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NEWS IN BRIEF

Massive marble run fun!

Glaphorn School parents and children joined together on Sunday 8th February to create a massive marble run.

The children had been collecting tubes and boxes for weeks and watching YouTube for inspiration on creating marble runs.

Using the large space in the school hall and plenty of high gym equipment, many complicated runs were created, starting several metres in the air and running the length and breadth of the hall.

The event was a chance for the whole school community, particularly the dads, to come together to work on a project and have lots of fun.

Draft Neighbourhood Plan for Higham Ferrers published

Higham Ferrers has published its draft Neighbourhood Plan for Regulation 14 Consultation.

Further details about the plan and how to give views can be obtained from www.highamferrersneighbourhoodplan.org.uk or by contacting the Town Council on 01933 312075.

Hard copies of the plan are available at Higham Ferrers Library or the Town Hall. Closing date for comments is 31st March 2015.

New campaign to tackle roadside litter louts

A fresh campaign to tackle the blight of litter thrown from vehicles onto roadsides across Northamptonshire is urging offenders 'Don't be a Tosser' or face being fined.

The powerful play on words has been chosen as this spring's anti-litter message by the Northamptonshire Waste Partnership, which is made up of local authorities countywide.

Launched on 3rd March, the new campaign warns motorists they could be fined £75 or more if they are seen tossing litter out of their vehicle and has seen posters go up along the county's main roads at petrol stations, fast food outlets as well as on local buses, bin lorries and council vehicles and messages on social media sites.

Every year councils in the county spend a total of £4.5million cleaning streets, emptying litter bins, clearing fly-tipping and picking up

rubbish. Car litter is one of the biggest problems and fast food outlets on stretches of the county's main trunk roads will be targeted as part of the campaign (see list below).

Taken from a past Keep Britain Tidy initiative, the 'Don't be a Tosser' campaign will be running in Corby, Daventry District, East Northamptonshire, Kettering, South Northamptonshire and Wellingborough. It has already proved a successful anti-litter message in other parts of the UK, including Essex and Suffolk.

Chairman of the Northamptonshire Waste Partnership, Councillor Chris Millar, said: "Whether it's an apple core, cigarette butt or a burger bag, throwing litter from cars is not only anti-social but also illegal and those seen doing so could be fined.

"There are much better ways to spend taxpayers' money than cleaning up after these individuals,

whose thoughtless actions are harming our local environment and wildlife.

"People think they're much more anonymous throwing litter out of vehicles than dropping it elsewhere, but the comfort of their car is no hiding place. Our message to these offenders is clear – you are not invisible and anyone who sees you dropping litter can report you.

"Our campaign headline 'Don't be a Tosser' is a play on words that's designed to attract attention and get people thinking and talking about the problem of litter from vehicles. It's used alongside an image of someone tossing their litter from a car, emphasising the meaning of the word in the context of our campaign."

Littering comes with anything from a £75 Fixed Penalty Notice to prosecution in court and a fine of up to £2,500 plus any additional costs awarded.

For more details about

the campaign, visit www.recyclefornorthamptonshire.co.uk.

The following locations in Northamptonshire, particularly stretches of road with fast food outlets and petrol stations, are among those being targeted by the campaign:

- Corby – stretches of the A427 through the borough
- Daventry District – the A5 along Watling Street and A45 through Braunston, Daventry, Flore and Weedon

- East Northamptonshire – the A14 and A45 at Rushden and Raunds
- Kettering – A14 near Rothwell and A6003 at Kettering
- Wellingborough – the A45 near Nene Valley Services, Earls Barton and Little Irchester, A509 through the borough and A6 near Finedon
- South Northamptonshire – the A43 near Brackley and Towcester and A5 at Towcester, Paulerspury and Old Stratford



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Diana memorial tree renewed

When local businessman Bob Kirk noticed that a tree, planted in Rushden's Church Street to commemorate the life of Diana Princess of Wales, had died he took it upon himself to organise a replacement.

Last month the new tree, a honey locust *Gleditsia triacanthos* sunburst, was planted by the Mayor of Rushden Cllr Richard Lewis assisted by the Chair of

East Northamptonshire Council Cllr Gill Mercer.

Guests were entertained with refreshments at Pizzeria Venezia, which is opposite the council owned garden in which the tree was planted.

Mr Kirk spoke at the ceremony of the need for the community to honour the memories of those who have passed away who have achieved a great deal of good in their lifetime.



L to R: Cllr Richard Lewis Mayor of Rushden, Bob Kirk, Cllr Gill Mercer Chair of East Northamptonshire Council

Letters to the editor

If you would like to submit a letter to the editor please send it to news@nenevalleynews.co.uk for consideration. The maximum word count is 200 words.

Dear Editor

LOSS OF BUS SERVICE

From 30th March 2015 Stagecoach Bus Route X46/X47 Northampton to Thrapston Town and Thrapston Town to Northampton will terminate at Raunds. Thus Ringstead, Denford and Thrapston will lose this service. We do currently also have a Centrebus Service 16, Kettering to Raunds and return.

The loss means that, to go to Rushden and further afield, people living in the villages will have to catch the 16 to Raunds and change buses; this sounds easy but in fact it's very difficult, for example to attend an appointment at Nene Park Medical Centre in

Irthlingborough would take three buses each way and the earliest arrival at Irthlingborough would be about midday. As you may know, Irthlingborough is only some five miles away from Ringstead.

We have written to Stagecoach about this problem and have started a petition which is available in Ringstead Post Office, the Londis Shop, Dodson & Horrell and the Axe and Compass Pub.

Pat Elston, Concerned Bus User

Editor's note: a copy of the letter to Stagecoach is on our website at www.nenevalleynews.co.uk

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It's written in the stars

Spire Homes are celebrating an astronomical achievement, as it was recently announced that they have received three star accreditation from Best Companies.

Achieving this 'extraordinary' level of accreditation is no mean feat. A company's rating is based solely on staff and employee opinion, as the award is designed to recognise organisations with a high level of commitment to their workforce. Two years on from obtaining the two star accreditation, this latest accolade shoots Spire Homes to new starry heights, amongst some of the best employers in the country.

Staff said they were proud to work for Spire Homes because:

- they feel they can make a difference

- encouraging and supportive colleagues create a family atmosphere and go out of their way to help each other
 - they feel proud of how much Spire Homes puts back into the community with staff feeling motivated by the housing association to give back
 - A good work-life balance is strongly promoted
- "This level of accreditation is outstanding," said Katy Sagoe, Director of Housing Services at Spire Homes. "Our people are our most important asset and we're really proud of the fantastic work they do; it's great to see that they are equally proud to work for us. We think it's important to recognise our staff's hard work and achievements as well as providing a fun and supportive environment."

Genealogy Jottings

Hello all! Welcome to Genealogy Jottings, the Family History column. First, let me introduce myself: my name is Jan and I have been following my family's history for over 50 years, so it is less of a hobby and more a way of life! I have also been told that I can talk for England, so I hope that my ramblings will be of interest to you.

Each fortnight, when the Nene Valley News pops through your letterbox, I am hoping to have a section that explores family history for this area. It might be family names that have been around here for many generations, or it might be about people who have appeared in local newspapers of the past. Maybe your family came from East Northants and you would like to know more about how to explore their past, or perhaps

you live in one of the wonderful old houses and are interested in who lived there in years gone by. Do you know which occupations were popular around here of which no trace exists nowadays? Or maybe your family were market traders; Oundle, Thrapston, Higham Ferrers and Rushden were awarded Market Charters hundreds of years ago, so it is quite possible that there may have been some involvement. You never know...

