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**NEWS IN BRIEF**

**Band brings more silverware home**  
In January, Rushden Town Band were promoted to the Second Section of the Brass Band world, having won the Third Section last year.

On Sunday 8th March, they went back to Bedworth to compete in the Second Section of the Midland Area Championships. This is the first time in the band's history that they have competed at this level in the Areas.

Having played sixth out of 12 bands, they had to wait over two hours for the adjudication. To their delight, they were placed second. This means that, for the second time in two years, they have qualified for the National Brass Band Championships at Cheltenham Racecourse in September.

**Show promises musical memories**

Take a trip into musical theatreland with a show stopping concert by The Six Week Community Singers on Saturday 21st March, 7pm, The Heritage Chapel and Halls, Park Road, Rushden NN10 0RW.

The chapel is renowned for its magnificent acoustics, in the beautiful Grade II listed buildings.

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## OPS Epee Club fencers showered with British Championship Gold

Oundle, Peterborough & Stamford (OPS) Epee Club have enjoyed two weekends in a row of amazing national success.

The club, which runs its main club sessions in Peterborough and Oundle, has not yet been

in existence four years but the success so far has been remarkable.

The club's head coach, Chris Howser, recently added the 2015 British Veterans title to his Commonwealth title, which he won in 2014 (Veterans are classed as over

40 years old in fencing).

After a 10 out of 10 winning record in the preliminary rounds, Chris was second seed going into the knockout stage of the event. Storming through the field of 80 fencers, Chris pretty much dismantled his opponents through to the semi-finals, with the closest match 10-6 to that stage.

In the semi-finals he met Nigel Fancourt, a former senior GB squad fencer, and a far tighter match ensued, which at one point was 8-8; however, Chris scored the final two points to win 10-8. The final against Steven Domek, who also on occasion comes to OPS Epee Club to train, started well for Chris, pulling out a lead from the start, and following a mix of in-fighting and long distance hits, Chris won his first National Veterans Championships with a 10-7 scoreline.

At the other end of the age scale, fencers from OPS Epee competed one week earlier at the British School Team Championships at Brunel

University, with even more success.

Kings School Peterborough scored a marvellous win in the Year 9/10 Girls event, with Grace Wyr-Roberts, Holly Elkington and Chloe Elkington beating possibly Britain's most successful sporting school, Millfield School, in the final. This was then followed up with a Bronze for the Year 9/10 Boys team by Marcus Arnold, Harvey Stephens Dunn and Henry Hart.

Oundle & King's Cliffe Middle School continued the local success, with the Year 7/8 Girls team defending their Epee title; however, also tripling up by winning the Sabre and Foil titles as well. This is the equivalent to winning Rugby League, Rugby Union 15 a side and Rugby 7s in the same weekend.

With no team getting closer than 45-21 this was a complete domination and with this being the last ever OKCMS appearance at the championships, with the school closing in the summer,

it was a great way to finish.

Well done to Ellie Taylor, Maisie McCormack and Rachel Lever for winning all three, as well as Amber Yarland and Taylor Sheehan who joined their medal winning team in the Epee.

For a fairly newly established club to have its fencers winning four British School Team championships, as well as an additional Bronze medal, shows how hard the kids work to reach the top of their potential.

Well done to all those involved, including the other local school teams who attended and gained great experience ready for future year's events.

With OPS Epee Club now running the Yarwell Musketeers Club for younger kids, fencing locally is available for those from five years and older and with the next beginner courses starting soon, now is a great time to get into the sport. Visit [www.elitepee.com](http://www.elitepee.com) for club information and contact details.



Chris Howser with British Veterans Epee Trophy

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# Sweet 16 for Spire Homes

Rushden based housing association Spire Homes has been recognised as one of the best employers in the country after taking 16th spot in the Sunday Times 100 Best Not-For-Profit

**Organisations to Work For.** The list recognises companies throughout the country who, regardless of what they do, place staff satisfaction at their core and only those organisations with the highest

level of employee engagement qualify. The rankings are compiled in partnership with workplace engagement specialists, Best Companies. This includes measuring staff satisfaction across eight

key areas including how much staff feel valued, believe that their work has a positive impact on the community, and enjoy great relationships with their managers and colleagues.

Amongst the staff at Spire Homes, satisfaction has remained high as a result of a strong team mentality amongst employees, promotion of work-life balance, a wealth of training and development

opportunities along with a strong sense of pride in the work that Spire Homes does for tenants and local communities.

"After achieving three-star accreditation from Best Companies, beating our previous ranking of 20 in the Sunday Times Best Not-For-Profit Organisations to Work For list to reach 16th is fantastic news," said Katy Sagoe, Director of Housing



Services at Spire Homes. "As this is based on how our staff feel about working for us we're really proud of the results. Our staff are our most important asset and it's great to know that they feel we're a great company to work for."

## Letters to the editor

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Dear Editor,  
With less than 100 days to go before the General Election, I'm rallying readers to get behind Cancer Research UK's Cross Cancer Out campaign and urge their candidates to help save lives.

New figures show one in two of us will be diagnosed with cancer at some point in our lives, so it's absolutely vital that the NHS is fit to offer all cancer patients the best chance of surviving.

We cannot underestimate the devastating impact the disease will have on families in Corby now and in the future. Local statistics show there are 24,500 cases of cancer each year in the East Midlands.

I am an oncology nurse, therefore I see the daily struggles patients go through when fighting

cancer. I also see the sadness and heartbreak that cancer brings to families and patients. I am passionate about beating cancer, so no one ever has to suffer with this awful disease. I hope for the day where I'll be able to say to all patients, 'You are cured'.

Cancer Research UK is calling for all election candidates to back measures to ensure people with cancer receive the best treatment and are diagnosed early enough for that treatment to make a difference. These must be key priorities if the next Government is to save more lives.

Currently, survival rates in the UK are still lagging behind the best in Europe and too many cancers are diagnosed at an advanced stage, when they are harder to treat successfully.

You can make sure your next MP is committed to beating cancer sooner by visiting [cruk.org/crosscancerout](http://cruk.org/crosscancerout) and emailing your candidates directly from the website.

*Sophie Gorman, Cancer Research UK volunteer Campaigns Ambassador, Corby, Northants*

## Council Tax frozen for 2015/16

East Northamptonshire Council has frozen its share of the Council Tax bill in a bid to support residents who are struggling with their household finances.

Councillors agreed the move at this year's budget meeting that East Northamptonshire Council's portion of the Council Tax, for a Band D property, will remain at £123.65 per year. However, the amount residents pay in Council Tax overall could still increase, depending on decisions reached by Northamptonshire County Council, The Office of Northamptonshire Police and Crime Commissioner and the other precepting authorities, including the district's towns and parishes.

At the same time as announcing the freeze, Council Leader, Steven North summarised the successes of the past year:

"I'm delighted that very careful handling of our finances allowed me to recommend a zero increase in Council Tax for the forthcoming municipal year. Despite a difficult financial climate, we've managed to balance the budget and make effective use of funding streams such as the New Homes Bonus to continue providing quality services. We've used over £500,000 on community projects and supported the roll out of superfast broadband.

"Local government has faced significant cuts in funding this year but we have quietly got on with it, making the necessary changes and protecting the taxpayer where we can, including freezing our portion of Council Tax."

East Northamptonshire Council currently has the lowest Council Tax of any council in Northamptonshire, and one of the lowest in the country.

## Genealogy jottings

Hello again, I have a friend who lives in Hertfordshire and, when I moved to this area, her eyes lit up! One branch of her family were Hudsons and she had found traces of them through the censuses in Glapthorn, Deene and Bulwick. I think that I might have a visitor staying with me when the weather warms up.

I managed to find some of the gravestones in the churchyard of St Leonard's, Glapthorn that belonged to her ancestors and so was able to take some photographs and send them to her to whet her appetite. It can be frustrating trying to read the gravestones as some have weathered better than others, but have you tried looking for those belonging to your ancestors at all?

