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NEWS IN BRIEF

Book Fortnight at Glaphthorn

World Book Day formed part of a whole book fortnight at Glaphthorn School, which also included a visit from author/illustrator Alex Milway (of Pigsticks and Harold fame) and visits by all the classes to the Oundle Festival of Literature.

Parents and grandparents also visited classes to read stories to the children throughout the fortnight.

Staff and children celebrated World Book Day by dressing up in some weird and wonderful outfits as their favourite book characters and also by holding a book swap. Everyone brought a book in to swap and went home with a different new-to-them book. Perfect – and much fun and excitement was had by all!

Friends Life Women's Tour returns to East Northamptonshire with stage start in Oundle

The world's top female cyclists will race from Oundle to Kettering this June, as Northamptonshire again plays host to the 138-kilometre (86-mile) third and middle stage of the Friends Life Women's Tour.

On Friday 19th June 16 of the world's top women's

cycling teams, including Wiggle Honda, Boels Dolmans and world number one team Rabo Liv, will head to Oundle for a stage that will take in Gretton, Corby, Rothwell, Desborough and Brixworth as well as other locations.

Starting at 10am, Stage Three is expected to finish in

Kettering at around 2.15pm. Highlights of the race will be shown on ITV4 that evening, with a repeat the following morning. Heading west from Oundle to Upper Benefield, the stage will loop back to Oundle before heading north to Fotheringhay and Kings Cliffe. The race will then pass through Harringworth

and Gretton, climbing from Rockingham into Corby on the road past Rockingham Castle. After heading into Corby, Stage Three will then head to Rothwell and pass through Desborough, as it did for the opening leg in 2014.

With an uphill drag into Kettering town centre ahead of the finish, coming at the end of what will be the longest stage of the 2015 Tour, the Northamptonshire stage could well prove crucial for the destination of the race leader's Friends Life Yellow Jersey.

Cllr Heather Smith, deputy leader at Northamptonshire County Council, said: "This world-class event offers a wonderful opportunity for us to bring people together and inspire them to think about their own health and fitness and hopefully get cycling too."

Paula Prince, Oundle's Events Officer said: "We are delighted to have the start of Stage Three on Friday 19th June here in Oundle.

This stage has been called the Queen of stages, as it is the longest and one of the toughest. We are excited to welcome back world-class professional women's cycling to our streets again. We are launching the Tour on Saturday 9th May by asking cyclists to meet at 10.30am at the Drill Hall Car Park to cycle along West Street to the Market Place and cut a cake to celebrate."

Oundle will also host a Warm-Up Party on 18th June from 4pm until 9pm where there will be fun for all the family; some of the things on offer that evening are a Classic Bike Rally, British Cycling organising races, Crazy Bikes, an Allsorts Market, Climbing Wall, plenty of music and dance and an It's a Knockout event. If you would like to enter a team into It's a Knockout, please contact Paula at paula@oundle.gov.uk

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Friends Life Women's Tour

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Competing for charity

Local athlete Matthew Peleszok is competing in three marathons, one Long Distance Triathlon, one Middle Distance Triathlon, a 100-mile bike ride and the Great North Run. Starting with the Paris and London Marathons in April, Matthew is raising money for Severn Hospice in his home town of Shrewsbury.

Over the last few years Matthew has lost both parents and his grandfather to cancer and hopes to repay the hospice for the outstanding work they have done for his family.

To help with his fundraising Matthew, who works at Prince William School, Oundle, is holding an auction of items donated by local business including a family pass for West Lodge Rural Farm, Afternoon Tea at the Talbot Hotel, bike services at The Cycle Technician, Oundle, and a bottle of wine signed by Prime Minister David Cameron. The auction ends on 3rd April 2015.

To support Matthew and bid on his items please visit www.jumblebee.co.uk/ severnhospice or www.justgiving.com/matthewpeleszokironman



Matthew Peleszok

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.

MORE ON GARDEN BIRDS

I wrote late last autumn about the reduced number of birds in my garden in Raunds. I recently carried out the RSPB Bird Watch, putting out all sorts of food for birds then sitting for an hour at my window, but not a single bird came to my garden although at the moment there seem to be a few more around. It has been suggested that the spraying of the local rapeseed crop or the increase in Magpies might be to blame for the decline but I have come to the conclusion that heavy rain and flooding has damaged nests and destroyed eggs. It's also the case that waterlogged gardens account for an absence of the green and black fly on which birds would feed. There have been more worm casts on the lawn of late but our garden birds don't have webbed feet! I shall be planting more shrubs and flowering plants in an attempt to attract more birds and it will be interesting to see the results. Any comments from the RSPB would be appreciated.

Ms Margaret Fone

Dear sirs,

With the lambing season underway please can you make dog owners/walkers aware of the damage their lovely pets do if loose near sheep. I am suffering more frequent dog attacks on my sheep and nationally this is becoming an increasing problem.

Land owners are entitled to shoot dogs on their land.

It is a criminal offence to worry livestock.

All this can be avoided by keeping your dog on a lead/flexible lead. No matter how well trained your dog is you would not practise sit/stay on the other side of the motorway.

I don't think it is an insignificant fact the most recent few dog attacks I have suffered have been by rescue dogs. I don't think the rescue centres are giving the correct information i.e. keep on lead. These are high prey drive type dogs Staffy/American bull/Lurcher/Husky.

My slogan to hit home is 'Take your dog for a walk. Don't bring it home in a body bag.'

I now intend to prosecute all dog owners, not just get warnings from the police.

Many thanks.

Disgruntled resident

Another morning of fun

Another holiday fun morning is being planned in Raunds. Following the huge popularity of their half term pancake party, the St Peter's committee are going for savoury treats this time, and will be serving bacon, or sausage rolls (including vegetarian options).

Wednesday 8th April is the date, and the time is 10am-12noon when children

and grown-ups are invited to come along to the Raunds Enterprise Centre to tuck into delicious food, then wash it down with fruit drinks, tea or coffee – and lots of it. There will be quizzes, games and raffles, and other fun events are still being planned. The organisers are looking forward to greeting and entertaining you – please make a note of the date.



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Rushden Rotary Club celebrates 80th birthday!

Formed in 1935 the Rushden Club celebrated its 80th Charter Celebrations on Thursday 19th February with distinguished guests at the John White Golf Club in Rushden.

Organised by the Chair of Membership, Geoff Bolland, the evening proceedings commenced with a three-course meal followed

by a welcome to guests by President Mark Darnell. Guests included Presidents and Rotarians from the Clubs of Rushden Chichele, Corby, Kettering, Kibworth & Fleckney as well as District Governor Ken Billington, District Secretary Dick Parsley, Assistant Governor Chris Davies, Rushden Inner Wheel President Kaye Rawlins and President of

Rushden Rotaract Rebecca Dore. Also present were the Mayor and Mayoress of Rushden, Cllr and Mrs Richard Lewis.

