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**NEWS IN BRIEF**

**Carriages of Victorian delights**  
High Victorian and Steampunk style comes to Nene Valley Railway at Wansford on 24th–25th May, for a free family fun day.

The use of vintage continental rolling stock as an unusual backdrop for the second Steampunk event is also expected to draw in Victorian enthusiasts.

The fun days will feature a Victorian market, soundscapes, photography, music hall and musicians and will be suitable for all the family. Visitors don't have to dress up, but if you do, you'll get more of a sense of what it was like to be a Victorian over 100 years ago.

For only the price of a platform ticket, it's worth going along just to see the variety of costumes. Other tickets can be purchased if you want to travel on the steam trains along the Nene Valley Railway line.

**Tennis hopefuls train in Spain**

At the end of the Easter holidays, nineteen Oundle School pupils took part in a pre-season tennis camp in Girona, Spain.

The pupils received four hours of tennis coaching each day, playing under clear skies on fabulous red clay courts with the Pyrenees in the background.

Kouros Varasteh (16) was rated as the most improved player by the coaching team, setting a fine example both on, and off, the court.

## Oundle Library to spotlight work of community carers

We probably all know a carer – someone who looks after their husband, wife, partner, parent, relative or friend. Approximately 15,000 individuals in Northamptonshire provide over 50 hours of unpaid care per week for a loved one, and the numbers for East Northants are among the fastest district rises in the country.

'Who Cares?' week at Oundle Library (17th–23rd May) aims to help local residents find out what support is available – for carers as well as people who need help with their care. It will also be a chance to find out about local volunteering opportunities if you're interested in helping.

For example, did you know that Northamptonshire Carers offers a Carers Sitting Service, where a volunteer will visit someone for a couple of hours on a

regular basis, to give their carer a break?

"We work hard to match our volunteers with the people they're helping," says Adam Wilson, the Volunteer Coordinator. "For a carer, having someone to take over for a few hours so they can get out to do the shopping, meet friends or attend an art class can make a huge difference to their quality of life."

Loneliness and isolation can be a particular problem for people living in rural areas. Recently a new service has been launched in East Northants to tackle this. Northamptonshire ACRE has a brand new mobile Wellbeing Unit which will visit villages to provide an advice and signposting service for local older people and their carers. Members of the team – and the bus – will be visiting Oundle Library on Thursday, 21st May.

Other organisations involved in 'Who Cares?' week at Oundle Library

include the Alzheimer's Society, who will be explaining their Dementia Friends programme, and Volunteer Action Oundle, which offers a community

car service and a befriending scheme for elderly residents in Oundle, Thrapston and the surrounding villages.

For more information

about what's happening during 'Who Cares?' week pop into Oundle Library for a leaflet, or visit Oundle Library's web page at [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk)

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Dear Editor,  
I'm currently working on Lives Less Ordinary, 2nd edition, and am wondering if the readers of Nene Valley News might be able to help me. I'd love to hear from anyone who has led an interesting life, in my book that's everyone, who'd be interested in contributing to the book. I'd also love to have any photographs – I can scan or pay for copies of these – which can be included.

Contributors from Thrapston, Oundle, Ringstead, Raunds, Rushden, Higham Ferrers and Irthlingborough are still needed. I look forward to hearing from anyone who might be interested in this project and can be contacted at [audreyllis157@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:audreyllis157@yahoo.co.uk).

Audrey Ellis

Dear Editor,  
We are TS Collingwood, an independent Naval type cadet unit meeting at Windmill Primary School in Raunds every Wednesday 18:00–20:00. We accept girls and boys aged 7 upwards.

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about Naval traditions and life, but also to help them gain confidence in their own abilities.

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We have just finished a weekend adventure at Grendon Hall and have previously visited HMS Belfast, Pitsford Reservoir, and Cransley as well as parading regularly at Remembrance Day and WW1 commemorations.

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TS Collingwood

Dear Editor,  
I am writing to highlight the rip-off of customers travelling from Wellingborough to London (St. Pancras) by East Midlands Trains. This may have been highlighted in the past, but I think it needs to be done again. East Midlands Trains really need to be 'named and shamed'.

You will see from my screenshots below that a ticket from Wellingborough to London costs

£96 return, whilst a ticket from Bedford to London costs only £39.90.

This implies that travelling from Wellingborough to Bedford costs £56.10 with the journey from Bedford all the way to London being a mere £39.90. That would surely make the leg from Wellingborough to Bedford one of the most expensive in the country. It might even be cheaper to travel by taxi.

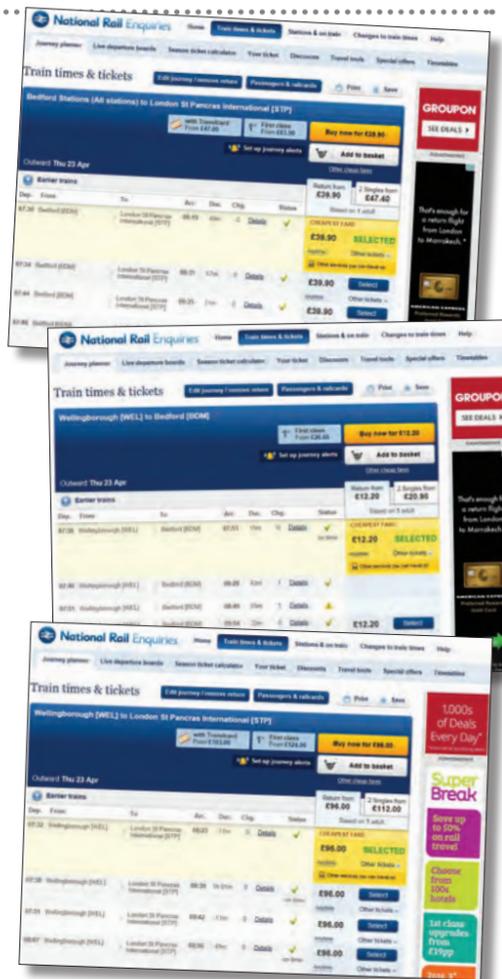
Now magically if you buy a return from Wellingborough to Bedford, it does not cost £56.10 – it only costs £12.20. So if you add £12.20 to £39.90 you come to £52.10. Not £96.

Those 'in the know' will do exactly what I am hinting at here: buy two return tickets; one from Wellingborough to Bedford and one from Bedford to London. I've read about this online and it's referred to as 'split ticketing'. As long as the train physically stops at the place where you 'split the ticket' (in this case, Bedford), you can stay in the same seat all the way (assuming you actually manage to get a seat).

For those who are not 'in the know' and purchase a return at either the automated ticket machine or from a booth, you will be paying close to double the price for exactly the same journey. Now that, in my view, is a rip-off and should be exposed.

If the full return journey was priced somewhere between £45 and £55, that would seem reasonable – £96 certainly is not.

