire  
– Apethorpe and Tomlin  
Wood – 4 miles.

**Thursday 5th February  
Oundle Art Group Meeting**

Tansor Village Hall  
1.45pm–3.45pm  
£6 Non-members  
Tel: Jane Sanders 01832  
226495 or Chris Yates 01832  
226345  
'Life Drawing' with Mike  
Alabaster. Bring charcoal/oil  
pastel and large paper.

**Thursday 5th and 12th  
February  
Lunchtime Concert**

St Peter's Church, Oundle  
1.15pm  
Admission free. Lunch can be  
purchased.  
Concerts in this beautiful  
church setting in Oundle.  
Lunch is offered in the form of  
soup and bread rolls from 1pm  
for £3 provided by The Little  
Soup Kitchen.  
5th February – Fifth Form  
Performances  
12th February – Fifth Form  
Performances.

**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.

**Friday 6th February  
The Colourful, Creative  
World of Mark Hearld**

The Great Hall, Oundle  
School, PE8 4GH  
7.45pm–8.45pm.  
Tickets £7 (£5) from Oundle  
Box Office  
Tel: 01832 274734  
More info at [www.oundlelitfest.org.uk](http://www.oundlelitfest.org.uk), Helen  
07743 988181.  
Mark Hearld is a York-based  
artist who takes his inspiration  
from the flora and fauna of the  
British countryside. Mark  
works across a number of  
mediums, producing limited  
edition lithographic and  
linocut prints, unique  
paintings, collages and  
hand-painted ceramics.

**Friday 6th February  
Vintage Port Tasting**

Amps Fine Wines, Oundle  
7pm prompt  
£40  
A special tutored tasting of an

interesting and exciting  
collection of vintage ports.  
Philip Amps will host the  
evening, which will also  
feature a small selection of pies  
and cheeses to accompany the  
line-up.

**Friday 6th February  
Jersey Boys (12A)**

Ringstead Village Social Club,  
High Street NN14 4DA.  
Disabled access from rear car  
park.  
Doors open at 7.30pm, film  
starts 7.45pm. Bar available.  
Tickets £4  
Tel: 01933 460373 for details  
The story the 1960s pop group  
Frankie Valli and The Four  
Seasons. Come and enjoy the  
'60s music.

**Friday 6th February  
Whitefriars Church  
Retireds' Group – Sue  
Chapman with Spooner the  
Guide Dog**

The Bridge Community Office  
at Whitefriars Junior School,  
Boughton Drive, Rushden  
NN10 9HX  
1.30pm to 3pm  
Admission free  
Tel: John & Celia Underwood  
01933 676989  
A friendly group to which all  
of retirement age are welcome.

**First Saturday of the month  
Thrapston Farmers' Market**

Thrapston High Street  
9am–1pm  
Free  
[www.thrapstonfarmersmarket.  
moonfruit.com](http://www.thrapstonfarmersmarket.moonfruit.com)  
Every first Saturday of the  
month. Local meat, beer, cider,  
cheese, eggs, deli, preserves  
etc.

**Saturday 7th February  
Rusty Players Orchestral  
Concert**

The Thrapston Plaza NN14  
4PS  
5pm  
Admission free  
[www.rustyplayersoundle.org.uk](http://www.rustyplayersoundle.org.uk)  
Come and enjoy a popular  
programme played by this  
50-strong orchestra –  
Conductor, Vince Davy.

**Saturday 7th February  
Tea and Entertainment**

Roman Catholic Church Hall,  
Hayway, Rushden NN10 0AG  
2.30pm  
£5 per ticket  
Tel: Christine on 01933  
317719 or 07949 694206  
Entertainment by Steve Perry  
followed by tea. Everyone  
welcome. Organised by Hope  
Methodist Church.

**Sunday 8th February  
Barnwell Pudding Club**

Barnwell Village Hall PE8  
5QD  
2pm–4pm  
Adults £5, Children (age 2-12)  
£3  
Tel: 01832 274549  
Barnwell Pudding Club. Eat  
all you can homemade  
puddings and desserts. Tea,  
coffee and raffle.

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**Sunday 8th February****Second Breakfast**

Whitefriars Junior School,  
Boughton Drive, Rushden  
NN10 9HX  
10.15am  
Admission free  
Tel: Simon King 01933  
356871

A very informal church –  
come and share a second  
breakfast with us, and relax  
whilst the kids play.

