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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Burglary in Cotterstock Road in Oundle

A burglary took place in Cotterstock Road in Oundle on Wednesday 15th April. The incident happened at about 11am.

Two people were disturbed by the homeowner before anything was stolen. They made off in a white 4x4 vehicle. Both offenders are described as white. One was a boy of about 15 with a chubby build and curly, sandy-coloured hair. He was wearing a light-beige top with blue trousers. The other was a man of about 26 with black hair and of slim build. He was wearing a grey hooded top.

Witnesses or anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact the Police on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

### Arson in Oaks Drive Police in Higham Ferrers are appealing for witnesses to an arson attack that took place in Oaks Drive in the town on the night of Friday 17th April.

Two cars and the front door of a house in Oaks Drive were set alight at about 10pm, causing damage to both cars and the door.

Witnesses or anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact the Police on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

# Ofsted inspection finds school has significantly improved

**Ofsted inspectors have praised Windmill Primary School in Raunds saying there has been significant improvement since it became an academy.**

The school has been graded 'Good' in all areas, from its leadership and management to the high quality of teaching and achievement of pupils.

This inspection was the school's first since becoming an Education Fellowship

academy in May 2013, at which time the school required improvement.

Inspectors gave a glowing report in which they recognised the academy "is led and managed well" and "is improving continuously and leaders are working well with the academy trust to raise achievement". Pupils "are aware of how much the academy has improved" and "good teaching has enabled

many pupils to make rapid progress in filling previous gaps in their learning".

There are "effective systems for managing teachers' performance" and "the academy now has accurate assessment information from which to make judgements about pupils' progress". The school "uses its pupil premium funding well to support disadvantaged pupils" and "makes effective use of its

primary physical education and sport premium to increase pupils' physical skills and well-being".

The curriculum "promotes pupils' academic and personal development well" with "a strong focus on developing pupils' basic skills". The academy "promotes pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development well and British values underpin daily practices". Parents "are kept well informed and encouraged to take an active part in their children's learning". There are "thorough systems for keeping pupils safe".

Overall, governance is effective and there is a shared commitment to improving the academy. Teachers have established good routines, have good subject knowledge and communicate well with pupils. Behaviour is good, attitudes to learning are positive and the rate of attendance above average. Pupils say teaching has improved greatly and that extra help is more readily

available for those who need it.

Windmill became an academy, joining The Education Fellowship, in May 2013. It is an average-sized primary school with just under 300 pupils.

Michelle Ginn, Principal, said: "We are very pleased that the Ofsted inspection recognised all the hard work that the entire school community of staff, governors, pupils and families, together with our sponsor The Education Fellowship, have put into improving Windmill Primary School. We take on board all the areas for improvement that they have identified and will dig deep in order to become an outstanding school!"

Lizzie Rowe, Deputy CEO of the Education Fellowship, said: "We're very proud of what has been achieved so far at Windmill and are confident that by the time the next inspection takes place Windmill will achieve the much desired 'Outstanding' judgement."



Windmill Primary School with Principal Michelle Ginn and deputy Matt Coleman

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# Letters to the editor

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Dear Editor

For the last two years the birds and insects that used to inhabit my garden have disappeared at the end of April, coincident with a certain section of the community spraying industrial quantities of specialised insecticide. The birds begin to return at the end of winter in size order. The wood pigeons and collared doves come first followed by starlings and hopefully the sparrow and robin sized will come soon. If they return and the pattern of the last two years repeats itself, they will use my restocked new bird feeders. Eventually they will start to carry food away to feed their young but they will all succumb. The little ones that depend on insect food will disappear first. The total massacre is done by the end of June. No more birds on the feeders until January.

There is no need to spray your roses in this part of Raunds. Greenfly and blackfly go at the end of April along with ants, bees and beetles. We get no thunderflies or flying ants. You will not need a fly screen on the patio door.

Years ago miners who had to enter areas with lethal concentrations of toxic gases used

to take a cage of canaries with them. When the birds fell over it was time to get out. Well the birds have fallen over in Raunds and will do so again if no one stops the toxic sprayers. What is it doing to people, especially children? Insecticidal chemicals are extremely toxic if misused. Clearly they are being misused in this area.

Contact via MP Andy Sawford with the Ministry for the Environment and their experts produced a response from them equivalent to "Oh dear, how sad, never mind," which does nothing to address the problem.

Thank you for trying Andy, at least he cares.  
*John Goring*

Dear Editor

Oundle Primary School is set to lose c50% of the playing field at its new site if a proposal by Northamptonshire County Council (NCC) goes ahead.

Parents learnt of these plans during a meeting to discuss the school's move from its current site on Milton Road to Oundle and Kings Cliffe Middle School on Cotterstock Road. This followed a decision in 2014 by NCC to restructure the education system from three-tier to two-tier. To see through these changes, NCC stated that funding would be available via loans and the sale of the Milton

Road site, the Glapthorn Road field, Kings Cliffe Endowed site, and some of the middle school site in Kings Cliffe.

NCC's plan to dispose of a significant amount of Oundle Primary School's playing field was a very late and largely unpublicised addition.

The new site has the capacity to accommodate 630 pupils. This would be a 25% increase from current pupil numbers. The planned disposal will reduce the overall school footprint by 23% and reduce the outdoor provision by half.

The School Governing Body, parents and the local community are against this decision. The field provides sporting and play facilities and serves many in the community with cricket, football and rugby pitches.

Oundle has many current housing development projects already, putting demand on school places. Selling this land will leave

the site landlocked with no room for further expansion.

A campaign and petition has been set up and with support from the school's governing body, community groups and MP Andy Sawford, it is hoped that the council will reconsider.

For more information, or to sign the petition, visit: [www.facebook.com/OPSProtectOurSchool](http://www.facebook.com/OPSProtectOurSchool) or [www.playingfields.org.uk](http://www.playingfields.org.uk)

## The elections

As you will appreciate, the Nene Valley News aims to maintain a totally unbiased position with regard to political matters, but you can't fail to notice that the general election and a good many other local authority elections take place on 7 May 2015. Campaigning, certainly for those aspiring to places in the Westminster parliament, seems to have been going on forever and the electorate must have a good case for claiming to be suffering from severe political fatigue. Moreover, in many instances parties seem to have more interest in discrediting opponents rather than promoting their own policies and the outpourings from those seeking our votes seem to do little to clarify matters; it's virtually impossible to situate their promises on firm foundations much less keep up with how much they will need to spend in order to do all they promise.

In spite of all this, there seems to be no

sensible alternative other than for all those who are eligible to vote, essentially all those over 18 years of age, to use those votes on the 7 May. The essence of a democracy is that of a system of government which promotes and encourages the involvement of its citizens in political matters, so it follows that there is an onus on the citizens to engage. Thus, not using this opportunity to be involved and then complaining about what happens next in parliament or in local council chambers, should not be an option. Use your votes!

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# Ofsted reports Thorplands Primary School 'greatly improved'

**Strong leadership from the joint headteachers, trustees, governors and other leaders has greatly improved teaching and raised achievement at Thorplands Primary School in Northampton since it became an Education Fellowship academy two years ago.**

Ofsted inspectors visited the school in March and found that the co-headteachers, Angela Pratt and Liz Abel, "have developed an effective team" who are "improving all aspects of education in the academy".

Leadership and management, the behaviour and safety of pupils, and Early Years provision were all graded 'Good'.

Although the quality of teaching and achievement of pupils still requires improvement, they noted "major improvements in the quality of teaching" alongside "exceptionally successful" work to ensure better

behaviour and attendance, all contributing to all-round "better achievement". Teachers "manage classes well and give pupils interesting activities that hold their interest and develop their enthusiasm".

The curriculum was recognised as "wide-ranging...fully engaging pupils' interest". And improvements in teaching literacy and numeracy are "raising standards". In addition there are "good opportunities" for pupils to learn a musical instrument and an "extensive range" of sports on offer.