With the Rushden Lakes development and plans to redevelop the Rushden & Diamonds Football Club (including a Cinema) (<http://www.northantstelegraph.co.uk/news/top->



stories/plans-for-irthlingborough-s-nene-park-go-on-show-1-6309138), the Rushden and Wellingborough area could fast become very popular, but the one thing that I believe holds the area back the most and keeps the house prices low are the ridiculously high train fares for those commuting to London for work.

I think it is high time this changed. East Midlands Trains needs to stop penalizing Wellingborough and the surrounding area.

Eric Smith

## Genealogy jottings

Well, that was rather nice! A chap who lives in Hampshire saw the online version of the Nene Valley News and recognised the names of Bulwick and Deene. He contacted me to say that he has ancestors from there as well as Collyweston, Apethorpe and Laxton. He is now on the search for any memorial inscriptions (MIs) that could belong to his family. Small world, eh?

This brings me neatly onto newspaper articles. It is always worth scouring the birth, marriage and death columns in both local and national newspapers to see if there is any mention of a past family member. Back in the day, it was not so much just an announcement, but often full funeral notices could be read.

I have one for a great grandmother from 1936 that lists not only the names of those who attended her funeral but also printed the details of those who had sent in floral tributes! A wealth of information was to be had – including the married names of

various daughters, which in turn led me onto interesting journeys finding out who they had married!

Also, hidden away in the newspapers might be full obituaries. I have a great uncle who was killed in a motorcycle accident in Kent. His local Hertfordshire newspaper had a wonderful article about his life, with contributions from the member of the motorcycle club to which he belonged. Meanwhile, the local Kent newspaper had full details of the crash in which he was killed. It all helps to add fabric to the life of the person instead of them just being a name and set of dates on the page.

Where do you find newspapers? Well, if you pop along to your local library you could check out the British Newspaper Library Archive on their computers.

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By Catherine Burbage

I'm a big fan of natural live yogurt. It's one of those unassuming ingredients which sits in the fridge and good-naturedly adapts to what you need it to do, whether that's cooling a curry, making a dressing, whipping up a smoothie or complementing a rich dessert.

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## INGREDIENTS

- Rhubarb and fresh ginger compote
- 500g fresh rhubarb sticks
- 5cm piece of fresh root ginger
- About 100g to 150g brown sugar

## METHOD

Chop the rhubarb sticks into even, 5cm long pieces. If you have a combination of thick and thin stems,

you might need to slice the thick pieces lengthways too so that all the pieces are about the same size so they cook evenly. Place in a single layer in an ovenproof dish. Peel and chop the fresh ginger into very small pieces and sprinkle over the rhubarb. Then sprinkle the sugar over too. Brown sugar adds a deep flavour to the compote, but white is fine if that's what you have.

Bake uncovered in a low to medium oven for 15 to 20 minutes until the rhubarb is just soft. This method should help the rhubarb to maintain its shape if you like it that way. It will produce plenty of its own juice so you don't need to add any liquid. Check the flavour once cooked and add more sugar if you like. Allow the compote to cool and mix with yogurt.

If you'd like to know more about the methods used by food manufacturers and processors to provide our everyday foods, the new book by Joanna Blythman 'Swallow This' is an interesting read.

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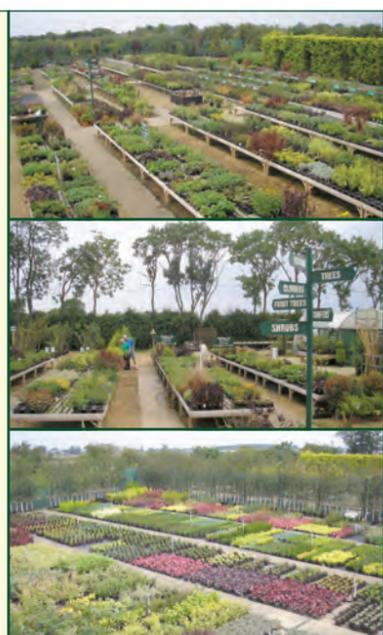
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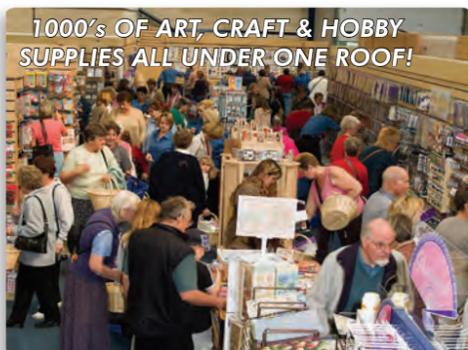
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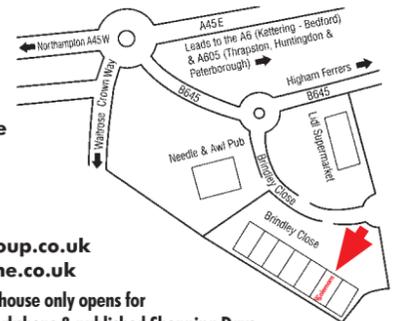
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### Why have you decided to open the store?

We have always wanted to run our own business, Amy has always had a keen interest in the bridal industry. Having been made redundant from our jobs at the same time we saw an opportunity to follow a dream. Our previous careers have given us great skills and experience in the fundamentals of managing a business and what it takes to offer an outstanding customer experience, something we are extremely passionate and driven about.

### How have you gone about setting up shop?

We launched online in November 2014 selling headdresses, shoes and accessories. The plan was to open a shop in September 2015. However, with the online being so successful, seeing a gap in the market and the perfect shop becoming available, we moved the date to April 2015.

### What have been the most challenging aspects?

Fitting the shop out was the most challenging part by a mile! We have very talented men in our lives who pretty much worked 24/7 for 9 days in shifts, to transform what was a hairdressers and tattoo parlour into our beautiful boutique. Something that was very important in our design and layout was private fitting rooms.

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Picking our designers was also a challenge. Ensuring that our products matched our brand and what we represent is extremely important to us, as are our working relationships. One of the success factors in consistently providing great customer service comes from our relationships with our designers.

We spent time understanding their values and service levels to ensure we could pass this on to our own customers.