The District Governor proposed a toast to the Club after which Guest Speaker Adam Simmonds, Northamptonshire's Police Commissioner spoke about his passion to make the county the safest county in England.

STROKE AND HEALTH AWARENESS: KNOW YOUR BLOOD PRESSURE

This year marks 12 years of Rotary support for the Stroke Association. Year on year the number of Rotary clubs supporting this event is growing. The date of Saturday 18th April has now been set for Stroke Awareness Day.

High blood pressure is the biggest risk factor for stroke and as it has no symptoms many people are completely unaware they have it. We estimate that around half of strokes could be prevented if people with high blood pressure took steps to keep it under control. The Know Your Blood Pressure campaign is run by the Stroke Association in partnership with Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland (RIBI) to raise awareness about the link between high blood pressure and stroke.

On 18th April, Rushden Rotary Club will be parked in Waitrose car park, accompanied by fully qualified nurses who will be armed with blood pressure machines, ready and willing to take blood pressure readings and offer advice to any member of the public willing to participate.

Past years' events have proven that by taking this precaution

warnings have been received and lives saved!

WOMEN'S REFUGE

The Rotary Club of Rushden Chichele are supporting the Rushden Women's Refuge in their hour of need. The bathroom facilities at the house are in need of refurbishment and the Club is providing the equipment and the skills necessary to get the work done. The talents of several members of the club who have the relevant skills and qualifications will be put to good use in a project that will cost around £1,000.

ROTARY SHOWCASE 2015

Advance notice is given of the Annual Rotary Showcase which takes place at the Buccleuch Academy in Kettering on Saturday 20th June. The event will feature all aspects of Rotary life including the Young Designer Competition, community activities, international projects, programmes for young people and many more activities in which Rotarians are involved.

Members of the public are encouraged to go along and familiarise themselves with these activities and perhaps feel they would like to get involved in Rotary themselves.



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Women's business development group set for second term in Northamptonshire

A business development group for women in North Northamptonshire is soon to start its second term after a successful start in January.

The Bird Table is a monthly term-time group for local women running small and medium-sized businesses, based on the concept of small group coaching. The group, based in Thrapston, is led by professional coach Claire Burgess, founder of Soar Development.

The aim of the group is to challenge members to think differently, set tighter goals, share ideas and grow their business. It provides members valuable time to think about their business in a confidential and 'safe' environment, where they can be themselves, ask for help, and don't have to sparkle and shine as in networking groups!

The next set of Thrapston sessions will run from May, monthly on a Thursday (Claire also runs a group in Peterborough monthly on a Wednesday).

The Bird Table is a fast-growing network of business development groups, hosted

across the country. They were founded in Northamptonshire by local coach Aly King-Smith and currently a number of groups are running successfully.

Claire said: "The groups are confidential, warm, challenging, supportive, affordable and effective. The members of the first Thrapston group have shown amazing progress towards their business goals and also enjoyed the support and collaboration offered by the group, which many women lack when working solo on their business. I am passionate about helping women to reach their potential and the group is a great way for this to happen."

A Thrapston group member gave the following testimonial: "When I came to the first session, I had just set up my business and was full of nerves. By session three, I walked away smiling, feeling positive and ready to take my business to the next level. Thanks so much for today, I haven't felt this good in ages!"

Anyone interested in joining the group or for more information can email Claire on claire@soar-development.co.uk or visit her website www.soar-development.co.uk.



The Bird Table

Rowing success for Prince William School

A group of students from Prince William School have won the county Project Ability trophy for rowing.

The competition is part of the Winter School Games initiative sponsored by Sainsburys. Schools from around the county attended district

competitions earlier in the year, and the winners from those events attended a county final day on Friday 27th February.

Project Ability aims to break down barriers to enable all youngsters to participate in sport.

In addition to the success of the Project

Ability team, Prince William's first rowing team finished second overall in the games, narrowly beaten by Northampton School for Boys.

Prince William's Will Cardall (Year 11) recorded the best overall individual rowing performance of the finals.

FREE digital workshops and webinars for Northamptonshire businesses

A series of FREE interactive webinars will explore the basics of important areas of commercial online activity including cyber security, how to get started in social media and digital marketing strategy.

Key elements for business growth such as tactics for customer interaction, how search engines work and data protection will all be covered.

NEP, in association with Northamptonshire Growth Hub, will be delivering the sessions throughout March, making them available to all Northamptonshire businesses. Following the webinars, participants will have the opportunity to access further mentoring support either online or through a more formal mentoring programme.

The activity is being supported by Northamptonshire County Council and the Government's Digital Capability Challenge Fund, and is part of NEP's programme of free digital support including professional diagnostics of local businesses' digital capability until the end of March and free hands-on workshops, also in March, to help Northamptonshire companies with their online engagement.

To book a workshop or webinar, go to northamptonshireep.co.uk/events

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Art exhibition offers inspiration at Chichele College

Over the weekend of 27th and 28th June, Northamptonshire creatives Tamsin Edwards and Marlene Snee will be inviting people to view their latest collection of art.

Both artists have put together an eclectic portfolio of paintings, ranging from Marlene's experimental landscapes, delicate Chinese work and traditional watercolours, through to Tamsin's quirky humorous illustrations, atmospheric scenes and fantasy pictures.

The art exhibition will be set in the wonderfully atmospheric grand hall of Chichele College (Higham Ferrers), where both ladies are greatly looking forward to the opportunity of meeting and to talking to visitors.

Tamsin, who has recently created illustrations for a published book of prose, and art tutor Marlene will be demonstrating over the weekend and will be very happy to discuss their work and inspirations, and to encourage would be artists to "take up the paintbrush".

Poet 'Cazza' will be also at Chichele performing and signing copies of her book. In addition, copies of the children's book 'Tales of Two Shires', another publication that Tamsin has illustrated, will be available.

The college and its renovated medieval garden will be open free of charge between 9am-5pm on the Saturday and 10am-4pm on Sunday. All visitors are most welcome. Disabled access is limited to the ground floor and gardens. There is no onsite parking but there are free car parks and on-street spaces to the rear of the college in Saffron Road.

As an added attraction for visitors, Higham Ferrers will be enjoying a large Farmers' Market on the Saturday morning, complementing the town's many independent shops.

To see examples of their artwork or to learn more about Marlene's art classes, please visit www.minigallery.co.uk/Marlene_Snee/ or www.facebook.com/marlene.paintings and www.texart.co.uk

Marathon runner supports elephants at risk

Chris Doe, who lives in Raunds, is tackling the Brighton Marathon on 12th April in aid of The David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust, a charity based in Kenya best known for rescuing elephant calves that have been orphaned, mainly due to the illegal ivory trade.