Pupils "try hard to live up to the academy's values" and are "keen to learn and enjoy the activities in class". They "work hard and usually concentrate well...listen attentively to the teacher and to each other when they work co-operatively". Pupils "respect" teachers, and "the marking of pupils' work is good".

The academy was deemed "meticulous" about safeguarding

and "pupils feel secure and happy as a result". Disabled pupils and those with special educational needs "make good progress because the academy is extremely careful to meet their individual needs".

Pupil premium and sport premium money are both spent "effectively" which parallels the way the school "uses its resources to ensure that all groups have equal opportunities to participate in academy life and to achieve".

Governance was deemed good and "draws effectively on the wide range of expertise in the academy trust to support developments". This expertise, "combined with the local understanding of the governors" provides "good support and challenge to staff" and a "full contribution to the improvements being made in the academy".

This inspection was the school's first since becoming an Education

Fellowship academy on 1st April 2013 at which time it was in special measures. Thorplands is a smaller than average primary school. An above-average proportion of pupils

speak English as an additional language and the proportion of disabled pupils and those who have special educational needs is above average.



Thorplands Primary School

## Northampton business woman launches new children's book

**Fred 'n' Friends: A Woodland Adventure is a fictional story written by Angela O'Donnell, the co-director of local business S.C. Agency, alongside her mother Stephanie O'Donnell.**

The mother and daughter writing duo have taken inspiration from their very own pets, Fred the sausage dog and Carrot the cat. The story follows the adventures of Fred and what

he gets up to while his owners are away, along with Carrot, Bear and his woodland friends.

The publishing process has been two years in the making and Angela and Stephanie are very pleased with the outcome, especially the likeness of Fred and his loveable character portrayed in the book.

Angela said: "I already had set ideas on the design of the book and being inspired by

illustrators such as Quentin Blake, I wanted the illustrations to be vibrant and engaging. Once we saw Timm Joy's illustrations of Carrot and Fred we loved them straight away."

Aimed at readers aged 4 and upwards, this is the first in a series of books for children, available to buy from Amazon, Olympia Publishers and all good bookshops.

Angela and Stephanie are constantly seen striding around the Great British Countryside seeking new and innovative ideas to bring to their wonderful series, Fred 'n' Friends.

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Car Spares and Caravans is a small family business run by a mother and son located on the A427 between Corby and Peterborough. Established in 1960, Car Spares now has caravans and secondhand caravan spares for sale. Opening hours are 11am-4pm weekdays and 11am-3pm Saturdays. Any enquiries please telephone 01832 205253.

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## IN THE COMMUNITY

Oundle School's Community Action (CA) programme has been running for over 50 years, providing many different ways for its pupils to benefit both the local and wider

Oundle School  
Community Action



community, and in so doing cultivate in them a spirit of service and social awareness.

Over 320 pupils are involved in over seventy different CA activities in the immediate neighbourhood and further afield in neighbouring towns. Pupils work in schools, nurseries, at Barnwell Country Park, in the Town Library and Museum, at the Nene Valley Railway and at a local soup kitchen. In addition, they visit individuals in their homes, day care centres and residential homes, host the '660' Club for the over 60s, offer bespoke ICT classes, art classes, a sports club and gardening services.

Biannual 'Have a Go Days' in April and September offer adults and young people with physical disabilities and/or learning difficulties the opportunity to take part in a range of sporting, art and music activities.

For further details or to sign up for visits/activities please contact Liz Dillarstone, Head of Community Action – T: 01832 277267, E: [ca@oundleschool.org.uk](mailto:ca@oundleschool.org.uk)

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Bulley Davey, a local firm of chartered certified accountants and tax advisers, celebrates 80 years of successful trading this year and continues to expand, including opening new offices recently in Corby and Stamford.

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## OUNDLE PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN TAKE THEIR READING TO NEW HEIGHTS

Oundle Primary School pupils have started the summer term after an extraordinary holiday challenge which encouraged them to read in unusual situations and have a photograph taken to prove it.

The children were asked to keep up their reading by looking at anything from

magazines to seed packets and in any location from mountaintops to molehills.

The results were incredible, with the pupils coming back to school with photographic evidence of their holiday reading that amazed their teachers.

"We felt this would be an excellent way to continue to engage the children with their literacy learning during their time away from school," commented Laura Boaler, the scheme's organiser and one of the school's Year 2 teachers. "What we received back was truly amazing and proved to us just how committed our children are to improving their reading skills."

The school supported the pupils by offering ideas about a wide range of

reading. They suggested the children could read tourist information, Easter egg boxes or even song lyrics.

Three of the most inventive entries came from Evie Sage, who read while with her horse; Romilly Smallman, who chose to study while skiing and William Murdock whose reading took place while in the dentist's chair!

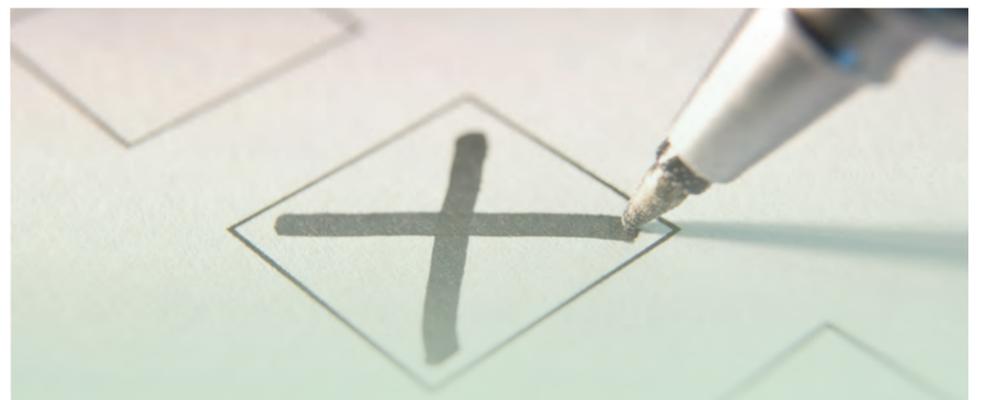
## VISIT LYVEDEN NEW BIELD

Lyveden is one of the most haunting reminders of the Elizabethan age. The 'New Bield' itself, designed by Sir Thomas Tresham to express his devout Catholic faith, was left unfinished when he died in 1605.

Amazingly, it has remained frozen in this state for the last 400 years, surrounded by fragments of a formal garden which restoration work has begun to reveal. Sir Thomas planned Lyveden as a pleasure garden. He intended his guests to enjoy a journey from his manor house, through orchards, terraces, moats and viewing mounts leading eventually to the garden lodge (or New Bield as it later became known).

Richly decorated with religious symbols, the lodge still stands as a testament to his faith. Inside the lodge you can see the layout of an ornate but functional building, with kitchens, bake house, parlour and space for entertaining guests. In the grounds, you can explore one of England's oldest garden landscapes, enjoy a picnic in the peaceful setting, a walk through the delightful wildflower meadows or discover the surrounding Rockingham Forest.

Lyveden is thriving at this time of year, and provides you with an opportunity to escape the 21st century and experience a garden of tranquil formality.



## Prince William School holds mock election

**On Thursday 26th March, the students of Prince William School held a mock General Election.**

The election followed on from the ITV News visit on 11th February, when a Question Time style debate on the NHS took place between five sixth formers acting as candidates for the main political parties. The debate was filmed and broadcast on ITV Anglia news.

The parties represented at the election were the Conservatives, Labour, UKIP, Liberal Democrats and the Green Party.

A series of assemblies were held prior to the election to highlight the key issues, and to emphasise the importance of using your vote.

The results of the election were:

Conservative – 26.5%

Labour – 23.9%

UKIP – 22.2%

Green Party – 17.1%

Liberal Democrats – 10.3%

Turnout was 63%, and 21 ballot

papers were spoiled. It will be interesting to see how closely this result mirrors the national one on 7th May.