### Which brands do you stock?

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## Notice of planning applications received

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

### Ashton

**15/00604/LBC (30/05/2015) (LB/CA) (LBRegs)** 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

**15/00736/FUL (23/05/2015) (Info)** Conversion of redundant water pumping station to form a three-bedroom domestic dwelling at Former Pumping Station Site Cotterstock Road Tansor

**15/00764/FUL (30/05/2015) (LB/CA)** To erect a tongue and groove timberclad shed/garden building at the back of the side garden to sit on a concrete paved hardstanding at Acacia Cottage 26 The Green Ashton PE8 5LD

### Bulwick

**15/00794/FUL (30/05/2015) (LB/CA)** Construction of building to house a wood-chip fired Biomass generator to power the surrounding properties at Bulwick Hall Main Street Bulwick NN17 3DZ

### Chelveston-cum-Caldecott

**14/01441/FUL (23/05/2015) (Info)** First floor extension on top of flat roof double garage at Scaraben Water Lane Chelveston NN9 6AG  
**15/00667/VAR (23/05/2015) (Info)** Variation of condition one pursuant to planning permission 14/00887/REM – Reserved matters: Access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale pursuant to planning permission 10/00820/OUT dated 2.12.11 – Outline: Erection of single storey dwelling with associated parking to replace garages (all matters reserved) at Garage Block Accessed Between 11 And 12 Hillside

### Easton-on-the-Hill

**15/00709/FUL and 15/00710/LBC**

**(30/05/2015) (LB/CA)** Alterations and repairs to four outbuildings. Change of use from stores to micro brewery, bakery and shop and meeting rooms at Blue Bell Inn 9 High Street Easton On The Hill  
**15/00725/FUL (30/05/2015) (LB/CA)** Front and side extension to existing dwelling to include lower ground floor garage and alterations to existing dwelling to include alterations to fenestration at 42 High Street Easton On The Hill PE9 3LN

### Fotheringhay

**15/00751/FUL (30/05/2015) (LB/CA)** Construction of outdoor pizza oven, barbeque and associated works at The Falcon Inn Main Street Fotheringhay PE8 5HZ

### Irthlingborough

**15/00569/VAR (30/05/2015) (Art8)** Variation of conditions 2, 5 and 28 to allow twenty-one affordable units comprising 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>, alteration of boundary treatment to Wellingborough Road, and reduction to roof pitches, 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  
**15/00722/VAR (23/05/2015) (Info)** Variation of condition 7 and 8 pursuant to planning permission 12/00698/FUL Proposed extension and conversion of existing first floor storage areas into five flats (three one-bedroom flats and two two-bedroom flats) at 13–19 High Street Irthlingborough NN9 5TE

### King's Cliffe

**15/00771/FUL (23/05/2015) (Info)** Extension to first floor over existing

utility room to provide larger bedroom and en-suite bathroom at 35 Oak Lane King's Cliffe PE8 6YY

### Luddington

**15/00739/FUL (23/05/2015) (Info)** Proposed extension to garage / outbuilding at Luddington Farm Winwick Road Thurning PE8 5BF

### Nassington

**15/00762/VAR (23/05/2015) (Info)** Variation of conditions 2, 4, 5 and 10 – to add garden room on west side, omit timber cladding to upper parts and add coursed limestone and boundary between existing and proposed dwelling moved pursuant to planning permission 14/02259/FUL dated 21.1.15 – Demolish existing garage and build detached dwelling and outbuilding using existing access. Form new vehicle access from Church Street for existing dwelling at 62 Church Street Nassington

### Oundle

**15/00773/ADV (30/05/2015) (LB/CA)** Two fascia signs, one projecting sign and one internally illuminated full ATM surround at 9 Market Place Oundle PE8 4BB  
**15/00783/FUL (23/05/2015) (Info)** Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of new garden room extension to kitchen at 34B Glapthorn Road Oundle PE8 4JQ

### Raunds

**15/00780/FUL (23/05/2015) (Info)** Change of use B1 unit (Bakery) to Mixed Use B1/A1/A5. Creation of new integral shop front area at Unit 2 Enterprise Road Raunds NN9 6JE

### Ringstead

**15/00749/FUL (23/05/2015) (Info)** Two storey side extension at 11 Newell Road Ringstead NN14 4EP

### Rushden

**15/00730/FUL (23/05/2015) (Info)**

Part garage conversion with new higher roof line, new rear external doorset and internal alterations at 12 Redding Close Rushden NN10 9EN  
**15/00732/FUL (23/05/2015) (Info)** Proposed conservatory and removal of French doors and replacement with single pedestrian door and ground floor window at Round House Mill Estate Wymington Road Rushden

### Southwick

**15/00436/FUL (30/05/2015) (LB/CA)** Erection of three bay detached garage at Stonepit Farmhouse Woodnewton Road Fotheringhay PE8 5HX

### Titchmarsh

**15/00748/FUL (30/05/2015) (LB/CA)** Single garage extension to existing garages with a studio loft over the garages and an external staircase at The Old Forge High Street Titchmarsh NN14 3DF

### Warmington

**15/00702/FUL (23/05/2015) (Info)** Replacement of entrance porch/lobby and internal alterations at 47 Church Street Warmington PE8 6TE  
**15/00719/FUL (23/05/2015) (Info)** Change of use from design studio and classroom to offices at The Tack Room Rectory Farm Lutton Road Warmington PE8 6UT

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 9 May 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.

## Develop your survival skills at Stanwick Lakes camp

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The 'Survive at Stanwick' event is perfect for families with children aged 8 and over (each child needs to be accompanied by an adult.) and costs only £75 per pair (one adult and one child) which includes all your meals.

To find out more and to book, ring the Stanwick Lakes Rangers on 01933 625522 or email Dave on [d.mackay@rftrust.org.uk](mailto:d.mackay@rftrust.org.uk)



Survive at Stanwick

# From the East Northamptonshire Council Chairman

It is with great sadness that we learned recently of the death of Gwen Murdin BEM, who was Chairman of East Northamptonshire Council from 1990-1991.

Gwen was a pillar of the community of Higham Ferrers and a year ago, at the age of 93, she was presented with the highest award by being made an honorary freewoman of the town. She had been a member of the town council from 1968 to 2011 and had been mayor

three times. I would like to pass my condolences to her family. We will miss Gwen very much.

A tour of the facilities of the charity Serve, which is based in Wollaston proved most enjoyable as it boasts a wonderful garden including a wild flower area. Spring was a good time to see it with lots of wonderful wild flowers. Here we heard about their work helping older people in the community.

We also visited the Ron

Manning Centre which they are now using for holistic therapies and chiropody services. This was followed by a visit to their Rushden premises, where they have a shop selling reasonably priced living aids for people with disabilities. From here they also arrange transport for people needing to attend medical appointments and they had some sessions running where people could practice computer skills, play scrabble and do needlecraft. These are just some examples of the facilities they offer.

At the end of the afternoon, we returned to Wollaston where Russell Bradford of the Royal Pigeon Racing Association started a pigeon race to Farnish. These pigeons are used to flying thousands of miles, so this was a very short race for them. Visitors were invited to try their luck to see which one won the race. Funds from the event will go to help the marvellous work that Serve do in the community.

Ringstead Peace Park now boasts new play equipment, thanks to the hard work of a group of local people and financial backing via East Northamptonshire

Council's Community Facilities Fund. It was great to see the hard work pay off and I hope the young residents of Ringstead enjoy their new play equipment for many years to come.