When I was a child, I was taken to my local cemetery on a regular basis to visit the grave of my grandfather, who had died nine years before I was born. This led me to have a morbid fascination with the diverse gravestones that had been erected as memorials. There is quite an array of different designs that can be found, many of the older ones depicting the trade or occupation of the person in the grave. I have an ancestor who was a blacksmith and his grave has an anvil carved into the headstone. In graveyards close to the coast, some headstones have anchors carved into them, depicting that the person below was once a sailor.

The next time that you are near gravestones, perhaps taking a short cut from one part of the town to another, take a moment to have a look at the craft of the stonemasons. You may see something that you have not noticed before.

*Jan Pearson, Genealogy Specialists, Tracing Our Past, Discovering Our Genes (TOP DOG) [www.genealogy-specialists.com/](http://www.genealogy-specialists.com/)*

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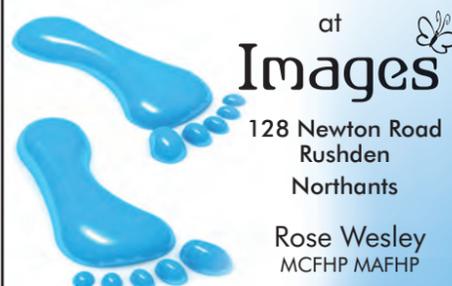
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Why not visit the market on Sunday 29th March and enjoy browsing the stalls with the backdrop of the lakes and wildlife? And while you are at Stanwick Lakes, make the most of the day and go for a walk in the nature reserve, have fun in the play area or just sit back and watch the birds.

This month, among the stallholders are three Northamptonshire based local producers, and regulars at the market:

doorstep baking, candles and co. and the Moulton Pie Company.

Cheryl and Steve from Doorstep Baking are passionate about baking and will be selling their range of handmade baking mixes, while Candle and Co have beautifully fragranced candles, including lemongrass and ginger, and sweet fig. And if you fancy a pie, The Moulton Pie Company has award winning leek, potato

and Stilton pies for sale, and they also do a great pork pie!

As a social enterprise, Rockingham Forest Trust, which manages Stanwick Lakes, is keen to support other local businesses and are always looking to extend the Local Producers' and Farmers' Market. If you are interested in becoming a stallholder, please email [info@rftrust.org.uk](mailto:info@rftrust.org.uk), or ring 01933 625522.

## The Big Painting Challenge comes to Ringstead

The Big Painting Challenge currently running on BBC One is encouraging people to get their paintbrushes out and Learn to Paint of Ringstead has seen a huge increase in enquiries from adults wanting to take up painting as a result.

They are holding a Painting Day on Sunday 22nd March where they will be running free taster painting sessions for beginners or those who want to return to painting.

This free event will be held at Ringstead Social Club between 11am and 4pm. There will be painting demonstrations, advice and a chance for adults to 'Have a Go' on a first come

first served basis. There will also be a children's drawing competition.

The emphasis will be on those adults who would like to paint but feel they have no natural artistic ability.

On display will be details of the painting sessions Learn to Paint will be running during April, May and June in Ringstead and surrounding areas.

Learn to Paint classes aim to complete a painting in just one session, with step-by-step instructions, so students are not committed to more than one session. The use of all painting materials is included, so people do not have to purchase a long list of art materials before they come to class.

Chris Kinsey, owner of Learn to Paint, is passionate about teaching adults who are complete beginners to painting, or returners who perhaps have not painted since leaving school.

Beginners' classes on offer are: Acrylic or Watercolour Landscape or Floral, Decorative (Folk Art Style), Silk, Slate, Glass & Tile Painting and Shabby Chic & Vintage Style Furniture Painting Workshops.

All those attending this free event will be entered into a draw to win a place on a half-day painting class of their choice.

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Further details about the plan and how to give views can be obtained from [www.highamferrersneighbourhoodplan.org.uk](http://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.

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# Ringstead village gridlocked by history exhibition

**Ringstead Heritage Group's recent inaugural Coffee Morning brought traffic to a standstill as up to 300 people visited the Village Hall to look at over 60 old photographs, read about past farming memories from the 1940s, view press clippings of events from the 20th century.**

A prominent exhibit was the lost painting of Ringstead School, by J.L.Carr, Interim Headmaster during 1952.

There were also a number of Be Be Dolls and Toys on loan including a four-foot tall teddy bear, which once belonged to Albert Fox, General Manager of Be Be Dolls of Ringstead.

During the event an anonymous donation was given to the group: a blue and pink bear, made by Be Be Dolls, which will now be a permanent memento of that company's past association with the village.

David Ball, author of two Ringstead People books, was able to encourage and advise other residents to begin tracing

their family ancestry. He sold out of all his books at the coffee morning, but is reprinting second editions which will be available to purchase at future events.

BBC Radio Northampton's Saturday Treasure Quest programme featured the Coffee Morning as the last clue for Helen Blaby to guess, and that morning she well and truly trounced the opposition from BBC Three Counties Radio.

A raffle was held, consisting of over 25 donated prizes, with the top prize being a sumptuous food hamper. Together with monies from the refreshments and donations, the total raised was a fantastic £345 which will now be used to organise other events and seek community funding to begin the recording of past memories and reminiscences.

An apology has to be made to many other present and past residents who were not able to gain entry to the event due to the very large numbers of people who visited Ringstead that Saturday morning. The group will be

hosting a similar event later in the year and this time the venue will be Ringstead Village Social Club's Large Function Room over an extended period, so that everyone visiting will have an opportunity to look at the memorabilia and reminisce at leisure.

The next planned event is a Ringstead Heritage Trail Walk around the village on Sunday 3rd May from 11am to 3pm. The Trail will start and finish at Ringstead Village Social Club. This is intended to be a family event, to encourage the younger residents to look and learn about the past history of the village with their parents.

Three prizes will be awarded and there will also be a small exhibition of memorabilia about past commercial and retail businesses which thrived in the village during the early 20th century.

For further information contact: Roger Kinsey Committee Member, Ringstead Heritage Group, Telephone 01933 460676, 15 Carlow Street, Ringstead NN14 4DN.



Ringstead Heritage group

## Thrapston Amateur Dramatic Society

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Check out the TADS website: [tadsthrapston.org.uk](http://tadsthrapston.org.uk) or find TADS on Facebook.

## Rushden Swimming Club – County Championships 2015

**It was another fine weekend for Rushden Swimming Club at this year's County Championships held at Corby International Swimming Pool. Everyone was in high spirits and were ready to do it all again following on from two weeks ago.**

### Day 3

The beginning of Day 3 went well with the Mixed Open 4x200m freestyle relay team doing very well. Nathan Jones, Lydia Pouncey, Freya Cole and Brett Davies finished in a respectable 5th place. The Club's younger swimmers competed in their relays with the Boys 13/u 4x50m freestyle team, Jack Chapman, Aiden Kabi, Philippe Oram and Callum Proddy-Gibbs, finishing in 5th, and the Girls 13/u 4x100m medley relay team, Ashleigh Bales, Mollie Chapman, Olivia Snook and Olivia Beasant coming home in 4th.

During the session, Callum Proddy-Gibbs took a fantastic 2nd place, and Jack Chapman a cool 3rd in the 13yrs 200m breaststroke.

The finals during the evening for the 50m and 100m events gave some amazing results with Amber Bales 2nd 14yrs 50m breaststroke, Freya Cole 3rd 14yrs 50m breaststroke, Brett Davies 2nd 14yrs 100m backstroke, and Molly Britchford 3rd 16/over 100m breaststroke.

### Day 4

The morning of Day 4 saw the Club off to a great start with the Boys 13/u 4x100m medley relay team, Jack Chapman, Callum Proddy-Gibbs, Philippe Oram and William Merriman finishing in a brilliant 4th place and the Ladies Open 4x100m freestyle team, Molly Britchford, Claire Merriman, Freya Cole and Amber Bales finishing in a wonderful 3rd place and picking up a bronze medal.