Rescues elephants which survive stay at the Trust's nursery until the age of three, when they will be moved to one of three rehabilitation sites in Kenya. Once they are ready, they will become wild elephants again.

As it stands, one elephant is killed every 15 minutes in Africa. Any dependant young will also die, as they cannot survive without

their mother's milk before the age of two. It is believed that if poaching continues at the current rate, elephants will be extinct by 2025.

Chris was lucky enough to visit the orphanage on his honeymoon in 2011. He and his wife vowed from then on to do all they could to help save this iconic animal.

If you would like to sponsor Chris visit www.justgiving.com/running4elephants or can contact him via running4elephants@outlook.com to find out other ways to donate. For more information about the charity you can go to www.sheldrickwildlifetrust.org



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Notice of planning applications received

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Ashton

14/02183/LBC (18/04/2015)

(LBRegs) Replace kitchen and bathroom and installation of a french drain around curtilage of property at Vine Cottage 17 The Green Ashton PE8 5LD

15/00502/FUL (18/04/2015) (LB/CA) (Info)

Two storey rear extension, creating new dining room/playroom to ground floor and additional bedroom to first floor at Hawthorn Cottage 30 The Green Ashton

15/00503/LBC (18/04/2015) (LB/CA)

(LBRegs) Two storey rear extension, creating new dining room/playroom to ground floor and additional bedroom to first floor at Hawthorn Cottage 30 The Green Ashton

15/00512/FUL (18/04/2015) (LB/CA)

Two storey rear extension with single storey link between extension and outbuilding and internal alterations at Broom Cottage 29 The Green Ashton PE8 5LD

15/00513/LBC (18/04/2015) (LBRegs)

Two storey rear extension with single storey link between extension and outbuilding and internal alterations at Broom Cottage 29 The Green Ashton PE8 5LD

15/00519/FUL (18/04/2015) (LB/CA)

Two storey rear extension, bathroom to first floor and dining room to ground floor and internal alterations at Willow Cottage 9 The Green Ashton PE8 5LD

15/00521/LBC (18/04/2015) (LBRegs)

Two storey rear extension, bathroom to first floor and dining room to ground floor and internal alterations at Willow Cottage 9 The Green Ashton PE8 5LD

Benefield

15/00004/FUL (18/04/2015) (LB/CA)

Proposed demolition of attached shed to Grade II Listed outbuilding with proposed alteration works and refurbishment to cottage, outbuilding and removal of existing driveway, new vehicular access at Brook Villa 38 Main Street Lower Benefield PE8 5AE

15/00005/LBC (18/04/2015) (LBRegs)

Proposed alterations and refurbishment to Grade II Listed cottage and outbuildings to include demolition of shed attached to outbuilding, internal alterations to dwelling house to provide first floor bathroom, installation of new drainage, rewiring and insulation. Replacement of existing windows and doors and creation of new opening to form window opening to first floor south elevation. Installation of photovoltaic panels to the East elevation roof to include removal of Collyweston tiles and replace with other material and associated works to make good existing Collyweston tiled roof to roadside elevation and all other work associated within the scheme of renovation at Brook Villa 38 Main Street Lower Benefield PE8

Chelveston-cum-Caldecott

15/00489/FUL (18/04/2015) (Art8)

Continued livestock grazing and proposed development of solar photovoltaic panels and associated equipment including transformer kiosks, inverters, access tracks security fencing and camera equipment at Chelveston Renewable Energy Park The Airfield Chelveston

Denford

15/00458/FUL (18/04/2015) (LB/CA)

Re-building of existing single storey annex and replacement of flat roof by pitched roof at Church Cottage Church Lane Denford NN14 4ED

Duddington with Fineshade

15/00457/LBC (18/04/2015) (LBRegs)

Strengthening of existing roofs to house, outbuilding and barn (four roof areas) and stitching of cracked masonry to rear corner of stable at Manor Farm House High Street Duddington

Easton-on-the-Hill

15/00464/FUL (11/04/2015) (Info)

1. Replace white double glazed pvc windows to front elevation with A grade units coloured Irish Oak. Dining room/left hand window to be bowed. 2. Replace front door unit with composite door in matching Irish Oak. 3. On completion of above, have the whole of the bungalow rendered to conceal numerous problem areas as part of our maintenance plan at 43 West Street Easton On The Hill PE9 3LS

Glaphthorn

15/00520/FUL (11/04/2015) (Info)

Rear extension to existing dwelling at The Old Storehouse Main Street Glaphthorn PE8 5BE

Hargrave

15/00472/OUT (11/04/2015) (Info)

Outline: Erection of a single detached residential dwelling (all matters reserved) at Land Between The Gables And Church Road Hargrave

Irthlingborough

15/00423/VAR (18/04/2015) (Art8)

Variation of condition 2 – roofline and elevational amendments to improve the street scene and impact on neighbouring properties pursuant to planning permission 13/01822/FUL: ‘Proposed development of eleven new dwellings and associated works’ dated 7.11.13 at 51 Victoria Street Irthlingborough NN9 5RG

Laxton

15/00439/FUL (11/04/2015) (Info)

Erection of a single storey extension to the front of building and a single storey link extension to the rear at The Old Threshing Barn Main Street Laxton NN17 3AT

Oundle

14/02157/FUL (11/04/2015) (Info)

Conversion of agricultural building to dwelling, realignment of track and formation of access at Barnwell Road Oundle

15/00462/FUL (18/04/2015) (LB/CA)

Conversion of existing attached garage and shed to be incorporated as additional living accommodation and to form additional guest bedrooms on first floor currently used as a games room. Replacement of all single glazed windows with double glazed timber windows at The Old Forge Turners Yard Oundle PE8 4EW

15/00470/FUL (18/04/2015) (LB/CA)

Change of use of second floor attics rooms from residential (C3) to office (B1) use - internal alterations to extend the main staircase up to the second floor from first floor at 44 West Street Oundle PE8 4EF

15/00471/LBC (18/04/2015) (LBRegs)

Change of use of second floor attics rooms from residential to office use – internal alterations to extend the main staircase up to the second floor from first floor at 44 West Street Oundle PE8 4EF

15/00473/FUL (18/04/2015) (LB/CA)

Single storey rear extension including roof, dormer and chimney repairs at 41 North Street Oundle PE8 4AL

15/00474/LBC (18/04/2015) (LB/CA) (LBRegs)

Single storey rear extension including roof, dormer and chimney repairs at 41 North Street Oundle PE8 4AL

15/00524/FUL (18/04/2015) (LBRegs)

Single storey extension to rear and to replace existing conservatory at 23 Laxton Drive Oundle PE8 5TW

Raunds

15/00422/REM (11/04/2015) (Info)