And finally, I was honoured to represent the district at RAF Alconbury

for the Wing Commanders Spring reception. There the American forces honoured those associated with the camp and who have helped the young air personnel settle into the British way of life through visits, trips and social events. There is a long-term plan to close the

base but this will not happen for about seven years, so the American forces remain a part of our community for a good while to come and we appreciate all that they do to ensure good relationships with local people.

ENC Chairman,  
Cllr Gill Mercer



Chairman, Cllr Gill Mercer with Cllr Sylvia Hughes and members of the Ringstead Peace Park project

## The sun always shines on PV

**Eight homeowners in the Oundle area have recently installed PV (Photovoltaic) panels through Transition Oundle's ongoing 'Push on PV'; as a result they are reaping the benefits of free electricity, government subsidy payments and the happy feeling that they are reducing their carbon use.**

Following an information evening in December, interested participants gathered quotes from several suppliers and some spoke to other locals who already have panels on their roofs. All but one chose to install with the Nottingham based company Evo Energy, who offered the group a 5% discount on installation costs.

"Evo Energy were very professional throughout - from initial contact to finishing the installation," said one of the group, Philip Chandler. "They are really interested in the concept and practice of solar PV and they never lost patience with me despite the number of questions I raised - and answered all of them in as much detail as I required. I'm

already delighted with 'free' energy and am constantly checking the meter!"

The cost of PV panels has reduced significantly in recent years and they produce good returns, making installation a competitive investment decision for those with suitably positioned and designed houses. Homes with PV panels can use the free electricity they generate whilst also benefiting from the government's subsidy payments for renewable energy generation (known as the Feed-in Tariff, or FIT). The payback period is usually around seven to eight years.

It is still possible to join Transition Oundle's 'Push on PV' scheme. To find out more, please call Alan Rayden on 01832 205287 or email [info@transitionoundle.org.uk](mailto:info@transitionoundle.org.uk) Alternatively, a few homeowners who are already enjoying the benefits of solar energy will be available to give first-hand feedback at the Oundle International Festival's Open Gardens event on Sunday 12th July. More information about the 'Push on PV' and the Open Gardens is available on [www.transitionoundle.org.uk](http://www.transitionoundle.org.uk)

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7 Days Half Board - 28th June to 4th July. Based at the Menlo Park Hotel, includes 1 night Wexford and 1 night South of Dublin. Excursions including Local Guides.  
£549 per person sharing

**Blackpool**  
The Queens Hotel  
Perfectly placed on the seafront between Central & South Piers. 5 Days Half Board - 11th-15th July. Excursions to Lancaster, Morcombe, Southport. Entertainment most evenings.  
£239 per person sharing

**Paignton**  
Palace Hotel  
4 Days Half Board 18th-21st September. Excursions Dartmouth, Totnes, Plymouth. £245 per person sharing

We still have a few places remaining on Warners Nidd Hall, 24th-28th August, £349, Rhine & Moselle, 3rd-7th September, £369. Grand Tour Scotland based at Inverness 24th-31st October, Overnight stops each way, £539 Warners Bembridge T/T 9th-13th Nov, £279 Turkey & Tinsel - Shap Wells, 14th-18th Dec, £229

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12th August - Cotswolds with cream tea - £23  
26th November - Warners Xmas Lunch/entertainment - £37  
29th November - Bury St Edmunds Xmas Market - £20  
6th December - Birmingham Xmas Market - £20

We also have a few seats remaining for the Thursford Christmas Spectacular 29th November, 6th December £57, plus our overnight stay on 11/12th Dec, £123

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# Council dog warden not to be sniffed at

**A Rushden dog walker was fined £75 recently, when he was caught not picking up after his dog on the Greenway.**

East Northamptonshire Council's Dog Warden issued a fixed penalty notice when she witnessed the man leaving behind his German Shepherd's mess near Crown Way, Rushden.

The man believed that if it wasn't on a tarmac path then it wasn't an offence.

Dog Warden at East Northamptonshire Council, Carezza Black, said: "Not picking up after your dog has fouled is an offence anywhere in an open space that the public have a right of access to. Paths, pavements, parks, roads and verges are all covered by the law and enforcement will take place whenever we have the evidence to support it."

Carenza, who often patrols the Greenway in Rushden, wants to remind residents that not noticing your dog foul or not having a bag to pick up the mess is no excuse.

"Dog walkers should always have a supply of bags with them, because you just never know when you'll need one," she added.

Carenza patrols the district five times a week to enforce the dog control orders in place. So far this year, six dog owners have received fixed penalties for not keeping their dogs on leads.

The waste management team is also busy targeting the environmental criminals in East Northants. Since January, three people have received fixed penalties of £75 each for littering from cars and 10 cases of flytipping are under active investigation.

Please go to [www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling](http://www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling) to find out about the waste management service. For more information on dog fouling and to report an instance, visit [www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/dogfouling](http://www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/dogfouling). Responsible dog owners are invited to join the Green Dog Club. Find out more at <http://www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/greendogclub> or call 01832 742068.



## Spanish Sofrito de Tomate / Spanish tomato sauce

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

**This is one of five southern European tomato sauce recipes, each with its 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.**

It's a great base sauce for paella. It can also be used as a salsa for grilled or barbecued pork loin, pork chops or chicken portions.

### INGREDIENTS

- 4 whole peeled plum tomatoes, (400g can – San Marzano are best)
- 1 bell pepper, diced
- 2 medium red onions, diced
- 2 leeks, finely sliced
- 1 carrot, diced
- 6 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- ½ cup olive oil

- 200ml white wine
- 1 tsp sugar
- 1 tsp black pepper
- 1 tsp sweet smoked paprika
- 4 fresh bay leaf, bruised
- 2 large sprigs rosemary, finely chopped
- 4 tbsp fresh flat leaf parsley, finely chopped
- 1 tsp coarse sea salt

### METHOD

- 1 Add the olive oil to a large saucepan on medium heat. Sauté the bell pepper, onions, leeks, carrot and garlic for 3 minutes or until onions are soft.
- 2 Add the sugar and spices 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. Remove the bay leaves and sprigs of rosemary.

- 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.

Are you interested in cooking lessons/demonstrations? Please email me with your comments, ideas or requests.

## Oundle local recapturing childhood memories with 100-mile 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 the charity Alzheimer's Society.**

Emma, whose father was diagnosed with the illness two years ago, 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.

"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>

## Rushden mobile recycling service coming to a street near you this bank holiday

**As Northamptonshire County Council has decided to close the Rushden HWRC on both May bank holidays this year, East Northamptonshire Council will again host a mobile recycling service in and around Rushden and Higham on 25th May.**

Trucks and helpful staff will be at the following locations at the times indicated:

- Rectory Road Car Park, Rushden, 9am–10.45am
- Saffron Road Car Park, Higham Ferrers, 11am–12.45pm
- Grangeway Shopping Precinct, Rushden, 1pm–2.45pm

So bring along the following and the council will dispose of them for you:

- General bagged household waste
- General bagged recyclables – paper, cans,

plastic punnets, pots and trays, glass jars and bottles, tins and cans

- Small electrical items – toasters, irons, vacuums etc. Please no larger than what will fit in the boot of a car
- Batteries
- Textiles
- General household items – no larger than what will fit in the boot of a car

It is hoped that this mobile service will help those who have experienced issues with accessing Rushden HWRC, particularly on a Wednesday morning following the two-day closure.