Callum Proddy-Gibbs continued his medal haul with a 2nd in the 13yrs 200m IM and Brett Davies also adding to his medals with a 3rd in the 14yrs 200m IM.

The afternoon held the final relays of the competition with the Girls 13/u 4x50m freestyle team Olivia Snook, Mollie Chapman, Gracie Ridout and Olivia Beasant coming in 6th and the changed Mens Open 4x100m medley relay team Marcus Eaton, Callum McDermott, James Merriman, and Jack Britchford topped off their medals with another 2nd position.

The evening's finals also continued the medal theme with Molly Britchford 3rd 16/over 50m breaststroke, Philippa Kabi 2nd 14yrs 50m backstroke, Marcus Eaton 3rd 17/over 50m breaststroke, Callum Proddy-Gibbs 2nd 13yrs 100m breaststroke, Brett Davies 2nd 14yrs 100m breaststroke and Marcus Eaton 3rd 17/over 100m backstroke.

### Day 5

Day 5 was to see four Rushden swimmers, Lydia Pouncey, Alice Thorncroft, Brett Davies and Callum Proddy-Gibbs, take part in the distance events – 1500m freestyle for the boys and 800m freestyle for the girls. All swimmers swam their very best in extremely tough events.

A fantastic Championships was had by all swimmers with many Personal Bests and a total medal haul of three Golds, 19 Silvers and 17 Bronze.

Rushden Swimming Club are based at Rushden's Splash Leisure Pool. Any newcomers are welcome to the club. For information, please contact our membership secretary on: [rsc.update@gmail.com](mailto:rsc.update@gmail.com) or 07502 492448.



Day four finalists

## The Fortunes raise a fortune at the Swivel Club

**The Fortunes, Bernie Keith and Johnny Red, rocked the Rusden Bowls Club on Saturday 28th February raising a magnificent £4,600!**

The Swivel Club works on turning lives around for local people in need, and all proceeds will go back into the local community.

The Fortunes were known for their tune 'Caroline' which was adopted by the pirate radio station Radio Caroline as its theme tune. They were known for their harmonies and brought their style and magic to the Swivel Club event.

Bernie Keith, BBC Radio presenter and patron to the Swivel Club kept the punters entertained on the dance floor with his mix of

rock 'n' roll, while Johnny Red turned on his usual charm to get the party started.

Colin Wright, Chairman of the Swivel Club, said: "We are thrilled with how well the event went and all the artists were superb. It was an encouraging start to our fundraising year. If you haven't attended one of our events please consider one next time you are planning a night out. We have various different acts over the year and our next event on 28th March is a comedy night which will get everyone chuckling."

For tickets to the comedy night or any of our events please go to [www.swivelclub.com](http://www.swivelclub.com), or call the ticket hotline on 07738 080470 or the bowls club on 01933 312680.



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## Notice of planning applications received

Notice is given that the following applications have been received together with the last date for making representations:

### Ashton

**15/00310/FUL (04/04/2015) (LB/CA)**  
Garden renovation consisting of removal of picket fence, construction of new picket fence, relocation of old picket fence, 1.5m posts to create a fruit tree cordon. Construction of a log and tool shelter. 2m posts to support climbing plants. Removal of a shed, construction of a new shed at Cherry Tree Cottage, 28 The Green, Ashton, PE8 5LD.  
**15/00311/LBC (04/04/2015) (LBRegs)**  
Installation of a light socket and plug sockets and overhead lighting to a Grade II Listed outhouse. Mounting of two CCTV cameras to Grade II Listed dwelling house, utility cable access through external walls and associated works at Cherry Tree Cottage, 28 The Green, Ashton.

### Barnwell

**15/00236/FUL (04/04/2015) (LB/CA)** Two storey side extension and internal alterations at The Spinneys, Church Lane, Barnwell, PE8 5PG.

### Benefield

**15/00375/FUL (28/03/2015) (Info)** New access road to property at Stocks Hill Cottage, Stocks Hill, Lower Benefield, PE8 5AD.

### Chelveston-cum-Caldecott

**15/00416/FUL (28/03/2015) (Info)**  
Proposed detached dwelling with detached garage at Church House, Caldecott Road, Chelveston, NN9 6AT.

### Denford

**15/00353/OUT (28/03/2015) (Info)**  
Outline: Five dwellings and garages with access from Pegs Lane (all matter reserved) at Hill House, Chapel Lane, Denford, NN14 4EA.

### Easton-on-the-Hill

**15/00330/FUL (04/04/2015) (LB/CA)**  
Single storey rear side extension to form utility room, alteration of existing lounge window to create French doors, insertion of new ground floor window to existing garage, removal of garage doors and insertion of French doors, replacement windows throughout and making good of pointing/rendering at 20 High Street, Easton On The Hill, PE9 3LR.

### Glaphorn

**15/00304/FUL (28/03/2015) (Info)** Two storey rear extension and two storey double garage to rear garden at Northleigh, Main Street, Glaphorn, PE8 5BT.

### Harringworth

**15/00238/FUL (04/04/2015) (LB/CA)**  
Single and two storey extension to west elevation and internal alterations, removal of existing vehicular garage and creation of new replacement 1.5 storey detached garage and repositioning of vehicular access and driveway at The Old School House, 40 Gretton Road, Harringworth.  
**15/00354/FUL (04/04/2015) (LB/CA)**  
Proposed double garage and garden store

at The Elms, Gretton Road, Harringworth, NN17 3AD.

**15/00383/FUL and 15/00384/LBC (04/04/2015) (LB/CA)** Refurbishment of existing outbuilding currently in ancillary residential use to form home office at The Limes Farm House, Wakerley Road, Harringworth, NN17 3AH.

### Higham Ferrers

**14/02363/FUL (28/03/2015) (Info)** Single storey ground floor extension to rear and side of domestic residence to provide utility room, ground floor shower room and lounge at 89 Wharf Road, Higham Ferrers.  
**15/00327/FUL (28/03/2015) (Info)**  
Installation of external wall insulation to all external elevations of the property at 13 Grove Street, Higham Ferrers, NN10 8HX.

### Irthlingborough

**15/00329/FUL (28/03/2015) (Info)**  
Installation of external wall insulation to all external elevations of the property at 5 Welford Avenue, Irthlingborough, NN9 5XA.  
**15/00359/FUL (04/04/2015) (LB/CA)**  
Change of use from retail (A1) to dental practice (D1) including internal alterations at 19 High Street, Irthlingborough, NN9 5TE.  
**15/00370/FUL (28/03/2015) (Info)** Two storey rear extension to Freestones Lodge Cottage, conversion of attached barns to a single residential unit, replacement of garage with four bay car port with turning area at 271 Addington Road, Irthlingborough, NN9 5UU.

### King's Cliffe

**15/00377/FUL and 15/00378/LBC (04/04/2015) (LB/CA)** New porch at 29A West Street, King's Cliffe, PE8 6XB.

### Luddington

**14/01536/FUL (28/03/2015) (Info)** Three bay hay barn/storage building used to store the annual hay crop from field at Land South of Spinney Farm, Thurning Road, Luddington.

### Oundle

**15/00409/FUL (28/03/2015) (Info)**  
Alterations and attic conversion at 3 Riverside Close, Oundle, PE8.  
**15/00417/FUL (28/03/2015) (Info)**  
Demolition of existing garages and construction of two affordable two bedroom bungalows with associated parking at garage block adjacent to 76 St. Peter's Road, Oundle, PE8.

### Polebrook

**15/00404/FUL (28/03/2015) (Info)** Two storey rear extension, replace existing double garage and add first floor side extension over, extend front porch to two storey, extend two front rooms, apply new render finish on brickwork and to install light grey coloured windows and doors at Dalhousie House, Lutton Road, Polebrook PE8 5LX.