This will be a Family History column, not a place for finding living people, so please be aware that there will be no mention of living – or potentially living – people unless I have their permission to do so.

Do please let me know the sort of family history subjects that interest you and I will include them in my column.

See you in two weeks!



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Pancake success

Shrove Tuesday was a huge success in Raunds when nearly 150 children and adults tucked into piles of delicious pancakes (with fillings of their choice), washed down with hot or cold drinks.

The party took place at St Peter's Enterprise Centre and was organised by the St Peter's Appeal Committee.

Everyone stayed for the whole morning, enjoying that extra pancake, with the children in particular loving that additional

half-term treat. This event also raised £158 towards the St Peter's Church restoration Appeal, which urgently needs to raise over a £1million to pay for urgently needed repair work.

The committee would also like to extend sincere thanks to the management of Waitrose Rushden and Market Meats for their generous donations of pancake making ingredients, their kindness was very much appreciated.



Pancake Day at St Peter's Enterprise Centre

Harry Potter book night

Students at Rushden Academy were amazed to find their school Library had been transformed into Hogwarts, as Mrs Frohawk and Mrs Quantrill hosted a Harry Potter Book Night this term.

The exciting event gave new and existing fans a chance to share the wonder of JK Rowling's unforgettable stories and, most excitingly, to introduce the next generation of readers to the unparalleled magic of Harry Potter.

It was a truly magical evening with Professor McGonagall presiding over a sorting hat ceremony, Professor Trelawney dispensing tonics and sharing predictions in Potions Corner and a photo opportunity in Azkaban Corner as Mr McHardy, photographer extraordinaire, busily snapped 'Wanted Wizard' photos!

Mr Coleman provided the magical lighting and smoke machine which created an enchanting atmosphere where students

could revel in the delights of the evening, culminating in a Harry Potter Quiz to determine which team knew the most about this fantastic character. JK Rowling has been inspiring our imaginations with Harry's adventures for the past 18 years.

As a final surprise for our Muggles, Witches and Wizards, Mr McLaren our Design Technician created a bespoke wand; he also upcycled Library shelves and a Science desk into a custom-made box which was presented to David Rust 7SPR as the lucky winner of our raffle ticket draw.



Calling all Muggles

Rushden Academy scoops Northamptonshire Gold Library award

Rushden Academy Library has been honoured with Northamptonshire's Gold Library Award, in recognition of its work to promote a love of reading.

The accolade has been awarded by Learning Resources for Education, Northamptonshire County Council's schools library service, which launched the School Library Award in May 2014. The School Library Award is an accreditation scheme that rewards primary and secondary schools for high standards.

The Library at Rushden Academy was

praised for its efforts to encourage a love of reading through activities including an exciting range of author visits, reading events and literacy initiatives. Tracey Frohawk, Learning Resources Centre Manager and her assistant Maria Quantrill, worked towards the Gold Standard by ensuring they achieved the criteria set to win the award; they are delighted that students choose to access the Library throughout the school day, always embracing any activities and events organised throughout the academic year.

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Madeira Squid Stew *by Ferdi*

This recipe pays homage to my darling 'nan', Mimi-Mimi. All of 5 foot no inches but a towering presence in her kitchen, where she ruled the roost with hugs and smiles.

This is one of 'nans' memorable dishes. If only I could serve this delicious dish with the home-made, traditional Portuguese bread she was so fond of baking. *Bon appétit!*

Ingredients

1.8kg squid, cleaned and sliced into 1/4" rings
2 large onions, coarsely chopped
2 bell peppers (red, green, yellow, or any combination), cut into fine strips
5 fresh tomatoes, peeled, seeded, and chopped (or 1 can whole peeled, chopped)
1kg potatoes, halved and thinly sliced
1 chilli pepper (more or less, to taste)
2 cloves garlic, minced
½ tsp. fresh ginger, finely chopped
2 bay leaves (fresh if possible)
1 generous handful of flat leaf parsley, chopped (stalks chopped separately)
¼ tsp. freshly ground black pepper
1 tsp. paprika, preferably sweet smoked paprika
1 tsp. medium curry powder
1 tsp. Salt, to taste (quality sea salt)
4 tbsp. olive oil
1tbsp. Butter (preferably unsalted)
100ml good quality dry white wine
350ml fish stock
10ml sherry or white wine vinegar

Method

- Into a large casserole pot, or similar, on medium-low heat add the oil, butter, garlic

and onions and sauté until soft, about 5 minutes

- Add the bell peppers, ginger and chilli and cook for another 3 minutes.
- Stir in the curry powder, paprika and black pepper and sauté for another minute.
- Add the bay leaves, salt, chopped parsley stalks and tomatoes and bring to the boil. Reduce heat to low. Remove ½ the onion-tomato mixture from the pot and reserve.
- Add the following in layers (in this order): potato, squid, reserved onion-tomato mixture. Repeat, ending with the reserved tomato-onion mixture.
- Combine the wine, stock and vinegar and add to the pot.
- Heat until just simmering and then turn down to very low. Put the lid on.
- Continue cooking on very low heat for about 2 ½ hours.
- Do not stir to maintain layers and to prevent breaking the potatoes. After about an hour, and then every ½ hour, check that the stew is not too dry. If so add a little more fish stock or water. Try not to add any more liquid in the last ½ hour.
- If the stew seems too liquid (it should be a little "soupy"), cook the last ½ hour with the lid off.
- Test the potato with a fork for tenderness. If they seem a little raw, add another ½ hour cooking time.
- A few minutes before finishing sprinkle on ½ the chopped parsley.
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Oundle business watch – keeping an eye on crime

A scheme to get businesses to share information will be officially launched by the Futures Policing Team in Oundle on Saturday 14th March, with a stall at the Oundle

Farmers' Market from 8am.

Oundle Business Watch will be a self-run scheme involving the local commerce and traders in Oundle to assist in better communication between each business,

also providing an improved method of sharing information to and from the local policing team.

The scheme will run on a 'Buddy' system whereby each business will be responsible for passing information to another, meaning that if there is an incident or person of interest they are able to contact their Buddy who in turn contacts the next, until everyone is contacted. This will not replace them calling 101/999 but will act as a support system for non-urgent issues. The idea has previously been used in Thrapston where the businesses saw a great improvement in communication between them all to share information around anything suspicious in the town.

PCSOs Lyn McShannon and Nadia Norman have been visiting all the businesses in Oundle since January and have over 90 on board.

They said: "This is a really efficient way of the businesses being able to share information with each other in regards to crime, antisocial behaviour or anything suspicious that they think another business needs to know about. It's an effective way for the local officers and PCSOs to get local information

quicker, so that we can be aware of what is going on in the town. We have had an overwhelmingly encouraging response from the businesses and traders here in Oundle, so we are feeling positive that this scheme will run really well."

Adventure Club for 50+

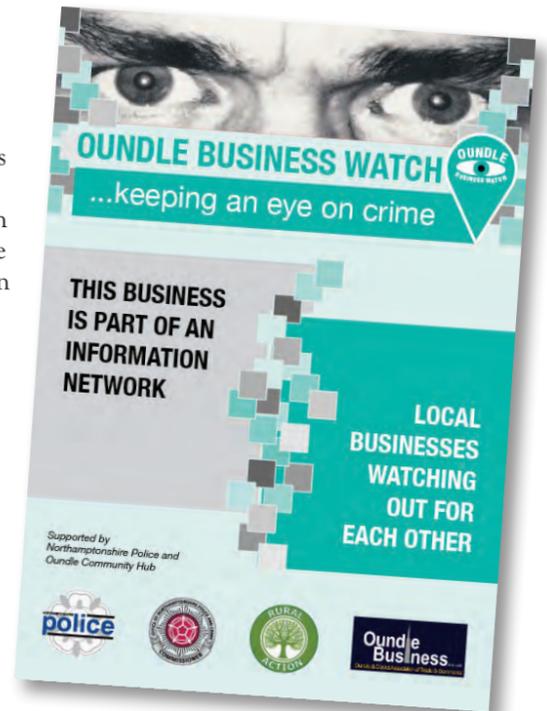
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Our club has over 120 members and we have monthly social evenings at local hostelrys and many of our activities include eating and drinking at some time in the session!