For more information about recycling, visit [www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/waste](http://www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/waste)

To recycle your garden waste, join the Garden Waste Club at [www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/gardenwaste](http://www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/gardenwaste)



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# New beauty therapy business opens in Raunds

The Noghan family have all helped Geeta, who is a highly qualified therapist with over eight years' experience within the beauty business, with her first venture into the expanding world of beauty treatments.

Elegance Beauty Therapy, at 1 The Square, was officially opened by Raunds Mayor, Cllr Louisa Thomas on Monday 27th April.

There was a real party

atmosphere as various family members, who are working alongside Geeta, enthusiastically greeted customers to see the range of treatments available.

They are not just providing for ladies but are actively encouraging gentlemen to have treatments as well.

Treatments offered on the opening day were at a special price to customers and fees were donated to the local charity Walk for a Cause.

[www.walkforacause.org.uk](http://www.walkforacause.org.uk) Over £100 was raised.

Geeta's mother-in-law is a committee member and during the last seven years this charity has raised over £240,000. These monies are used to support and help local community based projects, as well as local hospitals which need funds for specialist equipment.

Geeta's husband Sandip has been in the background, working with his brother

converting and refurbishing the building into five well appointed treatment rooms.

The range of treatments available cover Threading, Waxing, Facials, Massages, Nails, Eye Treatments, Laser Hair removal and Spray Tanning both for males and females.

Raunds now has an elegant and relaxing beauty treatment destination for those who like to spend time being pampered.



Cutting the ribbon

# Rushden nursery goes the extra mile

Rushden Day Nursery has successfully raised funds from a local charity for a Special Educational Needs pushchair for four-year-old Oliver Wearn who attends the nursery.

Oliver has been diagnosed with Special Educational Needs and has been having regular consultations with a multi-disciplinary team of experts who are addressing his various needs. Oliver struggles with his personal, social, emotional and physical development, and is unable to initiate communication with his peers and adults – often resulting in difficulties with behaviour and, most importantly, his safety.

Having a special needs pushchair for Oliver will now make a big difference to his quality of

life. In the past it has been difficult for Oliver's family to go out and spend time together. Knowing that Oliver can now be safely transported once he is tired and unable carry on any further will ensure that they can access new places and spend time as a family without worrying about Oliver's fatigue and safety.

Anna Hobbs, Rushden Day Nursery's Special Educational Needs Early Years Practitioner, approached local charity The Lions Club in Rushden to ask the club if they were able to help fund a Maclaren Major Elite pushchair for Oliver. They were more than happy to help and bought the £298 pushchair outright! Chairman Geoff Hollis came to present the pushchair to the Wearn on 24th April at Rushden Day Nursery.



Meet the team



Lions Club Chairman Geoff Hollis and his wife Marian presenting the Special Educational Needs Pushchair to Rachael, Mike and Oliver Wearn and Anna Hobbs from Rushden Day Nursery

# Rotary donates to MS centre

As part of their Trolley Dash fundraising distribution The Rotary Club of Rushden has recently donated £1,000 to the Bedfordshire and Northamptonshire MS Therapy Centre, for vital additional equipment for their Hydrotherapy Pool.

The donation bought an 'aqua plinth' and a special insulated cover for the pool, to keep the heat in overnight. Centre Manager and founder of the Centre, Valerie Woods, received the cheque from Club President

Mark Darnell after giving Club Members an insight into the condition and informing them of the Therapy Centre facilities offered free to MS sufferers from both counties. This includes a physiotherapy service, hyperbaric oxygen chamber and a gymnasium – all facilities being under specialised supervision.

The Centre, based in Bedford, has been in existence for over 30 years and is run by people who have personal experience of the condition, and so is truly a 'self-help' organisation.

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Higham Ferrers 1.30 - 2.30pm starts 9th June  
Barton Seagrave 6.30 - 7.30pm starts 2nd June  
Barton Seagrave 7.45 - 8.45pm starts 2nd June

**Wednesday**

Personal Training 10.30 - 11.30am  
Yelden 6 - 7pm starts 6th May  
Raunds 7.30 - 8.30pm starts 6th May

**Thursday**

Oundle 9.30 - 10.30am starts 21st May  
Rushden 6.15 - 7.15pm starts 14th May  
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# Oundle pupils hold their own mock elections

**As the country went to the polls on Thursday 7th May, pupils at Oundle School held their own mock election, with pupil representatives representing the main political parties.**

Every House, both boarding and day, plus all staff, acted as a constituency, so pupils did not even need to leave their home to vote.

Head of Politics, Matt King commented: "It is our responsibility to convince young people of their responsibilities and to give them an informed and unbiased background in political issues. This applies to all pupils and not just those studying politics. Having a basic understanding of democracy in the UK and how one can participate in politics is important right from an early age.

"In many ways, politics is more accessible to younger generations than ever before. Social media and immediate access to news through technology has changed the way in which young people digest and interact with information."

Oundle held a mock Scottish referendum earlier this year and uses its new Trivium course – Third Form lessons which cover a range of issues including political concepts – to ensure that no pupil can go through a year at Oundle without having at least some understanding of the basic

principles of democracy and their responsibilities as British citizens – or indeed citizens of any country.

Matt added: "It is hoped that pupils will take away an ability to formulate views and opinions as well as being able to challenge the views of others. What we want to do is encourage and challenge our pupils to think for themselves. We want them to move beyond preconceptions or prejudices and to think independently about the bigger picture, not just their own environment.

"By the end of this election season we hope that younger members of the School will be in a position to discuss politics, or at least issues of particular interests, with staff, peers and parents."

Representing the Liberal Democrats, lower sixth former, Hetty Hodgson (17) commented: "I wanted to run in Oundle's mock election firstly as research into my chosen party. At the same time, looking into other parties will give me more scope and understanding of what the outcome of the election could be.

"I feel it is an event of upmost importance for the School to allow the pupils full understanding into the parties. However, with this excitement comes slight nerves, as I realise that the outcome of this election could mark a change in the running of this county for the

next four years and have greater implications in the future, for good or for bad."

Green Party representative, Alexander Wienand (16) added: "It is a fascinating time to live in the UK; politics has never been so diverse. Young people can feel like they have a voice now, and finally parties are starting to realise this and make policies for young people.

"I feel strongly about a green agenda being present in parliament, there aren't enough MPs with scientific backgrounds, and we need to stop shying away from the problem. For me, the Greens have been the party of the young people, and I really connect with the idea of reaching out to teenagers, instead of the silver vote. I hope this will be the start of a seismic shift in our country's politics that interests a wider, more diverse range of demographics than ever before."