### Raunds

**15/00267/FUL (28/03/2015) (Info)** Purpose built steel frame building for agricultural use for storage of hay, straw, machinery and vehicles (retrospective) at Brook Farm Cottage, Brooks Road, Raunds, NN9 6NS.  
**15/00325/FUL (28/03/2015) (Info)**  
Installation of external wall insulation to

all external elevations of the property at 17 Francis Terrace, Raunds, NN9 6DJ.

### Ringstead

**15/00326/FUL (28/03/2015) (Info)**  
Installation of external wall insulation to all external elevations of the property at 12 Denford Road, Ringstead, NN14 4DF.

### Rushden

**14/01129/FUL (28/03/2015) (Info)** New vehicle access at 74 Washbrook Road, Rushden, NN10 6UL.  
**14/01843/FUL (28/03/2015) (Info)** Erection of agricultural building and the change of use of staff shelter to temporary agricultural worker dwelling (retrospective) at Glebe Meadow Ditchford Lock, Ditchford Lane, Rushden.  
**15/00243/FUL (28/03/2015) (Info)** Change of size of side elevation window to plot five and to be fitted with frosted glass at land to rear of 264 Wellingborough Road, Chestnut Close, Rushden.  
**15/00313/FUL (04/04/2015) (LB/CA)**  
Install external wall insulation to the rear elevation of the property at 40 Little Street, Rushden, NN10 0LS.  
**15/00314/FUL (28/03/2015) (Info)**  
Installation of external wall insulation to all external elevations of the property at 8 Oswald Road, Rushden, NN10 0LE.  
**15/00320/FUL (28/03/2015) (Info)**  
Installation of external wall insulation to all external elevations of the property at 55 Spencer Road, Rushden, NN10 6AD.  
**15/00323/FUL (28/03/2015) (Info)**  
Installation of external wall insulation to all external elevations of the property at 60 Glassbrook Road, Rushden, NN10 9TH.  
**15/00369/FUL (28/03/2015) (Info)** Change of use from care home (C2) to dwelling house (C3) at 109 Higham Road, Rushden, NN10 6DS.  
**15/00393/VAR (04/04/2015) (LB/CA) (Art8)** Removal of condition 15 (highway improvements to meet with Brooke Close) pursuant to planning permission 13/01572/FUL dated 27.11.14 - Erection of four bungalow dwellings suitable for the elderly, associated parking and bin storage with alterations to access at garages rear of 15 St. Mary's Avenue, Rushden.

### Southwick

**15/00339/VAR (28/03/2015) (Info)**  
Variation of condition 2 - plans, condition 6 - access and parking, and condition 8 - boundary treatments pursuant to application 12/01248/FUL. Partial demolition of existing stone barn and existing garage. Proposed construction of new dwelling incorporating the remainder of the existing barn with refurbishment and new pantile roof to all. Refurbishment and extension of existing garage. The site currently has an approval for a new dwelling and garage; this application is due to the change of design and size (reduction) of the proposal. General layout and access to remain as approval EN/09/01678/FUL at Park Cottage, Main Street, Southwick.

### Stanwick

**15/00297/FUL (28/03/2015) (Info)**  
Demolition of garage and erection of garage with studio accommodation at first floor with toilet facilities. Access to studio via external

stair on east side of proposal at 22 High Street, Stanwick, NN9 6QA.

**15/00328/FUL (28/03/2015) (Info)**  
Installation of external wall insulation to all external elevations of the property at 1 West Street, Stanwick, NN9 6QY.

### Tansor

**15/00282/FUL (04/04/2015) (LB/CA)**  
Single storey rear extension, new side porch, additional roof lights, new side window and change front door to window at 19 Main Street, Tansor, PE8 5HS.

### Thorpe Achurch

**15/00074/FUL (04/04/2015) (LB/CA)**  
Conversion and extension of redundant out building to form new two bedroom dwelling and new access to highway at School House, Church Lane, Achurch, PE8.

### Thrapston

**15/00324/FUL (28/03/2015) (Info)**  
Installation of external wall insulation to all external elevations of the property at 24 Halford Street, Thrapston, NN14 4LA.  
**15/00382/FUL (28/03/2015) (Info)**  
Proposed erection of a detached dwelling with new access (replacement of extant planning permission 12/00018/RWL dated 28.02.2012) at 83A Midland Road, Thrapston.

### Wakerley

**15/00356/FUL (04/04/2015) (LB/CA)**  
Two storey rear extension, alterations to existing fenestration and insertion of new windows to existing dwelling at Foxhaven Station House, Barrowden Road, Wakerley, LE15.

### Yarwell

**15/00202/LBC (04/04/2015) (LBRegs) (LB/CA)** Install a downstairs bathroom at 26 Main Street, Yarwell, PE8 6PR.

### Outside the District

**15/00408/VAR (04/04/2015) (Art8)**  
Variation of condition 4 regarding storage to include the wording 'together with the ancillary storage and distribution of food and/or drink items to be sold as a minor part of the wider good range' pursuant to 14/00749/VAR: 'Variation of condition 3 to increase mezzanine floor space' pursuant to application 08/01042/VAR: 'Variation of condition 5 attached to planning approval EN/06/01573/FUL by deletion of words public art' pursuant to application 06/01573/FUL: 'Development of B8 warehouse with ancillary offices, car parking, service yards, gatehouse, fuelling island and lorry wash' at land off Mitchell Road, Corby.

### 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 14 March 2015**

# The Ferrers School judged "Good" by Ofsted

**On the 4th and 5th of February, the Ferrers School had its Ofsted inspection. The school was judged to be "Good" in all areas.**

Inspectors spent two days in the school visiting over 40 lessons, looking closely at students' work and talking to students, staff and parents.

They found that, at the Ferrers, there are 'high expectations

and ambitions for the school', meaning that the school 'prepares students well for life in modern Britain'. Inspectors also found that 'students behave well and are smartly dressed' and that 'teachers plan well to ensure that students make good progress'.

Jonathan Giles, Head Teacher, said: "I am delighted with this outcome. The latest Ofsted framework is a more demanding

one and so this represents significant improvement on the last time we were inspected. The inspectors saw a great team of teachers and support staff working hard with our delightful students. The process was a very fair one and the judgement reflects very well on the school. I am grateful to everyone who works hard every day to make this such a good school."



Head Teacher, Jonathan Giles

## Commemorative service – Battle of Gallipoli 1915–1916

**The Rushden Branch of the Royal British Legion is to hold a short commemorative service at Rushden's War Memorial on Saturday 25th April commencing at 10.45am to both mark the start of the Battle of Gallipoli and remember the fallen.**

Taking place in Gallipoli, Turkey, the Gallipoli Campaign of 1915–16, also known as the Battle of Gallipoli or the Dardanelles Campaign, was an unsuccessful attempt by the Allied Powers to control the sea route from Europe to Russia during the First World War.

The campaign began with a failed naval attack by British and French ships on the Dardanelles Straits in February and March 1915 and continued with a major land invasion of the Gallipoli Peninsula on 25th April 1915, involving British and French troops as well as divisions of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC).

Lack of sufficient intelligence and knowledge of the terrain, along with a fierce Turkish resistance, hampered

the success of the invasion. By mid-October 1915, Allied Forces had suffered heavy casualties and had made little headway from their initial landing sites. Evacuation began in December 1915, and was completed early the following January.

The commemorative service is to remember the nine military personnel from Rushden who died during the Battle of Gallipoli. Their names are inscribed on the War Memorial and they are:

- Private Frank Thurlow died 3rd May 1915
- Private William Dennis Denton died 18th August 1915
- Private Lewis (William) Craxton died 22nd August 1915
- Private George Wigglesworth died 5th September 1915
- Lance Corporal Ernest Hill died 26th September 1915

- Private Cyril Cook died 2nd October 1915
- Private Leonard William Helsdown died 10th October 1915
- Private Frank (William) Frisby died 12th October 1915
- Lance Corporal Arthur Underwood died 27th November 1915

The Royal British Legion would like to hear from any relatives of those named, so they may join them in the service to remember these brave men who made the ultimate sacrifice for King and Country at that time.

