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NEWS IN BRIEF

Annual flower festival ahead

St Peter's Church in Raunds will be holding its annual flower festival on 13th/14th June from 10am–6pm (Saturday) and 12noon–5pm (Sunday). The theme will be **Strictly Dance**.

Lunches and teas will be served on both days and there will be stalls to browse and a raffle. Entrance to the church is free. There will be a concert performed by NN10 Community Voices on Saturday 13th June at 7.30pm in the church. Entry is £5 including refreshments. Enquiries 01933 624384.

Be part of Careers Week at Windmill Primary School

Windmill Primary School in Raunds is holding its first ever Careers Week for pupils from 13th–17th July.

The school is keen to hear from potential speakers who would lead workshops or give a talk to pupils about their job, what it entails and the path they took to reach it. If you're unable to be there but would like to be part of the Careers Week you could send in a photograph of yourself at work together with a short description of your job.

To be part of this exciting new initiative please contact Matt Coleman at deputyhead@windmillprimary.net or call 01933 623121.

Friends Life Women's Tour returns for second year



World-class professional women's cycling will return to East Northamptonshire as the county celebrates hosting the Friends Life Women's Tour for the second successive year.

Friday 19th June will see the race return to Oundle, the scene of last year's opening stage, before racing through Northamptonshire to the finish in Kettering.

In May 2014 Northamptonshire was the host of the first ever Friends Life Women's Tour stage. It created history as the world's top riders raced from Oundle to Northampton town centre, in a leg won by Sweden's Emma Johansson.

Commenting on the announcement, Northamptonshire professional cyclist Hannah Barnes, who rides for the UnitedHealthcare Pro Cycling Team said: "The prospect of racing on home roads again in the 2015 Friends Life Women's Tour is very exciting. Last year's experience was unbelievable. The media exposure that the race received was incredible and getting back

to the hotel after the stage, turning the TV on and being able to watch a full hour of coverage was amazing.

"The crowds that lined the route were unbelievable and to have so many people come out and support the event was humbling and really made me proud to be British. Here's to a great 2015 Tour. I cannot wait!"

In 2014 Oundle welcomed the first ever stage of the Friends Life Women's Tour with a three-day cycling festival in the town centre. Commenting on the 2015 race Debra Harper, Oundle Town Council clerk, said: "We are thrilled that Oundle is to be part of the 2015 Friends Life Women's Tour. Hosting the Grand Départ last year was fantastic and we were delighted with the tremendous support provided by everyone

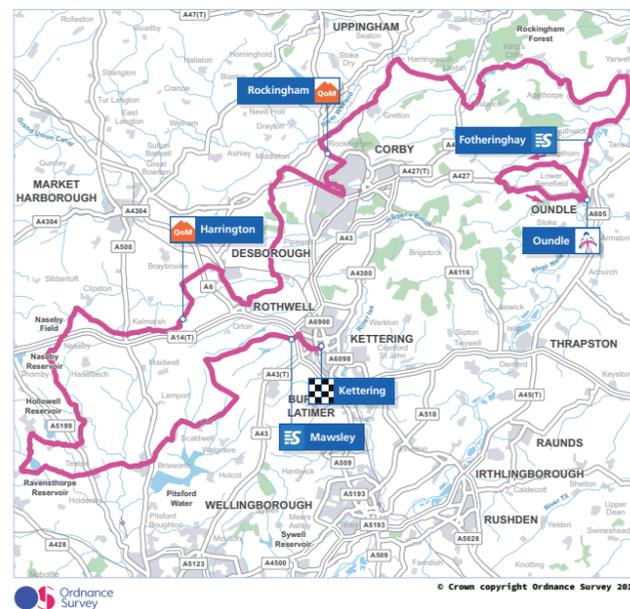
involved, and those who came out in their thousands to watch the race. The event has left a lasting legacy in the town and preparations are already underway in order to make Friday 19th June equally enjoyable and memorable."

The second edition of the Friends Life Women's Tour takes place from Wednesday 17th to Sunday 21st June, again taking place over five stages with daily highlights on ITV4. Starting from Bury St Edmunds, subsequent stages will be held in Suffolk and Essex, before Stage Three sees the race return to Northamptonshire.

Commenting on the announcement, Friends Life Women's Tour Race Director Mick Bennett said:

"Northamptonshire and Oundle gave us a great send-off for the first edition of the

ROUTE OVERVIEW



Friends Life Women's Tour last May. Both have been supporters of the event from the outset, so we are delighted to be returning to both, while Kettering is familiar to us from

the Tour Series, and we are confident will make a great finish venue for the stage."

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Chairman's charity event marks Battle of Britain

The new Chairman of East Northamptonshire Council is marking the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Britain with an evening of food, music and dancing.

Councillor Marika Hillson invites you to join her on Saturday 11th July at Irthlingborough's Frontier Centre for musical entertainment and supper, to raise money for her two chosen charities. Funds raised during her civic year will be shared between the Royal British Legion – in memory of Brian Walker (former Chairman of Finedon, Irthlingborough and District RBL) and Skylark Children's Ward at Kettering General Hospital.

Councillor Hillson said: "This will be a

very special event with a menu that's hard to resist. For starters we'll have well-known military anthems played by the fabulous Thrapston Town Brass Band, followed by a fish and chip supper from Vince's Fish Bar. This will be washed down with our talented Irthlingborough based Michelle Randles dancers who will perform to classic Glenn Miller tunes. For dessert we will finish with a glorious singsong of popular wartime hits. As a tasty side dish we will have a well-known local artist, Keith Hill, and a historic WWII exhibition.

"Flag waving, loud singing and having a good time will be compulsory on the night so join us for a fabulous time to raise funds for

equipment for the Skylark Children's Ward and for the Royal British Legion in memory of Brian Walker. I look forward to seeing you all there."

The evening also includes a licensed bar and a raffle draw.

Tickets are £20 per person. The dress code is smart casual or 1940s costume (Allied forces

or civilian) and Mayoral chains. Guests are asked to arrive at 7pm for a 7.30pm start at the Frontier Centre, Sports Hall, Addington Road, Irthlingborough, NN9 5UH.

For more information and to book tickets, contact Barbara Wiggins, PA to the Chairman, on 01832 742198 or bwiggins@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk



RAF WW2 aircraft

Steven North re-elected as East Northamptonshire Council leader

Councillor Steven North was re-elected as Leader of East Northamptonshire Council at its annual meeting on Wednesday 27th May. He is also leader of the ruling Conservative group and a member for Rushden Sartoris ward.

Councillor North said: "East Northamptonshire is a great district and I am delighted to once again have the opportunity to lead councillors, officers and our partners in providing the best service for our

communities.

"Our commitment to regeneration and economic development remains steadfast and we all look forward to seeing Rushden Lakes and Wharf Park develop into sites that ensure continued prosperity for the district.

"We will prioritise more mixed use development, to encourage thriving towns and villages across East Northamptonshire. This will include a new village at Deenethorpe, which will deliver high quality housing

on a disused airfield.

"This term will also see the completion of the Four Towns Plan, the start of a review of the RNOT plan and an increase in the number of Neighbourhood Plans being developed across the district.

"I'm confident that together we can ensure stability for the council and a bright future for the district."

The recent election saw 37 Conservatives, one Labour and two Independent councillors form East Northamptonshire Council.

Genealogy jottings

A very good friend of mine has a family reunion this year. This is to celebrate a whole raft of 18th, 21st and 50th birthdays as well as special wedding anniversaries. Reunions are great places to ask those burning questions: Who was it that Great Aunt Nell married? What was Uncle Reg's occupation during the last war? When did cousin Dave emigrate?