Reserved matters - layout of car parks for disabled and for additional Geopost staff parking pursuant to planning permission 11/00700/OUT dated 9.12.11 – Outline: Demolition of existing buildings, development of employment park including A3/4/5, B1b and c, B8, C1, D1 and D2 uses together with access, parking areas and open space (all matters reserved except for access) at Phase 2 Warth Park Way Raunds

15/00501/FUL (11/04/2015) (Info)

Proposed division of four bedroom detached house into two three bedroom houses at 15 Park Road Raunds NN9 6JL

Rushden

15/00413/FUL (11/04/2015) (Info)

Roof lantern over existing entrance porch and permitted development single storey rear extension at 53 Hayway Rushden NN10 6AG

15/00415/FUL (11/04/2015) (Info)

Single storey front extension at 7 Cartmel Way Rushden NN10 0JN

15/00428/FUL (11/04/2015) (Info)

Single storey front extension, two storey side extension, single

storey rear extension at 5 Ashby Drive Rushden NN10 9HJ

15/00453/FUL (11/04/2015) (Info)

New industrial building at Knights Farm 223 Newton Road Rushden NN10 0SX

15/00455/ADV (18/04/2015) (LB/CA)

One non illuminated fascia sign and one non illuminated double sided projection sign to front elevation at 91 High Street Rushden NN10 0NZ

15/00484/FUL (11/04/2015) (Info)

Two storey front extension at 16 Larkhill Rushden NN10 6BG

15/00534/FUL (11/04/2015) (Info)

New garden wall and parking area (part retrospective) at 136 Northampton Road Rushden NN10 6AL

15/00543/FUL (18/04/2015) (LB/CA)

Rear stairs (external) to access first floor flat over shop premises and change flat windows from existing timber to aluminium at 14 Church Street Rushden NN10 9YT

Thrapston

15/00418/FUL (11/04/2015) (Info)

Extension to side of property in the existing garden/drive to include two bedrooms, two bathrooms, kitchen-diner and lounge/office at 31 Roman Way Thrapston NN14

Wakerley

15/00490/FUL (11/04/2015) (Info)

Demolition of existing conservatory and utility room and replacement with two storey and single storey rear extensions at The Fields Main Street Wakerley

Woodford

15/00410/VAR (18/04/2015) (LB/CA)

Variation of condition 7 – to allow for new drawings pursuant to planning permission 11/01050/FUL dated 7.7.11 – Erection of detached three bedroom dwelling with parking to rear following demolition of existing garage at 16 Whittlesea Terrace

Woodford

15/00432/FUL (11/04/2015) (Info)

New access to highway with dropped kerb at 47 Mill Road Woodford

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 March 2015

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

Rushden Golf Club fundraiser promises great prizes

On Friday 19th June Rushden Golf Club will be holding their annual Seniors Pairs Open with all the proceeds from the associated raffle going to the local Air Ambulance organisation.

The golfing event will include a bacon roll

and coffee on arrival, followed by 18 holes of golf on the relatively new course, which provides an interesting and challenging array of golfing holes, with some of the most wonderful views over Northamptonshire countryside. The day ends with a buffet lunch and

the prize presentations. The competition is open to men’s, ladies’ or mixed pairs teams and there will be some super prizes for all three categories, including individual nearest the pin and longest drive awards, all for only £25 per person.

Tickets for the raffle will be available throughout the

day and there will be many company sponsored prizes as well as those funded by personal contributions, the aim being to generate a substantial sum for the Warwicks and Northants Air Ambulance service for presentation on the day to their regional representative.

It is hoped that the prospect of a fabulous day at Rushden Golf Club, enjoying some of the best golfing in the area, plus supporting a really deserving cause in the Air Ambulance – which provides a very valuable life-saving service within the county – will

encourage local readers to join in on 19th June, when everyone will receive a very warm welcome. Application forms can be obtained via the Secretary or Bob Newell the official organiser at Rushden Golf Club: telephone 01933 418511 or email secretary@rushdengolfclub.org.

Prince's Trust renovates sports club

The Prince's Trust Team Programme is based in Eaton Walk, Rushden and helps to tackle youth unemployment in East Northamptonshire. The course provides unemployed 16 to 25 year-olds with the skills and confidence to find a job.

Young people will get involved in team building activities, a week-long residential trip, a community project and two weeks of work experience during the course. They will also get advice on how to write a CV as well as gaining nationally recognised qualifications.

Three in four young people on Prince's Trust schemes move into work, education or training. The Prince's Trust will help 55,000 disadvantaged young people this year, giving them the confidence and skills to turn their lives around.

TEAM REPORT

We are a group of 17 from the Prince's Trust in Rushden. The Prince's Trust programme is a 12-week

course provided by Tresham College of Further and Higher Education. As part of our course we complete a three-week community project.

As a group, we decided on what the community project would be and also how we would raise the money to fund the project. We decided to renovate the Rushden and Higham Rugby Club and we would raise the money needed by bag packing at some of the local supermarkets.

On 12th February we were bag packing in Asda and raised a total of £232.31. On 13th February we were also bag packing,

but this time in Waitrose and we raised a total of £306.66. On top of our earnings from bag packing, Barclaycard also donated £100 towards our project; we had discounts from Wickes and West End and also received free paint from the Full Gospel Church paint shed.

With the £638.97 in total that we raised we purchased all of the materials and tools required for us to complete our project. This included paint, paintbrushes, sponges, cleaning products, rollers, etc.

On 16th February we began work at the rugby club. Our first day

predominately consisted of cleaning the changing rooms and the showers. For the rest of the two and a half weeks we spent at the rugby club, we were painting the ceiling, walls, floors and benches in the changing rooms and also brightened up the function room.

Throughout the weeks we were joined by Miranda, the community champion of Asda, members of the rugby club and two trainee police officers. This, in addition to the discounts, demonstrated great community spirit in East Northamptonshire.

Written by current student, Michael Lyman



Before



After



The Team



Decorating



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From the East Northamptonshire Council Chairman

I was pleased to attend the institution of Reverend Rachel Hawkins as the new vicar of St Peter's Church in Rushden. The ceremony was conducted by the Bishop of Peterborough and the Archdeacon of Oakham. Welcome to Rachel and all the best for your ministry.

My charity lunch to celebrate International Women's Day, held at the wonderful Stanwick Lakes Visitor Centre, was a great success. It raised £300 for my charity PROSTaid. We had an interesting talk by Peter Barratt from Irthlingborough, who spoke about his Great Grandmother, Alice Hawkins, a suffragette who was imprisoned for her part in the protests to get the vote for women. He even brought a lady dressed in traditional costume wearing the banner 'Votes for Women'.

Suffragettes are currently in the news because it is the centenary of some of their activities, with several TV series and a film due out soon in which Peter appeared as an extra. This film, Suffragette, stars Helena Bonham Carter, Meryl Streep and Carey Mulligan. I thought it was appropriate in election year to remind people how important it is to vote and how these women fought so hard to get what we now take for granted – freedom for all to vote.