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Professor Jules Pretty, The Edge of Extinction: Travels with Enduring People in Vanishing Lands

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The natural world is rapidly diminishing. Traditions and cultures are dying out. Extinction has denied many human groups and languages a future and it now threatens the ways of life of the affluent. In his powerful new book, Jules Pretty takes us on a personal journey to show us why we should look again at those who still live close to nature, the land and sea. The lessons these disappearing communities have to teach us may well be ones that we later come to rely on.

Travelling from New Zealand to the USA via countries that include China, Finland, the UK and Canada, Jules Pretty crosses deserts, mountains, steppes, marshes and farmland in order to discover life and change in twelve different environments and cultures across the globe. Immersing himself in the lives of the communities he meets, he discovers people proud of their relationships with the land and sea and only willing to join the modern world on their own terms.

Woven into the pages of this fascinating and thought-provoking book is the overriding problem of sustainability and the survival of

our planet. To survive, we must reconnect with the land and find new greener ways of working, living and experiencing the world. Moral teaching and wisdom about the environment will be needed. The communities we meet in The Edge of

Extinction may be the ones to provide just that and, as such, their endurance is critical.

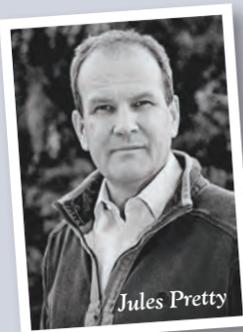
Jules Pretty is Professor of Environment and Society at the University of Essex. Jules is a Fellow of the Society of Biology and the Royal Society of Arts, former Deputy-Chair of the government's Advisory Committee on Releases to the Environment (ACRE), and

has served on advisory committees for a number of government departments and the Royal Society. He received an OBE from the UK government in 2006 for services to sustainable agriculture.

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15/00237/FUL (14/03/2015) (Info) Change of use of agricultural land to garden at 30 Main Street Aldwincle NN14 3EL

Benefield

15/00255/LBC and 15/00274/FUL (21/03/2015) (LBRegs) Conversion and extension of a former existing milking parlour to a single storey dwelling, erection of a detached garage and demolition of barn at Ashley Farm Main Street Upper Benefield PE8 5AN

Brigstock

15/00254/VAR (14/03/2015) (Info) Removal of condition 3 to allow the windows as shown in the south west elevation of plot 4 pursuant to application 14/02182/REM – '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

Chelveston-cum-Caldecott

15/00268/FUL (14/03/2015) (Info) Various internal works and two storey extension to side incorporating a car port on ground floor and two bedrooms and ensuite over. Installation of new electronic gate entrance to the site and boundary fence to the front of property and other associated site works at The Woodlands Caldecott Road Chelveston NN9 6AT

Collyweston

15/00239/OUT (14/03/2015) (Info) Proposed new dwelling at 2 The Drove Collyweston PE9 3PX

Easton-on-the-Hill

15/00295/LBC (21/03/2015) (LBRegs) Single storey rear side extension to form utility room, alteration of existing lounge window to create French doors, alterations of layout to existing garage/entrance to create kitchen extension and larder, insertion of new ground floor window to existing garage, removal of garage doors and insertion of French doors, new internal walls to create bedroom 2 and 3, removal of internal walls

to first floor bathroom/WC area and new internal walls to create new bathroom, replacement windows throughout and making good of pointing/rendering at 20 High Street Easton On The Hill

Glaphorn

15/00271/FUL (21/03/2015) (LB/CA) Proposed tractor shed, farm workshop and first floor studio at South Farm House Main Street Glaphorn Peterborough PE8 5BE

Higham Ferrers

15/00186/VAR (21/03/2015) (LB/CA) Variation of conditions 2 and 8 to increase first floor extension, omit east facing windows, modify roof over extension to have hipped and flat roof elements, remove existing metal fire exit to the second floor replacing with spiral stairs and add first floor windows to the west elevation pursuant to planning permission 13/02198/FUL – 'Rear first floor extension and alterations including demolition of rear single storey element' dated 11/04/2014 at The Carriage House 13 Market Square Higham Ferrers NN10 8DJ

15/00220/FUL (21/03/2015) (LB/CA) Re-build and repair to accidental damage to external boundary wall pier to match existing piers at The Charles Parker Building Midland Road Higham Ferrers NN10 8DN

15/00263/FUL (14/03/2015) (Info) Two storey rear extension, alterations to roof to provide an additional bedroom and provision of footpath crossing to provide vehicular access to parking space in front garden at 78 Northampton Road Higham Ferrers NN10 8AN

Irthlingborough

15/00299/FUL (14/03/2015) (Info) Two storey side extension at 27 Fernmoor Drive Irthlingborough NN9 5TL

King's Cliffe

15/00284/FUL and 15/00285/LBC (21/03/2015) (LB/CA) Re-point Collyweston Roof on Barn B and replace rooflights with conservation lights (completed). Replace garage doors and pin back existing garage doors at 29A West Street King's Cliffe PE8 6XB

Nassington

15/00224/FUL (14/03/2015) (Info) Single storey rear extension and attached side garage at

6 Parkway Nassington PE8 6QE

Oundle

15/00168/LBC (21/03/2015) (LBRegs) Installation of insulation to external stud wall at 3 Mill Road Oundle PE8 4BW

15/00169/FUL (21/03/2015) (LB/CA) Proposed new detached two bedroom dwelling at Land Between The Ship Inn and 90 South Road Oundle

15/00241/VAR (21/03/2015) (Art8) Variation of condition 27 – revised details of site layout pursuant to planning permission 12/01614/FUL dated 4/7/14. Demolition of 25 Herne Road, construction of 86 dwellings including conversion of Herne Lodge into four flats and associated works at Herne Lodge and Land Ashton

15/00309/FUL (14/03/2015) (Info) Reconstruction of the existing front projection from dpc level following impact damage at 90 Creed Road Oundle PE8 4QN

Raunds

12/01769/FUL (14/03/2015) (Info) Retrospective: Siting of two stable blocks and container storage at TL0175 1849 Brooks Road Raunds

15/00288/FUL (14/03/2015) (Info) Conversion of swimming pool annexe building to separate dwelling at Grombold Lodge 1A Chelveston Road Raunds NN9 6DA

Ringstead

15/00315/FUL (14/03/2015) (Info) Erection of single dwelling at 20 Denford Road Ringstead NN14 4DF

Rushden

14/02097/FUL (14/03/2015) (Info) Demolition of existing conservatory and proposed new conservatory to side and single storey extension to rear of property at 3 Martin Close Rushden NN10 6YZ

15/00162/FUL (14/03/2015) (Info) Pool building to rear garden at 9 Holly Road Rushden NN10 6AT

15/00266/FUL (14/03/2015) (Info) Ground and first floor extension to existing single storey dwelling plus internal alterations at 184 Avenue Road Rushden NN10 0SW