When I was small, we used to trek from Hertfordshire down to Surrey once a year to meet up with cousins, great aunts and uncles and other motley relatives in order to catch up with family happenings.

If you do not have family reunions as such, organising visits and asking nosy questions is the way to go. Get your relatives talking about what life was like when they were young. Do they remember any special events such as coronations, for instance?

Sometimes, it just takes a couple of questions to get relatives reminiscing and from there you will have a very good base for building your family tree. Don't forget to

check everything out, though! Remember what I said about an ancestor committing suicide? My dad remembered the story as one thing but, upon investigation it turned out that the facts did not quite fit. However, it did give me a good starting point.

If you have started your family history, see if you can set it out into a tree so that people can see who was related to whom – it might also trigger memories. You may find that people lived in different towns or villages in addition to where you thought, or you might get an insight into their schooldays – very different to nowadays!

Oh yes – before you meet up, it is also worth asking if there are any old photographs that you could see that have been squirreled away. Then, as you sit over a cup of tea/glass of wine, the pictures will evoke a time gone by and help those recollections take on more meaning.

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Manor School awarded Sport England grant to develop Go Ride cycling club

Sport England has awarded Manor Learning Trust a grant of just under £10,000 towards the project costs of a new cycling Go Ride Club at Manor School Sports College, Raunds.

The application to Sport England was part of a wider plan to develop cycling provision at the school, building on the existing Bikeability scheme hosted by Manor School for the Wellingborough and East Northants District.

The project aims to increase participation in cycling by running a Go Ride School Coaching programme for Years 7-12, with a particular focus on encouraging girls. Three members of staff have already completed a Cycling for Schools training course to lead the development of cycling in the curriculum.

School Sport Manager Hannah Hore, who led on the application to Sport England said: "It is brilliant news for Manor School. Cycling in Northamptonshire has really taken off since London 2012 and the Women's Tour of Britain last year raised the profile of the sport further locally. I'm looking forward to seeing the development of the Go Ride Club and maximising a unique opportunity for all students at Manor and hopefully surrounding schools."

Manor School will also host the District School Games Cycling Competition on Tuesday 9th June for boys and girls in Year 7. Young leaders studying GCSE PE at Manor School have already been trained to support the delivery of the competition. In addition, a

team from Manor School has been invited to take part in the 'Queen of the Sprints Race' for schools, to mark the Women's Tour of Britain coming to Kettering on Friday 19th June.

The Sport England Award from the Small Grants programme, which is Lottery funded, will support the cost of purchasing 25 mountain bikes, helmets and a trailer to transport bikes. Initial coaching fees and costs for a teacher or coach to complete the British Cycling Level 2 Coaching Award have also been included in overall project costs.

School Principal Linda Brooks said: "I am delighted that Manor School is at the forefront of this new cycling initiative. I look forward to the programme increasing even further our sports participation rates."



Manor School Go Ride cycling club

Join the Chicken Challenge to halve cases of campylobacter poisoning

Let's hear it for the humble chicken. It's a healthy and versatile food and a staple of Sunday lunches and barbecues on sunny afternoons.

But there's one thing not to love about it. Chicken can cause food poisoning. The FSA estimates that about 280,000 cases of food poisoning a year can be traced to campylobacter – a germ found mostly on raw chicken. You can't see it, smell it or even taste it on food, but if it affects you, you won't forget it. At its worst, campylobacter can kill or paralyse you.

Campylobacter food poisoning usually develops a few days after eating contaminated food and leads to symptoms that include abdominal pain, severe diarrhoea and, sometimes, vomiting. Some can have lasting effects, for example irritable bowel syndrome, reactive arthritis and in rare cases Guillain-

Barré syndrome – a serious condition of the nervous system.

The FSA wants to cut the number of cases of campylobacter poisoning in half by the end of 2015. It could mean that over 100,000 fewer people will get sick next year. If everyone does their bit, including industry and consumers this can happen. Pledging to take the Chicken Challenge and to do at least one thing to help keep tummies safe and healthy will make a huge difference in helping to achieve this goal.

Nina Purcell, FSA Director says: "It's clear that we all love chicken, we just need to take the time and be even more committed to ensuring we do the little things in the kitchen to keep our loved ones safe."

Leader of East Northamptonshire Council, Steven North,

says: "Food safety involves everybody in the food chain. If we all take responsibility for ensuring we follow the simple rules, then we can all enjoy a safe and delicious dinner."

The FSA is asking you to step up to the plate and promise to:

- Bag and store raw chicken separately from other food, covered and chilled on the bottom shelf of the fridge
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As with any popular pub there is something on the menu for everyone, including simple Baguettes, The Swan or Cajun Burger, Pie of the Day and Steak etc. What is refreshing to discover is something different, with Reverse Bowl and Za'atar Chicken Salad both suited for the promise of warm summer days and sitting out in the lovely courtyard garden.

Emma and Viv are great supporters of activities in Harringworth and as well as sponsoring the Guess the Weight of the

Cake challenge at the Village Fete on Saturday 20th June they have organised an 'After-Fete' Evening with local beer and music to make sure the fun and frivolity of the Fete continues into the evening – the Fete starts at 2pm and includes Cream Teas, Pimm's and Ice Cream. Include 'Harringworth' in your diary for Saturday 20th June and enjoy!

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Historic Rushden almshouses transformed

Four historic almshouses dating back to 1883 in the heart of Rushden have been brought back into use and refurbished to make them fit for 21st century living by East Northamptonshire Council and Spire Homes.

Beginning in December last year, the refurbishment has transformed the four former bedsits into two spacious one-bedroom

bungalows that are specially equipped for older people. Located on Wellingborough Road, the almshouses had previously undergone a refurbishment in the 1950s but were in need of extensive work inside and out.

The work has seen both the internal and external parts of the buildings completely revamped, whilst the properties'

unique characteristics and period charm have been maintained.

The refurbishment has ensured the bungalows are specially equipped to make life easy for their older residents. On top of installing brand new kitchens, extra insulation, new roofs and doors, to bring the almshouses up to a high quality, residents will also benefit from having wet

rooms instead of bathrooms, and all steps, both inside and outside of the properties, have been removed to reduce the risk of trips and falls. Pathways have also been extended and repaved with ramps installed at the back doors.

In total, over £115,000 has been invested by East Northamptonshire Council and Spire Homes to transform the almshouses.

"This project has been a careful balance of retaining the unique features of these almshouses whilst

significantly improving them for residents," said John Farrar, Chairman of Spire Homes. "They are a fantastic example of how we can adapt homes for the changing needs of our tenants, as we're seeing more older people in need of secure, affordable housing that is suitable for their needs. It's also worth noting that the team has been careful to reuse materials where they can, like the roof tiles and boilers, to reduce the environmental impact of the improvement work and

to make this refurbishment even more cost-effective."

Cllr Gill Mercer, Chairman of East Northamptonshire Council added: "These almshouses have a significant heritage within Rushden so we were really pleased to be able to provide funding for their refurbishment. We're delighted with the results achieved by Spire Homes, Longhurst Group and RG Gill & Son. The design of the refurbishment will definitely improve the quality of life for older residents."

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you choose, and simply phone the Council to book the collection of a minimum of three sacks.

Cllr Steven North, Leader of East Northamptonshire Council, said: "With over 4,000 members, this Garden Waste Service is a really popular and handy scheme for gardeners across the district. Kerbside collection is convenient and 81% of those who signed up to the service in previous years have renewed their contract this year, so we know that most users value it highly."