If there are any relatives in the area who wish to take part, they are asked to contact the Royal British Legion's Branch Secretary – Alan Clark – on 01933 359361 or by email [rblrushden@gmail.com](mailto:rblrushden@gmail.com) or alternatively the Branch Media Representative Jake Baker on 07525 441267 (email [jake.lynne@virgin.net](mailto:jake.lynne@virgin.net)).

The short commemorative service is open to public.

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# From the East Northamptonshire Council Chairman

**It has been a fortnight of fine music starting with an excellent charity event hosted by the Mayor of Milton Keynes.**

The Ultimate Beatles, an excellent tribute band, played at the studio owned by Marshall, a British company based in Bletchley that designs and manufactures music amplifiers and speaker cabinets. Marshall amps are among the most recognised in the world and the company has been in business for more than 50 years. It was a super venue that is not normally open to members of the public and it was an outstanding evening of entertainment.

Next it was on to the Castle Theatre for another tribute night – the Illegal Eagles,



Chairman of East Northamptonshire Council, Cllr Gill Mercer enjoying some Beatles tracks at the Marshall HQ

hosted by the Mayor of Wellingborough. The musicians did not just stick to their one instrument; most of them took turns at playing the keyboard, drums and guitar as well as doing the vocals – a very talented group.

Thrapston Plaza Opera hosted a very different kind of music event with a performance of Madam Butterfly. TPO describes itself as a community group of singers, some from Thrapston, but others from as far as Peterborough and Northampton. They put on a lavish production with beautiful singing and costumes.

Moving on from music to skateboarding, I was delighted to represent East Northamptonshire Council at the opening of Higham Skate Park. After three years of hard work by Higham Town Council, the park is now open and the young people at the ribbon cutting ceremony certainly enjoyed themselves on bikes, scooters and skateboards. The project was supported by a grant from East Northants Council's Community Facilities Grant scheme as well as one from the Mick George Community Fund.

Skate parks are still as popular with young people as they were 15 years ago, so it's good to see that we are establishing new skate parks in Higham Ferrers, Raunds and Rushden.

All members of East Northamptonshire Council met for the full council meeting which I chaired and they voted to freeze their portion of Council Tax. The council has managed its budget well, despite government cuts, and so is able to protect the taxpayers for another year.

We attended a civic service in Wisbech,

the capital of the Fens. It's a pleasant town, with the River Nene flowing through the centre. The buildings are reminiscent of Dutch cities like Amsterdam, which is not surprising, as a lot of people from bulb growing areas came to settle in the Fens.

A big thank you goes to local businessman Bob Kirk, who noticed that the Princess Diana Memorial tree in

Rushden had died and arranged to have a new tree planted in its place. I was delighted to attend the planting ceremony for the new tree. In his speech, Mr Kirk honoured those people whose actions changed the world including Winston Churchill, John F Kennedy, as well as Princess Diana.

ENC Chairman, Cllr Gill Mercer

## Variety's the very spice of life



Flautadors Group



Randers Chamber Orchestra

## The Romans invaded Glapthorn!

**Children from Nassington School joined the Year 3/4 pupils at Glapthorn School to learn about life in Roman times recently.**

The children spent the day in a workshop learning what life was like as a slave and as a soldier. They followed Roman marching

instructions, dressed in armour and helmets and compared how the Romans lived to how we live today.

Pupils from Glapthorn School followed that up by visiting Peterborough Museum to find out about Roman life in the local area. All the children are

looking forward to going on a residential trip to York together in May to find out even more!

Millie, aged 7, said: "I wouldn't want to be a Roman, life was tough then!"

Much fun (and learning) was had by all!



Pupils at Nassington School

**The Oundle International Festival has such a varied programme of events running from spring through to summer that there's something for everyone!**

To herald the arrival of summer, the 'Music in Quiet Places' programme begins with The Flautadors on Friday 8th May in Fotheringhay Church. The group's unique performance of 'Music for Mary Queen of Scots' weaves music with our famous local royal history. This will be followed by 'Around Britain in Song' in Titchmarsh on Friday 22nd May featuring internationally acclaimed local musicians, soprano Rita Cullis and pianist Alec Hone.

The MIQP concert series will close on Friday 5th June at Oundle School Chapel with the Randers Chamber Orchestra from Denmark, who tour extensively to raise awareness of lesser known Danish music whilst delighting the audience with more familiar works from Mozart and Grieg.

A wonderful selection of music, comedy, food and open gardens events

has been finalised for the annual Oundle International Festival which this year runs from 10th–18th July.

Tickets for these events go on sale on to Friends of the Festival on 26th March and to the wider public on 7th April, through the box office on New Street in Oundle – where you can also buy tickets for Oundle Cinema, the Oundle Literature Festival and some Oundle School events to name but a few.

In order to evolve and widen the reach of the festival, two new team members have been recruited – Frances Mansergh has joined to head up Communications and Courses and Emma Cooper will be taking charge of the box office.

So, if you've ever walked past the Oundle International Festival office and never really understood what happens behind its doors now you know! Please drop in... the team would be delighted to see you!

For information on all events go to: [www.oundlefestival.org.uk](http://www.oundlefestival.org.uk)

# Rusty players strike the right note

When 20 people from the Oundle area met in a pub in 2009 to discuss the possibility of forming an amateur orchestra, they never envisaged that, six years later, their numbers would have grown to more than 60, with almost every orchestral instrument represented.

They did, however, recognise that adults of any age can welcome the chance of taking up an instrument again, or even of starting to play one.

Typically, people may have learned to play in their youth, but the pressures of work, family and life in general have often squeezed actual playing out of their lives.

Later on, some of these pressures may have relaxed and they rediscover their instrument, unplayed in its case!

Others may have kept up

their playing, but have taken up a second instrument as well, and they may be looking for a chance to play this additional one. There are also people who have taken up an instrument later on in life, who are now keen to play with others.

For all these categories, the Rusty Players of Oundle (RPO) provides the chance for players of a wide spectrum of ability to play a variety of music in a sociable and supportive environment.

"The trick is to aspire to a reasonable standard of performance, while at the same time maintaining a feeling of fun and being tolerant of the odd wrong note or timing," says Conductor Vince Davy.

The orchestra has grown steadily, with players attracted through word of mouth or via the RPO website. Rehearsals



Rusty Players

take place twice a month, with breaks during January and June to August, to allow for family holidays, etc. Subscriptions are extremely low, at only £30 per year, to

cover the costs of venue hire and sheet music purchase.

After tentative beginnings, the RPO now aims to give at least one free concert each year, sometimes two, aimed mainly at family and friends but open to others as well.

Typically, these are held in local churches such as Fotheringhay or Titchmarsh, and have proved popular with the village communities.

"At last summer's gig in Titchmarsh Church," says

clarinettist Peter Irving, who in common with many players, drives some distance to participate, "we included an arrangement of the 1812 Overture, equipping the audience with paper bags for them to burst, to augment the effect of cannon fire. They loved it!"

Asked what targets still remained for the orchestra, secretary Chris Gill said: "It would be great to have a bigger percussion section, where our

self-taught Caroline Hawkins valiantly hits her timpani, and many other things besides, all by herself.

"There must be drummers out there, banished to their spare rooms or garden sheds, just dying for the chance to play percussion in an orchestral setting! More trombones would be good, too."

The RPO can be contacted via its website [www.rustyplayersoundle.org.uk](http://www.rustyplayersoundle.org.uk)

## How to be a Woman of Action

Rushden Mission Church on Wellingbrough Road is inviting all ladies to a day of teaching, encouragement and challenge on Saturday 21st March.