15/00292/FUL (14/03/2015) (Info) Change of

use of the ground floor from class A1 (retail) to class A5 (hot food take-away) at 147 High Street Rushden NN10 0PA

Stanwick

15/00297/FUL (14/03/2015) (Info) Demolition of garage and erection of garage with studio accommodation at first floor with toilet facilities. Access to studio via external stair on west side of proposal at 22 High Street Stanwick NN9 6QA

Thrapston

14/02357/FUL (14/03/2015) (Info) Proposed demolition of vacant industrial buildings and construction of three three-bedroom dwellings and three two-bedroom dwellings at 28 Grove Road Thrapston

15/00296/FUL (14/03/2015) (Info) Installation of floodlighting associated with new multi-use games area (games area and fencing is permitted development) at Castle Playing Fields Chancery Lane Thrapston

Warmington

15/00205/FUL (14/03/2015) (Info) Demolition of existing garages and construction of seven affordable two bedroom houses with associated parking at Garage Block Acremead Warmington PE8 6TP

Yarwell

15/00253/FUL (21/03/2015) (LB/CA) Erection of timber car port and store at 21 Main Street Yarwell 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 28 February 2015

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

Traditional skills courses at Stanwick Lakes

Have you ever fancied trying your hand at being a blacksmith, weaving a basket or making your own pair of shoes?

Well, you can over the next few months thanks to a new programme of traditional skills training courses taking place at Stanwick Lakes. The one-day courses in blacksmithing, basketry, green wood working and dry stone walling have been designed to give a hands-on experience of the craft and you will also be able to take home the items you make on the day: a forged candle holder, a willow basket or a traditional wooden stool. The three-day shoemaking course is particularly special, as this is one of the few courses available in the UK that takes beginners through the complete process of making their own unique pair of shoes.

The courses are all suitable for beginners, take place in the purpose-built oak Training Barn at Stanwick Lakes and cost between £55 and £100 for a one-day workshop. The courses are being provided by Rockingham Forest Trust's 'Trading Places' project. Details and prices can be found on the Stanwick Lakes website. To make a booking or enquire about the traditional skills courses; email tradingplaces@rftrust.org.uk or ring Stuart and Mark on 01933 460985.



Traditional
shoemaking skills

Warwick Primary School pupils raise almost £900 for local NSPCC

The children at Warwick Primary School in Wellingborough, an Education Fellowship academy, are gaining a reputation for wanting to help others.

Kathryn Brown from the NSPCC recently visited the school with the charity's mascot 'Buddy' to talk to the pupils about the incredible work of the society. She also took the opportunity to deepen the children's knowledge and awareness of their own safety – wherever they are. The pupils were so impressed to hear about the difference the NSPCC can make, they immediately wanted to

do something positive themselves to help the charity.

The school decided a sponsored 'Spell and Colour' would be the way forward. For one week pupils worked with enormous determination to learn to spell new words, whilst the youngest in Reception class had to find and colour shapes to reinforce this important maths concept.

To the delight of everyone, they managed to raise almost £900 and a very happy Kathryn returned to the school to deliver a thank you assembly. "I am truly amazed at the huge amount the pupils of Warwick Primary, their teachers, families and

friends raised for the NSPCC in super quick time. It was an inspired idea to run a sponsored Spell and Colour which included every child in the school, also benefiting them through learning as well as benefiting the charity."

Bartek Gorecki (aged 5) in Year One said: "I was super happy to raise money for Buddy!"

Paris Ingram (aged 10) in Year Five, said: "I go home each night to a loving family and safe home, not all children are that lucky. I wanted to join in because I'm good at spelling. I'm proud to have made a difference."



Warwick Primary School pupils

Vicky McGregor, Vice Principal of Warwick Primary, said: "We are very grateful to the entire school community for pulling together and raising this huge sum for the NSPCC. We take our social

responsibility seriously and I'm personally very pleased that our superb staff, pupils and their families and friends put so much energy into raising funds for such an important charity working for children."

Operatic society brings South Pacific to Wellingborough

With a huge cast of 46, Wellingborough Operatic Society are performing the great Rodgers and Hammerstein musical South Pacific at The Castle, Wellingborough from 10th to 14th March.

We are transported onto a South Pacific island occupied by the Americans during the Second World War.

Nellie Forbush, a young Navy nurse from Little Rock Arkansas (played by Hannah Taylor) meets and falls in love with Emile de Becque (Brett Hanson), a charming middle-aged plantation owner, who has lived on

the island for 25 years. Also stationed there are Sailors, Seabees and Marines who are always singing about 'Bloody Mary' the local Tonkinese trader, who trades in everything from grass skirts to shrunken heads!

Lieutenant Cable (Mark Hanson), a handsome marine, arrives on the island. He meets Bloody Mary (Johanna Beech) and she describes to him the mystique of the island of Bali Ha'i. He is most intrigued but must fulfil his assignment: persuade Emile de Becque to accompany him on a dangerous mission. Emile refuses because of his love for Nellie.

Without a mission, Cable takes a boat to Bali Ha'i; there Bloody Mary introduces him to her beautiful daughter Liat (Jasmine Bayes). They fall in love. Sadly, love can be both cruel and kind.

Book now and see how the story unfolds. Music by Richard Rodgers and lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II. Numbers include 'Some Enchanted Evening', 'There's Nothing Like A Dame', 'Bali Ha'i', 'I'm In Love With A Wonderful Guy', and many more.

Performance times: Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri and Sat 7.30pm each evening and Sat Matinee 2.30pm. Tickets: The Castle



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Are you a local community group in need of money for a project which will help people in your area? Perhaps you're setting up a new club, improving a town/village feature or upgrading facilities at your community centre or village hall? Well look no further!

Despite the economic climate, funds are still available from a variety of sources for groups requiring £50, £500, £5,000 or even £50,000+.

East Northamptonshire Council is holding a free 'Meet the Funders' event, open to all, where community groups can speak directly to funding groups and find out what support

is available. This takes place at the council offices on Cedar Drive in Thrapston on Thursday 5th March from 12noon to 3.30pm.

Su Davies, External Funding Manager at East Northamptonshire Council, will be present on the day to guide visitors to funders who can help their projects.

Su says: "This event will give community groups the chance to speak directly to funders, outline their projects and find out immediately whether they'd be eligible for funding support. The funders featured have simple application procedures and your grants are often assessed within two to three months. If you're a not-for-profit body with a constitution and a bank

account, you have a good chance of finding a funder who could help you."

Funders attending the event this year include:

- East Northamptonshire Council grants
- Big (Community) Lottery
- Heritage Lottery
- Comic Relief
- BBC Children in Need
- Northamptonshire Community Foundation
- Central England Co-op Community Fund
- Spire Homes Community Fund
- Mick George Community Fund
- ProHelp
- The Charity Bank

• Northamptonshire ACRE
• Volunteer Impact Northamptonshire and Nene Valley Community Action
Leaflets and information on a range of other funders will also be available.

In addition, if your group is based in East Northamptonshire, when you come to the funding fair you can book a follow-on visit from Su, who will arrange to meet with your group to discuss your funding needs and outline a fundraising strategy.

To find out more about the day please contact Su on 01832 742191, email sdavies@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk or just come along.

From the Chairman of ENC

I was delighted to attend the launch of a new venture at Rockingham Motor Speedway. City Auction Group, Ireland's leading auction firm, held the first of their Corporate Auction events on behalf of major contract hire and leasing companies.

This new enterprise will create around 80 new jobs and auctions will be open both to the trade and to members of the public. Nearly 500 cars were sold at this first auction and it was a very slick operation. If you have never been to an auction, it's an interesting experience. Just see if you can understand the special language of the auctioneer!