To find out more and to sign up to the East Northamptonshire Council Garden Waste Service, visit www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/gardenwaste or call 01832 742043.



Left to right: Kaye Rawlins, Mayor of Rushden, Cllr Gill Mercer, Chairman of East Northants Council, and John Farrar, Chairman of Spire Homes

Rushden & Higham Funfest

The 4th annual Funfest was a roaring success again this year with the arena at Rushden & Higham Rugby Club buzzing with excitement during the races.

Twelve teams took part, competing for first place and the coveted winner's trophy presented by Lord Spencer.

A sunny but blustery day did not perturb the teams that took part in an assortment of games ensuring that all of the participants had great fun whilst getting very wet! This year the overall winners were Wykes Warriors, representing Wykes Engineering.

In addition to the races, there were children's amusements, craft stalls, a licensed bar, barbecue and inflatables to keep all the family entertained.

The event is organised by the Rushden Higham Rotary Club, Rushden Round Table and Cynthia Spencer Hospice to raise money for the hospice and local charities. This year's event is expected to have raised a record £10,000. Judy Webb, Secretary of the Rushden Higham Rotary Club is hopeful that the event will continue to be a success in the

future: "This year's event was bigger and better than ever. All of the teams had a great time and the spectators seemed to enjoy the day too, let's hope this means another great event next year."

For more details of this year's event see Rushden Higham Rotary Club's Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Rotary-Club-of-Rushden-Higham/207203122737000?fref=ts>



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15/00934/FUL (27/06/2015) (LB/CA)
Single storey rear extension at 19A Main Street Upper Benefield PE8 5AN

Brigstock

15/00754/FUL (27/06/2015) (LB/CA)
First floor extension to rear of existing dwelling and internal alterations at 31 The Syke Brigstock NN14 3HR

Collyweston

15/00937/FUL (20/06/2015) (Info)
Proposed new storage unit at Builders Yard Slate Drift Collyweston PE9 3PG

Harringworth

15/00895/LBC (27/06/2015) (LBRegs)
To construct a new dormer on south-west face of property at Harringworth Lodge Deene Road Harringworth NN17 3AB

15/00918/FUL (27/06/2015) (Info)
Installation of a new biomass system at Harringworth Lodge Deene Road Harringworth NN17 3AB

15/00919/LBC (27/06/2015) (LBRegs)
Installation of a new biomass system in stone barn in north-east corner of the yard within the curtilage of Harringworth Lodge at Harringworth Lodge Deene Road Harringworth

15/00920/FUL (20/06/2015) (Info)
Two storey extension to side of property at 5 Shotley Harringworth NN17

Higham Ferrers

15/00984/FUL (20/06/2015) (Info)
Single storey rear extension at 60 The Hedges Higham Ferrers NN10

Irthlingborough

15/00899/FUL (20/06/2015) (Info)
Conversion of existing garage to kitchen, utility and wet room. First floor extension over comprising new bedroom and en-suite at 4 Ryehill Close Irthlingborough

Kings Cliffe

15/00867/FUL (27/06/2015) (LB/CA) (LBRegs)
Replacement of old worn and rotten wooden treated feather edged board fence and two gates with wooden treated feather edged board fence and two gates of similar style and type as existing at 26 West Street Kings Cliffe PE8 6XA

Oundle

15/00807/LBC (27/06/2015) (LBRegs) (LB/CA)
Structural repair to south-west elevation of Grade II Listed outbuilding. Remove existing roof tiles, add further roof ties, re-roof with existing tiles, fit new guttering and make good. Add new guttering, replace windows, doors, frames to west elevation, fit new doors to existing opening on east elevation.

Addition of internal domestic wood burning oven incorporating flue to east roof elevation and associated works at 94A West Street Oundle PE8

15/00851/FUL (20/06/2015) (Info)
Two storey side extension and proposed dropped kerb at 47 Rock Road Oundle PE8 4LN

15/00978/FUL (20/06/2015) (Info)
Take down existing single storey part of No.5 New Road Oundle. Build new two storey addition to the property to provide living space to look after elderly parent at 5 New Road Oundle PE8 4LB

15/00978/FUL (20/06/2015) (Info)
Take down existing single storey part of No.5 New Road Oundle. Build new two storey addition to the property to provide living space to look after elderly parent at 5 New Road Oundle PE8 4LB

Rushden

15/00405/FUL (27/06/2015) (LB/CA)
Demolition and redevelopment of site to form residential scheme with nine two bedroom units and car parking at Former Garage High Street South Rushden

15/00866/FUL (20/06/2015) (Info)

Erection of brickwork wall and gates to front boundary at 297 Wellingborough Road Rushden NN10 6BB

15/00878/VAR (27/06/2015) (Art8)

Variation of condition 8 – minor changes to position of internal main access road as per Dwg no RDC921 2 101 rev H pursuant to planning permission 13/01644/REM dated 13.1.14 – Reserved matters: Access, appearance, layout and scale for part of the land covered by the outline approval only (consisting of 96 dwellings with associated works and demolition of existing buildings) following outline application 10/01017/OUT – ‘Outline: Erection of an NHS Resource Centre, creation of up to 125 dwellings with associated open space, space for educational use by South End Infant School, removal of four trees covered by TPO, new access roads and alterations to existing internal road layout (All matters reserved)’ dated 16.07.12 at Rushden Hospital The Drive

15/00928/FUL (20/06/2015) (Info)

Extension to existing bungalow to create two storey dwelling including demolition of car port and workshop at 184 Avenue Road Rushden NN10 0SW

15/00959/VAR (20/06/2015) (Info)

Variation of condition 3 – extension size modified – pursuant to planning permission 14/01996/FUL dated 21.10.14 – Bathroom extension to side of property at 99 Upper Queen Street Rushden NN10 0BS

15/00971/FUL (20/06/2015) (Info)

Erection of single storey extension to rear and side of the property incorporating porch to the front at 22 Byron Crescent Rushden NN10 6BL

Thorpe Achurch

15/00907/FUL (20/06/2015) (Info)

Structural support works to carriageway including the insertion of a corrugated steel arch through the central span and back filling with concrete, infilling of side spans with stone and concrete, the

formation of embankments on either side of the bridge, topsoil finishing, minor repair works to the parapet and the installation of protective fencing at Bridge Over Disused Railway Line Clopton Road Thorpe Achurch

Titchmarsh

15/00910/FUL (27/06/2015) (LB/CA)
Erection of a detached dwelling house at 17 St Andrews Lane Titchmarsh NN14 3DN

Warmington

15/00891/FUL (20/06/2015) (Info)

Demolition of existing rear conservatory and erection of single storey side extension, single storey rear extension and a detached garage building with gym over at Top Lodge Farm Morborne Road Warmington PE8 6UP

Yarwell

15/00799/LBC (27/06/2015) (LBRegs)

Demolition of 2 no. existing 20th century extensions to the Mill building, conversion of the existing unused Mill building into a restaurant and residential accommodation and erection of side and rear extensions (works as described in Schedule of Works on dwg 930-05 C rec. 19/5/2015), erection of new fence and extension of existing wall to create car parking area at Yarwell Mill Mill Road Yarwell PE8 6PS

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 6 June 2015**

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

Resident fined hundreds for fly-tipping

A Ringstead resident was fined nearly £600 at Northampton Magistrates Court recently for fly-tipping in East Northamptonshire.

The man pleaded guilty to the offence of dumping three sacks of waste on the roadside between Woodford Mill and Great Addington. The Magistrate said he had committed a serious offence which caused considerable cost to the taxpayer and ordered him to pay £595 – made up of a £75 fine, costs of £500 and a £20 victim surcharge.