'How to be a Woman of Action' is hosted by Wesleyan Reform Women of Action and the guest speaker is Rev. Elaine Roberts of World Mandate Ministries. The event runs from 10.30am to 3.30pm with coffee served from 10am. Please bring a packed lunch and a suggested donation of £5. Full details from Sandra Fall on 01933 312919.

## East Midlands Housing organisations unite to support national Homes for Britain campaign

Nine regions, six events, one housing crisis...

Rockingham Forest Housing is supporting a series of events taking place across the East Midlands to raise awareness and tackle the housing crisis in Britain.

These activities will support the Homes For Britain campaign, which is uniting the housing sector at the biggest rally for a generation in London on 17th March to highlight the challenge faced by people who cannot find affordable homes.

In Rushden, a range of partners are coming together on 13th March to hand over a giant key as part of a unique relay from Ripley in Derbyshire to Daventry in Northamptonshire ahead of the London rally.

The event will start at 12 noon with a brief presentation on the Homes for Britain campaign and the part being played by Rockingham Forest Housing. The event will close with a ceremonial handover of the key to the next organisation in the relay that is passing through the East Midlands, ahead of a national Homes for Britain housing rally taking place in London on 17th March and a buffet lunch.

Across the East Midlands, up to 10 other housing associations and housing related organisations will be adding their voice to the national campaign through a series of events taking place at six different locations.

The relay will begin in Derbyshire on 6th March before snaking its way through Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire, Rutland and

ending in Northamptonshire on 16th March.

The relay was devised by Futures Housing Group's Chief Executive, Lindsey Williams. She said: "The housing crisis has a wide-reaching impact right across the country. A shortage of housing threatens the potential growth and development of local communities and economies. As East Midlands based housing providers, we are well aware of the challenges that exist in our region alone.

"As part of raising the profile of the Homes for Britain campaign and the national housing rally, joint events like the one we have co-ordinated are fundamentally important to ensuring that the housing crisis is at the forefront of the minds of politicians and the general public ahead of the election.

"It is vital that this issue is given the credence it merits by those making the key decisions, to enable the housing sector to provide quality, affordable homes that meet the requirements of future generations."

In just over a month's time, the Homes for Britain campaign will reach a crescendo when the National Housing Federation (NHF) hosts a rally featuring over 2,500 people in Westminster, bringing together housing professionals from across the country.

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# Rushden Academy teacher to visit Bosnia

**Jo Holmes, Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural (SMSC) Development lead at Rushden Academy, an Education Fellowship academy, has been invited to visit Bosnia on a four-day study tour from 18th–21st May by the national charity Remembering Srebrenica.**

The charity has been increasing its engagement with young people in schools and universities across the UK in order to teach a new generation about the impact of hatred and intolerance through learning about the Srebrenica genocide.

Jo is delighted to be one of a small group of educational representatives from Northamptonshire invited on the tour following Rushden Academy's involvement with the charity last summer.

She said: "Remembering Srebrenica has attracted a number of 'Champions' – including

Inspector Inam Kahn from Northamptonshire Police – who are delivering a flagship educational programme called 'Lessons from Srebrenica'. They organise events and workshops locally to raise awareness of the impact of genocide, and work towards the rejection of racism and extremism in our community.

"At the end of the summer term 2014, Rushden Academy became involved in a community project, taking part in a poster competition to commemorate lives lost in Srebrenica. One of our students, Karl Mercado, now in Year 10, designed the winning poster for the county with his thought-provoking art work. The project was part of a wider SMSC educational opportunity within our school, embedded in promoting fundamental British values for our students.

"The study tour includes visiting Sarajevo itself, meeting key representatives from

the Muslim community, visiting a forensic anthropological unit and a war cemetery and travelling extensively throughout the region to gain a greater understanding of the atrocities. I am passionate about sharing the learning gained from this experience with our students and keeping these stories as alive as possible."

Jo will be putting together a programme to educate Rushden Academy's students on a war that took place only a short time before they were born, in a disputed land not that far away. From a historical perspective it will take into account consequences of the Second World War, including the Iron Curtain and Communism, as well as exploring the cultural and religious groups who were expected to co-exist under Tito's rule.

Follow-up work will allow the exploration of the spiritual and religious impact on Bosnia, how the war affected the survivors socially, financially

and culturally, the moral aspect of genocide and the impact all of this has had 20 years later on family and community life.

This work will include delivering assemblies to all year groups, writing a scheme of work for the Citizenship and PSHE curriculum, and delivering a seminar to sixth form students.



Jo Holmes and Karl Mercado with the winning poster

## Making a hash of dinner

**Although some days spring feels as if it's definitely breaking through the grey of winter, on others comfort food is still just what you need. If you can make that food fast, easy, cheap and nutritious, all the better.**

Salt has been used as a preservative for many generations, with corned beef getting its name from the 'corns' of salt used to produce it. Corned beef also owes some of its heritage to 'pemmican'. This is a dried meat product, notably used by the Inuit but found in many traditional diets, made by drying lean meat and mixing it with an equal quantity of fat –

producing a highly stable, sustaining food which can remain edible for years.

Replacing the potato usually included in this dish with swede, butternut squash or sweet potato lowers the carbohydrate content considerably, but you can lower it even further by using cabbage or kale instead. Using only one pan saves on the washing up and makes this an ideal dish for bedsit cooking too.

### INGREDIENTS – TO SERVE 2 OR 3

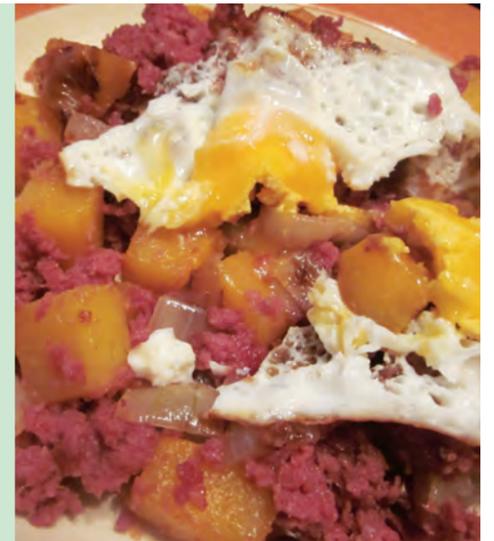
340g can corned beef  
1 onion  
2 cloves garlic

By Catherine Burbage

Medium sized swede (or alternative)  
Lard for frying

### METHOD

Chop the swede into small cubes and boil until just soft but not falling apart. Leave to drain well. Chop the onion and garlic and fry gently until translucent. Turn up the heat, add the swede and fry until the corners start to colour. Add the corned beef and fry altogether until heated through and looking tasty. Try this with a fried egg on top and a side of kale steamed and dressed with butter, lemon juice and chilli to put an extra spring in your step.





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**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.

**Charity Disco in aid of Children with Cancer**  
 The Courtyard Hotel, Stanwick  
 7.30pm–12.30am  
 £15  
 Tel: 01933 622233  
 Big Bopper Disco, hot bacon/sausage/vegetarian baps with chips. Good night, Great cause.

**Professor Jules Pretty, The Edge of Extinction: Travels with Enduring People in Vanishing Lands**  
 St Peter's Church, Oundle PE8 4AL  
 7.30pm–8.30pm  
 Tickets £7 (£5), Oundle Box Office, 4 New Street, Oundle. Tel 01832 274734, online at [www.oundlefestival.org.uk](http://www.oundlefestival.org.uk)  
 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.

**Ali Sparkes will be talking about her amazing books and career**  
 Great Hall, Oundle School, Oundle  
 2pm–3pm  
 Tickets £5,  
 Oundle Box Office, 4 New Street, Oundle. Tel 01832 274734, online at [www.oundlefestival.org.uk](http://www.oundlefestival.org.uk);  
 Ali Sparkes explains her weird and wonky path to authorhood. Come along and hear her story.

