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**NEWS IN BRIEF**

**Comic Relief at Glapthorn School**  
No sooner were the children at Glapthorn School out of their fabulous World Book Day outfits than they were back into different, no less splendid costumery, this time Looking Funny for Money!

The children attended school wearing what they fancied to make themselves look funny. Each child donated a pound to Comic Relief for the privilege of looking outrageous, were photographed in their outfits and had the option to buy the resulting prints, which were a sell-out.

Boots of Oundle developed the prints for free, in order that every penny raised could benefit Comic Relief.

A brilliant £255 was sent off to support Comic Relief.

**Raunds Stitches help newborns**  
Raunds Stitches have completed a further 30 baby quilts (making a total of around 60) for the Neonatal Clinic at Hinchingbrooke Hospital.

Reverend Scott Watts, Chaplain at Hinchingbrooke joined the Stitches for coffee and cakes when he came to accept the quilts at their regular Wednesday meeting at Raunds Library.

The Stitches continue to work on various projects in support of charities and will be raffling a beautiful double patchwork quilt at an open day to be held in the library on 18th April between 10am-2pm.

## Two apprentices receive KICK Start to their careers

Two youngsters have gone above and beyond to gain an apprenticeship with Keepmoat Property Services in partnership with Spire Homes.

Originally, Thomas and Josh were competing for just

one apprenticeship after completing the six-week KICK Start work experience course, but their work ethic impressed colleagues so much that Keepmoat and Spire Homes arranged for both to gain apprenticeships.

Prior to taking part in the KICK Start programme, Thomas and Josh had been working for Keepmoat for free, to gain work experience, since February and September last year, respectively.

Josh said: "Work experience and KICK Start were a really good way for me to start a career in plumbing. I find learning 'on the job' much more rewarding than going on a college course. I've enjoyed every moment and I'm really grateful to Spire Homes and Keepmoat."

Thomas added: "As I'd already done a year volunteering with Keepmoat, I decided to give the KICK Start programme a try to see if I could get the apprenticeship and develop my skills even more. My most memorable moment was getting the phone call to say my application had been successful and gaining an apprenticeship has made it totally worth it."

Tristan Hemsley, Operations Manager at Keepmoat said: "When there's only one space up for grabs, everyone in the running ups their game and Josh and Thomas definitely

went the extra mile to show us just how much they wanted to work.

"They've both become key members of the team and we're really pleased to be able to offer both of them an apprenticeship in partnership with Spire Homes."

Both Thomas and Josh also received the tools and equipment they need to begin their apprenticeship free, thanks to a training and education grant from Spire Homes that tenants can use to purchase equipment or training to develop their skills and career.

"Normally, people need to purchase their tools themselves so we wanted to do something extra to help Thomas and Josh, especially as they have both shown how dedicated they are to their work," added Helen Mead, Customer Engagement Team Manager at Spire Homes.



Keepmoat apprentices

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# Letters to the editor

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

Dear Editor,  
Despite efforts over the years from the Rushden District and History Society and more recently the Rushden Branch of the Royal British Legion with a petition that I led, attempts to name the new school currently being built on Goulsbra Road after WW1 VC winner Lieutenant Colonel Bernard Vann have failed...well, for the time being.

I recall that since at least the summer of 2013 various attempts were made by people of influence in Rushden, in the form of letters, emails and thwarted phone calls to ask the Greenwood Dale Foundation Trust to consider naming the school after our town's very own VC recipient, posthumously awarded in 1918. All efforts have led to zero response until it was deemed too late to reverse the decision that was made to name the new school The Rushden Primary Academy, notified rather quietly in a local newspaper. Whilst I and many others were hugely disappointed, no consideration was given in listening to the people of Rushden, of which nearly 3,000 have signed a petition to name the school after Bernard Vann. I suspended the petition as a result but have not given up in pursuing the matter in righting a wrong that really should have been addressed decades ago.

I thought there may be an opportunity to win back some ground when a public consultation was held at the Pemberton Centre on 4th March 2015 led by Greenwood Dale Foundation Trust CEO Sir Barry Day OBE with his key support team in tow. The public consultation was "well advertised" to such an extent that the only members of the public present - apart from two town councillors - were a local school Head Teacher and myself; I only found out from another councillor who was unable to attend. I ask whether it really was "well advertised" because if it was there would have been a number of parents present and more interested parties and stakeholders; I certainly did not see anything in the local papers. I cannot help myself thinking the event was just a "tick in the box" scenario so that it could be said a public consultation was advertised and subsequently held.

When the public were invited to ask questions, I stood up to speak (as one is brought up to do) but was asked to sit down and carry on speaking. That threw me off my tracks but what really got to me was the instant admission

both that the school's website was already up and running and the uniform design and colours chosen! I was quite staggered but slightly comforted when, upon informing the CEO and those present that, by coincidence 420 Rushden lives were lost during the Great War - the eventual total number of pupils to be admitted to the new school - the CEO advised that we (the Greenwood Dale Foundation Trust and the Royal British Legion) can work together with the school. Having read Greenwood Dale Foundation Trust's brochure How We Work, where it states on Page 1 under Admissions, "GDFT Academies sit at the centre of their communities. They do not select by ability and pride themselves on being true 'Community Academies'," I look forward to the school 'being a true community academy' in the future and hope that Bernard Vann VC will be recognised much more than at present; how about The Vann of Rushden Primary Academy?

It is heartening to see that there is a road opposite the school that will be called Bernard Vann Close but in my opinion his name should be portrayed in a much greater way; after all, he made the ultimate sacrifice for King and country, was awarded the Military Cross and Bar and the French awarded him the Croix de Guerre. There are many worthy late individuals such as former councillors, bank managers, entertainers and great contributors to the local community who have and still do get streets named after them, but they do not match the achievements of Bernard Vann. It is hoped there will be an opportunity in the autumn to hold a small but formal ceremony to officially open Bernard Vann Close with his family members present.

Corby have got their act together; Lance Corporal James Ashworth, who was killed in Afghanistan in 2012 and in March 2013 posthumously awarded the VC, has had a public square in the town named after him and a new school is being built in Corby called the Ashworth Preparatory School. I have to ask, why can't this great town do the same? People of Rushden fully support the town's Armed Forces Day, Remembrance Sunday and donate well in excess of £35,000 each year during the Poppy Appeal - pretty generous for a population of about 30,000.

In the meantime, let us all try not to get confused with Rushden Academy in Hayway and the Rushden Primary Academy in Goulsbra Road, not to mention the other two academies!

Yours sincerely,  
*Jake Baker - A disappointed member of the community and Major (Retired)  
Rushden Branch of the Royal British Legion*

# Summer season of outdoor cinema at Stanwick Lakes

The first five-month season of outdoor films in the county is set to commence at Stanwick Lakes, near Rushden.

After a successful trial of films at the popular nature reserve in 2014, local film fan Simon Hopkins has fulfilled an ambition to create 'LUNA FLIX Outdoor Cinema' and continue the venture this year. There will be 20 films screened using a new seven-metre-wide inflatable screen and projecting a clear HD picture. It is a project working in co-operation with Stanwick Lakes, making special use of their grassy outdoor amphitheatre by the lake.

The opening weekend begins on Friday 1st May with Steven Spielberg's sci-fi spectacular Close Encounters Of The Third Kind (PG) continuing on Saturday 2nd May with the 2001 musical extravaganza Moulin Rouge (12A) and the ever-popular Abba favourite Mamma Mia! (PG) on Sunday 3rd May.

Simon Hopkins said: "LUNA FLIX exists to make film nights special - a place to share the films you love. Being outdoors is what makes the film experience different. Anyone can go to a multiplex, but it won't be as memorable as enjoying your picnic while the sun sets over the water. The idea is to relish favourite films as old friends, let's cheer when the guy gets the girl, scream when the hero is in danger and join in those great songs, it's about making the film alive."