Steven North, Leader of East Northamptonshire Council said: “We are pleased with this successful prosecution and hope it shows how seriously we take fly-tipping in East Northants. We will continue to take action against individuals found to be illegally dumping rubbish in our countryside and on our streets. We think this sends out a strong message that this kind of behaviour will simply not be tolerated.”

Northamptonshire County Council runs the Rushden Household Waste Recycling Centre, which allows you to recycle or dispose of waste materials responsibly. For opening times and to find out what items the centre accepts, visit www.northamptonshire.gov.uk and search for HWRC or call 0300 126 1000.

If you see someone fly-tipping, report it online at www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/flytipping or call 01832 742026. The more information you can give the Council, the better chance it has of prosecuting so, if you can, please note:

- time and date of the incident
- location of the incident
- description of the person/s involved (e.g. sex, height, age, build)
- description of the vehicle used (registration number, make and model, colour)
- description of the waste being fly-tipped (quantity and type of waste)



Rushden Academy's Team Phoenix invited to conference at the House of Commons

It's not every day that an invitation to the House of Commons is received but for an inspiring group of students at Rushden Academy, an Education Fellowship academy, this has just become a reality.

Team Phoenix, comprising seven of its students aged 12 to 15 years, are the only students in the country who have been invited to attend the National

Food Poverty Conference on 18th June in recognition of the extraordinary volunteering they do.

Jo Steele, Admin Officer at Rushden Academy who was the original inspiration for Team Phoenix, said: "Delegates at The National Food Poverty conference will be part of a select few who will help identify strategies to combat food poverty

just six weeks after the new government has been elected. It's tremendous that Team Phoenix will be at the heart of where key decisions are made and they may be able to influence policies and legislation towards reducing food poverty.

"These youngsters selflessly give up every Saturday, plus days in the school holidays, to work in the Food Hub at the

local charity Phoenix Resource Centre in Wellingborough.

"Each week between them they sort through an average of two tonnes of food which is enough to feed a family of four for a year. Donated by the distribution centres of supermarkets, this usable and in date food would otherwise have ended up in landfill because it was surplus to requirements, branding on packaging had changed, it had damaged outer packaging and casing, or tins and boxes are dented or ripped.

"The food, once sorted, is given to local food banks, night shelters and organisations that provide lunches for the elderly and sick. It's also made into parcels for vulnerable and needy members of the Rushden local community. Energy drinks and food are also supplied to Northamptonshire Police, so they can give them to homeless young adults living on the county's streets."

Team Phoenix is getting to the conference thanks to the generous sponsorship of Taylor Shaw, the education

sector catering specialist who are suppliers to The Education Fellowship academies in Northamptonshire. Taylor Shaw are paying for the transport and tickets for the seven students to attend this important conference. The two staff supporting the team are being sponsored by The Education Fellowship.

Emma Satchell, Business Development Manager of Taylor Shaw Limited, said: "We're delighted to be supporting Team Phoenix. To us, a successful partnership is one where we are not just the provider of great food but one where we're an integral and valued support to the whole school. We're all so impressed by the amazing work and initiatives Team Phoenix are responsible for and look forward to hearing about the conference from the students – the discussions, current thinking and way forward."

Johnson Kane, CEO of The Education Fellowship, said: "We are inordinately proud of these students whose selfless volunteering each week throughout the year is

an example to us all. Not only do they work at the food hub but they're also responsible for initiating a breakfast event at the Academy for Year 11s sitting their GCSE exams this term. Before long they also hope to run a Come Dine With Me event aimed at supporting families of Pupil Premium students and those who are young carers, to make sure they are able to cook quality meals using surplus foods from the Food Hub. They are a credit to both the Academy and their families."

Team Phoenix member Jack (15) said: "We're well aware of the challenging social issues facing many people in the local community and hoped that by giving our time we could make a difference to at least some people in need. Out of all of the places where we could have volunteered, we chose the Phoenix Resource Centre because of their commitment and dedication to the food poverty cause. We feel really honoured to be invited to such a prestigious event and can't wait to represent our peers and Rushden Academy."



Team Phoenix at Rushden Academy (2) May 2015 - The Education Fellowship - credit Ash Mills



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Empty homes given a new lease of life

Empty homes that were once a blight on the streets of East Northamptonshire have been given a new lease of life thanks to East Northamptonshire Council, with support from a local housing association.

Since March 2011, 196 homes in East Northamptonshire have been transformed, regenerating local areas and providing much needed extra affordable homes for those in housing need.

Paul Palmer, Empty Homes Officer for East Northamptonshire Council, Corby Borough Council and Malvern Hills District Council, is responsible for identifying empty properties

and working with owners to return them to use.

He said: "Most empty homes are privately owned and when they fall into disrepair, the owner often lacks the funds or the skills to repair and manage the property. By talking to the owner, we can help set up an action plan for restoring the property and establish ways in which it can be funded.

"For example, we identified an empty home on St Martins Close in Rushden. We approached the owner and offered them the chance to work with us. They were really keen and I explained that grant funding

was available through Housing Association partner, Rockingham Forest. An action plan was set up and work began on a new kitchen and heating system. The property has now been let through the Keyway rental scheme to some very happy tenants."

Paul explained plans for the future of The Empty Homes project: "It's great to see so much good progress being made on empty properties but we acknowledge that much remains to be done and we will continue to work with property owners and help them recreate much needed homes.

"Each property brought back into use

qualifies for New Homes Bonus funding – £6,000 per property based on a Band D average rating. So with the 196 properties returned to use in East Northamptonshire, the district has received £1.1m of funding. We've spent £40,000 over four years, making the project a success, so we feel this is a good return on the investment.

"Having worked successfully with willing owners, we are now turning attention to the more problematic cases, and will be looking at our range of enforcement tools for the more long-term empties in poor condition with reluctant owners."

Full steam ahead, virtually

For all railway enthusiasts and especially for those who remember the line from Peterborough to Northampton there is a treat at Oundle Museum.

David Wilkinson, as part of a larger project, has created a computerised simulation of a postwar journey from Tansor to Barnwell station, including a stop at Oundle station. Using photos, maps, GPS and various documents he

has produced a remarkable experience of travelling on the steam engine in the period of steam.

Details of the countryside and landmarks are easily recognisable, such as the Oundle church spire, the river and the gasometers (only the cattle and sheep are not original).

This simulation enables visitors to travel back in time and reflect on the changing face of local transport.

The Paradox of H E Bates

A special meeting of the H E Bates Discussion Group was held at the end of April, when the group's invited guest was Professor Dean Baldwin from the USA.

Professor Baldwin is the author of a biography of H E Bates written in the 1980s, and his previous research in the UK has given him an in-depth knowledge of H E, his characters and the locations where a lot of the novels were based.

Professor Baldwin was introduced by the Mayor, Councillor Richard Lewis, who was an invited guest with the Town Clerk, Viv Prodger. The talk given by Professor Baldwin was entitled 'The Paradox of H E Bates', and he described H E's struggle to support his family in the early

years of his writing and the novels based locally – Love for Lydia based around Rushden Hall; Spella Ho based around Knuston Hall; and The Poacher written with help of his grandfather, George Lucas, and dedicated to a friend, Sam Smith, who lived in Prospect Avenue. H E presented Smith with a signed copy of every book he had published – which were bought, after Sam's passing, by Peter Eades, another biographer.

Professor Baldwin drew comparisons between Bates and some of his contemporaries, such as T S Eliot and Aldous Huxley.

A vote of thanks was given by Bates's granddaughter, Victoria Wicks.