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### Ashton

**15/00603/FUL (16/05/2015) (LB/CA)**  
Single storey extension of Grade II listed cottage. Partial demolition of existing south facade to allow communication between proposed extension and existing at Millers Cottage 25 The Green Ashton PE8 5LD

### Benefield

**15/00662/FUL (09/05/2015) (Info)**  
Construction of new dwelling and demolition of existing bungalow at Yokehill Farm Bungalow Weldon Road Upper Benefield PE8 5AS

### Clopton

**15/00680/FUL (09/05/2015) (Info)**  
Erection of grain store at Crows Nest Farmhouse Fayway Clopton NN14

### Easton-on-the-Hill

**15/00678/FUL (16/05/2015) (LB/CA)**  
Erection of grain silo for agricultural use at Fair View Farm 29 High Street Easton On The Hill PE9 3LN  
**15/00679/LBC (16/05/2015) (LBRegs) (LB/CA)** Erection of grain silo for agricultural use at Fair View Farm 29 High Street Easton On The Hill PE9 3LN

### Hargrave

**15/00411/LBC (16/05/2015) (LBRegs)**  
New bio-mass fuel store, boiler flues, toilet and study at Churchlands Church Street Hargrave NN9 6BW  
**15/00613/FUL (09/05/2015) (Info)**  
Demolition of existing bungalow and garage and erection of two dwellings with integral garaging at Bechers Nags Head Lane Hargrave NN9 6BN

### Harringworth

**15/00527/FUL (16/05/2015) (LB/CA)** Two storey extension at The Barns Gretton Road Harringworth NN17 3AD

### Higham Ferrers

**15/00642/LBC (16/05/2015) (LBRegs)**  
New roof light to front elevation at 17 North End Higham Ferrers NN10

### Irthlingborough

**15/00586/FUL (09/05/2015) (Info)**  
Installation of external wall insulation to all

walls of the dwelling at 39 Nicholas Road Irthlingborough NN9 5QT

**15/00587/FUL (09/05/2015) (Info)**  
Installation of external insulation to all walls of the dwelling at 48 Nicholas Road Irthlingborough NN9 5QT

**15/00718/FUL (09/05/2015) (Info)**  
First floor side extension above existing garage and kitchen at 21 Long Acres Drive Irthlingborough

### Islip

**15/00663/FUL (16/05/2015) (LB/CA)**  
Extension to garage and adjacent store, to create two garages utilising space below existing overhanging balcony at Washington House 12 – 14 High Street Islip NN14 3JS  
**15/00664/LBC (16/05/2015) (LB/CA) (LBRegs)** Extension to garage and adjacent store, to create two garages utilising space below existing overhanging balcony at Washington House 12 – 14 High Street Islip NN14 3JS

### King's Cliffe

**15/00583/FUL (09/05/2015) (Info)**  
Installation of external wall insulation to all walls of the dwelling at 7 Wood Road King's Cliffe PE8 6XF

### Oundle

**15/00631/FUL (09/05/2015) (Info)**  
Proposed single storey extension to rear of existing dwelling house and internal alterations. External walls to new extension to match existing white rendered walls above a red facing brickwork plinth with red tiled creasing course and grey roof tile to match existing. Existing external walls to receive new white render above brickwork plinths with horizontal feather edged softwood cladding boards to front and side elevations above existing brickwork plinths at The Sycamores 34C Glapthorn Road Oundle PE8 4JQ

**15/00700/FUL (16/05/2015) (Info) (LB/CA)** Repair and replacement of roof to front of property with Collyweston slate. Repair and replacement of section of slate roof with blue slate. Installation of nine solar panels to rear of property at 47 North Street Oundle PE8 4AL

**15/00701/LBC (16/05/2015) (LBRegs)(LB/CA)** Repair and replacement of roof to front of property with Collyweston slate. Repair and replacement of section of slate roof with blue slate. Installation of nine solar panels to rear of property at 47 North Street Oundle PE8 4AL

### Polebrook

**15/00582/FUL (09/05/2015) (Info)**  
Installation of external wall insulation to all walls except the kitchen (partially retrospective) at 3 The Poplars Main Street Polebrook PE8 5LN

### Raunds

**15/00529/FUL (09/05/2015) (Info)**  
Residential development of three dwellings and associated parking including alterations to access. Erection of single storey rear extension to existing dwelling on site at Red Bank 36 Wellington Road Raunds NN9 6DL  
**15/00625/FUL (09/05/2015) (Info)**  
Extension to front of property to form ground floor toilet and extended first floor bedroom at 89 Windmill Lane Raunds NN9 6SJ  
**15/00670/FUL (09/05/2015) (Info)** Two storey side extension to existing dwelling at 28 Fair Oaks Drive Raunds NN9 6HJ  
**15/00683/REM (09/05/2015) (Info)**  
Details of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale pursuant to 14/01935/OUT: 'Demolition of existing pair of semi-detached dwellings and erection of two detached replacement dwellings (all matters reserved) (Resubmission of application 14/00878/OUT)' dated 08/01/2015 at Ivy Cottages Station Road Raunds

### Ringstead

**15/00585/FUL (09/05/2015) (Info)**  
Installation of external wall insulation to all the walls of the dwelling at 23 Spencer Street Ringstead NN14 4BX

### Rushden

**15/00553/ADV (09/05/2015) (Info)**  
Erection of one set of signwritten letters to gable area at 143 High Street Rushden NN10 OPA  
**15/00588/FUL (09/05/2015) (Info)**  
Installation of external wall insulation to all walls of the dwelling at 127 Irchester Road Rushden NN10 9QX  
**15/00629/FUL (09/05/2015) (Info)**  
Demolition of rear single storey extension to replace with a single storey conservatory to rear of property at 46 Farnham Drive Rushden NN10 9JH  
**15/00648/ADV (09/05/2015) (Info)**  
Erection of freestanding directional sign 5.4m x 1.25m at Think 3E Wellingborough Road Rushden NN10 6AY  
**15/00675/FUL (09/05/2015) (Info)**  
Installation of solid external wall insulation to the front and rear of the property at 138

Cromwell Road Rushden NN10 0EF  
**15/00695/FUL (09/05/2015) (Info)**  
Erection of two storey dwelling over existing vehicular access – resubmission of 08/01475/FUL at Peck House Peck Way Rushden

### Stanwick

**15/00674/FUL (09/05/2015) (Info)**  
First floor rear extension at 55 East Street Stanwick NN9 6PX

### Warmington

**15/00623/FUL (09/05/2015) (Info)**  
Proposed 2 detached dwellings with integral garages at Former 13 Big Green Warmington PE8 6TU

### Woodford

**15/00371/FUL (16/05/2015) (LB/CA)**  
Construction of 3 no dwellings on a disused car park at land to rear of 33 High Street Newtown Street Woodford

### Yarwell

**14/02304/FUL (09/05/2015) (Info)**  
To develop the existing agricultural buildings into three retail units, a cafe with external seating, 30 additional car parking spaces. Demolition of two ancillary barns. Existing central corrugated roof to be removed and replaced with a free standing glass canopy. External alterations to create courtyard area to service and enhance the development at The Yard Yarwell Mill Mill Road  
**15/00481/LBC (16/05/2015) (LBRegs)**  
Development of existing agricultural buildings into 3 retail units, cafe with additional external seating and 30 additional car parking spaces. Demolition of two ancillary barns, existing central corrugated roof to be removed and replaced with a free standing glass canopy. External alterations to create courtyard area to service and enhance the development at The Yard Yarwell

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

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

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**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 25 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.

## Ringstead Heritage Group hosts village trail

Sunday 3rd May, 11am–3pm. Meet at Ringstead Village Social Club.

**All are welcome to enter the Heritage Trail in Ringstead, especially families who live in the village or have family members residing.**

Admission is only £1 per entry form and you are encouraged to enter as family individuals, so competition will be keen and to see who uncovers the clues and gets the most correct answers. There are three prizes of vouchers to spend at Amazon – 1st £50, 2nd £15 and 3rd £5.