The film season runs regularly at weekends till 12th September and includes classic films recently voted for by the public including Grease (Sing-Along), The Rocky Horror

Picture Show, Guardians of The Galaxy, Back To The Future, Jaws, Labyrinth, The Princess Bride, Ghostbusters, Pretty Woman and last year's big hits, Dirty Dancing and Top Gun, also return. Tickets must be purchased in advance: £9 Adults, £6.50 Under 15s and include free parking during the event.

The screenings each have a limited attendance so book early to avoid disappointment. For online booking and season details: [www.lunaflix.co.uk](http://www.lunaflix.co.uk)

FULL SEASON:

Date	Doors	Film Begin	
<b>May</b>			
Fri 1	7.30	9.10	Close Encounters of the Third Kind (PG)
Sat 2	7.30	9.15	Moulin Rouge (12A)
Sun 3	7.30	9.15	Mamma Mia! (PG)
Fri 22	8.00	9.50	The Commitments (15)
Sat 23	8.00	9.50	Guardians Of The Galaxy (12A)
Sun 24	8.00	9.50	Grease Sing-Along (PG)
<b>June</b>			
Fri 5	8.00	10.00	Priscilla, Queen Of The Desert (15)
Sat 6	8.00	10.00	Top Gun (12A)
Fri 19	8.00	10.10	Little Shop Of Horrors (PG)
Sat 20	8.00	10.10	The Rocky Horror Picture Show (12A)
<b>July</b>			
Fri 17	8.00	10.00	Monty Python's Life Of Brian (15)
Sat 18	8.00	10.00	Dirty Dancing (12A)
Fri 31	8.00	9.40	An American Werewolf In London (15)
<b>Aug</b>			
Sat 1	8.00	9.40	Pretty Woman (15)
Fri 14	7.30	9.15	Jaws (12A)
Sat 15	7.30	9.15	Ghostbusters (12A)
Fri 28	7.00	8.45	Back To The Future (PG)
Sat 29	7.00	8.45	The Goonies (12A)
<b>Sept</b>			
Fri 11	6.30	8.15	The Princess Bride (PG)
Sat 12	6.30	8.15	Labyrinth (U)

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To vote in any UK election, you must be on the electoral register. To vote in the 7th May elections, you must be registered by 20th April. You can register online any time at [www.gov.uk/register tovote](http://www.gov.uk/register tovote) It's easy to do and only takes five minutes.

## WHO CAN REGISTER TO VOTE?

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## WHO IS STANDING?

Details of all candidates standing will be on our website at [www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/elections](http://www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/elections) from 9th April.

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## WHERE DO I GO TO VOTE?

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The results of the general election will be announced by TV, radio, newspapers, social media etc. once counting has been completed. This starts after 10pm on Thursday 7th May (when the polls close) and will most likely finish in the early hours of Friday 8th May.

East Northamptonshire district, town and parish votes are being counted from 1pm on Friday 8th May so will be announced later that day. We will put the results on our website at [www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/elections](http://www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/elections) and local radio, TV and newspapers will be covering the whole local election.

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# Genealogy Jottings – discover your family roots

## INTRODUCTION

Have you started researching your family history yet? I am lucky in that I was partly brought up by my Gran, who was one of 13 children. Coming from such a large family, as you can imagine, there were lots of tales to be told! Therefore, I have always known about that part of the family.

## SO, WHERE DO YOU START?

Get a large notepad and write down all that you can remember about your family. Once you start to think about the people in your past, memories will be triggered that you can check out. It may be that you think that a parent was

born in a particular year, but upon investigation find that they were older or younger than you first thought.

If you have any living relatives, ask them what they know. Sit down and reminisce with them. You never know what they will remember. However, you may wish to follow up certain stories. My father, who was born in 1927, mentioned that he was told that a relative committed suicide by throwing himself off a railway bridge. He thought that this happened along the road from where he lived in Hertfordshire. It was only when I started delving further that I found that it was his great grandfather, who had walked out in front of a train rather than throwing himself

off a bridge – and it happened in Kent, not Hertfordshire! This occurred four years before my father was born and his parents were still talking about it when he was young. So, there was some truth in the story, but not all the facts were correct.

Don't forget to record where you find out your information. Otherwise, five years from now you will be thinking, "Where did that come from?" Happy hunting!

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Sam and Mary

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edge, he found more oak wood including what looked like a vertical post that had been clearly worked with a small bladed axe.

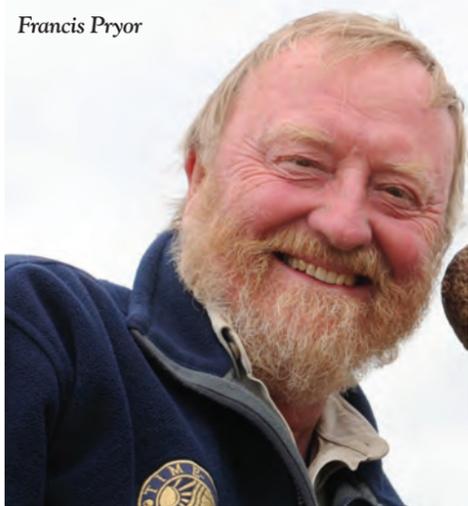
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**In the Community**

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## Notice of planning applications received

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

### SIGNIFICANT APPLICATIONS

All "significant" applications are highlighted in green. These are defined in the 2006 Statement of Community Involvement as those for:

- 100 dwellings and over
- residential development of 3ha or over if number of dwellings not known
- 1000 square metres of floor space or over
- commercial/industrial development of 1ha or over if floor area not known
- would, in the council's opinion, alter the overall character of the locality by means of scale, use or visual appearance
- would, in the council's opinion, be sensitive due to substantial demolition in a conservation area
- would, in the council's opinion, be sensitive due to development next to a listed building

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

#### Ashton

**15/00514/FUL (02/05/2015) (LB/CA)** Two storey rear extension, bathroom to first floor and dining room to ground floor and internal alterations at Honeybee Cottage 8 The Green Ashton PE8 5LD

**15/00516/LBC (02/05/2015) (LBRegs)** Two storey rear extension, bathroom to first floor and dining room to ground floor and internal alterations at Honeybee Cottage 8 The Green Ashton PE8 5LD

#### Clopton

**15/00548/OUT (25/04/2015) (Info)** Outline: Renewal of consent 12/00070/OUT – Erection of three dwellings (all matters reserved) at Motel Block The Red Lion Inn Main St Clopton NN14 3DZ

#### Duddington With Fineshade

**15/00584/FUL (25/04/2015) (Info)** Change of use to tented camping including associated car parking and a welfare building at Fineshade Wood Top Lodge Fineshade

#### Easton-on-the-Hill

**15/00581/FUL (25/04/2015) (Info)** Erection of a pair of semi detached dwellings and new access to the highway at part land rear of 17 and 19 Westfields Easton On The Hill

#### Glaphorn

**15/00550/FUL (25/04/2015) (Info)** Single storey rear extension at Nettle Cottage Main Street Glaphorn PE8 5BE

#### Irthlingborough

**15/00376/FUL (02/05/2015) (Art8) (Info)** Demolition of existing public house for the development of fifty six bedroom nursing home at 332 Addington Rd Irthlingborough NN9 5UT

**15/00526/FUL (25/04/2015) (Info)** To convert existing detached garage into a bedroom with en-suite facility and a secondary space as an office/utility room at 140 Ebbw Vale Rd Irthlingborough NN9 5YD

**15/00569/VAR (02/05/2015) (Art8)** Variation of condition 2 and 28 to allow twenty one affordable units comprising of eleven two bedroom properties and ten three bedroom properties, associated access, parking and landscaping. Substitution of 2 no. three bedroom properties in place of 2 no. two bedroom units on plots 3 and 4. Increase of size of all two bedroom units to 70.5m<sup>2</sup> pursuant to planning permission 14/01268/FUL – 'Redevelopment of previously cleared site development, with erection of 21 new dwellings and associated parking, landscaping and new access' dated 27/11/2014 at Tower Factory Victoria St Irthlingborough NN9 5RG

**15/00633/FUL (25/04/2015) (Info)** To install external wall insulation to all external elevations at 15 Baker St Irthlingborough NN9 5PR