Another visitor, Neil

Anderson from Yorkshire, together with one of the Group's founders, Eric Fowell, organised a display of 'Bates Ephemera' – photos etc with connections to the author.

Mr and Mrs Baldwin, with the Group Chair Mrs Ann Harris, were given a tour of the Hall and the American guests were presented with a facsimile of a painting by Charles Leaver portraying Rushden in 1875, signed by all members present.

Refreshments were supplied by Elaine Buckby of Mrs B's Sandwich Emporium.

The Group's next meeting will be on Wednesday 9th September at 2pm in Rushden Town Bowls Club when Victoria Wicks will speak about H E's days in the RAF.

Sign up to commit Random Acts of Wildness

Get really wild this June with the Wildlife Trust's month long challenge – spend 30 Days Wild...



The challenge is simple and designed to delight: make room for nature this June – no matter where you are or how busy your life.

Draw a tree, collect beautiful stones, look up the Latin name of a bird or plant, make a plaintive tune through a piece of grass, thread a daisy chain – endless simple, pleasing ways to connect to nature.

The Wildlife Trust BCN (and Trusts across the country) are encouraging an activity or action every day during the month of June, looking to create the UK's first month-long nature challenge event.

30 Days Wild involves committing to Random Acts of Wildness each day of June.

Keeping things simple, it can be a sociable time to share the wildness with family, friends and colleagues; to list/choose favourite wild things for one

second, one minute, or one hour a day – your daily bit of wildness.

To find out more and register to join in visit www.wildlifebcn.org/MyWildLife A few ideas for inspiration:

- Follow a bee and see where it goes
- Feel the grass between your toes
- Plant some native wildflowers in your garden
- Download an app to identify bird calls
- Have a work meeting outside
- Get a worm's eye view on the world – lie on the grass
- Stop for a minute on your way into work and listen to the wildlife around you
- Drink coffee outdoors
- Take a wildlife magazine into your local doctor's surgery
- Watch a wildlife spectacle
- Share something you know about wildlife with a friend
- Get up for the dawn chorus

No dog lead leads to hefty fine

A dog owner from Higham Ferrers who repeatedly breached the dogs on leads order at Vine Hill recreation ground has received a £420 fine for her latest violation.

The woman from Kimbolton Road, Higham Ferrers has already received a verbal warning and three Fixed Penalty Notices for not having her dogs on leads at the park and most recently was caught by the East Northamptonshire Council Dog Warden and a PCSO for the same offence in the same location.

When approached by the two officers, she was heard to say: "Here we go again. Don't bother giving me the ticket; you know where I live, just put it through my door." She then left the park.

This latest offence earned the dog owner a court appearance at Northampton Magistrates where she pleaded guilty, was convicted and received a fine of £150, costs of £250 and a victim surcharge of £20.

Leader of East Northamptonshire Council, Steven North, said: "It's unfortunate that continued breaches of the law at this location have led to the council having to take court action and a dog walker has now received a criminal record. These orders are in place so that everyone can enjoy the recreation ground in comfort and safety."

For more information about dog control orders in East Northamptonshire, visit www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/dogcontrolorders



Appreciation shown for Royal Navy veteran

Barry Smith, a Royal Navy veteran with 10 years' service behind him, was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation recently by the Rushden Branch of the Royal British Legion for service to the Branch over many years and particularly during the period 2005 to 2013 when he was the Branch Secretary.

Barry, who was also once a member of the Field Gun Display Team that used to participate in the annual Military Tournament at Earls Court was completely taken by surprise when the award was announced.

Barry is still active in the military community both as an RBL Branch Member and also as the Rushden Branch of the Royal Navy Associations' Secretary. He is seen in the middle of the picture with his Certificate of Appreciation and "tightly held" bottle of single malt Glenmorangie Whiskey, being presented by Branch Chairman Paul Mills on the right and left, former Branch Chairman Harry Graham MBE.

Rushden Branch meets on the second Monday of the month at the Rushden Football and Social Club in Hayden Road, Rushden.

The Royal British Legion is the UK's leading Armed Forces charity and one of its largest membership organisations. Members get together through the network of branches and clubs all over the country and overseas to participate in social, fundraising and welfare activities.

Membership is open to everyone. If you have an interest in the objectives of the Legion and want to help and support those who have served and their families, come and join us. We welcome men and women of all ages, whether they have served in the Armed Forces or not.

Legion membership ensures that:

- Remembrance is kept alive and that the sacrifices our brave Service men and women have made are never forgotten.
- The ex-Service community have a voice and that their concerns are brought to the public's attention.

Becoming a member also provides the opportunity to get involved in a wide range of activities and events held locally, regionally and nationally throughout the year. Further information is available by visiting <http://branches.britishlegion.org.uk/branches/rushden>



Barry Smith with Certificate of Appreciation

St Peter's Church BBQ

Beautiful weather, perfectly cooked food, a warm friendly welcome from the organisers, and the scene was set for a perfect afternoon, when the St Peter's Church Raunds fundraising committee organised a barbecue for a crowd of local people in the vicarage garden – kindly opened for the occasion by the Vicar Reverend Shena Bell.

The children were not forgotten, as the vicar had borrowed a whole selection of toys from her grandchildren for the young visitors to play with, whilst the grown ups chatted.

This was mainly a fun event, but £150 was also raised for the church restoration fund which needs over £1 million pounds for

urgently needed work.

The organisers of this event would like to thank local companies Lidl, Waitrose, Asda, The Co-op, and Iceland for their generous donations.

The next event is St Peter's Flower Festival and Art Exhibition on 13th and

14th June – entry is free, and lunch and teas will be served on both days – open from 10am–5pm on Saturday, and 12noon to 5pm on Sunday. There is also a concert by NN10 Community Voices on the Sunday evening, tickets £5 towards the general upkeep of the church.



Guests of Rev Shena Bell enjoy the barbecue

What's in your bidon*?

By Catherine Burbage

June certainly seems to be the month for cycling events around here. With the Tour of Cambridgeshire 'Gran Fondo' (nothing to do with cheese but a mass-participation self-timed ride) and Time Trial on 6th and 7th June, Stage 3 of the Women's Tour of Britain starting in Oundle and finishing in Kettering on 19th June and the 'Girl-rilla' women's sportive on 28th June, everyone seems to be making the most of the summer.

The roads around Northamptonshire are awash with cyclists taking part in races, toning up for summer or simply enjoying our lovely countryside.

A BBC Two programme in April called 'Britain's Favourite Foods', presented by Professor Alice Roberts, ran a comparison test between water, sports drinks and milk as recovery drinks after exercise. Milk won hands down, and with chocolate milk and bananas long being popular with cyclists here's a

recipe you can make at home which avoids the additives you might find in commercial products.

liquidiser and whizz until mixed. Keep chilled until you need it.

*Bidon – cyclist's drinking bottle

CHOCOLATE AND BANANA MILK

- 1 to 3 teaspoons of cocoa or hot chocolate powder – flavours vary between brands so adjust the amount to what tastes good to you.
- 1 ripe banana
- 1pt whole milk
- Honey/ maple syrup/ agave nectar etc to taste
- Dissolve the cocoa in a small amount of boiling water. Put this, the milk, honey and banana into a

Tour of Cambridgeshire – 6 & 7th June: www.tourofcambridgeshire.com

Women's Tour of Britain – 17th to 21st June. Stage 3 on Friday 19th starts in Oundle and finishes in Kettering: www.womenstour.co.uk

Girl-rilla sportive 28th June: www.gorillafirmcycling.com

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Make new discoveries at National Trust locations in Northamptonshire

Take a closer look and there is an abundance of discoveries to be made at National Trust locations throughout Northamptonshire this summer.