**Monday 16th March**  
**Higham Ferrers WI**  
 The Adult School, Westfield Terrace, Higham Ferrers

2.15pm  
 Pat on 01933 396647  
 The speaker will be Dr Askew on the Islands of Fiji. Visitors welcome.

**East Northants Tapping Circle**  
 Saxon Hall, Raunds  
 7.15pm  
 £5  
 Marion, 01933 461128  
 New monthly group for those keen to learn Emotional Freedom Techniques (tapping).

**Nene Valley Astronomical Society**  
 Chelveston Village Hall  
 8pm  
 £3 including refreshments  
 Mrs P E Jellis 01933 356914  
 Talk by Colin Snodgrass, Open University, on Rosetta Mission showing images from the Philae lander.

**Thursday 19th March**  
**50th Birthday Party**  
 St James Church Hall, Thrapston  
 7.30pm  
 Free Admission  
 Neil Busby 01832 731047  
 Past and Present members invited to celebrate the Society's 50th birthday.

**Oundle Art Group Meeting**  
 Tansor Village Hall  
 1.45pm–3.45pm  
 Non-members £6  
 Jane Sanders 01832 226495  
 Chris Yates 01832 226345  
 'Wildlife in Pastels' demonstration by Vic Bearcroft.

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

**Friday 20th March**  
**Scout The Scout – an evening with Rod Cousins**  
**Man City Scout**

Oundle Middle School  
 7.30pm  
 £8 includes two-course meal, please bring your own drinks.  
 Tickets from office@oundlebaptist.org.uk, 01832 770010 or on the door.  
 Hear about Rod's career in professional football and his work with Kevin Keegan and Sven Goran Eriksson.

**Oundle Group of the Wildlife Trust**  
 Methodist Church, Drummingwell Lane  
 7.30pm  
 Entry £2 and £3  
 Tel: Keith Alvey 01832 272666  
 On a talk on 'The Great Fen Present and Future' by Kate Carver.

**Thrapston and District U3A Monthly group meeting**  
 The Plaza, Thrapston  
 Time 10am–12noon  
 Visitors £2 (Members £1)  
 The Ghost Detective –  
 Speaker: Andrew Pick,  
 Stories of the Paranormal with explanations by a mystery writer and a psychological back up.

**AFC Rushden and Diamonds Bingo Evening**  
 Rushden Bowls Club, Northampton Road, Rushden NN10 6AN  
 7.30pm Start.  
 £2 per person  
 All Bingo players welcome.  
 For further information please contact Glenis on 07870 332606.

**Poetry**  
 Raunds Library  
 2.30pm  
 Admission free  
 Humour is no laughing matter – a talk by Jayne Osborn. Bring your favourite poetry along.

**Saturday 21st March**  
**Rushden Salvation Army**  
 Messy Church  
 Community Centre, Church Street, Rushden  
 4pm  
 Gill Valentine on 01933

353528  
 Rushden Salvation Army invites parents/grandparents/children to our Messy Church. Fun/laughter/handicrafts/songs and food all free.

**The Six Week Community Singers 'Musical Memories' Concert**  
 The Heritage Chapel and Halls, Park Road, Rushden NN10 0RW  
 7pm  
 £4 to include refreshments  
 01933 778677/  
 07969 603958  
 Musical Director Robert Peel, Conductor Nilani Young present eclectic sets from musical theatre.

**Fun Bingo with Supper, drinks for sale**  
 Deene Village Hall  
 7.30pm  
 £6 per person + £1 per card  
 Contact Linda Gretton on 01780 450759 or Simon Johnson on 01780 450105.

**How to be a Woman of Action**  
 Rushden Mission Church, Wellingborough Road, NN10 9TA  
 10.30am–3.30pm (10am coffee)  
 £5 donation-bring packed lunch  
 Sandra Fall 01933 312919  
 Day of teaching, encouragement and challenge hosted by Wesleyan Reform Women of Action.

**Curry and Cash Prize Quiz Night**  
 Laxton Village Hall  
 7.30pm (prompt)–10pm  
 £9 adults, £5 under 12s  
 Tel: Fiona Harding on 01780 450235.  
 Teams of up to 6 (can be made up on the night). Prize of £30, raffle. Please book by 18th March (for catering numbers – vegetarian option available, please ask when booking). Licensed Bar.

**Film Night 'Saving Mr Banks'**  
 Thrapston Plaza Centre  
 Doors open 7pm, film starts 7.30pm  
 £5  
 Margaret 01832 733521/  
 Val 01832 735879  
 Bar available.

**Jumble Sale**  
 Bulwick village centre  
 10am–12noon  
 Admission Adults 20p  
 Details on 01780 450300  
 Good selection of clothes, bric-a-brac, books.

**East Northants Tapping Circle**  
 Saxon Hall, Raunds  
 7.15pm  
 £5  
 Marion, 01933 461128  
 New monthly group for

those keen to learn Emotional Freedom Techniques (tapping).

**Heartstart Life Saving Skills Course**  
 Oundle Medical Practice  
 9am–11am  
 Free  
 John Linford 01832 274269, [jlinford@lyveden.freereserve.co.uk](mailto:jlinford@lyveden.freereserve.co.uk)  
 Training in dealing with sudden collapse, cardiac arrest, bleeding, choking, heart attack

**Saturday 21st March and Sunday 22nd March Diesel Gala**  
 Rushden Station, Station Approach, Rushden, Northants NN10 0AW  
 Sat: 10am–6pm, Sun: 11am–4pm  
 Adults £4, Children £2, Day Rover Ticket £12  
 John Sugars 01933 353111  
 Class 31206 & 31289.  
 Driver for a fiver.  
 Refreshments available, Bar, Model railway, Shop.

**Thursday 26th March**  
**Oundle Art Group Meeting**  
 Tansor Village Hall  
 1.45pm–3.45pm  
 Non-members £2.50  
 Jane Sanders 01832 226495  
 Chris Yates 01832 226345  
 'Painting on different surfaces' Bring any media, flat surfaces – wood, plastic, perspex, glass, tiles, aluminium.

**Friday 27th March**  
**Wine and Crime: R.M. Cartmel talks about his new crime novel and discusses the wines of Burgundy with Philip Amps from Amps Fine Wines of Oundle.**  
 The Queen Victoria Hall, Oundle  
 7.30pm–8.30pm  
 Tickets £10 Oundle Box Office, Open hours: 10am–1pm Mon to Fri  
 Tel 01832 274734, online at [www.oundlefestival.org.uk](http://www.oundlefestival.org.uk)  
 Listen to this tantalizing tale that unfolds in the vineyards of Burgundy, sample some wines and savour the conversation.

**Film Night 'The Hundred Foot Journey' (PG)**  
 Laxton Village Hall  
 7.30pm–10pm  
 Tickets £5  
 Noel Jessop on Tel: 01780 450273 or email [noel@stuartlighting.com](mailto:noel@stuartlighting.com).  
 The Kadam family leaves India for France where they open a restaurant directly across the road from Madame Mallory's Michelin-starred eatery. Starring Helen Mirren and Om Puri. Refreshments available.

**Saturday 28th March**  
**Denford Heritage**

**Morning**  
 Denford Village Hall  
 10am–12.30pm  
 Free Admission  
 Neil Busby 01832 731047  
 An opportunity to view our archives and for visitors to bring photographs and documents.

**St Cecilia Singers Spring Concert of Sacred Music**  
 St Mary's Church, Higham Ferrers.  
 7.30pm  
 Tickets are £10 available from choir members, 01933 356546 or on the door.  
 The music includes Haydn's 'Little Organ Mass' as well as works by Byrd, Tallis, Stanford and Chillcott.