**15/00634/FUL (25/04/2015) (Info)** To install external wall insulation to all external elevations at 19 Baker St Irthlingborough NN9 5PR

**15/00636/FUL (25/04/2015) (Info)** Install external wall insulation to all external elevations at 21 Baker St Irthlingborough NN9 5PR

#### Kings Cliffe

**15/00561/FUL (25/04/2015) (Info)** Two storey rear extension to existing property: providing 2 further bedrooms, bathroom, study and kitchen /dining space at 113 Wood Rd Kings Cliffe PE8 6XR

**15/00565/FUL (02/05/2015) (LB/CA)** Sub division of part converted barn into two dwellings at Wellington House Farm Buildings Forest Approach Kings Cliffe PE8 6XG

**15/00566/LBC (02/05/2015) (LBRegs)** Sub division of part converted barn into two dwellings at Wellington House Farm Buildings Forest Approach Kings Cliffe PE8 6XG

#### Little Addington

**15/00614/FUL (25/04/2015) (Info)** Proposed single storey rear bedroom extension at High Beech Chapel Hill Little Addington NN14 4BG

**15/00621/OUT (25/04/2015) (Info)** Outline: Two link detached dwellings (all matters reserved except for access and scale) at Hillside Farm Irthlingborough Rd Little Addington NN14 4AS

#### Lutton

**15/00547/FUL (02/05/2015) (LBRegs)** Retrospective planning application for the installation of electric gates at East Lodge Ashton Wold Ashton PE8 5LZ

#### Oundle

**15/00018/FUL (25/04/2015) (Info)** Change of use to B8 ground floor and B1c first floor Extension to existing store and workshop installation of rooflights and woodburner and chimney and alterations to boundary to give parking and turning space at 30 Glaphorn Rd Oundle PE8 4JQ

**15/00615/REM (25/04/2015) (Info)** To discharge reserved matter on appearance, layout floor levels, boundary treatments, parking/turning facilities and landscaping pursuant to planning permission 13/01551/OUT dated 21.2.14 – Outline: Demolition of existing Arn cottage and build new self contained four bedroom house and associated site works (all matters reserved except for scale and access) at Arn Cottage Wood Lane Oundle PE8 5TP

#### Polebrook

**15/00612/FUL (02/05/2015) (LB/CA)** Replacement of Upvc conservatory with 1.5 storey rear extension and minor internal alterations at 9 Highfields Main St Polebrook PE8 5LN

#### Raunds

**15/00556/FUL (25/04/2015) (Info)** Extension and alterations at 2 Primrose Hill Raunds NN9 6LY

**15/00564/LBC (02/05/2015) (LBRegs)** Create doorway between bedroom one and four and create dressing area and ensuite in bedroom four at Berrister House Berrister Place Raunds NN9 6JN

#### Rushden

**15/00504/VAR (02/05/2015) (Art8)** Removal of condition 13 – fence detail pursuant to planning permission 08/01754/REM – Reserved matters: Erection of 205 dwellings with associated parking and landscaping pursuant to outline planning permission EN/97/0599/OUT at land off Windsor Road Rushden

**15/00572/FUL (25/04/2015) (Info)** Single storey rear extension with hipped roof to enable disabled parent to have sleeping, living and washroom facilities, and increase dining kitchen area at 26 Woodland Rd Rushden NN10 6UT

**15/00600/FUL (25/04/2015) (Info)** Proposed entrance porch, garage, cloakroom and utility area to ground floor with bedroom and shower room over to first floor. Hard landscaping to driveway at 28 Balham Close Rushden

**15/00632/FUL (25/04/2015) (Info)** To install external wall insulation to all external elevations at 9 Manton Rd Rushden NN10 0JT

#### Southwick

**15/00339/VAR (25/04/2015) (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 Forge Cottage Main St Southwick

#### Thrapston

**15/00507/FUL (25/04/2015) (Info)** Change of use from B1 (office) to C3 (dwelling), single storey rear extension and to create additional parking at front right side of property and a turning point at front left of property at 11 Sackville St Thrapston

**15/00560/FUL (02/05/2015) (LB/CA)** Demolition of existing kitchen, bathroom and external store. Erection of ground floor extension to provide accessible bedroom and shower room. Extension of existing dining room and formation of new downstairs family bathroom at 10 Market Rd Thrapston NN14 4JU

**15/00589/FUL (25/04/2015) (Info)** Erection of detached bungalow together with a highway crossing to provide vehicle access to site at land adjacent 46 Oakleas Rise Thrapston

**15/00622/OUT (25/04/2015) (Info)** Erection of one detached house at 3 Poppyfield Court Thrapston

#### Warmington

**15/00494/FUL (25/04/2015) (Info)** Conversion of agricultural building to residential dwelling and associated access works at America Farm Buildings Morborne Rd Warmington PE8 6UP

#### Yarwell

**15/00609/FUL (25/04/2015) (Info)** Two storey rear extension to form annexe at 41 Main St Yarwell PE8 6PR

**The reason for applications being advertised is as follows:**

**Art8 – Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995.**

**Info – Non-statutory – included for information only.**

**LB/CA – Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas Act 1990.**

**LBRegs – Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990.**

**David Reed,  
Head of Planning Services  
Dated 11 April 2015**

Consultation deadlines will differ for each application. Please go to [www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/planningapplications](http://www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/planningapplications) for details.

## Christian Aid Week 10th–16th May

It is the single biggest act of Christian witness in Britain and Ireland, and last year raised about £8m nationally, of which £7,300 came from the Oundle area. There will be the usual house-to-house collection in Oundle and many of the local villages. All collectors are volunteers and you are encouraged to give generously.

This year the focus of the week is Ethiopia, and confronts one of the great injustices of our time:

discrimination against women. Consider Loko, who lives in Ethiopia. With an absent husband and no livestock, Loko is shunned by her community. To make money she has to sell firewood, which she collects by going on a dangerous, back-breaking eight-hour walk – four times a week. If she doesn't make these journeys, her children will starve. Christian Aid provides the practical help that women like Loko need to take back control of their lives. Loko dreams of owning a cow – its milk would nourish her children and

provide income, and it would give her recognition and a voice in her community.

On Sunday 26th April, at 3.45pm in Oundle Methodist Church, you are invited to come and hear more about Christian Aid's partners in Ethiopia from Hannah Holtby, this year's intern working locally with Christian Aid. She will give an illustrated talk on 'Gender Justice in Ethiopia', and tea and cake will be served. Please ring Eleanor Rayden (01832 205287) if you would like to come.

# Oundle Festival of Music and Drama

15th–18th April

This is a prestigious local event showcasing the best of local musical and dramatic talent. Although a competitive festival, Oundle Festival is known for its friendly approach with sympathetic and constructive advice from highly qualified

adjudicators. Entries this year are up by over 20% and 20 local schools are taking part as well as many individual entrants. There is an even wider selection of performers for you to support. All sessions are open to the general public. For just

£1 you can enjoy a fabulous two or three-hour display of musical and/or dramatic talent (children free). Some previous performers have gone on to become professionals in their own field.

Joanne Stephenson playing baritone was the first Oundle

Young Musician of the Year. Whilst at university she played baritone with the GUS Championship Brass Band and is now continuing her studies in Canberra, Australia where she plays with the Canberra Brass Band. Her father comments: "That 'magical moment' at Oundle will stay with us all for a very long time!"

The first Young Singer of the Year, Leilani Barratt, is studying music at Royal Holloway College London and graduates this year to

pursue a singing career.

Another, Amy Green went on to become an accomplished professional saxophone soloist.

On the drama side, Katherine Jakeways is now an accomplished actress, writer and presenter. So it goes on and this gives you some idea of the standard of performance achieved by many of the competitors. You can be there to enjoy and support these performers at any of the sessions and at the Festival Concert.



Oundle Festival

## Official opening of Rushden Museum

On Saturday 2nd May at 1pm the Rushden Museum will be officially opened by members of the Denton family.

The Denton family had a Boot and Shoe factory in Rushden. The family had twin boys, John Sydney and William Herbert, who both played cricket for Rushden Town and Northamptonshire before signing up for the war, serving in 2/4th Northants Regiment. Although at first reported missing, they both survived the war, returning home in January 1919.