Whether you're stepping back in time to discover a bygone era in a period home, or venturing that little bit further to explore a secluded area of garden or countryside, there's

always something new to see and do.

The room guides at Canons Ashby encourage visitors to open drawers and discover new secrets, and there is a fascinating story to uncover in the priory church.

Head of Conservation at the National Trust in the Midlands, Catherine MacCarthy said: "We love showcasing objects from our

collections for visitors to enjoy. The more curious looking ones initially attract the most attention but the fascinating stories behind some of our more ordinary things can be just as intriguing as the items themselves. We try to bring different objects to the forefront throughout the year and even sometimes completely redress a room.

"It's a great way to show different perspectives, or focus on different stories about the buildings we care for and their former occupants. Visitors regularly tell us that they return time after time because there's always something new to discover."

It's not just inside that new discoveries can be made. Outdoors, the ever-changing landscape erupts with the fragrant scent and colour of delicate orchard blossom at Canons Ashby and there are Discovery Tours to highlight the main features of the Garden at Lyveden New Bield.

In addition the animals and birds can be seen and heard in the grounds at Lyveden as they busily prepare for the warmer weather ahead. It's the perfect time of year to rediscover your favourite places and uncover hidden secrets. Visit www.nationaltrust.org.uk/midlands to find out more.

Rotary Annual Showcase 2015

Rotary's Annual Showcase takes place at the Buccleuch Academy, Weekley Glebe Road, Kettering on Saturday 20th June from 10am.

The various activities in which Rotary Clubs are involved will be represented for Rotarians attending and anyone interested in what Rotary does locally is

especially invited to go along. This will be a general showcase of local community activities, international projects and Rotary's programmes for young people.

There will be displays and exhibitions from clubs and the culmination of the district's Young Designer Competition, in which fabulous designs from young

people around the district will be judged and awards presented.

Anyone who is interested in joining Rotary is more than welcome to visit the Showcase to see at first hand the activities undertaken, causes supported and speak to experienced Rotarians who will be pleased to answer any queries.

Fun for all – with flying teddies – at the Titchmarsh Village Fete this month

The Titchmarsh Village Fete will open at 12noon on Saturday 13th June. Many activities will be hosted in the arena including maypole dancing, a fancy dress competition, a pet show, folk dancing, a dog agility show and children's races. Then the Flying Teddies will take to the air at 3.15pm (registration for entry closes at 3pm).

Thrapston Town Band and the Hargrave

Singers will also be performing in the church. There will be many stalls to cater for all age groups, with a beer tent, Pimm's, BBQ, pizzas and paninis for refreshment. A Grand Draw will also be held, with many wonderful prizes on offer. Entry is FREE with free parking and a free programme.

Open Garden Scheme – Sir Ewan and Lady Harper's garden will also be open during the afternoon with teas available in the church.

Woodland Fun with the Oxlip Owlets

Owlets explore, get muddy, play with sticks and have adventures! If you are aged 3, 4 or 5, you can become an Oxlip Owlet this summer in a 'secret' East Northamptonshire woodland.

Over four sessions on Friday mornings, from 12th June to 3rd July, you and your child can explore, play and create at Oxlip Wood, led by experienced Forest School Practitioners and Environmental Educators. The activities are designed to be fun and exciting, but also to develop the children's awareness, verbal and social skills through interacting with the environment and each other.

Children aged 3, 4 or 5 can become an Oxlip Owlet and must be accompanied by an adult who is willing to join in the fun.

The four sessions cost £30 for each child with an accompanying adult, and there is also a discount for siblings.

Oxlip Wood is an ancient woodland established as a Deer Park on the orders of the King in 1328, located between Thrapston, Oundle and Corby. It is privately owned, and because it is not open to the public, it is an oasis of peaceful tranquillity in the Northamptonshire countryside.

To find out more or to book a place, visit <http://www.oxlipwood.co.uk/events-at-oxlip-wood/owlets/> or ring 01832 733457 or 07999 589811.

To find out more about Oxlip Wood, its walks, family events and other woodland activities go to www.oxlipwood.co.uk and www.facebook.com/OxlipWood



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6.5 miles stroll.

Sunday 7th June

Colworth Hare and Tortoise Sharnbrook
9am
£24 (£22 affiliated)
26.3 mile trail marathon.
Runners/walkers welcome.
Refreshments/drinks every 2.5 miles. No time limit.

First Sunday Event: An Evening of Drama

The Salvation Army, Church Street, Rushden
6pm
Admission free
Tel: Gill Valentine 01933 353528
Guests for the evening Keith Turton/Claire Brine from Drama Ministries London.

Whitefriars Church – Morning Worship

Whitefriars Church at Whitefriars Junior School, Boughton Drive, Rushden NN10 9HX
10.15am
Tel: Sharon Clarke 01933 412785
An informal church service open to anyone of any age.

Alec Hone and Quentin Thomas – Two Pianos

Oundle School's Great Hall
7.45pm
All welcome – no tickets required
Melodious music for two pianos.

'Big Lunch' Community Picnic

Irthlingborough Lakes and Meadows Nature Reserve, (Higham Ferrers end of Greenway)
12noon till 3pm
Free
Contact: Louise Tuffin, email: louise.tuffin@wildlifebcn.org
Tel: 01604 405285
Bring family, friends and food and enjoy wildlife themed activities at this Wildlife Trust event.

Monday 8th June

Oundle U3A Monthly Meeting
Royal Victoria Hall
Refreshments 2.15pm,
Speaker 3 pm
Members £1, Non-Members £2
Tel: 01832 274778
Ian Burton: The Papworth Story (from early village history to pioneering heart hospital).

Tuesday 9th June

Talk by Canon Steve Benoy on vocations to the ordained ministry within the Church of England
St Mary's Church, Ringstead Parish Church NN14 4DH
7.30pm (refreshments served from 7pm)
Tel: Andrew Presland 01933 316927
To be followed by discussion and questions – all are welcome.

Wednesday 10th June

Oundle Strollers
6.30pm
Long Stay car park, East Rd.
Leader Keith Dixon: 018320 275532
4 miles.

Musical Opportunities Concert

Oundle School Recital Room, Gascoigne
6.15pm
Free
Pupils perform their new repertoire.

Thursday 11th June

Lunchtime Concert: Alec Hone and friends
St Peter's Church, Oundle
1.15pm
Free / Lunch can be purchased
Concerts in this beautiful church setting in Oundle.
Lunch is provided for £3.

Raunds WI

The Saxon Hall, Raunds
7.30pm
This is a members' evening with a Fish & Chip Supper.

Discovery Walks

Meet in Gt Easton Memorial
Cross
2pm

£1.50, no need to book.
Tel: 01780 782747
www.weanorthamptonshire.org
Exploring Northamptonshire – Gt Easton, Brington, Drayton – 4.75 miles.

Fridays 12th, 19th, 26th June and 3rd July.

Oxlip Owlets: Pre-school Adventure
Oxlip Wood (A secret woodland between Thrapston, Oundle and Corby)
10am–11.30am
£30 for 1 child and 1 adult (£25 for siblings). This cost is for all four sessions.
Tel: Sue 01832 733457 or Liz 07999 589811
Four sessions of outdoor play, exploration and creative activities for 3, 4 & 5 year olds.

Saturday 13th June

Visit of Leicester South Salvation Army Band
The Salvation Army, Church Street, Rushden
7pm
£5 pay at door or tickets available
Tel: Gill Valentine 01933 353528
Return visit of band who are one of the Army's Premier Bands.