**Sunday 8th February****Woodwind Concert with James Rae**

Great Hall, Oundle School  
4.30pm  
Admission free  
James is experienced as a  
player in West End  
productions, the country's  
leading orchestras and  
ensembles.

**Sunday 8th February****Whitefriars Church Silver Service**

The Bridge Community Office  
at Whitefriars Junior School,  
Boughton Drive, Rushden  
NN10 9HX  
10.30am  
Admission free  
Tel: Melvyn Hunter 01933  
222910

A traditional church service  
open to anyone of any age.

**Sunday 8th February****'Cranford before the Concrete' – A countryside walk**

Old Forge Village Tea Room  
in Grafton Road, Cranford St  
John NN14 4JE  
10.30am  
Admission free  
Tel: Andrew Presland 01933  
316927

A circular walk of 2 to 3 miles,  
in the area between Kettering  
and Cranford that is soon to  
be built on. Organised by  
Whitefriars Church, Rushden,  
but all are welcome.

**Monday 9th February****Oundle U3A Monthly**

Meeting  
Victoria Hall  
Refreshments 2.15pm,  
Speaker 3pm  
Members £1, Non-members  
£2  
Tel: 01832 274778  
The Apollo Mission and  
Development of Rocketry:  
John Wright.

**Tuesday 10th February****Tea Dance**

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

**Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th February****The Exam**

The Stahl Theatre  
7.45pm  
£5  
The Exam offers a hilarious  
yet thought-provoking look at  
the considerable pressures  
facing pupils today. By Andy  
Hamilton, directed by  
Andrew Martens.

**Wednesday 11th February****Matthew Jukes' Australian Wines Roadshow**

The Great Hall, New Street,  
Oundle  
7.30pm–9.30pm  
£10  
Masterclass: Additional £10  
Matthew will be showing an  
awesome array of around 50  
wines from his 100 Best  
Australian Wines List and will  
be on hand throughout the  
evening to answer any  
questions you may have.

**Wednesday 11th February****Oundle Branch of the Northamptonshire Family History Society – Jan**

Pearson, Genealogy Specialist

Oundle Methodist Church,  
Drummingwell Lane  
7.30pm–9pm  
Visitors £2/ members free  
Tel: 01832 272061  
[www.northants-fhs.org](http://www.northants-fhs.org)  
Learn about the forum  
'Tracing Our Past, Discovering  
Our Genes' affectionately  
known as TOP DOG.

**Thursday 12th February****Raunds WI**

The Saxon Hall, Raunds  
7.30pm  
Musical Memories with  
Geraldine & Michael.

**Thursday 12th February****Composers' Concert**

Gascoigne Recital Room, off  
North Street Oundle PE8  
4AL  
7.45pm  
Admission free  
'World Premiere' by home-  
grown Oundle pupil  
composers.

**Thursday 12th February****Oundle Art Group Meeting**

Tansor Village Hall  
1.45pm–3.45pm  
Non-members £2.50  
Tel: Jane Sanders 01832  
226455 or Chris Yates 01832  
226345  
'Textures' – Bring acrylic  
paints etc.

**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.

**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.

**Saturday 14th February****Autism Concern Bake-Off and Cake Sale**

Wesleyan Church Hall,  
Queen Street, Rushden  
2pm–4pm  
Admission free  
Vicki White  
[littlewhitecakery@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:littlewhitecakery@yahoo.co.uk)  
Email for Bake-off details.  
Cake sale at 2.30pm with  
refreshments, kids' cupcake  
decorating and tombola.

**Saturday 14th February****Valentine's Dinner in the Cafe Solar at Stanwick Lakes,**

Stanwick Lakes Visitor Centre  
7pm–9pm  
Booking essential. Menu and  
price details nearer the date.  
[www.stanwicklakes.org.uk](http://www.stanwicklakes.org.uk)  
[info@rftrust.org.uk](mailto:info@rftrust.org.uk)  
Tel: 01933 625522  
Enjoy a romantic candlelit  
meal in the beautiful  
surroundings of the Visitor  
Centre Cafe Solar.