The trail starts and finishes at the Village Social Club and the winners will be announced at 3pm. The Club facilities will be open during the event and there will be a display of photographs from the past and some from the present, to show how the village has changed over the years.

The Group will also be promoting their next event, which will be on Saturday 26th September. There will not only be a static display of photos and memorabilia from the past but in

the evening there will be a second talk and show, following on from the oversubscribed event last year. Jon Abbott will be taking you down memory lane to what was called Shop Street in the early 20th century and David Ball will be talking about past murky deeds carried out in the village during the 19th century.

If you need more information, contact Roger Kinsey on 01933 460676 or email [plum54kinsey@btinternet.com](mailto:plum54kinsey@btinternet.com).

# Raising funds in Raunds

Local children brought their Mums and Dads to a fun morning at the Raunds Community Centre recently to tuck into bacon or sausage rolls, fruit drinks or tea and coffee.

This event was held following the huge success of the previous half-term pancake party. It proved to be just as appealing for both children and adults. Almost a hundred people came to enjoy the delicious food, buy

tickets for the raffle, and test their skills in the painting competition and quizzes that had been organised for them.

This event which gave a fun morning for everyone also raised £155 towards the St Peter's Church restoration fund, for which the organisers are most grateful. They would also like to say a big thank you to Waitrose and Asda Rushden Stores, also to Cookies and D.J. Chantrell of Raunds for their generous donations to this event.



Fundraising fun

# Genealogy jottings

Have you thought about joining a Family History Society (FHS)? If you are tracing your family and you live at the other end of the country from where your ancestors hailed, you might have thought that as you are unable to attend any local meeting, they would not be able to assist you. However, this is a misconception.

Although I live in Northamptonshire, I have ancestors from the bottom right-hand corner of England: Suffolk, Essex, Kent, Surrey and Sussex. The FHS in each of those places has been invaluable to me in putting me in touch with others who are researching my family

names.

However, I also belong to the Northamptonshire Family History Society (<http://www.northants-fhs.org/>). I enjoy meeting others who have an interest in family history and it is great to be able to listen to guest speakers on such subjects as Victorian Inventions and Inventors, Workhouses and Migration – to mention just three of the talks that the Oundle branch are having this year. Another local meeting is held in Rushden, so you should be able to get to one or the other! There is nothing worse than not knowing where to look for information and the Northants FHS also run 'surgeries'

at the Northamptonshire Record Office, Kettering and Wellingborough Museums as well as Oundle Library. If you are not sure how to research something, why not pop along and ask?

There are loads of resources out there to help you delve further – and you don't necessarily need to have a computer in order to find out. Computers were a thing of the future when I started searching back in the mists of time and there are still other ways of finding out. Come along and see!

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

# Did you know?

Did you know that Higham Ferrers now has a disabled toilet in Chichele College? This toilet is open whenever there is an event at the College.

The toilet provision has been doubled and now comprises one standard toilet and one disabled toilet. Chichele College (c1425), which stands on Duchy of Lancaster land to the north side of Higham Ferrers, is one of the many jewels in the town's historically rich crown.

The College is an English Heritage site and is managed by the Higham Ferrers Tourism, Business and Community Partnership, who have raised the finance with local fundraising and a grant from Awards For All. The College was founded in 1425 by Henry Chichele – a man born in Higham Ferrers who became Archbishop of Canterbury (1414–1443) – as a place of prayer and learning. The toilets are not the only recent development. Raising funds locally and benefiting from a grant from the Big Lottery, the College garden has been

transformed to make it resemble a medieval Cloister Garth. One of the purposes of rejuvenating the gardens is to create a quiet area to rest and relax, but another is to bring the College to life for the local community, young and old, to use the building and gardens as a special feature of the town. The addition of a disabled toilet complements this, making it more accessible and usable for the whole community.

The College is open every day and there is no admission charge. Throughout the year events are held in the College and the beautiful garden space that is maintained by volunteers. Father Christmas visits yearly when the College building is transformed into his Grotto for the Higham Ferrers Sparkle, and the Secret Gardens of Higham Ferrers event, Garden Fair and Art Exhibitions are some of the things happening in the building and grounds. If you would like to find out more about the College visit the website <http://www.highamferrerstourism.org.uk> and follow the link to the Chichele College and Gardens page.

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# From the East Northamptonshire Chairman

I hope that you are enjoying the spring weather and that you had a pleasant Easter break.

I have been out in the garden, trying my hand for the first time at growing vegetables from seed. I hope to reap the fruits of this labour later in the year.

I celebrated Easter with a concert of sacred music by the St Cecilia Singers in Higham Ferrers. The conductor, Emma Trounson who also sang a solo had recently sung at the re-interment of Richard III in Leicester Cathedral, so you can imagine the quality of this performance. The organist Andrew King also treated us to a wonderful organ solo.

The chairman of the County Council hosted a fundraising event at an Indian restaurant in Northampton in aid of NorPIP and Kidsaid. The Savani brothers gave us a wonderful display of Indian dancing followed by a workshop where the audience could try their hand at dancing. I was happy just to watch them and not join in.

As my civic year draws to a close, I look back on some wonderful times spent

representing the district and I thank you for your support at my events and in supporting my chosen charity, ProstAID. It has been an honour to represent you as chair.

ENC Chairman, Cllr Gill Mercer



## RATS to present new whodunnit

The next production of the Rushden Amateur Theatrical Society is the World Premiere of a murder mystery play.

### SCHOOL FOR MURDER

The play – written and directed by Gordon Oliver, a member of the RATS – has many twists and turns before the murderer is revealed, so come along and see if you can work out

who the culprit is before the detective does.

Rehearsals are going well and the RATS Production 'machinery' is in full swing. Tickets are now on sale, at Jan's Floral Boutique, 27 High Street, Rushden and on the RATS website.

[www.rushden-rats.co.uk](http://www.rushden-rats.co.uk)

The play will be performed at the Pemberton Centre, on Thursday 21st, Friday 22nd & Saturday 23rd May 2015, at 7.30pm each night. Adults £10 concessions £8.

Gordon with some of the cast



## Thrapston shoe shop celebrates 10th anniversary

Funky Lil' Feet in Thrapston has just celebrated its 10th anniversary. If you have never visited this gem of a shop then now is the time to do so.

Under new ownership, Claire Fox and her team really look forward to meeting you. There is a wide selection of children's shoes, from teeny size 1 to adult size 10. Brands include Start Rite, Camper, Geox, Agatha Ruiz de la Prada, Petasil, Pom d'Api and many more so if its something unique you're after, a plain black school shoe or even just a foot measure, Funky Lil' Feet can help. Open 9am–5pm weekdays and 9.30am–4pm Saturday.

## Would you like to give some time to your community?

Did you know there is a large range of volunteer opportunities across East Northants?

Nene Valley Community Action manages the brokerage service across the district and has a Volunteer Centre in Rushden. Why not pop in and see what is available for you? The centre is at 8 West Street (off the High Street) and is open every Monday,

Wednesday and Friday from 10am–2pm.

Would you like to volunteer for the Police, give some time to local animal shelters, support older/isolated people as a befriender or be a helper at a club for young people? These are just a few examples of groups that would really appreciate your time.

Visit Rushden Volunteer Centre or look online at [www.do-it.org](http://www.do-it.org)

## Italian salsa di Pomodoro / Italian tomato sauce

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

This is the second of five southern European tomato sauce recipes, each with its own subtle difference in taste.

You can use this on its own or as a base for other recipes. It's a great time-saver if prepared in bulk. You can freeze suitable sized portions for later use and it makes for a quick and easy start to preparing a delicious meal. Halve or double the recipe as desired.

Stir some cooked pasta of choice in the sauce and coat well. Sprinkle with grated Parmesan cheese and fresh herbs for a quick and easy meal. Add diced fresh tomatoes, baby spinach leaves or other cooked, diced vegetables as desired. Stir in a can of tuna (in spring water) or cooked prawns for an easy seafood pasta. Good with steamed mussels or clams too.