Labour party candidate, Kieran Marray (17) commented: "I am too young to vote in the actual election, so a mock election seemed a great way to get involved in some capacity. I personally believe in many of the ideas set out by the Labour party and the ways they want to help young people like us all across the country. Trying to spread the word and convince other people of this seemed a very interesting challenge.

"Also the last mock election



Kieran Marray (Labour), Hetty Hodgson (Liberal Democrats) and Alexander Wienand (Green)

happened in my first year at Oundle; I remember voting in it and thinking how wonderful it would be to actually take part, so I wouldn't miss this opportunity.

"I will be suggesting to my peers that they pay at least a little attention to the election, as it will influence the lives of every single one of them. The amount of taxes they pay, whether they will be able to get a house, the healthcare they receive when they are ill, all of this is down to politics. So if they want to help change this or help push for what they feel is right they need to be aware and be engaged in politics. Otherwise the people in Westminster can transform their entire life and enact laws which are unfair or they hate without them even having a say or even knowing why."

Conservative candidate, Ali Mason (17) commented: "The election for me has the same feeling as when the World cup or the Olympics comes around and you can feel the buzz around it everywhere you go.

"As a keen follower of political affairs and having an abundance of opinions about the general election it is absolutely gutting to only be seventeen and not able to vote. So with the Oundle election as the next best thing to the national one I was extremely keen to play a significant part and broadcast my personal interpretations, as well as having some fun in a busy exam season.

"As Winston Churchill said: 'Democracy is the worst form of government, apart from all others.'"



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**Saturday 9th May**  
**St Peter's Church**  
**Rushden Ladies**  
**Friendship Group Coffee**  
**Morning**

Church Hall, Midland Road, Rushden NN10 9UJ  
 10am–11.30am  
 Admission 50p  
 Bring & Buy, Gift Stall, Cakes, Tombola, Bric a Brac, Books, Raffle, Coffee & Biscuits.

**Oundle & District Care**  
**Spring Fair**

Victoria Hall, Oundle  
 9am–12noon  
 Admission free.

**Sunday 10th May**  
**Oundle Strollers**

Walk starts Alconbury Church at 1pm  
 Leader Dave Park  
 Tel: 07855 828251  
 7 miles.

**Monday 11th May**  
**Oundle U3A Monthly Meeting**

Victoria Hall  
 Refreshments 2.15pm, Speaker 3pm  
 Members £1 Non-members £2  
 Tel: 01832 274778  
 Doreen Reed: Humorous Homespun Tales In Rhyme.

**Lecture by Ian Loxley,**  
**Cloud Appreciation**  
**Society: "Clouds for**  
**Astronomers?"**

Chelveston Village Hall  
 8pm  
 Visitors welcome. £3 per person including tea/coffee and biscuits.  
 Tel: Mrs Peta Jellis 01933 356914  
 The talk will be widely illustrated and include amusing 'Clouds that look like things'.

**Link4Growth Oundle**  
**Networking**

Talbot Hotel, Oundle  
 10am–11.30am  
 Free: refreshments available for small cost  
 Tel: Asif Rehman 07725 564786 or email [oundle@link4growth.biz](mailto:oundle@link4growth.biz)  
 Business Networking event

– meet like-minded individuals in a relaxed environment.

**Tuesday 12th May**  
**Tea Dance**

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

**Wednesday 13th May**  
**Oundle Strollers**

Walk starts Barnwell Village Hall  
 6.30pm  
 Leader Brian Collis  
 Tel: 01832 272659  
 4.5 miles.

**Thursday 14th May**  
**Discovery Walks**

Meet at Yarwell Church  
 2pm  
 £1.50, no need to book  
 Tel: 01780 782747  
[www.weanorthamptonshire.org](http://www.weanorthamptonshire.org)  
 Exploring Northamptonshire – Yarwell, Sulehay Woods – 4 miles.

**Friday 15th May**  
**Thrapston U3A Annual**  
**General Meeting and live**  
**music from Ukulele and**  
**Live Music Groups**

Thrapston Plaza  
 10am–12noon  
 Cover charge: Visitors £2 (£1 for members) which includes refreshments.  
 For more information contact: Ann Carter 01832 358136

**Saturday 16th May**  
**Plant Sale and Coffee**  
**Morning**

Primary School Hall, Milton Road, Oundle  
 10.30am  
 £1 includes refreshments  
 Tel: 01832 272623  
 Bedding, perennials, vegetables all at reasonable prices to help finance the Summer Show.

**Bring and Buy Plant Sale**  
 Warmington Village Hall  
 9am–12noon

Free  
 Tel: Mike 01832 280585  
 Bargain plants for sale including vegetables and flowers plus sundries. Refreshments available.

**Sunday 17th May**  
**5.75mile walk**

Meet Saffron Road car park, Higham Ferrers  
 9.15am  
 Contact: Sue Myrton 01858 465852  
 Maidwell area.

**Monday 18th May**  
**Thrapston District**  
**Historical Society –**  
**Family History**

St James Church Hall, Thrapston  
 7.30pm  
 Visitors £2.50  
 Tel: Neil Busby 01832 731047 email [tdhs40@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:tdhs40@yahoo.co.uk)  
 Capture the atmosphere of the past. All welcome.

**Next Meeting of Higham**  
**Ferrers WI**

The Adult School, Westfield Terrace, Higham Ferrers  
 2.15 pm  
 Tel: Pat 01933 396647  
 We will be deciding on Resolutions and having tea and cake. Anyone welcome.

**Wednesday 20th May**  
**Documentary Film: Que**  
**Carambas La Vida**

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.  
 In the macho world of Mariachi music, a snapshot of life, death and the things in between.

**Thursday 21st May**  
**Film: The Imitation**  
**Game (12A)**

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.  
 Intense and haunting story of Alan Turing (Benedict Cumberbatch), credited with cracking the Enigma code.

**Bumper Coffee Morning**

Oundle Bowling Club, Occupation Road  
 10.30am–12.30pm  
 Entrance fee: £2, Children free  
 Various stalls selling plants, cakes, cards, books, children's books etc.

**Thrapston District**  
**Historical Society –**  
**"Boots, Babies and**  
**Vaccination"**

St James Church Hall, Thrapston  
 7.30pm  
 Visitors £2.50  
 Neil Busby 01832731047 [tdhs40@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:tdhs40@yahoo.co.uk)  
 "Boots, Babies and Vaccination": 19th Century smallpox vaccination, with Tricia James. All welcome.

**Saturday 23rd May**  
**Table Top Sale**

Denford Church  
 2pm–5pm  
 Admission free, or book a table for £5  
 Grab a bargain or sell unwanted items. Teas, cakes, Pimm's and bubbly served.