It's the season of civic dinners and I was happy to represent the district at events held by the Mayor of Whittlesey, the Chairman of Northamptonshire County Council and the Mayor of Burton Latimer. At this last one, we heard an inspiring talk by Scott Etherington

who rowed across the Atlantic Ocean to inspire people to get active. It was a very challenging experience, especially as he had not rowed previously. He also managed to raise £37,000 for Diabetes UK. Well done Scott.

I visited Rockingham Forest Housing for the local leg of the launch of the Homes for Britain campaign and the ceremonial handing over of a key. The campaign highlights the shortage of housing in the country and Rockingham Forest Housing, one of our local social landlords, are planning to build homes in the future to address this problem.

I was also pleased to represent East Northants at a flag raising ceremony organised by the Chairman of Huntingdonshire District Council. This was to commemorate Commonwealth Day. Each year, a theme is agreed in consultation with representatives of the Commonwealth Civil Society and presented for approval by Her Majesty The Queen, Head of the Commonwealth. This year's theme was 'Young Commonwealth'. Announcing the theme, the Secretary-General of the Society said: "A Young Commonwealth recognises the capacity, contribution and potential of young people, particularly in 2015 when the world will define a new global development framework."

Commonwealth Day is an annual event which offers an opportunity to promote understanding on global issues, international co-operation and the work of Commonwealth organisations, which aim to improve the lives of citizens.

ENC Chairman, Cllr Gill Mercer



Chairman of East Northamptonshire Council, Cllr Gill Mercer, with guests at her International Women's Day lunch

Genealogy Jottings

Have you ever noticed the buildings around you and wondered what they might have been used for in a former life?

When I was a child, I lived in Hertfordshire and each Saturday was taken into town to help with the weekly shopping. I would spend ages gazing up at the buildings in the town centre, realising that many people looked at the shop windows as they bustled past, but did not think to look above the shops themselves.

Many a tale may be told of the history of a building – or at least questions asked – if time is taken to explore the structures. For instance, did you know that Oundle Library is housed in what used to be the gatehouse of the Oundle Workhouse? The workhouse itself was where the Health Centre and Stronglands Court now sit. Built in 1836–1837, it replaced one that was in West Street. That latter building still exists,

but is now a private house, having also been an antique shop along the way.

The East Northamptonshire Council Offices are now housed in what was once the Thrapston Workhouse in Cedar Drive and when I first started working, my office was housed in an old orphanage. You could even see the slight dips worn into the stone stairs up to the office caused by years of tiny feet trudging up and down them.

The beauty of the Market Towns and villages in East Northamptonshire is that many of the buildings have been in existence for hundreds of years and have seen many changes. Maybe you live in such a building. Have you ever explored its history? You never know – you may well be surprised!

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New skatepark for Jubilee Park

Rushden Town Council will be installing a new skatepark at Jubilee Park this summer.

After much consultation with the skatepark user group the Town Council has decided to go with a concrete park, as this will be more sustainable and considerably less expensive to maintain than the original wooden ramp. The skate park has been designed to cater for skaters and riders of all ages and abilities.

The Town Council has always been

committed to providing an excellent skatepark facility and hope this exciting design will meet everyone's expectations. This project has been funded by Rushden Town Council, Section 106 monies (planning contributions), the ENC Members' Empowerment Fund and a Community Grant from East Northamptonshire Council.

The skatepark user group will also be organising some events over the summer to raise additional funding.

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Put a spring in your step and enjoy the sights at National Trust locations in Northamptonshire

As winter turns to spring and the days get longer, new life is starting to appear at National Trust gardens, parklands and estates, from spring flowers to newborn lambs and nesting birds.

Northamptonshire is a great place to experience some of these seasonal changes and to get out and see some stunning displays of spring colour. Go looking for some of the wildlife that will be starting to appear again in the woods and parklands after a long dreary winter. Get out and about and put a spring in your step!

There will be lots happening in National Trust gardens, with gardeners busy preparing for the season ahead. This could be anything from a good spring tidy-up to cutting acres of lawns and trimming miles of hedges. At Lyveden New Bield

they will be keeping on top of the 26 acres of mowing that needs to be done, and at Canons Ashby they will be painting the 1.5km of white lining around the croquet lawn in preparation for warmer weather. Many gardens offer tours, or the opportunity to buy plants, and the gardeners are always happy to chat to visitors and pass on their wisdom, no matter how busy they are!

Canons Ashby and Lyveden New Bield both offer plenty of opportunities to see spring flowers, from the earliest snowdrops to later flowering bulbs like tulips and daffodils. Both places offer a variety of walks through the gardens or parkland, and there are children's trails for the kids to explore and run wild.

There should be lots of birds around for visitors to spot and identify at this

time of year – it's the start of the breeding season and a time of change, with the departure of winter visitors and arrival of summer migrants like swallows and cuckoos. Many birds will be busy gathering nesting material, and will be at their colourful best as they prepare for the breeding season and try to attract a mate.

Lyveden is a great place for a spot of birdwatching – a chance to see the agile swallows as they return to nest, as well as more common species like blackbirds and blue tits. Younger visitors can pick up a spotter guide and even borrow a pair of binoculars from the Family Den to take a closer look.

Carl Hawke, Wildlife and Countryside Consultant, says: "Much of the work to care for the incredible gardens and parklands takes place while we are open to

visitors and people are fascinated to find out how long it takes us to mow the lawns or cut the hedges – and they very often pick up a few tips for their own

gardens! These outdoor spaces all offer a variety of habitats for native wildlife as well as plants and we actively manage the woodlands to benefit

wildlife."

Why not start planning some fun spring days out for the whole family? Visit www.nationaltrust.org.uk/midlands

Storytelling with a difference at Irthlingborough Library

Storyteller Dominic Kelly is coming to Irthlingborough Library to perform stories inspired by local history, events and people.

The Trading Places Project, run by the Rockingham Forest Trust, has commissioned well-known storyteller Dominic Kelly to create new stories inspired by local folklore, real events and characters to entertain the people of Irthlingborough, with further performances planned for more towns in the Nene Valley, including

Irchester and Raunds.

The storytelling performance will be in Irthlingborough Library on 31st March at 7pm.

Ros Patching, Trading Places' Community Officer, said: "We are really lucky to have Dominic, who has performed all over Britain and Europe, coming to East Northamptonshire to tell his specially created stories, inspired by Nene valley landscapes, towns and villages. This is storytelling for adults and older children (12 years and up) that will make you smile, make you gasp,

make you wonder...and make you think about your locality in new ways, picking up on the strange, the charming, the cheeky, and name checking a few real local characters. Come along, listen and discover just a little more about the heritage of where you live."

The performance will last just under an hour.