### INGREDIENTS

- 4 whole peeled plum tomatoes, (400g can – San Marzano are best)
- 500ml tomato passata
- 2 onions, diced
- 2 carrots, diced
- 2 sticks celery, diced
- 6 cloves garlic, finely chopped

- 1 cup white wine
- ½ cup olive oil
- 2 tsp sugar
- 1 tsp coarse sea salt
- 1 tsp black pepper
- 4 tbsp fresh basil, chopped
- 4 tbsp fresh flat leaf parsley, finely chopped

### METHOD

- 1 Add the olive oil to a large saucepan on medium heat. Sauté the onions, carrot, celery and garlic for 3 minutes or until onions are soft.
- 2 Add the sugar, spices, herbs and stir. Add the rest of the ingredients and stir.
- 3 Cook on low heat, semi-covered with the lid, for 1 – 1 ½ hours. Stir every 20 minutes or so. Break up the tomatoes whilst stirring. If the sauce thickens too much, add a little water and continue cooking.



- 4 Remove from heat and taste for seasoning. Adjust with salt, pepper or a pinch of sugar if necessary. Allow to cool.
- 5 Place in containers of suitable portion size and freeze. If you prefer a smooth sauce process it in batches in a food processor, electric blender or in the pot with an electric stick blender until the desired smoothness is achieved.



Italian salsa di Pomodoro / Italian tomato sauce

## Seniors to raise money for Air Ambulance

Rushden Golf Club is hosting its annual Senior Pairs Open on Friday 19th June, in aid of the Northamptonshire Air Ambulance.

The day will start with a bacon roll and coffee before couples take to the course for 18 holes of golf on the club's new course layout. Set amongst some of the wonderful views of the Northamptonshire countryside, the course offers a challenging and interesting day of golf. The day will end with a buffet and prize presentation.

The Northamptonshire Air Ambulance provides a life-saving service across the

county and throughout the day a raffle will be drawn to support this service. There are a wide range of prizes, with many sponsored by local companies, as well as personal contributions.

The competition is open to men's, ladies' and mixed pairs and there will be some super prizes for all three categories, including for individual nearest the pin, longest drive plus many more, all for a nominal £25 per person.

Application forms can be obtained via the Secretary or Bob Newell, the official organiser at Rushden GC. Telephone 01933 418511 or email [secretary@rushdengolfclub.org](mailto:secretary@rushdengolfclub.org)

# Ringstead Peace Park celebrations

**Battling wind and rain, residents of Ringstead were undeterred, coming out in great numbers to help celebrate the grand opening of the new play equipment installed in Ringstead Peace Park.**

Obtaining this play equipment has been a three-year project for Ringstead Community

Group, who raised the funds needed by holding summer fetes, a fun run and other various events. In May 2014 £50,000 of grant funding by WREN was secured, followed by £27,000 from ENC which meant the project could finally happen.

The revamped Peace Park was opened on

Sunday 29th March. Ribbons were cut by Emily Daley, competition runner-up from Ringstead School, and Maisie, winner from Ringstead Robins, who both designed a 'Keep our Park Tidy' poster.

Local councillors Gillian Mercer and Sylvia Hughes, who donated £500 towards the project from their Empowering Councillors and Communities Scheme, were also present.

Family fun and games were the order of the day, with an Easter Egg hunt around the village, spring flower planting in the park along

with races and games followed by a barbecue.

Ringstead Community Group were amazed to see the overwhelming attendance from residents to support this event; in spite of the inclement weather everyone's spirits remained high.

Ringstead Community Group would like to thank everyone who has supported their fundraising events and to both WREN and ENC for their support and funding. If you would like more information, please visit [www.ringsteadpc.org.uk](http://www.ringsteadpc.org.uk).



Ringstead Peace Park reopening ribbon cutting by Maisie, Ringstead Robins competition winner

## Oundle local recapturing childhood memories with 100 mile solo walk for Alzheimer's

**Emma Jones from Oundle is taking on the challenge of walking over 100 miles in ten days along the Wales coastal path for charity Alzheimer's Society after her father was diagnosed with the illness two years ago.**

Emma has been overwhelmed with the level of support, with friends, family, neighbours, work colleagues at Produce World Group in Peterborough, her local gym Oundle Fitness, and even strangers from as far as Texas all sponsoring her.

To date Emma has raised over £1,000, but is aiming to reach £2,000 by the time she starts the walk from Cardigan to Barmouth on 16th May.

Emma says, "I set myself this challenge as this is a special area for my dad, who

loves to reminisce about his childhood in west Wales. Despite him suffering from Alzheimer's, he still remembers our childhood holidays there, and I'll be sending him postcards every day.

Emma continues: "When my father was diagnosed with Alzheimer's, our family was given limited help and information and we were left feeling uncertain of what this diagnosis meant for him and us. The Alzheimer's Society was there to provide us with the advice and support we needed to help us prepare for the future.

"This challenge is not just about my dad, but is also about the millions of people that are suffering from the illness who I'll be raising money to help support."

To sponsor Emma please visit <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/EmmaJones69>

## Please help Ruskin Junior School

*Fundraising begins for whole school day trip to London*

**Ruskin Junior School in Wellingborough has launched a fundraising appeal to enable a whole school day trip to London at the end of the summer term, to visit the Science Museum to see the Launch Pad exhibition, followed by a coach tour of key sights.**

Principal, Kate French, said: "The visit will link into our whole school science topic 'How things work' and provide a wonderful opportunity for the children to see in real life things they have been studying. We have booked places for the Launch Pad exhibition so the children will be able to explore further through a range of hands-on activities.

"We're also planning time for a coach tour taking in Buckingham Palace, Big Ben and other famous London landmarks. Viewing these sites will have an enormous impact in helping pupils to understand and relate to

iconic landmarks in history, geography and English lessons.

"Ruskin Junior School is situated in an area of high deprivation and many of our children are unable to visit these places with their families. To date we've run a number of fundraising events, including a Christmas Fayre and school discos. Parents have been asked for a donation and the school is funding some of the cost. However, we're still in need of further monies to pay for the coach transport and so are making this public appeal for help.

"We'll be so grateful for all donations, large or small. If you would like further information, please contact me at Ruskin Junior School, Ruskin Avenue, Wellingborough NN8 3EG, [info@ruskinjuniorschool.net](mailto:info@ruskinjuniorschool.net) or telephone 01933 381600. Your generosity would be greatly appreciated by every pupil and member of staff at Ruskin Junior School."

## Oundle Baptist Church announces new minister

**Oundle Baptist Church is delighted to announce that its new minister, Rev John Singleton is now in post. John and his wife Enid have moved to Oundle from the north east of England. John will be Interim Pastor and will assist the church in seeking a permanent minister.**

"We have been delighted by the warm welcome we have received and look forward to working alongside the family of Oundle Baptist Church as they continue to serve the local community. We are enjoying exploring Oundle and meeting lots of people as we walk our dog," said John.

Oundle Baptist Church meets in Prince William School hall on Sunday mornings at 10.30am. John's induction service was on Sunday 19th April and saw a full house, with guests including members of other local churches.

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# Have your say on 7th May

With parliamentary, district, town and parish elections on Thursday 7th May, East Northamptonshire Council is reminding voters to have their say on polling day:

- Polling stations will be open from 7am–10pm. You should have received a card with details of your local polling station. If you haven't received your poll card, contact [elections@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk](mailto:elections@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk) or 01832 742119 to check that you're registered and to find out where you can vote.
- When voting at a polling station, it's helpful to take your poll card with you. But if you don't have it, don't let that stop you – you can still vote.
- Polling station staff will give you ballot papers for district, town/parish elections and, if you are eligible to vote in the parliamentary election, a ballot paper for that too.
- If you've not had a postal vote by 1st May 2015 for the local election, then you must let East Northamptonshire Council know at [elections@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk](mailto:elections@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk) or 01832 742119. If you live in Rushden or Higham Ferrers, you will also need to inform Wellingborough Council on 01933 229777 who are managing some of the elections.
- If you have a postal vote, don't put all your ballot papers in one envelope to save the Council money, as they are going to different places to be counted. Put them in the envelope that they've been issued with and don't try to save money by putting your partner's/housemate's postal vote in the same envelope.
- Postal votes need to be received by the Returning Officer by 10pm on Thursday 7th May. If you have left it too late to post back, you can drop it off at your polling station or East Northamptonshire Council. Find out the election results on Twitter by following @ENCouncil or check the website [www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk](http://www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk) for regular updates.