**Saturday 14th February****Coffee Morning and Community Shop**

Laxton Village Hall  
10.30pm–12noon  
All welcome  
Tel: Tim Gilbert 01780  
450005  
Valentine's Day! Freshly  
brewed coffee and tea, cakes,  
sale of local and seasonal  
produce. Newspapers also  
available. Crafter's circle.

**Sunday 15th February****Whitefriars Church Morning Worship**

Whitefriars Church at  
Whitefriars Junior School,  
Boughton Drive, Rushden  
NN10 9HX  
10.15am  
Admission free  
Tel: Andrew Presland 01933  
316927  
An informal church service  
open to anyone of any age.

**Third Wednesday of month****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.

**Third Thursday of each month****Painting Class with Nick Baldwin**

St John Ambulance Hall,  
Raunds  
10am–4pm  
£15 per session  
Tel: Kathy Gyngell 01933  
389936  
Friendly class seeks new  
members to learn painting  
with mixed media. All abilities  
welcome.

**Third Friday of the month****The Poetry Group**

Raunds Library  
2.30pm  
Admission free  
Tel: 01933 622151

**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!

**Third Friday of every month****Raunds Tea Dance**

Saxon Hall, Raunds  
2pm–4.15pm  
£3 (plus 50p for Raffle)  
Tel: Mrs Wicks 01933  
312623  
Tea dance and raffle with  
music by Dave Hawkes.

**Third Sunday of the month****All Age Worship**

St Laurence's Church  
Stanwick  
9.30am  
Join us for our All Age  
Worship designed for people  
of all ages. Teas/coffees served  
after the service.

**Third Sunday of the month****Leisurely, sociable strolls**

Pub Start – if not lunching  
please do not use Pub Car  
Park  
10am for 10.30am  
prompt start.  
Guests £2 or join for the  
year £8  
Contact: [secretary@northamptonshireshamblers.org.uk](mailto:secretary@northamptonshireshamblers.org.uk)  
Circular walks enjoying  
our beautiful  
countryside. A week's  
notice to secretary please  
if wanting lunch.

**Third Sunday of each month****Afternoon Teas**

King's Cliffe Village Hall  
(Pedestrian access via Eagle  
Lane off West Street; vehicle  
access via Orchard Lane and  
Church Walk at the west  
end of the village. Parking at  
rear of hall.)  
Open 2pm–4.30pm  
Pots of tea or coffee,  
homemade cakes and  
scones. Sale of homemade  
preserves and Secondhand  
Book Corner.

**Last Sunday of the month (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.

**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 & cheese.

**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.

More events  
can be found at  
[www.nenevalleynews.co.uk](http://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),  
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15 word description.



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**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14**  
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**(PUBLIC BYWAY NZ19 - PARISH OF TITCHMARSH)**  
**(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2015**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Northamptonshire County Council intend, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order the effect of which is to prohibit all traffic for the first 10 days, and only motor vehicles for the remainder of the duration from proceeding along the length of Public Byway NZ19 in the Parish of Titchmarsh as set out below. Private access to land or premises adjacent to the said length of byway is unaffected.

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# Chess corner

By Derrick Sims

Rushden A's elite players ventured into the wilds of Corby for their recent Silver King Northamptonshire League game. It's fair to say that they were in confident mood following the 4-1 thrashing of Corby at Rushden in November. It was perhaps a little naïve to think that Corby would roll over and play dead.

The defeat had clearly rattled the Steelmen, who defied all expectations and showed real backbone in engineering a 3½-1½ win over the unsuspecting men of Rushden. Revenge was sweet for a rampant Corby on that wintry night. It was a mystery how we managed to lose the game as Club Secretary Nik Puryer, James Gardner and Keith Bristow all built good winning positions on the way to inglorious defeat. To paraphrase a well-known saying, 'defeat was snatched from the jaws of victory'. A good win by Hugh Murphy and draw by Alan Lewis helped to sugar the bitter pill. Despite the loss Rushden A remain in fourth place ahead of Corby and Kettering B in Division I.