**Sunday 24th May**  
**Pamper and Indulgence**  
**Fayre**

Queen Victoria Hall, West St, Oundle  
 10am–3pm  
[kerry-anne.fowler@live.co.uk](mailto:kerry-anne.fowler@live.co.uk)  
 Raising funds and awareness for the Kathryn Clarke Foundation.  
 Refreshments available throughout the day.

**Sunday 24th and Monday**  
**25th May**

**Superheroes and Villains**  
 Rushden Station, Station Approach, Rushden, Northants NN10 0AW  
 11am–4pm  
 Adults £4, Children £2  
[www.rhts.co.uk](http://www.rhts.co.uk)  
 Dress up as your favourite Superhero or Villain.

**First Saturday of every**  
**month**

**Coffee Morning**  
 St Mary's Church, Ringstead  
 10am–12noon  
 Tel: 01933 624262 for details  
 A warm welcome to all, proceeds to church projects and charities.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**Third Wednesday of every**  
**month**

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

**First Wednesday of the**  
**month**

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

**First Monday of the month**  
**Wildlife Trust Little Bugs**  
**Club**

Irthlingborough Library  
 1.30pm–3pm  
 Free, donations welcome  
 Tel: Louise Tuffin 01604 405285  
[louise.tuffin@wildlifebcn.org](mailto:louise.tuffin@wildlifebcn.org)  
 A fun monthly session for Under 5s and their parents to discover local wildlife.

**Every Monday**  
**Titchmarsh Folk Dance**  
**Club**

The Club Room, High Street, Titchmarsh NN14

3DF  
 8pm–10pm  
 £1 inc tea/coffee  
 Tel: Julie Bubbles 01536 726858  
 or email bubbles.folksinger@hotmail.com  
 Country dancing from the 1600s to the modern, sociable and fun. No partner needed.

**Every Monday**  
**Oundle Ladies Running**  
**Group**

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

**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**

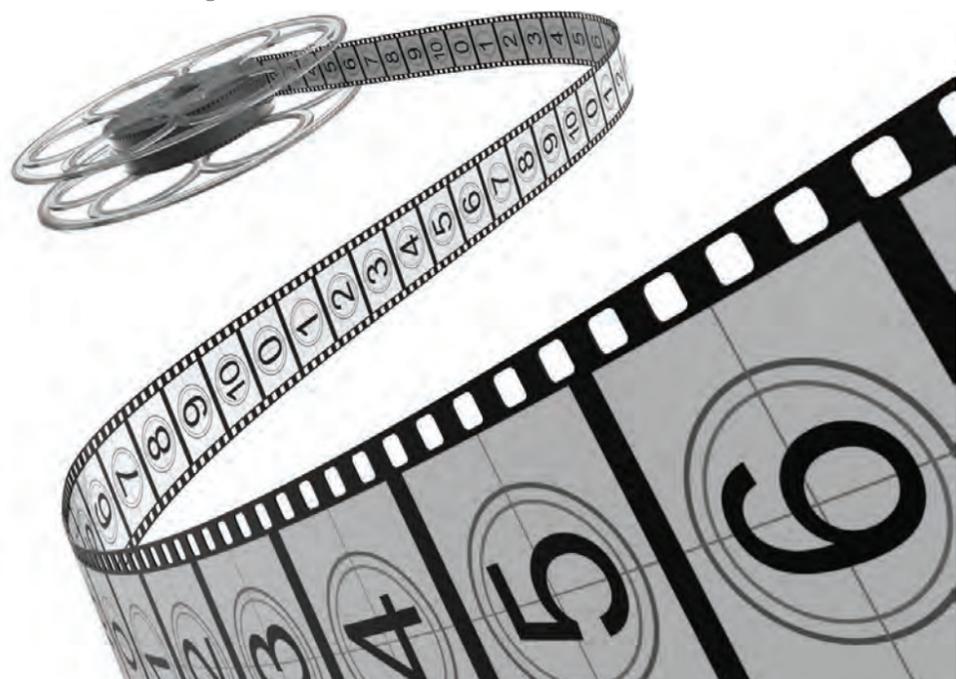
Rushden Mission Church, Wellingborough Road  
 NN10 9TA  
 10am–12.30pm  
 Tel: Alan Richardson 01933 355302  
 A warm welcome awaits all, for a drink, snack and chat.

**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 evening**  
**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.



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## Every Wednesday (except school holidays)

### Allegra Singers – Three-part ladies choir

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

## Alternate Wednesdays

### U3A Country Dancing

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

## First Wednesday of the month

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

## Second and fourth Wednesdays of each month

### Northants Model Makers

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

## Third Wednesday of each month

### Wellingborough Flower Arrangement Society

St Mary's Church Hall, Knox Road, Wellingborough NN8 1HU  
7.30pm  
Visitors £5  
Car park available

For more information contact chairman on 01933 222326 or secretary on 01604 870275.

## Every Thursday

### Rushden Folk Dance Club

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

## Third Wednesday of the month

### Higham and Rushden U3A

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

## Third Thursday of the month

### Painting Class with Nick Baldwin

St John Ambulance Hall, Raunds  
10am–4pm  
£15 per session  
Tel: Kathy Gyngell 01933 389936  
Friendly class seeks new members to learn painting with mixed media. All abilities welcome.

## Every Wednesday

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

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

## Every Thursday

### The Silverfox Turners Club

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

## Every Thursday during school term time

### Music Makers

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

### Music Makers

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

### Little Treasures Tots Group

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

### Music Makers

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

## First Friday of the month (recommend checking before travelling)

### Craft Cafe

Stanwick Lakes  
10.30am–1pm  
Modest charges for some materials – normal car park charges apply.  
Tel: 01933 625522  
www.stanwicklakes.org.uk  
Learn new craft skills, share your experience and meet up with crafty friends.

## Third Friday of every month

### Raunds Tea Dance

Saxon Hall, Raunds  
2pm–4.15pm  
£3 (plus 50p for Raffle)  
Tel: Mrs Wicks 01933 312623  
Tea dance and raffle with music by Dave Hawkes.

## Third Friday of the month (recommend checking before travelling)

### Stanwick Stitchers

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

## Second Saturday of the month

### WE Watch and Phoenix Group

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

## First Saturday of the month

### Thrapston Farmers' Market

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

## Second Saturday of every month

### (Same Saturday as Oundle Farmers' Market)

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



## Last Saturday of the month except December

### Farmers' Market

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

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

### Local Producers' and Farmers' Market

Stanwick Lakes  
10am–2pm  
Free entry to market – normal car park charges apply.  
Tel: 01933 625522  
www.stanwicklakes.org.uk  
Browse through tempting treats and gifts made and farmed by local businesses.

## First Sunday of the month

### Priceless – for young children and their families

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

## Third Sunday of the month

### All Age Worship

St Laurence's Church, Stanwick  
9.30am  
Join us for our All Age Worship designed for people of all ages. Teas/coffees served after the service.