## MAKE YOUR POSTAL VOTE COUNT FOR 2015 ELECTIONS

As voting packs drop through letterboxes across the district, postal voters are reminded to read the instructions carefully to make sure their vote is counted.

### Why have I received two sets of postal voting packs?

The postal votes were sent out in two separate envelopes. The postal ballot for the general election was sent separately by the Returning Officers for the Corby and Wellingborough constituencies and you will need to

return it in the envelope provided.

Postal votes for the district and parish/town councils have been sent together in a different envelope by the Returning Officer for East Northamptonshire. If you want to vote in both the district council and parish/town council elections you will need to fill in both ballot papers.

### I was expecting a postal vote for my parish/town council election but I haven't received one. Why not?

The postal poll card sent you stated: 'If a parish election is scheduled on Thursday 7th May, you will be sent a separate postal vote which will include a parish council election ballot paper.' If your local parish/town council is not contested, in other words there are not more candidates than seats, you will not receive a separate postal vote because there is no need for an election.

### Why didn't we combine all ballot papers in the same pack?

As the postal votes for the general election need to be returned to Corby or Wellingborough, whilst the district and town/parish postal votes need to be returned to East Northamptonshire, it made sense to have a separate issue of postal votes to avoid the wrong set of ballot papers being returned to the wrong authority.

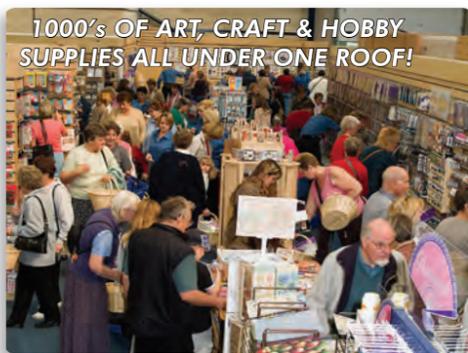
It is important that you return your postal vote for the general election in the envelope provided for either the Corby or Wellingborough constituency. Your postal votes for the district and town/parish election should be returned in the envelope addressed to the Returning Officer in Thrapston.

For more information about the elections, visit [www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/elections](http://www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/elections) or call 01832 742000.



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On the **first Saturday of each month** we hold one of our famous **Big Craft Days**. We have simultaneous craft demonstrations by professional demonstrators which are continuous between 10.00am and 4.00pm. There are lots of **special offers** and **free refreshments**. We have plenty of helpful and knowledgeable staff on hand to give you advice on all the latest products. We open for shopping at 8.30am.

Our next Big Craft Day is on **Saturday 2nd May** & will feature the following demonstrations:-

- Di Oliver** from **Tando Creative** using her own designs of laser cut greyboard blanks
- Michelle Wood** from **Hobby House** will create beautiful cards with decoupage & embellishments
- Sharon Bramley** will be demonstrating **Trimcraft's** new paper designs and cutting dies
- Trish Ablett** will be showing us 'all things fabric' & will also be available to discuss the new workshop programme

### New Kid On The Block!

We are very pleased to welcome **Helen Jennings** to the Craft Warehouse Tutor Team. She will be teaching a variety of Card-making classes in the next Craft Workshops Programme.

Helen specialises in stamping, die cutting & working with different colouring media & is looking forward to sharing her crafting knowledge & expertise.



Join us for a Special Craft Event at:-

## THE OUNDLE BOOKSHOP



We would love to see you at The Oundle Bookshop on **Saturday 9th May** when we will be holding a Special Craft Event.

Aside from great offers on craft books Trish Ablett will be there with her trusty sewing machine demonstrating patchwork & quilting.

Our new demonstrator, Helen Jennings, will be showing crochet & knitting techniques.

Plus The Bookshop's Caroline Driver will be showing us how to make Teddy Bears!

All are welcome at 13, Market Place, Oundle, between 9.00am & 5.00pm.



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Rushden  
Northants  
NN10 6EN

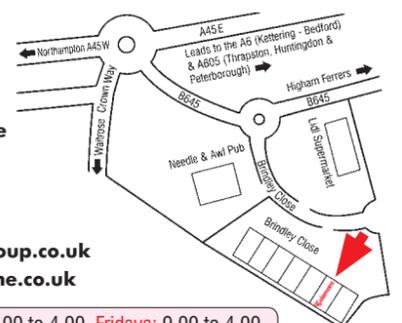
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E: [craft@colemangroup.co.uk](mailto:craft@colemangroup.co.uk)

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Thursdays: 9.00 to 4.00  
Fridays: 9.00 to 4.00  
Saturdays: 8.30 to 4.00  
Sundays: 10.00 to 4.00



**Saturday 25th April**  
**The Town Band Club**

Victoria Street,  
Irthlingborough  
7.30pm  
Tickets £3 (includes  
Sausage & Chips)  
For Tickets Contact:  
(01933) 650369 Alan  
778299  
Linda 652420 Paul 651360  
Margaret  
Raffle. Proceeds to St  
Peter's Church.

**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.

**Tuesday 28th &**  
**Wednesday 29th April**  
**Stahl Theatre Oundle**  
**presents Crouch, Touch,**  
**Pause, Engage**

The Stahl Theatre, West  
Street, Oundle PE8 4EJ  
7.45pm  
Tickets £9.50  
Box Office: 01832 273930  
Email: [stahltickets@oundleschool.org.uk](mailto:stahltickets@oundleschool.org.uk)  
This is the story of two  
Welsh names bruised, but  
not beaten, by media  
speculation.

**Wednesday 29th April**  
**Ladies Who Love To**  
**Shop**

Rushden Town Bowling  
Club, Northampton Rd,  
Rushden NN10 6AN  
7.15pm  
Admission free  
Tel: Linda 07796757596  
Crazy Hats Breast Cancer  
Appeal fundraiser with  
various stalls, tombola and  
raffle.

**Thursday 30th April**  
**General Election hustings**  
**meeting with candidates**  
**for the Wellingborough**  
**Constituency**

Park Road Baptist Church,  
Park Road, Rushden NN10  
0LH

7.30–9.30pm  
Admission free  
Tel: Mark Duggan 01933  
741126  
Your opportunity to quiz the  
candidates, and hear what  
they have to say for  
themselves.

**Discovery Walks**

Meet at Southwick Church  
2pm  
£1.50, no need to book.  
Tel: 01780 782747  
[www.weanorthamptonshire.org](http://www.weanorthamptonshire.org)  
Exploring  
Northamptonshire –  
Southwick – 4.25 miles.

**Thursday 30th April–**  
**Sunday 3rd May**  
**Raunds Music Festival**

Saxon Hall, Thorpe St,  
Raunds NN9 6LS  
8pm  
Events from Free to £18,  
Full Weekend £55  
Tel: 07756015615  
[contact@raundsfestival.com](mailto:contact@raundsfestival.com)  
A weekend of music and  
dance featuring local,  
national and internationally  
known artists.

**Friday 1st May**  
**Whitefriars Church**  
**Retireds' Group**

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 of retirement age are  
welcome.

**May Morning Madrigals**

Oundle School Cloisters'  
Tower  
7.15am  
Schola Cantorum greets the  
summer with a selection of  
madrigals sung from the  
Cloisters' Tower.

**Middle Nene**  
**Archaeological Group**  
**presents a talk by**  
**Michael Knight**

The Methodist Church  
Hall, Drumming Well Lane,  
Oundle, PE8 4AA

7.30pm  
Members free, Non-  
members £2  
Tel: 01733 241206 email:  
[contact@midnag.org.uk](mailto:contact@midnag.org.uk)  
Topic: Milestones and  
Turnpike Roads in the East  
Midlands.