This event is Heritage Lottery funded and therefore free, but places are limited, so please book by emailing tradingplaces@rftrust.org.uk or by calling 01933 625527.

Oundle Rotary help local initiatives

Rob Sadler, President of the Rotary Club of Oundle, presented cheques to three local charities at a recent meeting.

The club have held various fundraising events over the past few months to raise money to support various local charities and had great pleasure in presenting cheques for £500 to each of the selected charities.

Sue Ryder received a contribution towards its new hospice being built at Thorpe Hall. The new £6m In-Patient unit opens this July and will offer fantastic facilities to patients and families. During the evening a presentation was given by Nilesh Patel and he accepted the money on behalf of the project.

Dr Ros Wilmot attended the evening and accepted a cheque for £500 for the local charity CHAT. This charity offers counselling for teenagers to help them through difficult times.

Lastly a cheque for £500 was presented to Volunteer Action and received on their behalf by Robin Veit. This local charity helps people in the community to keep their independence, by providing transport for essential journeys such as visits to the hospital, or to see friends and loved ones.

During the forthcoming months the Rotary Club of Oundle will be organising other events and look forward to being able to raise more money to help the local community and beyond.



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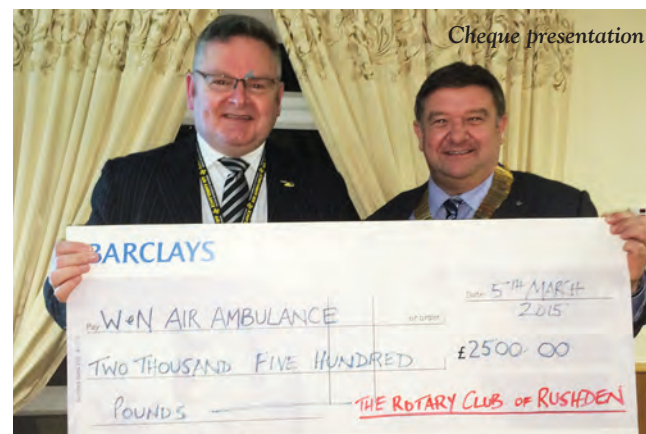
As a result of the successful Waitrose Trolley Dash, the Rotary Club of Rushden has been able to donate £2,500 to the Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance.

One of the reasons why WNAA was chosen as one of this year's Rotary charities was Rotarian Mike Neville's experience of the service, following an accident at home, which involved a speedy transfer to a Coventry trauma hospital.

Mike commented: "I can't speak highly enough of the

expertise the helicopter crew showed during the flight. The speed of the whole operation certainly helped my recovery process."

A cheque was presented by President Mark Darnell to WNAA fundraiser Stewart Wilkins at a recent Rotary meeting. Stewart gave an illustrated presentation on the work of the Air Ambulance, the expensive running costs and how the speed of getting to the various hospitals saves lives. Stewart emphasised that the entire service has to operate on public donations.



Cheque presentation

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 to turn around the lives of local people in need. All proceeds from the event 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 the club's events please go to www.swivelclub.com, or call the ticket hotline on 07738 080470 or the bowls club on 01933 312680.

Easter events at Stanwick Lakes

Stanwick Lakes is the ideal place to take your family and get them outside in the fresh air this Easter. There is something for everyone, including the popular 'Wild about Woodcraft' event, a family bird walk and, of course, an Easter Egg hunt!

Over the Easter weekend from Friday 3rd to Monday 6th April, families can enjoy an outdoor Easter Egg Hunt – just follow the trail and solve the clues to win a small

chocolate egg. On Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th April between 11am and 4pm, a host of traditional wood crafters will be at Stanwick Lakes sharing their skills with visitors at the 'Wild about Woodcraft' event. You can watch chainsaw carvers create sculptures, a bodger and a willow weaver in action and try your hand at wood carving with a chisel and hammer.

Stanwick Lakes is well known for its bird life and on Sunday 19th April there is the

first in a series of Family Bird Walks, led by local ornithologist Bob Webster. Bob will help you spot and identify some of the resident and migrant birds found in and around the lakes – don't forget to bring binoculars! Book your place by ringing the visitor centre on 01933 625522.

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Our next Big Craft Day is on Saturday 4th April & will feature the following demonstrations:-

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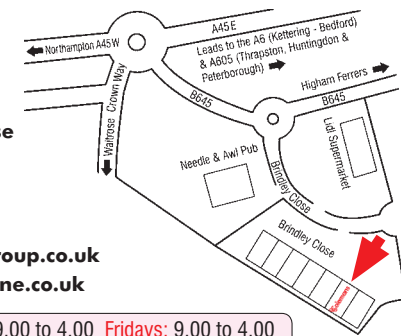
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 £1.50, no need to book.
 Tel: 01780 782747
www.weanorthamptonshire.org
 Exploring Northamptonshire – Laxton and Spanhoe – 4.0 miles.

Friday 3rd April
Whitefriars Church
 Retireds' Group – Steve Chadwick talking on '4,480 nappies and counting'
 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.

Friday 3rd April – Sunday 5th April
Piano recitals, quiet time and prayer for Easter contemplation
 The Heritage Chapel and Halls, Park Rd, Rushden NN10 0RW
 Admission free
 April 3rd from 6.30pm, April 4th from 8pm, April 5th 9am–10.30am

Friday 3rd – Monday 6th April
Easter Egg Trail around Stanwick Lakes
 Stanwick Lakes
 11am–4pm
 £1.50 per person – normal car park charges apply
 01933 625522 – www.stanwicklakes.org.uk – info@rfrtrust.org.uk
 Follow the trail, solve the clues and win a small chocolate egg!

Saturday 4th April
'Movement in Dancing' with Alan et Anton, Robert Peel Musician/Songwriter and Vocalist Nilani Young
 The Heritage Chapel and Halls, Park Road, Rushden NN10 0RW
 From 8pm
 Admission £5 – bring your own drinks/nibbles
 Contact: info@movementindancing.co.uk
 Live music and dance display by 'Movement in Dancing' students trained by twice Strictly Corby winner Anthony 'Anton' Bazin with piano recitals during the evening in the Church for Easter contemplation, prayer and quiet time, all welcome.

Baby/Children's Nearly New 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

Oundle Strollers
 Tel: Brian Collis 01832 272659
 Walk starts at Southwick Church 1pm.

Sunday 5th April
Whitefriars Church – All Age Worship for Easter Day
 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.

Easter Service with Holy Communion led by the Rev David Womersley
 The Heritage Chapel and Halls, Park Rd, Rushden NN10 0RW
 10.30am
 Admission free
 Morning Worship will be an Easter Service with Holy Communion, followed by

refreshments, Children's Easter Crafts, all welcome.