## Silver King Northamptonshire League I Match

<b>Thu Jan 8th, A-Div: Corby 3½ – 1½ Rushden A</b>		
Bd1: John Hart (164)	0-1	Hugh Murphy (195)
Bd2: Chris Chambers (U)	1-0	James Gardner (150)
Bd3: John Sawiak (126)	½	Alan Lewis (140)
Bd4: Tony Blott (114)	1-0	Nik Puryer (127)
Bd5: Jack Duckworth (133)	1-0	Keith Bristow (117)

A week is a long time in chess as well as in politics. Rushden A dusted themselves down after their bruising Corby encounter and sallied forth into the quarter-finals of the prestigious John Robinson Knockout competition. Their victims were Kettering B who found themselves on the wrong side of a chess thrashing. Once again Hugh Murphy played an outstanding game to beat David Walker with James Gardner and Nik Puryer returning to winning ways against their opponents. A little more icing was put on top of a heavily iced cake by Sajjan Ganger who generously offered a draw to Kettering's Ron Cooper despite having a marginally better position. All in all a very satisfactory result!



## John Robinson Knockout Match (quarter-final)

<b>Mon 19th Jan, Kettering B 1½ – 3½ Rushden A</b>		
Bd1: David Walker (146)	0-1	Hugh Murphy (195)
Bd2: Graham Arch (140)	0-1	James Gardner (150)
Bd3: Chris Keech (141)	1-0	Alan Lewis (140)
Bd4: James Brutus (136)	0-1	Nik Puryer (127)
Bd5: Ron Cooper (112)	½	Sajjan Ganger (114)

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# Rushden secure bonus point win against Bedford Queens

Rushden welcomed Bedford Queens to Manor Park, intent on maintaining their winning streak. Despite the visitors' low league position, Rushden knew this wouldn't be an easy contest, having lost to Queens earlier on in the season.

The toss won, Rushden opted to attack uphill in the first half. Queens immediately put the home side under pressure, their big pack making yards with some great carries. However, with great defence by Rushden, the ball was cleared.

Rushden's attack strategy of getting the ball out wide seemed to be paying off with

Harvey Hilson breaking through two tackles and gaining 30 yards before being bundled into touch.

On 12 minutes, Rushden were again on the attack. The ball was passed wide to Hilson again as he made 40 metres up the touchline. The Queens full-back covered well, but Hilson looped the ball back in field as he was tackled for the ever present Matt Stanley to score under the posts. Converted by Nathan Buckley, 7-0.

Rushden's second try came from a fantastic lineout. With the ball passed into midfield, the forwards made inroads, the second wave of forwards carried deep into the Queens half

before the backs showed excellent handling to get the ball wide to winger Buckley who crossed in the corner. Conversion missed, 12-0.

Half time: R&H 12 Bedford Queens 0.

Now with the slope in Rushden's favour, the aim was to pass out wide, open gaps and tire Queens. Some fluid play between forwards and backs enabled Rushden to work through numerous phases and allow fly half Ben Cowling to spot a gap in midfield to cross the line under the posts untouched. Converted by Buckley, 19-0.

A smaller Rushden pack were dominant in the scrum all afternoon and when they were

awarded a penalty five metres from the Queens line, they showed this dominance by walking them over their line for Number 8, Tom Spencer to score their fourth, bonus point try.

Conversion missed, 24-0.

They did manage one more score as the backs executed a setpiece move for Max Sturgess to score out wide. Conversion missed, 29-0.

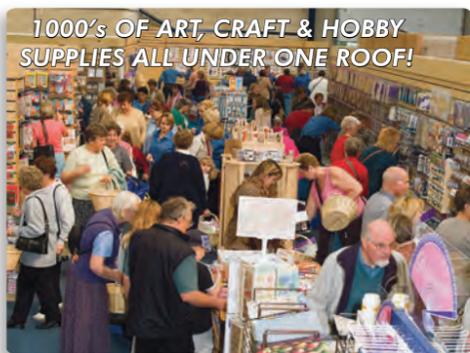
Queens did have the final attack of the match, but Rushden were in no mood to concede, they secured the turnover and cleared their lines.

Final score: R&H 29 Bedford Queens 0.



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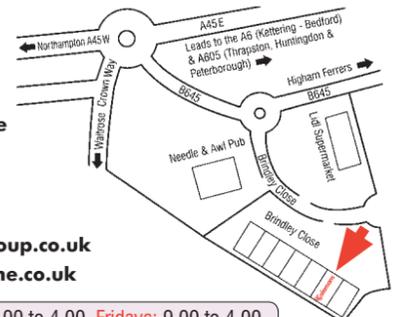
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