**Saturday 2nd May**  
**Coffee Morning**

St Mary's Church Hall  
Rushden  
10am–12noon  
Admission 50p  
Tel: Mary Hadley 01933  
315383  
Various Stalls. Proceeds for  
The Children's Society.

**Raunds Community**  
**Choir Lunchtime Concert**

Saxon Hall, Raunds  
1.15pm  
£5  
Tel: 01933 626113  
As part of Raunds Music  
Festival, enjoy the choir's  
performance of an eclectic  
mix of folk and popular  
music from across the  
decades that reflects their  
enjoyment of singing.

**Visit of Vision Brass**  
**Ensemble**

The Salvation Army  
Church Street, Rushden  
7pm  
£5  
Tel: Gill Valentine 01933  
353528  
Ensemble perform a mix of  
army/secular music in  
concerts and festivals.

**Saturday 2nd–**  
**Monday 4th May**  
**Cavalcade of Historical**  
**Transport & Country**  
**Show**

A6, Bedford Road, South of  
Rushden NN10 0SN  
10am–5pm  
Adults £8, Children 5–16 &  
Senior Citizens £5 Family  
Tickets £22 (2 Adults + 2  
Children)  
Historic vehicles, stalls, fair  
rides, arts/crafts marquee,  
real ale bar, arena events,  
model exhibitions.

**Sunday 3rd May**  
**Whitefriars Church –**  
**Morning Worship**

Whitefriars Church at

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

**First Sunday Event**

The Salvation Army,  
Church Street, Rushden  
6pm, prior to the event  
refreshments at 5pm  
Tel: Gill Valentine 01933  
353528  
Guest: Melanie Page, local  
singer residing in Higham  
Ferrers and accompanied on  
piano by Judy Tomlinson.

**Peace in the Park**  
**Ferry Meadows – Public**  
**Talk and Meditation**

Doors open 2.30pm  
John Horrell Room, Visitors'  
Centre  
3pm–4pm  
£6 on the door or £5  
prepaid  
<http://www.drolmacentre.org.uk/ferry-meadows-may-june1.html>  
Enjoy a peaceful meditation  
and practical advice for a  
stress-free life in the  
beautiful setting of Ferry  
Meadows. Meditation is a  
way of calming the mind  
and developing a more  
positive approach to life.

**Film: Paddington (PG)**

Stahl Theatre, West Street,  
Oundle  
Bar and Ticket Office open  
5.30pm, Programme starts  
6pm  
£5 adults, £3 under 18s  
Tickets from Oundle  
Festival Office, Tel: 01832  
274734 or on the door  
A charming and sweet  
natured family film full of  
wit and fun – for adults too!

**Sunday 3rd &**  
**Monday 4th May**  
**Bluebells in Short Wood**

Short Wood Nature  
Reserve, between Oundle &  
Southwick  
10am–4pm  
Donations are welcome on  
the day  
Tel: 01832 272666  
Visit one of the counties  
finest bluebell woods. Tea  
both days in Glaphorn  
village hall.

**Tuesday 5th May**  
**Talk on 'The Battle of**  
**Waterloo'**

Irthlingborough Methodist  
Church rooms  
7.30pm  
Admission £2 on the door  
Illustrated talk on the actual  
battle (not the film) by  
Peter Stratton.

**Wednesday 6th May**  
**Creating and Planting a**  
**Bog Garden by Sue**  
**Stephenson**

Methodist Church Hall,  
Drummingwell Lane,  
Oundle  
7.45pm

£2 patrons, £3 visitors  
Tel: 01832 272623  
An illustrated talk, free  
light refreshments, all  
welcome.

**Summer Tennis Season**  
**Opening Club Evening**

Higham Ferrers Recreation  
ground (access via Wharf  
Road)  
6.30pm–8.30pm  
£2  
Tel: secretary Steve Roberts  
01933 461028  
New players welcome to a  
small friendly club, only a  
little tennis experience  
required.

**Book Club**

Laxton Village Hall  
7.30pm  
£2 for refreshments and  
towards hall costs  
Tel: John McCrone 01780  
450782  
Discussing Daughter of the  
Desert by Georgina Howell  
this time (The Leopard by  
Giuseppe Tomasi di  
Lampedusa can be read in  
May in time for 3rd June).  
New members welcome.

**Friday 8th May**

**Film: What We Did On**  
**Our Holiday (12A)**

Ringstead Village Social  
Club, High Street NN14  
4DA  
Disabled access from rear car  
park.  
Doors open at 7.15pm, film  
starts 7.45pm. Bar available.  
Tickets £4  
Tel: 01933 460373 for details  
A grandfather's 75th  
birthday has a surprising  
outcome. Comedy starring  
Billy Connolly with super  
acting from its younger stars.

**The Mayor's Concert**

Oundle School's Great Hall  
7.45pm  
Free – all welcome. Please  
reserve by emailing: [music@oundleschool.org.uk](mailto:music@oundleschool.org.uk)  
Oundle School's Chamber  
Orchestra, Wind Orchestra  
and Choirs perform in the  
annual Mayor's Concert.

**Saturday 9th May**  
**Baby/Children's Nearly**  
**New Sale**

The Pemberton Centre, H E  
Bates Way, Rushden NN10  
9YP  
10am–12noon  
£1, children admitted free  
Come and pick up great  
preloved bargains!  
For a stall (£8) email [karen\\_aves@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:karen_aves@hotmail.co.uk)

**Pre-loved Toy Sale and**  
**Coffee Morning (with**  
**Plants)**

Newton Bromswold Village  
Hall  
10am–12noon  
Tel: Helen Lines 01604  
256879  
Proceeds to church funds.

**Coffee Morning,**  
**Community Shop and**

**Craft Circle**  
Laxton Village Hall, East  
Northants  
10.30am–12noon  
Monthly coffee morning.  
Freshly brewed coffee and  
tea, cakes and bakes.

**Saturday 9th–Sunday**  
**17th May**

**Oundle Art Group**  
**Annual Exhibition**  
St Peter's Church, Oundle  
10am–4pm daily: Sunday  
12noon–4pm  
Free entry to all  
Tel: Jane Sanders 01832  
226495; Chris Yates 01832  
226345  
Excellent wide variety of  
members' art works on view  
to the public.

**Sunday 10th May**

**Oundle Strollers**  
Walk starts at Alconbury  
Church  
1pm  
Tel: Leader Dave Park  
07855 828251  
Seven miles.

**Whitefriars 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.

**Countryside Walk – A**  
**Sharnbrook Shuffle**

Whitefriars Church,  
Rushden,  
Starts outside St Peter's  
Church in Church Lane,  
Sharnbrook MK44 1HR  
10.30am  
Tel: Andrew Presland  
01933 316927  
A circular walk of about  
three miles for people of all  
ages.

**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.

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**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.

**Wesley Centre Art Class**

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

**First Monday of the 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](mailto: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 £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](http://www.stanwicklakes.org.uk)  
Regular walking can help improve your health. Join us in our regular walks.

**Every Wednesday**

**Dog Training and Socialisation and Ringcraft**  
Halefield, Woodnewton, near Oundle  
Classes from 6.45pm  
Tel: 01832 293432  
[oundledogs@aol.com](mailto:oundledogs@aol.com) or website [www.oundledogs.co.uk](http://www.oundledogs.co.uk)  
Dog training classes following the KC Good Citizen Scheme and Ringcraft. New members always welcome.

**Rainbow Cafe for Tots (aimed at up to age 5 and their adults)**

Stanwick Lakes  
10.30am–12noon  
£2 per child – normal car park charges apply.  
Tel: 01933 625522  
[www.stanwicklakes.org.uk](http://www.stanwicklakes.org.uk)  
Make new and exciting crafts then join Lisa from Music and Movement to play, sing and dance.