The 1915 Exhibition will also include The Welsh Fusiliers, VAD Hospital, Wellingborough Road shops, a display by Whitefriars School and much more.

Opening times for the season are Saturday and Sunday 2pm–4pm. Tours can be arranged by contacting the museum on 01933 317261 or by email [rushdenmuseum@aol.com](mailto:rushdenmuseum@aol.com)



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# From the East Northamptonshire Council Chairman

**The red carpet beckoned for an event at the Tithe Barn in Wellingborough, complete with Oscars, popcorn, mocktails (non-alcoholic cocktails) and a performance by the brilliant young singer-songwriter Lee Gough.**

The occasion was a celebration of the Talent Match, a lottery funded project which aims to give confidence to young people who are furthest from the jobs market, and who face severe barriers to gaining the skills they need to get into work. Groundwork Northamptonshire lead the project in our area and engage champions who help unemployed young people to get back into work.

Well done to the award winners, including Claudia Booth who won Outstanding Contribution and Amy Griffiths, who became Talent Match Star of the Year (they are pictured with me here by the giant Oscar).

You may not know this but in 2011 41,000 hectares of the Nene Valley, from Daventry to Peterborough, won a national competition to become a Nature Improvement Area. It shared £7.5 million of Government funding with the aim of halting the decline in biodiversity and creating an area that is "great for wildlife and great for people". Last week, I attended a celebration of the Nene Valley NIA's progress. The management team (a partnership including local authorities, the university, the Wildlife Trust and RSPB), has achieved a huge amount including conserving wildlife, preserving water quality, and restoring wildflower meadows and opening up access to green spaces to bring in tourists and

investment.

Rushden Lakes is another example of how the Nene Valley can attract investment, creating a high quality visitor destination and thousands of extra jobs, whilst preserving wildlife, green space and the future of this area.

The Mayor of Kettering gave a fascinating talk entitled 'The Falkland Islands, Then and Now'. He was living as a civilian in the Falklands when the Argentines invaded. In the first half of the evening, he described life on the island with its huge sheep farms. In a land the size of Wales, but with half the population of Oundle, everyone has to be a Jack of all trades and very self-sufficient. John Wilson then gave an illustrated talk about contemporary life in the Falklands. He is a lawyer from Kettering, and he has just rewritten the criminal law book of the islands. It was a very interesting evening.

Groundwork Northants has launched new Health Walks for Rushden, so I was delighted to represent East Northamptonshire Council at the launch and enjoy one of the walks on a beautiful spring day.

If you'd like to join in one of these free walks, they take place every Friday at 10am (meet in front of Rushden Hall) and are open to everyone. After your walk, you can enjoy tea or coffee in the Hall with new found walking friends. Walking is a great way to keep fit and healthy and so do join these walks and get to know Rushden; it has a fascinating history and some lovely sights.

ENC Chairman Gill Mercer



Chairman Gill Mercer with Claudia Booth and Amy Griffiths

## Podington man raises £1,500 for Parkinson's UK

**Colin Read from Podington presented a cheque for £1,500 to Darren Worthy, Regional Fundraiser for the East Midlands at Parkinson's UK on Monday 23rd March.**

Colin (79) was diagnosed with Parkinson's three years ago. He has been hard at work raising funds by networking with the local Rotary Club and other local

business contacts.

Colin explained: "Parkinson's UK is funding some really exciting research projects that are helping to increase our understanding of the condition and I hope will, ultimately, lead to a cure being found. Raising funds is my way to help contribute and make a difference. The more we can raise for research into Parkinson's, the sooner

major breakthroughs will be made."

Paul Jackson-Clark, Director of Fundraising at Parkinson's UK, said: "I'd like to say a big thank you to Colin. I hope Colin's story will inspire others to support the charity, either by donating, placing one of our collection tins in a prominent place, or signing up for one of our runs, walks or cycling events that happen throughout the year.

"As the UK's Parkinson's support and research charity we're leading the work to find a cure, and we're closer than ever. But our work is dependent on donations."

The funds raised by Colin will allow Parkinson's UK to continue with its vital research work to find a cure, and improve the lives of the 127,000 people in the UK who are affected by Parkinson's.

Parkinson's UK is inviting residents of Podington to support their work by fundraising for the charity. For more information call 020 7963 9330, email: [fundraising@parkinsons.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@parkinsons.org.uk) or visit: [www.parkinsons.org.uk](http://www.parkinsons.org.uk).



Colin Read (right) presenting to Darren Worthy

## Oundle Tennis Club reaches new heights!

**Oundle Tennis Club has started the spring season with two major scores: a new Head Coach, Claude Badowski, and its very own UK National Champion, Jakob Bonnett.**

"Spring weather and the recent Davis Cup games have everyone itching to get on court," says Coach Claude. "Fortunately here at Oundle any standard of player is welcome and we have a great mix of serious and social games every week."

The Club hosts eight Club Play times weekly: with Mix-in sessions day and night time slots, Ladies Mornings, Junior Afternoons, Social Sundays and the popular Men's 'Play till the Pub'

on Thursday evenings.

One player who has achieved the highest standard for his game is local ace, Jakob Bonnett, the current UK Under 9s National Champion. Jakob started playing at Oundle Tennis Club when he was just four years old. He is now a Year 4 student at Oundle Primary School and simply loves to compete. He trains for tennis all year round and also plays football, swims and earned a black belt in karate.

This spring Jakob's game grew to new heights after winning several tournaments leading to qualification for the 2015 Sunderland Grade 2 National Tournament in late February. He played at the top of his game,

taking the championship title without dropping a single set.

"Jakob is such an inspiration, tennis is really on an upward trajectory in Oundle," says Ralph Clarke, Director of Coaching at R2R Tennis, which provides accredited tennis coaching across the region. "With Claude's experience, playing as a collegiate athlete in the USA and topped off with his performance coaching certification here in the UK, Oundle has a lot to be proud of!"

Find out more about Oundle Tennis Club or coaching to heighten your game at [oundletennisclub.co.uk](http://oundletennisclub.co.uk). Interviews with Oundle Tennis Club's rising stars can be arranged.



Oundle Tennis Club

# Aston Martin visit inspires careers

**The latest event in the Quinton House School careers programme was a visit from the prestigious car manufacturer Aston Martin.**

Students, from the school in Lipton, were excited to learn about Aston Martin, the company, from design to production and find out about the vast range of careers involved in one of the world's most recognisable and iconic brands. Speakers inspired pupils with STEM-related career options as

well as the many opportunities in the fields of marketing, finance and production.

A range of careers talks from a range of professionals is arranged each year to inform pupils in Years 9 to 13 of possible careers and specific career paths. Skills workshops, visits to careers fairs and the forthcoming Career Pathways event in April are just some of the activities arranged for students to help them make appropriate career decisions.

Bal Choda, an Aston Martin engineer who volunteers as Aston Martin's ambassador promoting links between schools and industry, presented with Graduate Engineer, Imogen Howarth, explaining career paths from school to the workplace as well as showcasing the automotive sector.

Pupils were then invited to take a closer look at the visiting Aston Martin car before thanking Bal and Imogen for giving them an insight into this aspirational brand.



# Heritage fringe at the 2015 Raunds Music Festival

**The Raunds Music Festival (30th April-3rd May) is in its 14th year, and once again presents an eclectic mix of traditional and modern music and dance, featuring internationally known artists alongside groups from the local community.**

This year, the Festival has teamed up with the Heritage Lottery funded 'Trading Places' project to bring a heritage fringe to this year's festival.

Trading Places has been funded by the Heritage Lottery to celebrate local heritage and breathe new life into the traditional trades and crafts of the Nene Valley. In Raunds the project is providing a series of free heritage events in April and on the Festival weekend in May.

On Friday 17th April at 6.30pm renowned storyteller Dominic Kelly will be coming to Raunds Library to tell specially created stories for adults and older children (12 years and older), inspired by Nene Valley landscapes,

towns and villages. Come along, listen and discover just a little more about the heritage where you live. Then on the evening of Thursday 30th April, Dr Drew Gray from the University of Northampton will be leading a 'Life of Crime' history walk, exploring Victorian and Edwardian crime on the streets of Raunds. This walk is repeated on Thursday 7th May.