Giant Car Boot Sale

8am to 12noon
Cars £5 / Vans £8
Traders welcome from 7am
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Or tel: 01933 350391 to find out prices per pitch 20th June.

Purcell and Dryden concert

All Saints Church, Aldwinckle
7.30pm
Tickets from £15
Tel: 01832 720772 or visit www.fiori-musicali.com
Candlelit concert with counter-tenor James Laing.
Optional pre-concert Pimm's and Picnic at Dryden House.

Sunday 14th June

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.

Whitefriars Church, Rushden, Countryside Walk – Exercising in Ecton

Starts outside Ecton Church (NN6 0QE)
10.30am
Tel: Andrew Presland 01933 316927
A circular walk of about three miles for people of all ages.

Music in the Park

Rushden Hall Walled Garden
3pm–5pm
Free
For information contact: rushdeneventsgroup@gmail.com
The Occasional Orchestra (folk band). Bring own seating.

Monday 15th June Next meeting of Higham Ferrers WI

The Adult School, Westfield Terrace, Higham Ferrers
2.15pm
Tel: Pat 01933 396647
Nene Valley Dairy will be giving a talk with a tasting session. All welcome.

Thursday 18th June

Lunchtime Concert: Junior Ensembles
St Peter's Church, Oundle
1.15pm
Free / Lunch can be purchased
Concerts in this beautiful church setting in Oundle.
Lunch is provided for £3.

Friday 19th June Rushden & District History Society

South End Junior School, Wymington Road, Rushden NN10 9JU
7.30pm
Members £1.50, Non-Members £2.50
Tel: 01933 350038 for more information
Betty West – 'Kelmars Hall and Gardens'.

AFC Rushden and Diamonds Quiz Night

Rushden Town Bowls Club, Northampton Road, Rushden NN10 6AN
7.30pm
£2
For further information please contact Glenis on 07870

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Usual Raffle and retiring
Bucket collection for Cransley Hospice. All quiz players are welcome.

Thrapston and District U3A Monthly Group Meeting

The Plaza, Thrapston
10am–12noon
Cover charge: £2 for visitors, £1 for members (includes refreshments)
Contact Ann Carter (Publicity Secretary) 01832 358136
Topic: 'Alfred the Great, Statesman and Cook' with Don Chiswell.

Saturday 20th June St Johns Chelveston Church Fete and opening of Refurbished Village Hall

2pm–5pm
Flower displays, brass band, mini steam train rides, teas, stalls, cakes, bric-a-brac, local honey, children's games.

1940s Themed Tea Dance

The Plaza, Thrapston
2.30pm–5pm
£5
Tel: Veronica McCurdy 01832 735206 or Sheila Cowell 07714 397943
1940's Themed Tea Dance to Celebrate VE Day and Armed Forces Day.

Harringworth Village Fete and Classic Car Display

The Manor, Seaton Road, Harringworth Northants NN17 3AD
2pm–5pm
Free (voluntary donation on gate)
Philippa 01572 747700 or visit www.harringworthvillage.org
Enjoy Silver Band, Cream Teas, Pimms, BBQ, various stalls, attractions & Classic Car Display.

Sunday 21st June Whitefriars Church – Morning Worship

Whitefriars Church at Whitefriars Junior School, Boughton Drive, Rushden NN10 9HX
10.15am
Tel: Sharon Clarke 01933 412785
An informal church service open to anyone of any age.

Great British Greyhound Walk

Ferry Meadows Country Park, Peterborough – car park near Watersports Centre Walk
Starts at 11am, we will be there from 10.30am
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Every Monday Headway East Northants Craft Club

The Baptist Chapel, Meeting Lane, Irthlingborough

1.30pm–3.30pm
£1 admission
Tel: Claire Phillips 01933 652311 E: claire.phillips@headwayeastnorthants.org.uk
Informal, friendly group making small items for fundraising purposes (knitting/crochet/cards). Materials can be provided.

Titchmarsh Folk Dance Club

The Club Room, High Street, Titchmarsh NN14 3DF
8pm–10pm
£1 inc tea/coffee
Tel: Julie Bubbles 01536 726858
or email bubbles.folksinger@hotmail.com
Country dancing from the 1600s to the modern, sociable and fun. No partner needed.

Oundle Ladies Running Group

Oundle pool car park
6.45pm
Tel: Jane Walker 01832 272898
janewalkercakes@icloud.com
All levels welcome. Come and give us a try, it's free.

Wesley Centre Art Class

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

First Monday of the month Oundle Wives

Methodist Church, Oundle
7.45pm
Tel: 01832 272178
£3 for refreshments and raffle.
New members very welcome.
Friendly, social group.

Wildlife Trust Little Bugs Club

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

Second Monday of the month Royal British Legion

Rushden Branch Monthly Meeting
Rushden Football & Social Club, Hayden Road, Rushden
7.15pm
Annual Fee £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.

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Second and fourth Tuesday of the month

Social group for widows and widowers in their 50s and 60s

Rushden Bowls Club, Northampton Road, Rushden 7.30pm-9.30pm

£1 per meeting
Tel: Jayne 01933 315030 / Rose 01933 315756

Social group for widows/widowers in their 50s and 60s. Meals out, day trips etc.

Every Tuesday and Thursday Health Walks

Stanwick Lakes

10am-11am
Free - normal car park charges apply.

Tel: 01933 625522

www.stanwicklakes.org.uk

Regular walking can help improve your health. Join us in our regular walks.

Every Wednesday

Dog Training and Socialisation and Ringcraft

Halefield, Woodnewton, near Oundle

Classes from 6.45pm

Tel: 01832 293432
oundledogs@aol.com or website www.oundledogs.co.uk

Dog training classes following the KC Good Citizen Scheme and Ringcraft. New members always welcome.

Rainbow Cafe for Tots

(aimed at up to age 5 and their adults)

Stanwick Lakes

10.30am-12noon

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Make new and exciting crafts then join Lisa from Music and Movement to play, sing and dance.

Club Night

Apethorpe Tennis Club

From 6pm

All standards welcomed.

Every Wednesday (except school holidays)

Allegra Singers - Three-part ladies choir

Music room at King John School, Thrapston

7.30pm-9.30pm

£3 per session

Tel: Veronica 01832 732611 or 07753 472225

If you enjoy singing, come and join us in singing modern/show songs. New members welcome.

First Wednesday of the month

Raunds Ladies Group

The Saxon Hall, Raunds

8pm-10pm.

Visitors £3.50

Guest speaker, refreshments.

Irthlingborough

Townswomen's Guild

The Day Centre College Street

7.30pm

Alternate Wednesdays

U3A Country Dancing

St James' Church Hall,

Thrapston

2pm-3.30pm

Tel: 01933 622827

ghearnden@tiscali.co.uk

The U3A Country Dance

Group meets on alternate

Wednesdays. All are

welcome. Non-U3A members

are welcome for a taster.

Second and fourth

Wednesdays of the month

Northants Model Makers

Windmill Primary School,

Raunds NN9 6LA

Main meeting starts 7.30ish

First couple of meetings free

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Third Wednesday of each month

Wellingborough Flower Arrangement Society

St Mary's Church Hall, Knox

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7.30pm

£5

Tel: Chairman on 01933

222326 or Secretary on

01604 870275

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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

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Little Treasures Tots

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St Laurence's Church,

Stanwick

9.30am-11am

Donations to cover costs

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Music Makers

Stanwick Village Hall

2pm-2.45pm

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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

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abilities welcome.