If you haven't visited Rockingham Motor Speedway, it's worth the visit. It's Europe's fastest racing circuit, hosting corporate driving days, driver training, conferencing and exhibitions, vehicle manufacturing events, track days, team building, testing, driving experiences and, of course, motorsport days. What you may not realise is that, although the entrance is in Corby, the track itself is in East Northamptonshire.

I also attended a gala night in Grantham hosted by the chairman of South Kesteven Council. This showcased local talent, both young people with the local school of dance and youth drama group plus a Lincolnshire folk band called 54 North, a male voice choir known as the Belvoir Wassailers, a five-piece brass group named the Tennyson Collective and a singing group called The Accidentals.

It was a pleasure to attend the University of Northampton winter graduation ceremony. As well as conferment of degrees and postgraduate qualifications, it was an occasion to award an Honorary Fellowship to Doreen, Baroness Lawrence of Clarendon. Since the murder of her son Stephen, Doreen has worked tirelessly to bring justice to victims of racist crime. She founded the Stephen Lawrence Charitable Trust, which helps young people from ethnic minorities who aspire to be architects or journalists fulfil their ambitions. The award was presented to her by Cllr Sylvia Hughes, who, as well as being an East Northants Councillor, is also Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors of the university.

As part of International Women's Day, I'm hosting a lunch where Peter Barratt from Irthlingborough will give a stirring and passionate account about his great grandmother Alice Hawkins, who was a suffragette. I would like to think that women now use this vote that was so hard fought for, though sadly not all do. The lunch will take place on 6th March 12noon-2pm at Stanwick Lakes. Tickets are £15 and include a drink on arrival, a two-course meal and coffee. Proceeds from this event will go to my charity Prostaed which helps sufferers of prostate cancer in the county. To book, call Barbara Wiggins on 01933 742198 or email bwiggins@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk. I do hope that you can join me.

ENC Chairman, Cllr Gill Mercer



Chairman, Cllr Gill Mercer with Cllr Roger Glithero at Rockingham Motor Speedway

Comedy Night returns to Swivel Club

Comedy is on the bill at the Swivel Club once again after last year's successful fundraising event.

2014 saw comedians Eddy Brimson, Steve Shanyaski and Andy White bring the funnies in an evening compered by Mickey Hutton and this year, four more top comedians are set to take to the stage.

Compering the evening, at Rushden Town Bowling Club, will be Manchester based Mike Wilkinson. Mike is a real veteran of the much-heralded Manchester comedy scene and has a gig CV from shows all over the world. He made the finals of the City Life Comedian Of The Year award in 2001 – narrowly losing out to John Bishop – and has since gone on to headline most of the UK's major comedy clubs.

Nick Page got into comedy for a bet, he's still not sure if he's won. Nick's background is a fascinating one. Once the host of BBC's popular property show Escape to the Country, Nick's life has taken more twists and turns than you'd ever expect and his comedy set is a fantastic account of that journey.

Tipped to become a huge name in the not too distant future, Danny Ward is definitely



Danny Ward

one to watch. Winner of the People's Choice Award at the Edinburgh Festival in 2013, it's easy to see why Danny is so well liked. With a great line in observational comedy and some really nice side jokes that you don't see coming, watching Danny move up through the ranks of the UK comedy scene is going to be fun.

Nick Doody's career as a stand-up comedian got off to a pretty good start: while still a student, Nick supported Bill Hicks on his final tour of the UK, at Bill's request. With a list of writing credits that include 8 Out of 10 Cats, The Secret Policeman's Ball and Mock the Week, Nick's ability to craft gags speaks for itself. One of the top comedians on the UK comedy circuit, Nick is sure to raise the roof while the Swivel Club raises funds for important local charities.

The show takes place on Saturday 28th March at Rushden Bowls Club in Rushden, Northamptonshire.

Doors open at 7pm. Tickets are on sale now – costing just £10 – available from the website www.swivelclub.com, or call the ticket hotline on 07738 080 470, they are also available from the bowls club which you can call on 01933 312680.

Recycling for Cancer Research

Fundraisers for Cancer Research UK in Rushden are taking part in a nationwide recycling competition called the Febreze Freshness Rewards Contest and are asking local people to help them be in with a chance of winning a share of £5,000 of charity donations (including a £1,000 top prize).

This contest is part of a new recycling initiative that the group has signed up to called the Air and Home Care Brigade, which enables local people to recycle used plastic air fresheners and plug-in refills, air and home care product trigger heads, pumps and caps and flexible home cleaning wipe packs of any brand for the first time. None of these materials can be recycled by local council collections and so would otherwise end up in landfill. They also earn £0.02 for each piece of air and home care waste they send in for recycling which is donated to Cancer Research UK.



Katrina Wray

Step Out in Oundle!

A new series of free guided walks around Oundle begins on Thursday 5th March at 11am. The 'Step Out!' walks will run every week, and start and conclude at Oundle Library.

The walks will be led by Barbara Matthews, a qualified tour guide who moved to Oundle in 2014.

"When I moved here I naturally wanted to find out about the town, which has a fascinating history," says Barbara. "Personally I've never enjoyed pounding the pavements but I do love finding out about the places I see. It didn't take me long to realise that I could devise some lovely guided walk routes around the town."

The walks will last between 60 and 90 minutes. Each will follow a particular theme and involve a mixture of brisk walking interspersed with regular pauses

to consider aspects of the town – past, present and future.

"The benefits of regular walking are well recognised and guided walks are a very sociable way to take exercise," says Barbara. "I had a lot of fun doing my research and I hope the walks will bring the history of the town to life. I'm a Friend of Oundle Library and when I asked if the walks could start and finish there they were delighted to help. And coffee and tea is on offer at the library when the walk is finished."

The Step Out! walks will run every Thursday morning at 11am, starting on 5th March. Walking boots are not necessary but it is advisable to wear comfortable shoes and weather appropriate clothing. The walks are free but booking is recommended.



Guided walks explore Oundle

Join Irthlingborough Townswomen's Guild

Irthlingborough Townswomen's Guild is a group of ladies who meet regularly regardless of politics, race, religion, or circumstance. They exchange ideas and share interests, but above all make friends and have fun!

Irthlingborough Branch meet on the first Wednesday of every month except January, at 7.30pm in the College Street Day Centre.

Visitors are welcome to go along to the next meeting and see if you would like to

join – cost £2.50 (includes tea, and coffee).

Annual Fee for 2015 is £27 which includes a Townswoman Magazine four times a year.

The speaker for March is a rural post lady Trish Bailey.

The meetings in July and December are for members only.

For more information please contact Secretary Janet, Telephone: 01933 770448 or Chairperson Gill, Telephone 01933 651939.

Like to be pain FREE?

Such things do happen at our Move for Health sessions in Oundle.

Here is what a former member says: "Although dealing with a small group the experienced physiotherapist is very perceptive when we show signs of not coping with

the demands the exercises make on our bodies. The exercises are presented in a framework of funny stories which helps us to memorise them and the classes encourage us to strengthen parts of our bodies that are struggling, through injury or physical

difficulties. The class has meant that I am now only taking a minimal amount of painkillers, after suffering excruciating pain for well over a year."

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The Residents' Panel is a key element of the council's Consultation Strategy and allows the council to:

- evaluate the services they provide
- identify opportunities for improving services in the future
- understand local priorities

What do panel members do?

Panel members agree to receive invitations to take part in various types of consultations. The consultations may be council or district based. The vast majority of these will now be online surveys and questionnaires, as this is the most cost-effective way to find out your opinions and has the best response rate.