**Sunday 29th March**  
**Hospital at Home are hosting a Daffodil Walk**  
 Apethorpe Church  
 2pm–5pm  
 Tickets £5  
 with teas and music in the church. Come along and enjoy the beautiful spring flowers, followed by a friendly chat, cup of tea and cake and music in the church, in aid of Hospital at Home.

**Mother's Day Tea at Stanwick Lakes**  
 Stanwick Lakes Visitor Centre Cafe Solar.  
 2pm–4pm  
 Booking essential – prices and menu nearer the date – normal car park charges apply.  
[www.stanwicklakes.org.uk](http://www.stanwicklakes.org.uk)  
[info@rfrtrust.org.uk](mailto:info@rfrtrust.org.uk) 01933 625522  
 Treat your Mum to tea on this special day.

**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.

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

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



**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.

**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.  
Tel: 01933 625522  
www.stanwicklakes.org.uk  
Regular walking can help improve your health. Join us in our regular walks.

**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 Wednesday evening  
Dog Training and Socialisation and Ringcraft**  
Halefield, Woodnewton, near Oundle  
Classes from 6.45pm  
Tel: 01832 293432  
oundledogs@aol.com or website 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  
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  
Raunds Ladies Group**  
The Saxon Hall, Raunds  
8pm–10pm  
Visitors £3.50  
Guest speaker, refreshments.

**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.

**3rd Wednesday of each month  
Wellingborough Flower Arrangement Society**  
St Mary's Church Hall, Knox Road, Wellingborough NN8 1HU  
7.30pm  
Visitors £5  
Car park available.  
For more information contact chairman on 01933 222326 or secretary on 01604 870275.

**Higham and Rushden U3A**  
Pemberton Centre, Rushden  
2pm–4pm  
£2 for visitors  
Tel: Membership Secretary 01933 314425  
Monthly speaker followed by beverages and mixing for social chat.

**Every 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  
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.

**Thursdays in Lent (until 2nd April inc)  
Homemade soup, bread and cheese lunches**  
Oundle Methodist Church, Drummingwell Lane  
12noon–1.30pm.  
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 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 Stitches**  
Stanwick Lakes  
10.30am  
Free entry – normal car park charges apply.  
Tel: 01933 625522 or Pauline on 01933 229817  
www.stanwicklakes.org.uk  
Come and join this informal friendly group of stitchers to chat, stitch and eat cake!

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

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

Oundle Methodist Church, Drummingwell Lane (behind the Talbot Hotel)  
10am–12noon  
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.

**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  
secretary@northamptonshireshamblers.org.uk  
Circular walks enjoying our beautiful countryside. A week's notice to secretary please if wanting lunch.

**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.

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

**More events can be found at  
[www.nenevalleynews.co.uk](http://www.nenevalleynews.co.uk)**  
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	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
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Apthorpe	934.18	1,089.88	1,245.58	1,401.28	1,712.68	2,024.08	2,335.46	2,802.56
Ashton	951.95	1,110.62	1,269.28	1,427.94	1,745.26	2,062.59	2,379.89	2,855.88
Barnwell	957.01	1,116.52	1,276.02	1,435.53	1,754.54	2,073.55	2,392.54	2,871.06
Benefield	955.83	1,115.13	1,274.44	1,433.75	1,752.37	2,070.98	2,389.58	2,867.50
Brigstock	954.21	1,113.25	1,272.29	1,431.33	1,749.41	2,067.49	2,385.54	2,862.66
Bulwick	942.97	1,100.13	1,257.30	1,414.46	1,728.79	2,043.12	2,357.43	2,828.92
Chelveston cum Caldecott	962.08	1,122.43	1,282.78	1,443.13	1,763.83	2,084.53	2,405.21	2,886.26
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# Chess corner by Derrick Sims

Rushden Chess Club (RCC) entertained Chess Mates B in the semi-final stage of the John Robinson Knockout competition.

On paper the Northampton team had the stronger top three boards with good grade advantages. The evening started off with James Gardner, Alan Lewis and Keith Bristow agreeing draws with their opponents. Hardly the exciting start we all hoped for, it makes one wonder what would happen if all five games were drawn. Perhaps it would be settled by pistols at dawn; knowing Rushden's luck we'd end up with the Flintlocks and Chess Mates the Colt 45s – the gunfight at the Rushden Bowl!

Anyway, enough of this tomfoolery, such thoughts were rapidly dispersed by Saj disposing of Dave Curran; despite a gallant fight he couldn't match Saj's superior finishing. All attention turned to the remaining game between Hugh Murphy and James Jackson who were engaged in an energetic tussle on board one.

James on paper is the stronger player, although it was hard to tell in the battle that ensued. Rumour has it that Hugh missed a killer move that would have had Jackson reeling on the ropes, but I couldn't possibly comment on this. It all came down to the wire and Hugh resigned after being outmanoeuvred in the endgame.

The match ended up drawn but under the tiebreak rule James Jackson's win on board one gave Chess Mates B the match, leaving Rushden to ponder what might have been. Ah well, there's always next year!

John Robinson Knockout Match (semi-final), Mon 16th Feb:

Rushden A	2.5–2.5	Chess Mates B
Bd1: Hugh Murphy (197)	0–1	James Jackson (224)
Bd2: James Gardner (153)	½	Chris Gibson (176)
Bd3: Alan Lewis (136)	½	David Griggs (147)
Bd4: Sajjan Ganger (121)	1–0	Dave Curran (111)
Bd5: Keith Bristow (120)	½	Mick Buswell (101)

Rushden knocked out on the tiebreak rule!

RCC are currently undergoing something of a boom, with a lot of new players coming to the Club on a Monday evening. It's great to see most of the boards taken and experience the competitive atmosphere. In addition to our adult ladies we are now seeing an increase in younger players of both sexes. The more experienced players are enjoying the challenge of passing on their knowledge to the next generation and making them welcome at the Club.

Chess is a game for people of all abilities, disabilities, and lifestyles. Rushden Chess Club loves welcoming new members, so do come along to a meeting if you're interested in playing chess in a very friendly environment – for details please call the Club Secretary on 07810 474969, or visit the club website <http://rushdenchessclub.com> and for the NCA (County Association) it's <http://www.norchess.lloydbunday.co.uk>.

## Two newcomers for Irchester United FC

Irchester have brought a couple of new faces into their squad in the last month.

Right back Jim Murray has switched from Sileby, while midfielder Raphael Brown has been a key man in the title chasing O N Chenecks reserve side this season. Brown made his Romans debut in the 3–2 win over Blackstones at Alfred Street on 28th February, only their second win of the new year.

## ChromaSport & Trophies United Counties League results

Saturday 7th March

### Premier Division

Eynesbury Rovers 1–2 AFC Rushden & Diamonds  
Wellingborough Town 2–3 Thurnby Nirvana

### Division One

Blackstones 0–2 Thrapston Town  
O N Chenecks 1–1 Raunds Town

### Reserves Division

Irchester United 0–0 Bourne Town  
Raunds Town 3–2 Potton United  
Thrapston Town 3–2 O N Chenecks

### Under-21 Division

Kettering Town 2–1 AFC Rushden & Diamonds

## Diamonds in devastating form on the road

With less than two months of the season remaining, AFC Rushden & Diamonds are still setting the Premier Division pace.

They have been in particularly impressive form on the road of late, notably in a 9–0 success at Desborough on 21st February.

Defender Liam Dolman led the way with a remarkable four-goal haul at the Waterworks Field, with Russ Dunkley, Jack Ashton, Tom Berwick, Declan Rogers and Adam Confue also on the scoresheet. That win equalled a Diamonds record win in adult football, matching a nine-goal success at

Buckingham in December 2012.

Seven days later Diamonds swamped Huntingdon 7–1 at Jubilee Park with ex-Cromwellians skipper Declan Rogers scoring a hat-trick against his former club and on 7th March a stoppage time Matt Gearing penalty secured a 2–1 victory at Eynesbury.

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