Every Friday

'Tea + Tots'

Little Ducklings Pre-School, Barnwell

1.30pm-3pm

£1.50 per family

Tel: 01832 358085

Come and enjoy a nice

relaxing cup of tea whilst

watching your children play.

First Friday of the month

(recommend checking before travelling)

Craft Cafe

Stanwick Lakes

10.30am-1pm

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Learn new craft skills, share

your experience and meet

up with crafty friends.

Third Friday of the month

Raunds Tea Dance

Saxon Hall, Raunds

2pm-4.15pm

£3 (plus 50p for Raffle)

Tel: Mrs Wicks 01933

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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.

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Pauline on 01933 229817

www.stanwicklakes.org.uk

Come and join this informal

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First Saturday of the month

Coffee Morning

St Mary's Church,

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10am-12noon

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Thrapston High Street

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Second Saturday of the 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.

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Second Saturday of the month

WE Watch and Phoenix Group

Stanwick Lakes

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birthday**



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Nanna & Grandad xxx

Chamberlain
On April 1 2014,
Chamberlain,
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surrounded by
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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14
THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
 (CLUB LANE, WOODFORD)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2015
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit traffic from proceeding along the length of Club Lane, Woodford as set out below.
LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES:
 The length of Club Lane, Woodford from High Street to Church Street.
REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during installation of services to new development.
PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 8th June 2015 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002.
EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted until 12th June.
ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: Use Church Street, Church Green, Addington Road, The Green and High Street.
 Dated this 6th day of June 2015
 QUENTIN BAKER
 Director of LGSS Law
 JCM/T15/168
 If you require any further information please contact Gary Thorp on 01604 364359.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14
THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
 (PUBLIC FOOTPATHS NX15 (PART) & NX16 (PART) - PARISH OF THRAPSTON)
(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2015
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit all pedestrians from proceeding along those lengths of Public Footpaths NX15 (part) and NX16 (part) in the Parish of Thrapston as set out below. Private access to land or premises adjacent to the said length of footpath is unaffected.
RIGHT OF WAY TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: The existing route to be closed begins at point A at National Grid Reference ("NGR") SP9968 7872. The route travels generally north east along footpaths NX16 (part) and NX15 (part) for a total distance of approximately 75 metres to point B at NGR SP9975 7874. The route is shown by a solid black line between points A - B.
REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required to allow electric cable to be installed.
PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The Order will come into effect on 8th June 2015 and will continue in force for a period of six months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for this Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such extent as is indicated by the display of notices.
ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: The alternative route starts at point A at NGR SP9968 7872. The alternative route travels generally south east along footpath NX16 (part) for approximately 90 metres to point C at NGR SP9974 7866. The route then travels generally north along the highway footway of Oundle Road for approximately 79 metres to point B at NGR SP9975 7874. The alternative route is shown by a broken black line between points A - C - B.
 Dated this 6th day of June 2015.
 QUENTIN BAKER
 Director of LGSS Law
 JCM/ROW/217
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Chess corner

The last game of the Silver King Northamptonshire League has now been played with Rushden A taking on Kettering A at home in League I.

Rushden A were severely depleted, with three top players missing on the evening. This meant that B team regulars Keith Bristow and Phil Campbell had to step into the breach. Rushden were heavily outgunned on the bottom four boards, with an average grade deficit of 21 points.

Alan Lewis played well to hold Jonny Martin to a draw on board 2; things went less well on the bottom three boards with Saj, Keith and Phil being taken down by superior Kettering firepower. This just left Hugh Murphy fighting

for a consolation win on board 1; this was a tense game with Peter Jaszkiwskyj giving a good account of himself. In the end Hugh's experience proved to be the decisive factor and Peter resigned after 39 moves.

Kettering's win now means that they have pushed Chess Mates B into third place in League I, with Chess Mates A taking the honours after a magnificent campaign this season with only one defeat. Rushden ended up in fourth place just ahead of Corby. Kettering B is now relegated, with their place being taken by Rushden B next season.

This has proved to be a successful season for Rushden. The A team only just missed out on a place in the John Robinson Knockout Cup final

and the B team gained promotion to Division I in the SKL. We now have the interesting prospect of Rushden A playing Rushden B at home and away! The club's membership has also strengthened over the last year with an influx of new members at both junior and senior level. This will undoubtedly lead to more strength in depth with opportunities to augment our league teams.

Northants SKL Division I Match

Rushden A 1.5 – 3.5 Kettering A
Bd1: Hugh Murphy (197) 1-0 Peter Jaszkiwskyj (169)

Bd2: Alan Lewis (136) ½ Jonny Martin (162)
Bd3: Sajan Ganger (121) 0-1 David Walker (146)
Bd4: Keith Bristow (120) 0-1 Graham Arch (143)
Bd5: Phil Campbell (109) 0-1 Keith Ball (119)

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>.

Kettering are early leaders

Kettering C began their season in East Northants Tennis League Men's Division Two with two emphatic victories.

Their first match was played out at Thrapston C in very difficult windy conditions, and it was the Kettering side who adapted the better with Adam Brown / Mihai Diac defeating Grant Maly / Keith Stockley 6-0, 6-4 and Ed Frain / Paul Milner 6-0, 6-2. Nicky Helbick / Dermot Bailey provided strong support beating Frain / Milner 6-3, 6-1 and halving 6-4, 3-6 with Maly / Stockley.

A visit to Corby C proved to be a one-sided affair. Chris Todd / Jamie Hills stepped down from B team duties to aid the Kettering cause and the Corby quartet were left well beaten, though Gerry Lee / John Hanlon gave a resolute performance against Diac / Helbick, just being

edged out 6-3, 6-3.

Corby C's next match against Thrapston C was a much closer affair. Lee / Hanlon halved both rubbers, 6-4, 5-7 with Maly / Chris Hutchinson and 6-3, 3-6 against Stockley / James Skelton. Casey McQuade / Tony Cook lost out to Maly / Hutchinson but secured a half with Stockley / Skelton to leave Thrapston 5-3 winners.

Thrapston B made a fine start to their campaign in their quest for a quick return to Division One. Against their C team Phil Taylor / Tom Roberts led the charge claiming all four sets, 6-0, 6-2 over Skelton / Duncan Williams and 6-3, 6-4 against Stockley / Julius Richards. Pete Kirk / Hutchinson defeated Skelton / Williams 7-5, 6-0 but had to settle for a 7-1 success when Stockley / Richards gained a 6-2, 0-6 half.

Fantastic win for Rushden

On Saturday 23rd May Rushden Swimming Club competed in the Sadie Murray Shield County Gala. The evening event saw the club take on four other county clubs, and finish in first place, taking the Sadie Murray Shield home for the first time since 2007.

The team of 18 swimmers – Megan Rowthorn, Ashleigh Bales, Holly Moultrie, Gracie Ridout, Andrew Clarke, Ryan Prott-Gibbs, Lucy Cullen, Olivia Beasant, Dylan Walton-Pratt, Bertie Malsher, Philippe Oram, Lydia Pouncey, Maisie Lucas, Phoebe Snook, Amber Bales, Jamie Hooks, Michael Clarke and Nathan Jones, swam in 30 races taking nine first places and gaining only one speeding ticket by swimming faster than the time allowed. It was a significant achievement for Rushden, who have had a successful season so far.



Rushden Swimming Club

RSC are based at Splash Leisure Pool, Station Road, Rushden. For further information please visit www.rushdenswimmingclub.co.uk, telephone 07502 492440 or visit during training on Mondays from 7pm. All swimmers will require an assessment prior to joining.



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