Booking is essential for these events, please email [tradingplaces@rfrtrust.org.uk](mailto:tradingplaces@rfrtrust.org.uk).

In the run-up to the festival weekend Trading Places will be supporting local history enthusiasts to look into Raunds past with old photographs, culminating in an exhibition at the Library over the Festival weekend. Schoolchildren will also get the chance to try the local traditional crafts of spinning and basket making and then get together to celebrate music and crafts at a Ceilidh hosted by the Music Festival and featuring young musicians from Manor School on Friday 1st May.

Musical highlights of the Festival weekend include, on Sunday evening, two artists from the USA: singer-songwriter and outstanding guitarist Brooks Williams, and Grant Gordy, whose virtuoso guitar and banjo playing combines jazz with bluegrass in a truly unique style. And new to the festival this year, Sunday's Folk Club which will both afford local musicians an opportunity to perform and feature a concert by festival favourites Ock 'n' Dough in their full five piece format.

For the full festival programme and tickets go to [www.raundsfestival.com](http://www.raundsfestival.com) or ring the festival ticket hotline on 07756 015615.



Brooks Williams

# Red Nose specialist

**Aled Phillips is a specialist Comic Relief fund raiser with a difference. He has raised £1,032.16 for the charity since 2007 by placing his own versions of Red Nose Money Boxes in shops in Oundle.**

Aled is 21 years old and lives in Oundle with his parents. After attending Rowan Gate Primary School in Wellingborough, from the age of 13 Aled was home-tutored by his mum because he is autistic and the inspiration for the Money Boxes came from a unit of work to do with helping others. Aled designs the Boxes himself and makes them with a little help from his mother with each Box taking a week to make! This year each of the individual designs had a small connection to the shop in which it was

placed; they went into a variety of outlets in Oundle including StuPots, the Barber's Comb, Oundle Bookshop, Oundle News, Coleman's, the Post Office, Beans, the Oundle Candy Company and Seven Wells butchers. Some were also given to friends and family members. To increase the amount of money raised, Aled also made and sold sausage rolls and cakes. Aled takes part in this project every two years and his contributions have been on an upward trend; in 2007 he raised £73.59, in 2009 £175.41, in 2011 £264.69, in 2013 £423.53 and this year's efforts made the grand total £1,032.16.

Aled stresses that he would like to thank all the people who helped him raise money for Comic Relief.

# Raunds Footlights proudly present 'From Rushden With Love'

*Written by Steve Szwejkowski and directed by Janet Szwejkowski*

**IN HONOUR OF OUR DEAR FRIEND AND FOUNDING MEMBER BRIAN BALL**

Our annual show is a spoof-like parody of the James Bond films. It is a three-act comedy with song and dance. It starts in the present in Act 1 and in Act 2 takes us back to the Swinging Sixties. By Act 3 we are back to 1929 with a 'Downton Abbey' feel to it.

Raunds Footlights perform at the local Raunds Town Cricket Club and act in the round, which is a particularly scary thing to do as the audience are all around you and there is no where to hide! We have a cast of 18 and have been in rehearsal for five months and now we are raring to go.

Sadly we lost one of our founding members and ex-Chairman earlier this year. Brian Ball helped form the group and has always been the cornerstone of our society ever since day one. His death came as a huge shock and blow to us all and we are dedicating this show to him. Brian was always a great supporter

of the Air Ambulance and over the years he raised thousands of pounds for them, and so we will be donating the money raised through our raffle and topping it up with an additional £500 in Brian's name. There will be a special presentation made to the charity on the final evening.

**SHOW DETAILS:**

The show will run at Raunds Town Cricket Club. From Thursday 16th to Saturday 18th April.

**TICKET PRICES:**

Thu and Fri nights £5, Sat night all tickets £6.

**TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM:**

Box Office – 01933 624310  
Raunds Post Office  
Brook Street News Agents, Raunds.

**SHOW TIMES:**

7.30pm each evening. Doors open 30 minutes before show starts.

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# Stephen Bates enthralled us with his latest book – The Poisoner: The Life and Crimes of Victorian England’s Most Notorious Doctor



Stephen Bates

Friday 24th April 7.45–8.45pm St Peter’s Church, Oundle

**In 1856, a baying crowd of over 30,000 people gathered outside Stafford prison to watch the execution of a village doctor from Staffordshire.**

One of the last people to be publicly hanged, the ‘Rugeley Poisoner’, the ‘Prince of Poisoners’, ‘The greatest villain who ever stood trial at the Old Bailey,’ as Charles Dickens described him, Dr William Palmer was convicted in 1856 of murdering his best friend, but was

suspected of poisoning more than a dozen other people, including his wife, children, brother and mother-in-law – cashing in on their life insurance to fund his monstrously indebted gambling habit.

Palmer was a new kind of murderer: respectable, middle class, personable, and consequently more terrifying – and he became Victorian Britain’s most infamous figure until the arrival of Jack the Ripper. Even Queen Victoria avidly followed the

trial, as her journal shows.

The first thoroughly documented account of one of the most notorious, but now largely forgotten, modern serial killers and prolific medical murderers in British history, *The Poisoner* takes a fresh look at Palmer’s life and disputed crimes, ultimately asking ‘Just how evil was this man?’ Stephen Bates presents not only an astonishing and controversial revision of Palmer’s entire story, but takes the reader into the very psyche of a killer.

Stephen Bates is a journalist whose career includes work for the BBC, Daily Telegraph and Daily Mail. He worked at The Guardian for 22 years, reporting from more than 40 countries. He is the author of *God’s Own Country: Religion and Politics in the USA* and *A Church at War: Anglicans and Homosexuality*.

‘Bates tells the story vividly, offering a glimpse into the mind of a sadistic killer’ (History Revealed).

‘Meticulously researched,

cleverly written and, even better, a wonderfully entertaining read’ (Judith Flanders, author of *The Invention of Murder*).

Tickets £8 (£7), £1 off early bird tickets bought before 17th April, available from the Oundle Box Office, 4 New Street, Oundle.

Open hours: 10am–1pm Mon to Fri Tel: 01832 274734, online at [www.oundlefestival.org.uk](http://www.oundlefestival.org.uk). Any queries call Helen on 07743988181 or email [oundlelitfestival@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:oundlelitfestival@hotmail.co.uk)

## Voucher could give superfast boost to eligible Northamptonshire firms

**Small and medium sized firms in the county will soon be able to access a voucher for up to £3,000 to improve their broadband connection and upgrade to superfast speeds thanks to Northamptonshire County Council.**

From April, as part of the Government’s national Broadband Connection Voucher Scheme the county council is partnering with Coventry City Council to help eligible Northamptonshire businesses boost their broadband connectivity and take advantage of the benefits of doing business online.

This is the latest initiative for the county council’s Superfast Northamptonshire project which is seeking to extend access to superfast broadband across the county by investing in new broadband infrastructure where it is needed and encouraging the take-up of superfast services.

Cllr Andre Gonzalez De Savage, county council cabinet

member for strategic infrastructure and economic growth, said: “This is a great boost for Northamptonshire. I know how critical faster broadband is for business and I hope firms in the county will take advantage of this opportunity to get connected.

“A high speed broadband connection can transform a business, improving productivity and staff morale, saving time, enabling innovation and leading to growth.

“Superfast broadband can enable businesses to engage with their customers and suppliers more quickly, reliably and in different ways, whether this is video conferencing with a customer anywhere in the world, using social media to reach a much wider audience, transferring large data files in seconds not hours, or enabling online ordering and payment systems.”

The vouchers are being made available through the Department for Culture, Media & Sport’s Superfast Britain

programme which is overseen nationally by Broadband Delivery UK (BDUK). The scheme has previously not been available in Northamptonshire. By teaming up with eligible city Coventry, the county council has ensured that Northamptonshire businesses can take advantage of the connection vouchers.