**Every Wednesday (except school holidays)**

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

**Alternate Wednesdays**

**U3A Country Dancing**  
St James' Church Hall, Thrapston  
2pm–3.30pm  
Tel: 01933 622827  
[ghearnden@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:ghearnden@tiscali.co.uk)  
The U3A Country Dance Group meets on alternate Wednesdays. All are welcome. Non-U3A members are welcome for a taster.

**First Wednesday of the month**

**Irthlingborough Townswomen's Guild**  
The Day Centre College Street  
7.30pm

**Raunds Ladies Group**

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

**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](mailto:modelmaker@tiscali.co.uk)

Social based model building regular open to all ages and levels of experience.

**Third Wednesday of the month**

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

**Higham and Rushden U3A**

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

**Every Thursday**

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

**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](mailto:musicmakersnorthants@gmail.com)  
Funky music and movement group for 0–5 years with parachute, puppets, balls, bubbles and more.

**Music Makers**

Stanwick Village Hall  
2pm–2.45pm  
£4 per child and £2 per sibling  
Naomi Cooper on [musicmakersnorthants@gmail.com](mailto:musicmakersnorthants@gmail.com)  
Funky music and movement group for 0–5 years with parachute, balls, bubbles and more. FREE taster sessions up for grabs.

**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.

**Music Makers**

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

**Little Treasures Tots Group**

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

**Every 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](http://www.stanwicklakes.org.uk)  
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**Third Friday of the month (recommend checking before travelling)**

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**Coffee Morning**

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**Second Saturday of the month**

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**Last Sunday of the month (recommend checking before travelling)**

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

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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR VARIATION OF A PREMISES LICENCE (SECTION 34)**  
Notice is hereby given that Oundle Town Cricket Club has applied to East Northants District Council Licensing Authority for the variation of a Premises Licence in respect of Oundle Town Cricket Club, Milton Road, Oundle, and intends to vary the following licensable activities: extension of opening hours for the sale of alcohol.  
The Licensing register may be inspected at the licensing Authority: East Northants District Council, East Northamptonshire House, Cedar Drive, Thrapston NN14 4LZ, between 9am and 5pm Hours.  
Any representation by a Responsible Authority or Interested Party must be made in writing to the above address by 13 May 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.  
Philip Weatherington  
Oundle Town Cricket Club

**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 - SECTION 90**  
**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 23**  
**PROVISION OF ZEBRA CROSSING**  
**HUNTINGDON ROAD, THRAPSTON**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 23 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, proposes to install a zebra crossing in Huntingdon Road, Thrapston as specified in the Schedule below.  
Details of the zebra crossing are available for inspection at Thrapston Library, High Street, Thrapston during normal opening hours or at the offices of the Traffic Orders Section, Riverside House, Riverside Way, Bedford Road, Northampton during normal office hours.  
Any persons wishing to make any comments regarding this proposal should forward them in writing, by 16th May 2015, to The Traffic Orders Section, Riverside House, Riverside Way, Bedford Road, Northampton NN1 5NX.  
Dated this 25th day of April 2015 Ref:- N/306

SCHEDULE		
Road	Location	Type of crossing
Huntingdon Road, Thrapston	At a point approximately 54m west of its junction with Highfield Road.	New Zebra Crossing to be installed

**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**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council has made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit traffic from proceeding along the length of Bridge Street, Apethorpe as set out below.  
**LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES:** The length of Bridge Street, Apethorpe from 5m either side of the bridge structure.  
**REASONS FOR RESTRICTION:** The restriction is required for installation of fibre optic cable.  
**PERIOD OF CLOSURE:** The proposed Order will come into effect on 5th May 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 for 3 days.  
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Director of LGSS Law JCM/T15/126  
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**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14**  
**THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (PARK STREET, KINGS CLIFFE)**  
**(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2015**  
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**PERIOD OF CLOSURE:** The proposed Order will come into effect on 8th May 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 for 5 days.  
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# Chess corner

by Derrick Sims

If a week is a long time in politics, then two weeks is an eternity in chess. In the last article I was singing the praises of Rushden's B squad, who travelled to Kettering and dished out a well-deserved thrashing of Kettering's C team.

This time it was the turn of Rushden's elite A squad, albeit slightly under strength, to undertake the journey up the A6 to face Kettering's finest. Maybe Kettering were upset by the triumphalist tone of my last article but it seemed that they were hell bent on revenge. This is supposed to be a dish best served cold; Kettering's dish had icicles hanging off it. To say Rushden were whitewashed would be to understate the situation; they were put on a spit and roasted in front of a fire.

Kettering's celebrations must have gone on long into the night after such a magnificent performance; they are now in second place in League I just behind Chess Mates A. Rushden may have been beaten but they played the game and are happy to learn from their own mistakes the hard way, unlike some Grandmasters, in particular Gaioz Nigalidze, the 25-year-old chess champion from Georgia.

At the Dubai Open, Nigalidze's opponent became suspicious about his regular trips to the toilet. Now it may have been thought that Nigalidze had a prostate problem but that would be unusual in someone so young. It was reported to the

arbiter, who had the toilet searched. Hidden under a wad of toilet paper they found a mobile phone with a chess program installed on it, which had clearly been used to follow the moves of the game. It is not clear if he had used this scam in previous games, as he made a terrible move against Swedish grandmaster Nils Grandelius in Round 4 that cost him the game. I understand that Nigalidze's toilet movements are being checked as part of the investigation into this regrettable affair.

## Northants SKL Division I Match

<b>Mon 13th Apr, Kettering A</b>	<b>5-0</b>	<b>Rushden A</b>
Bd1: Chris Jones (193)	1-0	Hugh Murphy (197)
Bd2: Pet. Jaszkiwskyj (169)	1-0	James Gardner (153)
Bd3: Jonny Martin (162)	1-0	Alan Lewis (136)
Bd4: David Walker (146)	1-0	Nik Puryer (134)
Bd5: Graham Arch (143)	1-0	Sajan Ganger (121)

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>.

## Oundle Chess Club

The club meets on Wednesdays between 2pm and 4.30pm at Oundle Library, Glapthorn Road PE8 4JA  
Tel: 0300 126 1000. Membership is open to those who can play chess and to those who wish to learn. There is no age restriction because chess can be, and is, played by individuals of all ages.

It would be helpful, though, if you could let either Charlotte Williams (Oundle Librarian, Tel: 0300 126 1000) or Jack Duckworth (01832 571165) know if you are interested in joining. You can of course just come straight to a meeting.

## ChromaSport & Trophies United Counties League results

**Saturday 18th April  
Premier Division**

AFC Rushden & Diamonds 2 – 0 Newport Pagnell Town

**Division One**

Potton United 1 – 0 Thrapston Town

Raunds Town 1 – 0 Blackstones

**Reserves Division**

Bugbrooke St Michaels 4 – 0 Potton United

Irchester United 1 – 2 Harborough Town

**Under-21 Division**

Histon 2 – 1 AFC Rushden & Diamonds

## Rushden & Higham United earn FA Charter Standard award

Rushden & Higham United FC have received notification that their application to become a Football Association Charter Standard Club has been accepted.

The FA Charter Standard Programme is the FA's accreditation scheme for grassroots clubs and leagues. The award is given to clubs that are rigorously adjudged to be well run and sustainable and which prioritise child protection, quality coaching and implement the Respect programme.

The award facilitates FA help in a number of key areas and provides a clear demonstration to parents, sponsors and the public that the club is well-organised, safe and offers opportunities to all.

This has been a long and arduous path for all involved in the club and has included obtaining Rushden Town Council funding for FA coaching, security vetting and new equipment. The club has also had to make key ground improvements to pass a recent UCL ground inspection.

This has been largely facilitated by private donations and volunteers.

Dale Brunton, RHUFC Manager said: "This is an outstanding achievement for the football club as a whole and it is the result of a lot of hard work from a team of dedicated and loyal volunteers. This combined with the passing of the ground inspection and the set-up of the new Football Education Programme for 16-19 year olds shows that the club and everyone involved with it has a bright future."

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