- From time to time over the year, panel members are asked for their views on different important issues and topics relating to local public services and the future of the local area.

- It's also possible that members will be invited to take part in activities such as focus groups, forums and mystery shopping. It is up to members which activities they choose to take part in.

- The Panel also makes sure that it can hear your views without taking up too much of your time.

Who can be a member of the Residents' Panel?

- Anyone can join as long as you are 16 or over and live in Northamptonshire.

- No knowledge or understanding of the way services are run is required.

For more information visit www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/residentspanel or by contact the Corporate Support Manager on 01832 742203 or pandp@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk

Northamptonshire Residents' Panel

Rotary News

YOUNG MUSICIAN OF THE YEAR

The Rotary Club of Rushden's Young Musician competition took place recently in the presence of the East Northamptonshire District Council Chairman, Gill Mercer, and the Mayor of Rushden, Richard Lewis. The many entrants were divided into their various sections according to age, vocal or instrumental soloists, ensembles and choirs.

Adjudicators Emma Read and Lauren Evans gave each performance the right balance of praise and criticism, which was well received by the youngsters and the audience alike.

The winners of the Junior Choir Section was the Whitefriars School Choir who gave the audience a fine rendition of 'Chattanooga Choo Choo', complete with actions, followed by 'Sing a Song in Unison'.

The Intermediate Solo Instrumental Section for the 11 to 13 year olds was won by Rowan Dymott performing the violin solos 'Pride and Prejudice' by Carl Davis followed by 'Idyll' by Edward Elgar.

The winner of the Intermediate Section for Vocal Solos was won by past District finalist Ellie McAspurn, whose speciality is the musical theatre, who gave renditions of the two very popular songs 'For the First Time in Forever' and 'On my Own' which earned her a place in the semi-finals.

Next to perform were the aptly named 'R Squared', Rowan (Dymott) and Rachel (Capper), playing as a violin duo and giving a very competent performance of

works by Bach and Pleyel, earning them a place in the semi-finals.

The senior competitions presented some polished performances from Dana Millington-Wooding on the clarinet, winning her section with a Mozart Divertimento, and Alex Capper, giving a mature vocal performance of a Schoenberg lyric 'Empty Chairs – Empty Tables'.

Rushden Academy Folk Band, who performed three traditional pieces, had the audience foot tapping and were rewarded with great applause, as were One Dynamic a local choir who gave a strong rendition of 'Happy' by Pharrell Williams followed by 'All of Me' by John Legend; a super way to end the evening's performances.

The final duty of the night was the award of the 'Pauline Longland Cup', which is presented each year for musical excellence. After long deliberation the Adjudicators awarded the cup to the Whitefriars School Choir. The winners of each section will go forward to the area finals of the Rotary competition on Saturday 7th March at The King John School, Thrapston.

ROTARY CULTURE

The Rushden Chichele Club have thespians amongst their ranks and have organised a Charity Night at Sharnbrook Mill Theatre on Monday 16th March with a performance of the play Abigail's Party by Mike Leigh.

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Wednesday 4th March
History of Fountains and Use of Water in the Garden
 Methodist Church Hall, Drummingwell Lane, Oundle PE8 4AA
 7.45pm
 £2 patrons £3 visitors
 Tel: 01832 272623
 An illustrated talk by Michael Brown, meet fellow gardeners and enjoy free light refreshments

Wednesday 4th March
Make-up Evening
 Roman Catholic Church Hall, Hayway, Rushden
 7pm–9pm
 £2
 Tel: Chris 01933 317719
 Come and try make-up and enjoy cake and coffee. Hope Methodist Church.

Thursday 5th, Friday 6th and Saturday 7th March
In the Shadow of Wings
 The Stahl
 7.45pm
 Admission £5
 This original piece, commissioned by Oundle School as part of its First World War centenary commemorations, vividly depicts the beginnings of what was to become a life full of adventure for Cecil Lewis.

Thursday 5th March
Lunchtime Concert – Woodwind performers
 St Peter's Church, Oundle
 1.15pm
 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.

Thursday 5th March
Northants Association for the Blind – Rushden Branch
 Conservative Club, High Street South, Rushden
 7pm for 7.30pm prompt start
 £10 each – teams of 4
 To book a team please contact Julia 01933 356424 juliaroberts@petercrisp.co.uk
 Quiz Night with Fish & Chip Supper.

Thursday 5th March
Wellingborough French Conversation Group
 The Coach and Horses, 17 Oxford Street, Wellingborough NN8 4HY
 7.30pm–9.30pm
 Admission free
 Email Helen at wellingboroughfcg@ymail.com
 A friendly group aged 18 to 80, meeting to practice speaking French.

Thursday 5th March
Discovery Walks
 Meet near All Saints Church Aldwinckle
 2pm
 £1.50 no need to book.
 Tel: 01780 782747
www.weanorthamptonshire.org
 Exploring Northamptonshire – Aldwinckle – 4.5 miles

Thursday 5th March
Oundle Art Group Meeting
 Tansor Village Hall
 1.45pm–3.45pm
 Non-members £6
 Tel: Jane Sanders 01832 226495 or Chris Yates 01832 226345
 'Stormy Pictures' with Helen Chadband. Bring watercolours, paper, salt and photographs.

Thursday 5th March
Raunds & District History Society
 Saxon Hall, Raunds
 7.30pm–9pm
 £3 per visitor, includes refreshments
 Tel: 01933 461480
 A Talk by Polly Feeley: Music & Memories of a 1950s Childhood.

Friday 6th March
Belle (12A)
 Ringstead Village Social Club, High Street NN14 4DA.
 Disabled access from rear car park.
 Doors open at 7.15pm film starts 7.45pm. Bar available.
 Tickets £4.
 Tel: 01933 460373 for details
 The true story of Dido Elizabeth Belle, who was born into slavery but became an English gentlewoman in 18th century.

Friday 6th March
Whitefriars Church Retireds' Group – two speakers from the Gideons
 The Bridge Community Office at Whitefriars Junior School, Boughton Drive, Rushden NN10 9HX
 1.30pm–3pm
 Admission free
 Tel: John & Celia Underwood 01933 676989
 A friendly group to which all are retirement age.

Saturday 7th March
Book Signing and 'Meet & Greet': Northamptonshire poet Cazza
 Rushden Craft, Gift & Vintage Fayre, The Masonic Hall, Wellingborough Road, Rushden NN10 9YJ
 10am–4pm
Cazzaandherpoems@outlook.com
 'Cazza' will be selling signed editions of her book of prose (illustrated by Tamsin Edwards).

Saturday 7th March
Table Top Sale
 The Pemberton Centre, H E Bates Way, Rushden NN10 9YP
 10am–12noon
 Entrance £1, Children admitted free.
 To book a stall email karen_aves@hotmail.co.uk

Saturday 7th March
Oundle Strollers
 Drill Hall car park
 12.30pm
 Tel: D. Park 07855 828251
 Hallerton Church.

Saturday 7th and 21st March
Slab Pots Family Craft Workshop at Stanwick Lakes
 Two-session event Stanwick Lakes
 1.30pm–3.30pm
 Booking essential £20 per slab pot (includes both sessions and all materials). Normal car park charges apply.
 To book phone Lisa on 07809 205273.
 Session 1: Make a slab pot, Session 2: Decorate with glazes.

Sunday 8th March
Mother's Day Gifts at Stanwick Lakes
 Stanwick Lakes Visitor Centre Discovery Zone
 1pm–4pm
 Normal car park charges apply.
www.stanwicklakes.org.uk
info@rfrtrust.org.uk
 Tel: 01933 625522
 Come to the Discovery Zone to make a card for your Mum.