A total of £40m has been made available by Government nationally in 2015/16 for this extension of the scheme, with the vouchers available on a first come, first served basis.

Northamptonshire-based businesses can find out if they are eligible on the Business Voucher page of the Superfast Northamptonshire website at [www.superfastnorthamptonshire.net](http://www.superfastnorthamptonshire.net) where there is more information about the initiative and guidance on how to apply. Vouchers will be issued by Coventry City Council which is administering the scheme on behalf of the county council.



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**Saturday 11th April**

**Quiz Night**

St Peter's Enterprise Centre (opposite Spar), Raunds 7pm  
£5  
Tel: 01933 389457  
Quiz run by Friends of St Peter's Church Raunds, which includes a hot supper.

**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 and bakes, soft drinks available. On sale: local eggs, honey, seasonal produce. Newspapers available.

**Sunday 12th April**

**Second breakfast**

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

**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 walk of about three miles for people of all ages.

**Monday 13th April**

**Monthly Meeting**

Victoria Hall Refreshments: 2.15pm; Speaker 3pm  
Members £1; Non Members £2  
Tel: 01832 274778  
Talk from Ashley Grove: 'Birds from Shetland to the Scilly Isles – a photographic journey'.

**Tuesday 14th April**

**Tea Dance**

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

**Film night: The Imitation Game (12A)**

Laxton Village Hall

7.30pm-10pm

£5

Advance booking – Noel Jessop on Tel: 01780 450273 or email [noel@stuartlighting.com](mailto:noel@stuartlighting.com).  
'The Imitation Game' (12A) will be shown, telling the story of Alan Turing and fellow mathematicians at Bletchley Park, cracking the Enigma code and helping Britain to defeat Germany in WWII. Bar and refreshments available.

**Woodford WI**

Jubilee Room, Woodford Community & Sports Club 7.30pm  
£2 donation for visitors  
Tel: Jenny Mead 01832 734731 [jennybunnmead@hotmail.com](mailto:jennybunnmead@hotmail.com)  
Talk by Scott about his catering career bringing him to Woodford Mill Tea Rooms.

**Wednesday 15th April**

**Irthlingborough Community Cinema – The Ladykillers**

Goliath Hall, Methodist Church, College Street 2pm  
Admission £4 (at the door) includes light refreshments  
For more information 01933 651643  
This is the first Community Cinema event, everyone welcome.

**Documentary Film – Tony Benn: Will and Testament (12A)**

The Water Tower, Brigstock 7.45pm  
£25 for season of three films if paid prior to first film otherwise £8 on the door.  
Tickets from Oundle Festival Office, 01832 274734 or on the door.  
Expert examination of the controversial events that shaped Tony Benn's long career, good and bad.

**Thursday 16th April**

**Discovery Walks**

Meet at Woodnewton Church 2pm  
£1.50, no need to book.  
Tel: 01780 782747  
[www.weanorthamptonshire.org](http://www.weanorthamptonshire.org)  
Exploring Northamptonshire – Woodnewton and Wych Spinney – 4.75 miles.

**Friday 17th April**

**AFC Rushden and Diamonds Race Night**

Rushden Bowls Club, Northampton Road, Rushden NN10 6AN 7.45pm Start  
Admission £1  
All race enthusiasts are most welcome.  
For further information please contact Glenis on 07870 332606.

**Thrapston & District U3A Branch meeting**

Thrapston Plaza 10am-12 noon

Admission £2 for Visitors,

Members £1

Talk: 'In Search of Ice Made in Heaven – a Journey into the Arctic' with Charles Bezzina. The presentation will include film and stories of the lives of the Inuit tribes.

**Saturday 18th April**

**Open Garden**

Apethorpe Manor, Apethorpe PE8 5DL  
Take a walk in the Beautiful Spring Gardens by kind permission of Lord and Lady Brassey in aid of Sue Ryder Thorpe Hall Hospice 11am-4pm.  
Entrance £7 for adults including wine and refreshments: £2 for children  
With a raffle, lucky dip, book stall, garden stall and decorative items for sale.  
In addition, the 15th Century St Leonard's Church will be open revealing its many historic treasures.

**St George's Day celebration**

Rushden High Street 11am-3pm  
Admission free  
Contact: [rushdeneventsgroup@gmail.com](mailto:rushdeneventsgroup@gmail.com)  
Cockney Pride Band, Mad Dominic, Roger the Puppet, Northampton Morris Men, maypole dancers, face painting.

**Spring Open Gardens**

Irthlingborough 10am-5pm  
Adults £3 Senior Citizens £2.50 from St Peter's Church or Open Gardens.  
Tel: Margaret Bull 01933 651360  
Spring bulbs and flowers, refreshments, plants for sale.  
Programmes in advance from Salvation Army Shop.

**Model Railway and Bygone Era Exhibition**

The Rushden Academy, Hayway, Rushden NN10 6AG 10am-4.30pm  
Adults £5 Concessions £3 Children £3 Family £10  
Tel: Chris 01933 317719  
Large exhibition showing railway layouts and models from a bygone era.  
Refreshments available.  
Parking.

**Town-wide Garage Sales at various locations**

From 8am continuing throughout the day.  
Purchase your list and map of locations from Raunds Post Office and the Community Centre.  
Contact: Peter 01933 460259 or [anniehuntingdon@gmail.com](mailto:anniehuntingdon@gmail.com)  
All proceeds from sales of maps etc go to the upkeep of the Community Centre.

**Sat 18th & Sun 19th April**

**Oundle Family History Group – How to Find Ancestors on the Web for Free**



Oundle Library Sat 10am-2pm & Sun 1-4pm.  
Admission free  
Tel: Jenny 01832 272061  
[www.northants-fhs.org](http://www.northants-fhs.org)  
Discover which sites are free on your home computer and which free through the Library.

**Visit of Marilyn Baker and Tracy Williamson**

Rushden Salvation Army, Church Street, Rushden Saturday 7pm, Sunday 10am  
£5 on Saturday and Free on Sunday  
Tel: Gill Valentine 01933 353528  
Marilyn is a Gospel Singer and Tracy is an author.

**Open Gardens & Teas in Church**

Woodford Village NN14 4HF 1pm till 5pm  
Adults £4 Children FREE  
Tel: Jenny Mead 01832 734731 [jennybunnmead@hotmail.com](mailto:jennybunnmead@hotmail.com)  
Visit a selection of gardens around the village and teas in St Mary's Church.

**Woodford Village Open Gardens**

1pm and 5pm.  
Entrance fee £4 with Map (children free) on sale on the Village Green.  
Funds raised to help the maintenance of St. Mary's Church – where teas and cakes will be available.  
For further help and information please call 01832 734731.

**Sunday 19th April**

**Open Garden National Gardens Scheme**

Briarwood, 4 Poplars Farm Road, Barton Seagrave, Kettering NN15 5AF  
This garden is open in two parts and contains quirky original sculptures.  
10am-4pm  
Entrance £3: children free and homemade teas.  
There will be crafts on sale and a children's quiz.

**Whitefriars Church – Morning Worship**

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

**Rushden Craft Fair**

The Pemberton Centre, Rushden NN10 9YP 12-4pm  
£1, kids free  
[annavstanton@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:annavstanton@yahoo.co.uk)  
Loads of stalls, delicious homemade cakes, pancakes and hot/cold drinks.

**Thursday 23rd April**

**Save the Children's Quingo (Quiz with a twist)**

Rushden Bowls Club 7.30pm for 8pm  
£12 for table for up to 4 people  
Tel: Susan Perkins 07773 962347 [superduch3@hotmail.com](mailto:superduch3@hotmail.com)  
General Knowledge Quiz with four chances to win. Booking essential. All profits to Save the Children.

**Friday 24th April**

**Film: Pride (15)**

Stahl Theatre, West Street, Oundle  
Bar and Ticket Office open 7.15pm, Programme starts 7.45pm  
£5 adults, £3 under 18s  
Tickets from Oundle Festival Office, 01832 274734 or on the door.  
Uplifting true story of gay supporters of the miners strike and the Welsh villagers they helped.