Sunday 5th and Mon 6th April
Easter Bunny Weekend
 Rushden Station, Station Approach, Rushden NN10 0AW
 Trains 11am–4pm
 Fares: Adults £4 Children £4
 Children accompanied by an adult receive an Easter Egg.
 Tel: John Sugars 01933 353111
 Easter Egg Hunt, Refreshments, Children's Arts & Crafts, Model Railway, Real Ale Bar.

Monday 6th April
Southwick Hall, Southwick Nr Oundle
 Admission £7 adult £3.50 child
 Open 2pm–5pm (last admission 4.30pm)
 Medieval/Elizabethan manor house with exhibitions, grounds and refreshments.

Stanwick 10K Road Run and 2K Fun Run
 High Street Stanwick
 10.30am
 10K, £11 and £13 online only.
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Wednesday 8th April
Oundle Strollers
 6.30pm
 Tel: Len Johnson 07796 0916644
 Walk starts at long stay car park East Rd. Oundle.

Oundle Branch of the Northamptonshire Family History Society
 Oundle Methodist Church, Drummingwell Lane
 7.30pm–9pm
 Visitors £2/members free.
 Tel: 01832 272061
www.northants-fhs.org
 AGM followed by Interesting Ancestors. Which of your ancestors would you like to speak with for 10 minutes and why?

Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th April
Wild about Woodcraft at Stanwick Lakes

Stanwick Lakes
 11am–4pm
 Free entry to event – modest charges for some activities – normal car park charges apply
 Tel: 01933 625522 – www.stanwicklakes.org.uk – info@rfrtrust.org.uk
 Watch chainsaw carvers, a bodger, and a willow weaver in action and try wood carving with a chisel and hammer.

Friday 10th April
The Grand Budapest Hotel (15)
 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. Contact 01933 460373 for details.

The adventures of Gustave H, the hotel's legendary concierge and Zero Moustafa, the lobby boy who becomes his trusted friend.

Serve Mobility Shop Spring Sale
 Serve, The Wellbeing Centre, 19 Church Street, Rushden, Northants NN10 9YU
 10am–3pm
 Admission free
 Tel: Lyn Driver 01933 315555
 A sale on a great range of mobility aids – Amazing Prices.

Saturday 11th April
Table Top Sale
 The Pemberton Centre, H E Bates Way, Rushden NN10 9YP
 10am–12noon
 Entrance £1, children admitted free.

Rushden Pensioners' Forum Coffee Morning
 St. Peter's Church Hall, Midland Road, Rushden
 10am–11.30am
 To book a stall email: karen_aves@hotmail.co.uk
 Admission 50p
 Cakes, Bottle Tombola, Gifts, Bric a Brac, Raffle, Coffee/Tea and Biscuits.

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

It's My Life/It's My Work
 The Heritage Chapel and Halls Park Road Rushden NN10 0RW
 6pm
 Donation on the night, no need to book.
 Contact: Melanie Coleman
 'It's My Life' & 'It's My Work' are a group of adults with a learning disability presenting a show of their original material.

Sunday 12th April
Second breakfast
 Whitefriars Junior School, Boughton Drive, Rushden NN10 9HX
 10.15am
 Admission free
 Simon King 01933 356871
 A very informal church – come and share a second breakfast with us, and relax whilst the kids play.

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.

Whitefriars Church, Rushden, Countryside Walk – a Raunds Rendezvous
 Starts at Thorpe House Farm, Thorpe Street, Raunds NN9 6LH
 10.30am
 Tel: Andrew Presland 01933 316927
 A circular walks of about three miles for people of all ages.

Thursday 30th April – Sunday 3rd May
Raunds Music Festival
 Saxon Hall and Other Venues in Raunds
 Starts 8pm Thursday 30th April – Ends 11pm Sunday 3rd May
 Events from £2–£18, Full Weekend from £40
 contact@raundsfestival.com
 Tel: 07756 015615
 A live music weekend featuring top artistes, dancing and activities for all.
www.raundsfestival.com

Every Monday
Headway East Northants Craft Club
 The Baptist Chapel, Meeting Lane, Irthlingborough
 1.30pm–3.30pm
 £1 admission
 Tel: Claire Phillips 01933 652311 E: claire.phillips@headwayeastnorthants.org.uk
 Informal, friendly group making small items for fundraising purposes (knitting/crochet/cards). Materials can be provided.

Titchmarsh Folk Dance Club
 The Club Room, High Street, Titchmarsh NN14 3DF
 8pm–10pm
 £1 inc tea/coffee
 Tel: Julie Bubbles 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
 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 every month
Oundle Wives Planting for Spring – Sam Brown
 Methodist Church, Oundle
 7.45pm
 £3 for refreshments and raffle
 Tel: 01832 272178
 New members very welcome. Friendly, social group.

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 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 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
ghearmden@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.

**Third 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.

Wellingborough Flower Arrangement Society
St Mary's Church Hall, Knox Road, Wellingborough, NN8 1HU
7.30pm
£5
Chairman on 01933 222326 or Secretary on 01604 870275
Car park available.

**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.

**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 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.

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

**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.

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.

**Every Friday
'Tea + Tots'**
Little Ducklings Pre-School Barnwell
1.30pm–3pm
£1.50 per family
Tel: 01832 358085
Come and enjoy a nice relaxing cup of tea whilst watching your children play.

**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!

**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.
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**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.

**Every Sunday
Morning Worship**
Rushden Mission Church
Wellingborough Road
10.45am
Tel: Alan 01933 355302
All age family service with the Music Group and children's activities.

**Last Saturday of the month except December
Farmers' Market**
Market Square, Higham Ferrers
9am–1pm
danielle@highamferrers-tc.gov.uk
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**Last Sunday of the month (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**
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.)
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Tel: Derek Geater 01933 381848
Drawing and painting, mainly working in watercolour with some soft pastels.

More events can be found at
www.nenevalleynews.co.uk
To submit your event please contact us via our website in the following format: **Date, event, place, time, admission fee (if applicable), contact information, 15 word description.**

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PUBLIC NOTICES



NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14

THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (CLUB LANE, WOODFORD)

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC, PEDESTRIANS AND EQUESTRIANS) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council intend, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit traffic from proceeding along the length of Club Lane, Woodford as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: The length of Club Lane, Woodford from entrance to Church to number 5 Club Lane.

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

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 20th April 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 25th April 2015.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: Use The Green, Addington Road, Church Green and Church Street.

Dated this 28th day of March 2015
QUENTIN BAKER
Director of LGSS Law JCM/T15/138

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

LICENSING ACT 2003
APPLICATION TO VARY A CLUB PREMISES CERTIFICATE (SECTION 84)

Notice is hereby given that Stanwick Club has applied to East Northants Council for the variation of a Club Premises Certificate in respect of 10 High Street Stanwick for the following licensable activities; adding plays and films, extension of sale of alcohol and provision of regulated entertainment. Also, to amend wording of Public Safety Conditions.