Sunday 8th March
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 March
Rushden Mission Band Anniversary Service
 Rushden Mission Church, Wellingborough Road NN10 9TA
 4.30pm
 Tel: Alan Richardson 01933 355302
 Traditional Evening Service with well-known hymns with Pastor Ian Fall.

Sunday 8th March
Whitefriars Church Silver Service
 The Bridge Community Office at Whitefriars Junior School, Boughton Drive, Rushden NN10 9HX
 10.30am
 Tel: Melvyn Hunter 01933 222910
 A traditional church service open to anyone of any age.

Monday 9th March
Oundle U3A Monthly Meeting
 Victoria Hall
 Refreshments 2.15pm, Speaker 3pm
 Members £1 Non-members £2
 Tel: 01832 274778
 History of Lyveden New Bield and Plans for Future – Mark Bradshaw

Tuesday 10th March
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 to Saturday 14th March
Wellingborough Operatic Society Presents Rodgers & Hammerstein's South Pacific
 Castle Wellingborough
 Evenings 7.30pm Sat Matinee 2.30pm
 Tickets from Box Office: 01933 270007 or online: www.thecastle.org.uk
 Prices: Tue Eve and Sat Matinee £14
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 Songs include: 'Some Enchanted Evening', 'I'm In Love with a Wonderful Guy', 'Bali Hai' and many more. A show not to be missed!

Wednesday 11th March
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.

Wednesday 11th March
Oundle Branch of the Northamptonshire Family History Society – Was your Ancestor a Gardener?
 Oundle Methodist Church, Drummingwell Lane
 7.30pm–9pm. Visitors £2/ Members free.
 Tel: 01832 272061
www.northants-fhs.org
 A Talk by Twigs Way. Informative and humorous. Discovering the lives of our gardening ancestors and the likelihood that one was a gardener.

Thursday 12th March
Raunds WI
 The Saxon Hall, Raunds
 7.30pm
 A Talk by Stuart Wilkins on the work of the WNAA.

Thursday 12th March
Oundle Art Group Meeting
 Tansor Village Hall
 1.45pm–3.45pm
 Non-members £2.50
 Tel: Jane Sanders 01832 226495 or Chris Yates 01832 226345
 'Painting Trees'. Bring watercolours etc.

Thursday 12th March
Lunchtime Concert – Sixth Form Performers
 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.

Friday 13th March
Oundle School's Jazz Orchestras in Concert
 All Saints and St James Church, Kings Cliffe PE8 6XQ
 7.30pm
 Tickets: £10 from Oundle Festival Box Office – 01832 274734
 Oundle School's second jazz concert of the year involving the school's two jazz bands will include standards such as 'Spain, Sing, Sing, Sing' and 'Georgia on My Mind', through to pop classics with Stevie Wonder's 'Superstition' and 'Rock Around the Clock'.

Friday 13th March
Oundle Historical Society
 Methodist Church, Drummingwell Lane, Oundle PE8 4AA
 7.30pm
 Members free, Non-members £2
 Tel: Perdita Cawthorne 01832 205115
 AGM, The Hobby of Modelling of Railways – presentation by David Edsall and buffet supper.

Friday 13th March
Strings in Concert
 Highgate Hall, Elton
 7.30pm
 Admission: £10 from Oundle Festival Box Office – 01832 274734
 Drawing from the ranks of Oundle School's Wednesday Afternoon Philharmonic Strings, String Quartets, Junior Strings, and Oundle Pops Orchestra, the varied programme will inspire you to sit back and enjoy its rich sonorities.

Saturday 14th March
Easter Themed Coffee Morning
 Roman Catholic Church Hall, Hayway, Rushden
 10am–12noon
 Admission free
 Tel: Chris 01933 317719
 Bring and buy, crafts, cards, cakes and tombola. Everyone welcome. Hope Methodist Church.

Saturday 14th March
Monthly Coffee Morning and Community Shop
 Laxton Village Hall
 10.30am–12noon
 All welcome
 Tel: Tim Gilbert on 01780 450005.
 Freshly brewed coffee and tea, cakes. Newspapers available. Crafter's circle. Andy Sawford, MP for Corby and East Northants will be visiting.

Saturday 14th March
Quiz Night
 Raunds Methodist Church
 6pm
 Tickets are £5. To book ring Caroline 01933 622168.
 Quiz night with jacket potato supper.

Sunday 15th March
Whitefriars Church Morning Worship
 Whitefriars Church at Whitefriars Junior School, Boughton Drive, Rushden NN10 9HX
 10.15am
 Tel: Andrew Presland 01933 316927
 An informal church service open to anyone of any age.

First Wednesday of the month
Raunds Ladies Group
 The Saxon Hall, Raunds
 8pm–10pm.
 Visitors £3.50
 Guest speaker, refreshments.

First Monday of the month
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

Titchmarsh Folk Dance Club
The Club Room, High Street, Titchmarsh NN14 3DF
8pm–10pm,
£1 inc tea/coffee
Tel: Julie Bubbles on 01536 726858
or email bubbles.folksinger@hotmail.com

Country dancing from the 1600s to the modern, sociable and fun. No partner needed.

Every Monday**Oundle Ladies Running Group**

Oundle pool car park
6.45pm
Tel: Jane Walker 01832 272898
janewalkercakes@icloud.com
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.

Second Monday of the month**Royal British Legion****Rushden Branch Monthly Meeting**

Rushden Football & Social Club, Hayden Road, Rushden
7.15pm
Annual Fee of £15
Tel: Jake Baker 07525 441267
Not necessary to have served in the Armed Forces to be a member.

Every Tuesday**Coffee Stop**

Rushden Mission Church, Wellingborough Road NN10 9TA
10am–12.30pm
Tel: Alan Richardson 01933 355302

A warm welcome awaits to all for a drink, snack and chat.

Every Tuesday and Thursday**Health Walks**

Stanwick Lakes
10am–11am
Free – normal car park charges apply.
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Every Wednesday evening**Dog Training and Socialisation and Ringcraft**

Halefield, Woodnewton, near Oundle
Classes from 6.45pm

Tel: 01832 293432
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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
Tel: 01933 622827
ghearnden@tiscali.co.uk
The U3A Country Dance Group meets on alternate Wednesdays. All are welcome. Non-U3A members are welcome for a taster.

First Wednesday of the month**Irthlingborough**

Townswomen's Guild
The Day Centre College Street
7.30pm

Second and fourth Wednesdays of each month**Northants Model Makers**

Windmill Primary School, Raunds NN9 6LA
Main meeting starts 7.30ish
First couple of meetings free
Tel: Bob Humpage 07960 054405 modelmaker@tiscali.co.uk
Social based model building club open to all ages and levels of experience.

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.

Third Wednesday of the 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.

Thursdays in Lent (until Thu 2nd April inc)**Homemade soup, bread and cheese lunches**

Oundle Methodist Church, Drummingwell Lane
12noon–1.30 pm.
Traidcraft stall. All welcome.
No fixed charge – donations to Christian Aid.

Third Thursday of the 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.

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
Make new and exciting crafts then join Lisa from Music and Movement to play, sing and dance.

Every Thursday**The Silverfox Turners Club**

Dale End Scout Headquarters, Croyland Road, Wellingborough
10am–1pm
£2 all members
Tel: Secretary Trevor Rhodes 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
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.

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
Funky music and movement group for 0–5 years with parachute, balls, bubbles and more. FREE taster sessions up for grabs.

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 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 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!