**Saturday 25th April**

**Clay Pigeon Shoot**

Adjacent to Kirby Hall, near Dene  
£5 per round  
Tel: Simon on 01780 450105 or Rod 01780 450270  
Clay Pigeon Shoot with BBQ selling drinks and burgers, all welcome.

**Table Top Sale**

Rushden St Mary's Church Hall 10am-1pm  
50p  
Tel: Edna Wadsworth 01933 357253  
In aid of Christian Aid. Tables still available £5. Refreshments on sale.

**Jumble Sale of Clothes and Toys**

King's Cliffe Memorial Hall 2pm-4pm  
Adults 20p  
Tel: 01780 470446  
Refreshments available.

**Sunday 26th April**

**Whitefriars Church –**

**Morning Worship with Holy Communion**

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.

**Woodford Garage and Table Top Sale**

10am-2pm  
Bargain hunters can purchase maps (includes automatic raffle entry) £1 each from 9.30am on Woodford village green.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**Every Monday**

**Wesley Centre Art Class**

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

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**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

**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 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.

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

**Every Wednesday (except school holidays) Allegra Singers – Three-part ladies choir**  
Music room at King John School, Thrapston  
7.30pm–9.30pm  
£3 per session  
Tel: Veronica 01832 732611 or 07753 472225  
If you enjoy singing, come and join us in singing modern/show songs. New members welcome.

**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

**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.

**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 every Month 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.

**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.

**The Silverfox Turners Club**  
Dale End Scout Headquarters, Croyland Road, Wellingborough  
10am–1pm  
£2 all members  
Tel: Secretary Trevor Rhodes 01933 382790  
Newly formed wood turning club. Open to all levels of wood turners. Warm welcome guaranteed.

**Every Thursday during school term time Music Makers**  
Titchmarsh Pavilion  
9.30am–10.15am  
£4 per child and £2 per sibling.  
Naomi Cooper on musicmakersnorthants@gmail.com  
Funky music and movement group for 0–5 years with parachute, puppets, balls, bubbles and more.

**Music Makers**  
Joan Strong Centre, Oundle  
11.15am–12noon  
£4 per child and £2 per sibling.  
Naomi Cooper on musicmakersnorthants@gmail.com  
Funky music and movement group for 0–5 years with parachute, puppets, balls, bubbles and more.

**Little Treasures Tots Group**  
St Laurence's Church, Stanwick  
9.30am–11am  
Donations to cover costs  
Tel: Nicki 01933 625658  
For pre-schoolchildren and their adult carer – Bible story, song, craft and fun. All welcome.

**Every Thursday during school term time Music Makers**  
Stanwick village hall  
2pm–2.45pm  
£4 per child and £2 per sibling  
Naomi Cooper on musicmakersnorthants@gmail.com  
Funky music and movement group for 0–5 years with parachute, balls, bubbles and more. FREE taster sessions up for grabs.

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

**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](mailto: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.

**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 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  
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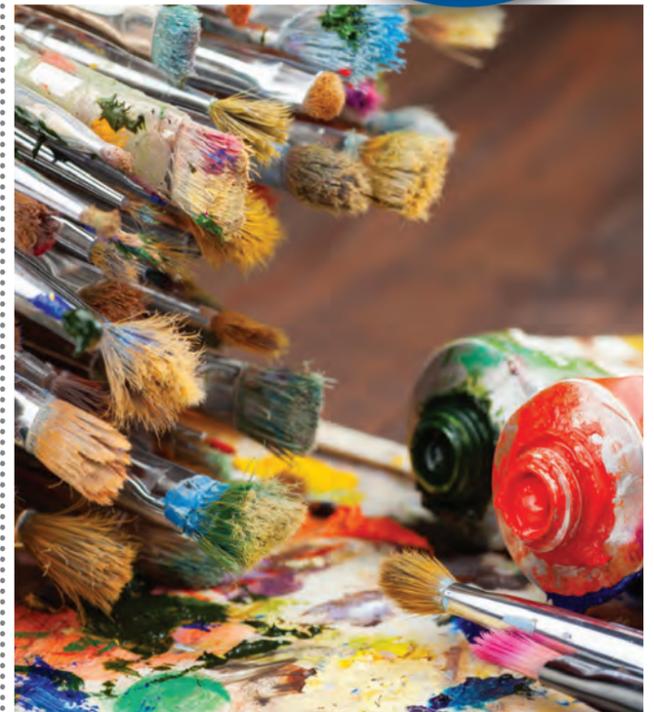
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# Walking for charity

Kevin Horne, 45-year-old Director and Soft Tissue Therapist of Orchard Clinic in Thrapston is aiming to raise as much money as possible for three charities – Leukaemia Research, Mind and a local children’s charity, Kidsaid – by walking the equivalent of two marathons over two consecutive days, following the Nene Way from Thrapston to Oundle and back on 3rd and 4th June.

Kevin wanted to raise money for Leukaemia Research after his brother-in-law was diagnosed and subsequently treated for Acute Myeloid Leukaemia. He also chose Mind as he has family and some friends that have suffered from depression and wanted to raise awareness that mental illness is just as serious as a physical illness and should be treated with the same respect. Kidsaid was also chosen as it is a small charity supporting local children who have suffered abuse, bullying, illness, bereavement and family breakdown.

If you wish to support Kevin, you can donate online at [www.justgiving.com](http://www.justgiving.com) and type in kevin horne in the search box to show all

three charities, or via a sponsor/pledge form at Orchard Clinic, 151 Huntingdon Road ([www.orchardclinic.co.uk](http://www.orchardclinic.co.uk)) Tel: 01832 733686.



Kevin Horne

## A new recruit for the Nene Valley News

We are delighted to announce that we have recruited a new member of the Nene Valley News Team. Jane Grant has joined us to help promote the newspaper and improve our advertising revenue.

Jane’s business background is extensive and she has a wealth of hands-on experience, particularly in the public and charity sectors.

Although Jane lives in Oundle, and will be based at our office in East Road, she is well aware of the need to make sure that we cover the whole district without over concentration on her home town. So you can expect to see her out and about throughout East Northamptonshire.



Jane Grant

## Budding BBC reporters hone key media skills

Thirteen students from Manor School Sports College took part in the annual BBC News School Report on 19th March 2015.

The BBC News School Report gives 11–16 year-old students in the UK the chance to make their own news reports for a real audience. The students had first-hand experience of some of the pressures faced by journalists, such as producing, directing and editing their interviews and links, and most importantly meeting the 4pm deadline.

This year, there were four interviews, exploring very different topics. The interviews were with Richard Evans, the self-employed leader of a local metal detecting club; Paul Humphries, the head coach of Diamonds Gymnastics, based in Irthlingborough; Matt Fincham, one of the producers at BBC Radio 1; and a student who is being home-schooled.

Under the watchful eye of Chloe Johnson and Luke Blunden (Year 11 students who also completed last year’s BBC School Report at the school) the students successfully worked throughout the day to link the

interviews that had been carried out over the previous few days.

The students learnt all kinds of things from the interviewees. Some highlights include Alice Keech and Jessica Travers finding out that Matt Fincham is not starstruck by celebrities such as Harry Styles (One Direction lead singer), and his dream is to have Mary Berry (Great British Bake Off) on the show. Megan Shepherd explored why some students choose to be home-schooled, and the pressures that students feel that they are under.

Jonathan Andrews, the teacher overseeing the School Report, said: “The BBC School Report has been a fantastic opportunity for students to hone their journalistic skills. The team has been dedicated and professional throughout and produced some high quality news. I am really proud of their achievements”

If you would like to watch the full video, it can be found on the Manor School website at: <http://www.manorschool.northants.sch.uk/news/students-participate-in-bbc-school-report>

# Lemon drizzle and ginger muffins

By Catherine Burbage

I’ve just been reading some recipes for American ‘dump’ cakes; not a name which I think would catch on in this country but the principle behind them – of dumping all the ingredients for a cake directly into a tin, one quick mix with a spoon and into the oven – is an attractive one. Unfortunately the American recipes all use packet cake mixes, and as I prefer to know exactly what I’m putting into my cooking, I’d rather put in a little extra effort so I only use basic ingredients. You don’t need an electric mixer though, just a couple of bowls and a spoon, so this recipe is still about as simple as cake making gets!