The Licensing register may be inspected at the Licensing Authority, East Northants Council between 9am and 5pm. Any representation by a Responsible Authority or Interested Party must be made in writing to the above address by April 17th 2015.

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

Elizabeth Taylor (Club Secretary)

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14

THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (PUBLIC BYWAYS NK2 - PARISH OF LUDDINGTON, NY13 - PARISH OF THURNING, MF15 - PARISH OF BARNWELL & MN8 - PARISH OF CLOPTON)

(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above Order made by Northamptonshire County Council on 25th September 2014 and which came into effect on 26th September 2014 has been extended until the works to which it relates have been completed or until midnight on 26th September 2015 whichever is sooner by the Secretary of State for Transport. Private access to land or premises adjacent to the said byways is unaffected.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required so that the surface damage can be repaired.

Dated this 28th day of March 2015
QUENTIN BAKER
Director of LGSS Law JCM/ROW/169

To view the map for this Order please visit www.northamptonshire.gov.uk and enter "Temporary Traffic Regulations Orders" in the search box. If you require any further information please contact Mark Gatehouse on 01604 884600.

SCHEDULE
(Length of byways to be closed)

The route to be closed begins at Point A on the map at National Grid Reference (NGR) TL09594 81630 on Winwick Road. The route then heads generally south west for approximately 1780 metres along public byways NK2, NY13, MF15 and MN8 to point B at NGR TL08200 80610 on Gibbet Lane.

The route is shown by a solid black line between points A - B.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTE:
There is no suitable alternative route.

East Northamptonshire Council

PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (AMENDED BY THE LOCALISM ACT 2011)
NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 2012 (as amended)
DESIGNATION OF NEIGHBOURHOOD AREAS

Notice is given that an application has been made by the following Town and Parish Council for the designation of a Neighbourhood Area, under Section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and Regulation 5 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended):

- Brigstock Parish Council (designation of a new Neighbourhood Area)

This will enable the Parish Council to undertake neighbourhood planning and in particular to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan for their parish. It is intended that wider, strategic planning issues will be addressed through the adopted Local Plan for East Northamptonshire Council, which consists of the North Northamptonshire Core Spatial Strategy (adopted June 2008); Rural North, Oundle and Thrapston Plan (adopted July 2011); and saved policies from the East Northamptonshire District Local Plan (adopted November 1996). Preparation of a replacement Local Plan is already underway, which will consist of the North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy (JCS) review and relevant site specific Plan(s), prepared by East Northamptonshire Council.

East Northamptonshire Council is seeking to designate a Neighbourhood Area boundary for Brigstock. The boundary proposed is the entire area of the Parish of Brigstock.


In accordance with Regulation 6 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, the proposed boundary is now advertised for comments as to whether there is any reason why East Northamptonshire Council should not make the designation. Further information can be found on the Council's website under the consultation pages at the following link: www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/consultation

Copies of the proposed Neighbourhood Area boundary shall be available to view at the following locations, between Friday, 27 March and Monday, 27 April 2015 inclusive:

- Customer Service Centre, Cedar Drive, Thrapston, NN14 4LZ (8:45am-5pm, Monday to Friday)
- Customer Service Centre, Newton Road, Rushden, NN10 0PT (9am-4:30pm, Monday to Friday)
- Customer Service Centre, Oundle Library, Glaphthorn Road, Oundle, PE8 4JA (10am-1pm, Monday to Saturday)
- Libraries at Thrapston and Oundle during their normal opening times

Any comments concerning the proposed neighbourhood planning boundary should be made, in writing, to: Planning Policy and Conservation, East Northamptonshire Council, Cedar Drive, Thrapston, Kettering, NN14 4LZ or by e-mail to planningpolicy@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk no later than 4pm on Monday, 27 April 2015.

David Reed
Head of Planning Services
East Northamptonshire Council



Chess corner *by Derrick Sims*

Rushden Chess Club (RCC) entertained Chess Mates D in League II of the Silver King Northamptonshire League. Rushden B were in confident mood following the sound thrashing they gave them the last time the two teams met in November.

Bob Ellam was disappointed to lose to Andy Reed in Rushden's only defeat of the evening. Nik Puryer showed his class in defeating Nigel Turner, with Phil Campbell and Jeff Owen producing convincing victories over their opponents. It was particularly pleasing to see Phil win in only his second league match for RCC and he remains undefeated in the league. As things turned out the final score was identical to the result of November's match. Rushden B remain second in League II just behind Oundle with a game in hand.

This was followed by Rushden A competing against Chess Mates A in League I. In contrast to the B team's confidence before their match the A team were in a sombre mood. Top players Hugh Murphy, Rajan Ganger and James Gardner were unavailable, forcing Rushden to field what was in effect a B team. This against the top team in the Northamptonshire League should have made the St Valentine's Day massacre look like a tea party!

As it happened things took an unexpected turn when Saj, Keith and Phil managed to avoid defeat and agreed draws with their opponents. In fact, I have it on good authority from my undercover agent that Keith and Phil played so well that they should have won their games. Saj continued his good form playing a solid game against Chess Mates' Frank Kamau, despite a 49 point grade deficit. It's worth noting that the average grade deficit for Rushden was 44 points with Chess Mates' bottom board being higher graded than Rushden's top board.

Rushden were justifiably proud of the fight they put up against overwhelming odds. Chess Mates A have cemented their place at the top of the table with this victory, while Rushden A remain in the halfway position.

Silver King Northamptonshire League II Match

Mon 2nd Mar, Rushden B 3.5 – 1.5 Chess Mates D	
Bd1: Nik Puryer (134) 1-0	Nigel Turner (120)
Bd2: Keith Bristow (120) ½	Dave Curran (111)
Bd3: Phil Campbell (109) 1-0	Ian Revitt (103)
Bd4: Bob Ellam (107) 0-1	Andy Reed (88)
Bd5: Jeff Owen (98) 1-0	Roland Coles (53)

Silver King Northamptonshire League I Match

Mon 9th Mar, Rushden A 1.5 – 3.5 Chess Mates A	
Bd1: Alan Lewis (136) 0-1	Chris Ross (201)
Bd2: Nik Puryer (134) 0-1	Greg Smith (170)
Bd3: Sajan Ganger (121) ½	Frank Kamau (170)
Bd4: Keith Bristow (120) ½	Dom. Conterno (161)
Bd5: Phil Campbell (109) ½	Eva Ressel (137)



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>.

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AFC Rushden & Diamonds	1 - 1	Wisbech Town
Holbeach United	3 - 1	Wellingborough Town

Division One

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Thrapston Town	6 - 1	Blackstones

Reserves Division

Bourne Town	P	Rushden & Higham Utd
<i>(Rushden & H unable to raise a side)</i>		
Potton United	2 - 1	Irchester United
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