Second Saturday of the month**WE Watch and Phoenix Group**

Stanwick Lakes
For more information email wewatchstanwick@hotmail.co.uk
Tel: 01933 625522
Two clubs for keen young nature lovers. WE Watch for ages 8–13 and Phoenix for ages 13–18. Supported by RSPB and Wildlife Trust.

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

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

Second Saturday of every month (Same Saturday as Oundle Farmers' Market)**Coffee 'n' Cakes**

Oundle Methodist Church, Drummingwell Lane (behind the Talbot Hotel)
10am–12noon
Tel: John Hewitson 01832 272209
Filter coffee, tea, squash (Free refills) homemade cakes. Warm welcome.
Proceeds to various charities.

Last Saturday of the month except December**Farmers' Market**

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

Last Sunday of the month (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
Browse through tempting treats and gifts made and farmed by local businesses.

First Sunday of the month**Priceless – for young children and their families**

St Laurence's Church, Stanwick
9.30am–10.15am
Join Tanya and Nicki for 45 minutes of fun, craft and prayer.

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

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14

THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (OUNDLE ROAD, BARNWELL)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2015

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

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: The length of Oundle Road, Barnwell from sliproad from A605 to main Oundle Road.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for installation of new cycleway.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 2nd March 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 9th April 2015.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: Use A605.

Dated this 28th day of February 2015
 QUENTIN BAKER, Director of LGSS Law JCM/T15/049

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

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14

THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (SEATON ROAD, HARRINGWORTH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2015

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

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: The length of Seaton Road, Harringworth from White Swan Public House to county boundary.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for drainage, kerbing and associated works.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 2nd March 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 6th March 2015.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: Use Wakerley Road, Harringworth Road, Barrowden Road, Wakerley Road, Main Street and Seaton Road.

Dated this 28th day of February 2015
 QUENTIN BAKER, Director of LGSS Law JCM/T15/054

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

PAUL BANCROFT ARCHITECTS ON BEHALF OF MR. M. BERRY HEREBY GIVE NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 11 OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND)

Order 2010 Notice under Article 11 of an application for planning permission for the change of use, renovation of existing store and extension of said store on land to the rear of 30 Glapthorn Road, Oundle, Peterborough, Cambs PE8 4JQ to provide storage and a small workshop facility. A planning application has been submitted to East Northamptonshire Council Planning Department, Cedar Drive, Northants, NN14 4LZ. Any owner of the land or tenant who wishes to make representations about this application should write to the council within 21 days of the date of this notice. Statement of owners' rights: The grant of planning permission does not affect owners' rights to retain or dispose of their property, unless there is some provision to the contrary in an agreement or lease.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14

THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (BARNWELL ROAD, THURNING AND THURNING ROAD, BARNWELL)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC, WAITING, LOADING AND UNLOADING) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit traffic from proceeding, waiting, loading and unloading along those lengths of Barnwell Road, Thurning and Thurning Road, Barnwell as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: Those lengths of Barnwell Road, Thurning and Thurning Road, Barnwell from junction Hemington Road to junction of Main Street.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during carriageway patching, surface dressing and associated works.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 26th February 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 roads will be restricted for two days.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: For traffic heading east use Hemington Road, Barnwell Road, Hemington Road, Thurning Road, Luddington Road and Main Street. Vice versa for traffic heading west.

Dated this 28th day of February 2015
 QUENTIN BAKER, Director of LGSS Law JCM/T15/042

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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14

THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (EAST ROAD, OUNDLE)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2015

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

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: The length of East Road, Oundle between 24 and 26 East Road.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for installation of foul and surface drainage.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 2nd March 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 13th March 2015.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: Use St Oysths Lane and North Street.

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Chess corner *by Derrick Sims*

Rushden A confidently faced the journey down the A6 to Kettering following recent victories over Kettering B.

The opposition must have heard rumours of Sajan Ganger's recent good form, slipping Steve Walpole onto board 4 with a 21 point grade advantage. Saj was undaunted by the move and went on to defeat the unfortunate Steve.

New boy Phil Campbell did well in his inaugural league game for RCC holding higher graded Keith Ball to a draw. James Brutus lived up to his Shakespearean name by carving up RCC's Alan Lewis and James Gardner continued his recent good form by beating Kettering's Graham Arch.

Leading RCC player, Hugh Murphy had a tougher time of it against David Walker and was fortunate to end up with a draw out of it. Thus was Rushden's victory gained in a harsh bloody fight with no prisoners taken. Kettering were left licking their wounds as they helped their players off the battlefield. Rushden A are currently fourth in League I with Kettering B propping up the table in sixth place.

It's interesting to see the different views people have of games played. As a relatively new player with a low grade I haven't developed the ability to tactically analyse the game. I looked at Sajan's game and saw Steve going a pawn ahead and then losing his Bishop. To my untrained eye this looked like a mistake. My good friend Nik, who is an excellent player, saw it differently.

Steve made a deliberate piece-for-two-pawns sac to try and push home two central running pawns. This failed due to subsequent mistakes that Saj was able to take advantage of. Either way Saj played an excellent game and did well to win.

The point of this is that RCC has players at all levels from absolute beginners to very experienced. Newcomers should not be concerned about their lack of knowledge; we have plenty of players who are more than happy to help them develop their game.

Silver King Northamptonshire League I Match Mon 9th February, A-Div:

Kettering B	2-3	Rushden A
Bd1: David Walker (146)	½	Hugh Murphy (197)
Bd2: Graham Arch (143)	0-1	James Gardner (153)
Bd3: James Brutus (136)	1-0	Alan Lewis (136)
Bd4: Steve Walpole (142)	0-1	Sajan Ganger (121)
Bd5: Keith Ball (119)	½	Phil Campbell (109)

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ChromaSport & Trophies United Counties League results

Saturday 21st February 2015

Rushden & Higham United 2-3 Thrapston Town

Premier Division

Desborough Town 0-9 AFC Rushden & Diamonds
Wellingborough Town 7-3 Huntingdon Town

Reserves Division

O N Chenecks 7-1 Rushden & Higham United
Potton United 0-5 Raunds Town
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Division One

Irchester United 0-6 Bourne Town
Bourne Town 1-3 Bugbrooke St Michaels

Under-21 Division

M K College 4-3 AFC Rushden & Diamonds

ChromaSport United Counties League as of 21st February 2015

Premier Division (40)	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
AFC Rushden & Diamonds	29	22	4	3	83	22	61	70
Wisbech Town	26	19	3	4	75	26	49	60
Yaxley	28	19	3	6	57	27	30	60
Holbeach United	25	19	2	4	68	24	44	59
Thurnby Nirvana	26	18	2	6	83	46	37	56
Cogenhoe United	28	15	5	8	48	37	11	50
Peterborough Northern Star	28	14	5	9	60	43	17	47
Deeping Rangers	26	14	3	9	55	36	19	45
AFC Kempston Rovers (-3)	26	14	4	8	51	33	18	43
Huntingdon Town	27	12	5	10	48	50	-2	41

Boston Town	29	12	3	14	60	61	-1	39
Eynesbury Rovers	28	11	4	13	57	49	8	37
Newport Pagnell Town	27	11	4	12	47	43	4	37
Wellingborough Town	30	10	5	15	56	71	-15	35
Desborough Town	30	10	4	16	48	77	-29	34
Oadby Town	29	10	2	17	54	65	-11	32
Sleaford Town	32	7	5	19	52	84	-32	26
N'ton Sileby Rangers (-2)	26	6	4	16	40	75	-35	20
Harrowby United	29	5	5	19	41	84	-43	20
Harborough Town	31	5	2	24	26	101	-75	17
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