## Third Sunday of the month

### Leisurely, Sociable Strolls

Pub start – if not lunching please do not use pub car park  
10am for 10.30am prompt start.  
Guests £2 or join for the year £8  
secretary@northamptonshireshamblers.org.uk  
Circular walks enjoying our beautiful countryside. A week's notice to secretary please if wanting lunch.

## Third Sunday of each month

### Afternoon Teas

King's Cliffe Village Hall (Pedestrian access via Eagle Lane off West Street; vehicle access via Orchard Lane and Church Walk at the west end of the village. Parking at rear of hall.)  
Open 2pm–4.30pm  
Pots of tea or coffee, homemade cakes and scones. Sale of homemade preserves and Secondhand Book Corner.

## Ongoing

### Drawing and Painting Classes

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

More events can be found at [www.nenevalleynews.co.uk](http://www.nenevalleynews.co.uk)

To submit your event please contact us via our website in the following format: Date, event, place, time, admission fee (if applicable), contact information, 15 word description.





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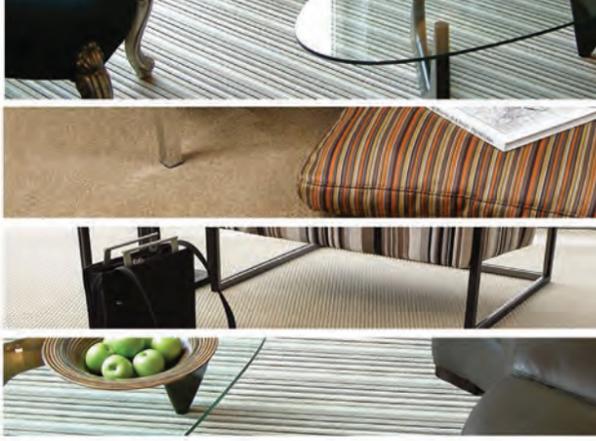
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#### ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14

#### THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (PARK STREET, KINGS CLIFFE)

#### (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2015

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

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: The length of Park Street, Kings Cliffe at its junction with Bridge Street.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for installation of fibre optic cable.

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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Dated this 9th day of May 2015  
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#### DESIGNATION OF NEIGHBOURHOOD AREAS

East Northamptonshire Council should not make the designation. Further information can be found on the Council's website under the consultation pages at the following link: [www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/consultation](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 8 May and Monday 8 June 2015 inclusive:

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

Any comments concerning the proposed neighbourhood planning boundary should be made in writing to: Planning Policy and Conservation, East Northamptonshire Council, Cedar Drive, Thrapston, Kettering, NN14 4LZ, or by email to [planningpolicy@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk](mailto:planningpolicy@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk) no later than 4pm on Monday 8 June 2015.

David Reed,  
Head of Planning Services  
East Northamptonshire Council

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):

- King's Cliffe 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 parish of King's Cliffe. The boundary proposed is the entire area of the Parish of King's Cliffe.

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

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Planning Policy  
King's Cliffe Proposed Neighbourhood Area

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# Chess corner

by Derrick Sims

As Rushden B faced its final game of the season it received welcome news that our good friends and rivals at Oundle School had only managed a draw against Chess Mates D, and failed to secure the Division II Championship and in the process opened the door for Rushden to capture the spoils.

Despite Rushden's unfortunate start to the season, when they managed to get thrashed 5-0 by Oundle, they have fought tooth and nail to catch Oundle and been unbeaten since. The unfortunate result for Oundle meant that Rushden had to beat Chess Mates C to pip Oundle to the title and promotion at the very last gasp!

Captain Bob pulled his troops together before the game to give a pep talk in his usual inimitable manner, but despite this the team seemed to be up for the fight. Bob then led the charge at the opposition with a convincing victory over Reg Tomalin to provide an excellent start to the campaign. Keith Bristow followed in short order by securing a draw against the higher graded John Warnes. Shortly afterwards Jeff Owen maintained his recent winning streak by beating Tom Moloney.

This left Rushden requiring a half point to secure promotion to League I. Things were looking grim for Phil Campbell on board 3 having blundered a Rook to Mick Buswell, then in what was one of the greatest comebacks since Lazarus Phil turned the game and wiped the smile off Mick's face with a fantastic victory. I'm told that Phil's victory celebrations were comparable with some of the more extravagant displays by overpaid footballers. Having just won Rushden the League his celebration was fully justified.

Chess Mates' Stephen Taylor was left battling against Nik; knowing the game was up, he offered Nik a draw. In a response reminiscent of Del Boy's "No way, Pedro" Nik refused. The bar towels were up and the caretaker waiting to lock the door by the time Nik finally ground Stephen into the Rushden Bowls dust!

So ended one of the greatest nights in Rushden Chess Club's history; the B team players are already salivating over

the prospect of playing League I chess next season. It just remains for me to congratulate all those players who took part this season in helping to secure this magnificent result.

## Northants SKL Division II Match

Mon 20th Apr, Rushden B	4½-½	Chess Mates C
Bd1: Nik Puryer (134)	1-0	Stephen Taylor (132)
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Bd3: Phil Campbell (109)	1-0	Mick Buswell (101)
Bd4: Bob Ellam (107)	1-0	Reg Tomalin (92)
Bd5: Jeff Owen (98)	1-0	Tom Moloney (69)

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

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## Success for Rushden swimmers at Leicester

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The first session on the Friday evening saw Molly Britchford take 2nd place in the 15/over age group, in the 200m IM. Brett Davies also medalled in the boys 13/14 years age group, finishing 1st. Brett also took 2nd in the boys 14/15 years 50m butterfly, whilst Nathan Jones (also 14/15 years) took 3rd place in the boys 50m backstroke.

The medal theme continued on Saturday with Louis Boot finishing 1st in the boys 14/15 years 400m IM, Molly Britchford 1st in the 15/over 100m freestyle, Nathan Jones 2nd in 14/15 years 100m freestyle and Marcus Eaton 2nd in the boys 15/over 100m freestyle.

The final day proved that the swimmers were still on

form, with Louis Boot taking 3rd in the 14/15 years 100m butterfly and Brett Davies finishing 1st in the same age group and event. Nathan Jones and Brett Davies assisted further with the medal haul, taking 3rd and 1st in the 14/15 years 200m freestyle. Brett also took 2nd in the 14/15 years 100m backstroke, with Marcus Eaton also taking 2nd in the 15/over age group.

There were more medals in the final event of the day – 50m freestyle – with Brett finishing in 2nd place, Nathan Jones in 1st, Marcus Eaton in 2nd and Molly Britchford finishing off the weekend with a 2nd place.

For further information on Rushden Swimming Club please visit the website [www.rushdenswimmingclub.co.uk](http://www.rushdenswimmingclub.co.uk), telephone 07502 492440 or visit the club during training on Mondays from 7pm at Splash Leisure Pool, Rushden NN10 9SJ.

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