### INGREDIENTS

255g self-raising flour  
1 teaspoon baking powder  
85g caster sugar  
Finely grated rind of 1 lemon  
85g melted butter

1 egg  
240ml milk  
Teaspoon vanilla essence  
Lemon curd or ginger jam  
For the drizzle icing  
50g granulated sugar  
Juice of ½ lemon

### METHOD

With a spoon, mix the flour, baking powder, caster sugar and lemon rind in a bowl. Mix the egg, milk, vanilla and butter in another. Tip the wet ingredients into the dry ingredients, stir and divide 2/3 of the mixture between 12 muffin cups. Plop a bare teaspoon of lemon curd or ginger jam on top of each one, and divide the remaining mixture between the 12 cups to cover the curd or jam. Bake for 20–25 minutes gas mark 5/6, 190C, around 160C in a fan oven.

When the muffins come out of the oven, mix the sugar and lemon juice together and drizzle over the muffins while they’re still warm.



## Events listings in the Nene Valley News

In our last edition we announced that we would be charging a small sum for listing non-charity related events in the newspaper. This decision was taken largely because we need to improve our income and take our balance sheet into the black.

However, having reflected on the change, we have decided to revert to the

earlier free-for-all position, at least for the short-term. This will enable us to maintain our position as a provider of services to the people of East Northamptonshire, promoting local events which are of interest to local communities. Our concerns about finances remain but we will seek other ways of improving our revenue stream.

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**IRTHLINGBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL**  
**ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING PLANNING APPLICATION EN/10/000857/OUT - IRTHLINGBOROUGH WEST**

As residents may be aware on Monday 24th November 2014 Councillors on East Northamptonshire Council (ENC) Development Control Committee approved an Outline Planning application for the construction of 700 houses on the land between Wellingborough Road and Finedon Road. This site being known as Irlthlingborough West.

Irlthlingborough Town Council wrote to ENC to express their dissatisfaction and disappointment with regards to this decision, listing their reasons for concern. Advice has since been sought on measures that could be taken to reverse this decision.

The Town Council employed the services of an Independent Planning Consultant to determine whether there were legal grounds for this decision to be challenged. The report was completed by the Planning Consultant and was taken to the Town Council Meeting held on 10th March 2015. The conclusion of the report was that there were no grounds to challenge the resolution to approve the application.

The Town Council are strongly opposed to this decision in particular on the grounds of the lack of affordable housing, the inadequacy of the S106 contributions, concerns regarding the PFA process intended to fill the mines and changes to the groundwater regime which may impact on drainage.

However the decision was taken to accept the advice given and focus our efforts on the next stages. It must be remembered that at this moment in time this application is at the Outline Planning Stage, should detailed planning permission be sought the Town Council will be extremely vigilant to ensure that all agreed planning conditions are adhered to. The planning conditions for the site are extensive and can be found on the ENC website planning portal by visiting the following web page: [http://www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/meetings/meeting/547/development\\_control\\_committee](http://www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/meetings/meeting/547/development_control_committee), the report listing these conditions can be found under the heading: Item 4 - Planning Application List Reports.

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**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 have made an Order the effect of which is 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 11th day of April 2015  
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**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14**

**THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (BRIDGE STREET, APETHORPE)**

**(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF VEHICLES AND EQUESTRIANS) ORDER 2015**

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**LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES:**  
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**EXPECTED DURATION:** It is expected that the road will be restricted for 3 days.

**ALTERNATIVE ROUTES:** Use Bridge Street, Main Road, Kings Cliffe Road, Bridge Street, Park Street, Collyweston Road, Wansford Road, Kings Cliffe Road, Wansford Road, Nassington Road, Station Road, Church Street and Apethorpe Road.

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**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):

- Deene and Deenethorpe 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 the parishes of Deene and Deenethorpe. The boundary proposed is the entire area of the Parish of Deene and Deenethorpe.

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: <http://www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/consultation>.

Copies of the proposed Neighbourhood Area boundary shall be available to view at the following locations, between **Friday, 10 April** and **Tuesday, 5 May 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)
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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](mailto:planningpolicy@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk), no later than **4pm on Tuesday, 5 May 2015**.

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# Chess corner

by Derrick Sims

**Rushden Chess Club's B-Squad travelled to Kettering needing to do the double to keep alive the hope of pipping Oundle School to the B-Div. Championship title.**

Rushden B fielded their strongest win-hungry team on paper and nerves and the pressure were soon overcome when top board Nik Puryer's Queen & Knight invasion pressured Keith Ball into a fatal error.

Captain Bob Ellam leapt gladly back into the winning fray after a recent losing streak, by piling on the pressure against Matthew Edwards and finishing with a rather neat mate to put Rushden 2-0 up. Jeff Owen sealed the match win at the earliest opportunity after pushing an all-too-powerful pawn into Julian Calley's lap in a game that demonstrated the difference in ability of the two players.

Phil Campbell recovered from an early pawn loss to squeeze a draw out of John Edmundson and maintain his unbeaten record in the league. Keith Bristow was disappointed to turn

in the only defeat of the evening, being unable to recover from an early piece loss. Rushden B are now level on points with Oundle School at the top of League II with the title being decided on their last matches.

## Northants SKL Division II Match

Mon 23rd Mar, Kettering C	1.5-3.5	Rushden B
Bd1: Keith Ball (119)	0-1	Nik Puryer (134)
Bd2: Ron Cooper (104)	1-0	Keith Bristow (120)
Bd3: John Edmundson (98) (109)	½	Phil Campbell
Bd4: Matthew Edwards (82)	0-1	Bob Elam (107)
Bd5: Julian Calley (45)	0-1	Jeff Owen (98)

With most of the Club's top players competing at Kettering, it was all hands to the pumps in coaching the youngsters who've recently joined. I sometimes feel like it's the blind leading the blind! I played against Matthew who is a relatively

inexperienced junior player and was pleased to be able to point out some mistakes he was making; all was going well until young Fortis finished his game on the next table and came to join us. Fortis then proceeded to advise Mathew on the best moves to make. Before I realised it I was a piece down and in danger of losing. Now you may consider it unsporting but at this point I decided not to offer further advice and regarded myself as fortunate to come out of the game with a draw!

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>.

# Diamonds debut for Purse

**AFC Rushden & Diamonds handed youth team boss Darren Purse his debut in their League Knockout Cup semi-final win over Wisbech on 31st March.**

The 38-year-old has had an illustrious career at professional level, winning two England under-21 caps and scoring a penalty for Birmingham City in the 2001 Football League Cup final, which the Blues lost to Liverpool.

He also played for West Bromwich, Cardiff, Sheffield Wednesday, Millwall and Plymouth amongst others in a long career in the pro game. He currently plays for Staines in the Conference South.

The Wisbech tie also saw a return to action for Jason Turner, who came off the bench to score a late winner.

He has been out of action with ankle trouble, while midfielder Adam Confue has been sidelined with a heel injury.

Diamonds' top of the table league meeting with the Fenmen on 21st March drew the biggest attendance of the Premier Division season so far, with 930 watching the clash of the top two. Brad Harris scored the vital point saver deep into injury time as a 1-1 draw preserved Diamonds' unbeaten home record.

That attendance could be bettered when Diamonds play fellow Dog & Duck residents Wellingborough on 11th April. After the abandonment of the earlier match over the Christmas holiday, the restaged fixture will be a 'Pay what you want' match.

## ChromaSport & Trophies United Counties League results

Monday 6th April

### Premier Division

AFC Rushden & Diamonds 3 – 1 Long Buckby

### Division One

Potton United 6 – 0 St Neots Town Youth & Saints

Raunds Town 3 – 0 Irchester United

Rothwell Corinthians P Lutterworth Athletic  
(Re-arranged to 28th April)

Thrapston Town 2 – 0 Burton Park Wanderers

Whitworth 2 – 1 Rushden & Higham United

Woodford United 3 – 0 Bugbrooke St Michaels

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