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NEWS IN BRIEF

Raunds to host Strawberry Fayre

“Come and join us for a good old fashioned Strawberry Fayre,” is the invitation from St Peter’s Church Raunds fundraising committee.

The venue is The Enterprise Centre (opposite The Spar Shop) and the date and time are 29th July, 2pm to 4pm.

The committee look forward to welcoming you for an enjoyable afternoon and serving you with a delicious cream tea – lots of strawberries and cream, and coffee, tea and cold drinks. There will be a raffle, quiz and fun for the children. The charge is £3 for adults and £2 for children which will be donated to the St Peter’s Church restoration fund.

Record result for Christian Aid Week 2015

The amount raised during the Christian Aid house-to-house collection in Oundle and the surrounding villages in May this year was a record £7,606.02.

When Gift Aid has been added, the total will be £8,594.18, a 3.1% increase on last year’s amount. Christian Aid thanks all the voluntary local organisers and collectors, as well as to those who donated. This generosity will help poor families around the world escape from grinding poverty, and help them build a brighter tomorrow.

Rushden students tackle food poverty at Houses of Parliament

“The most wonderful advocates for the youth of today,” was how inspirational speaker Lyn Luxton described the seven students from Rushden Academy who make up Team Phoenix. They were the only students in the country to attend the National Food Poverty conference at the Houses of Parliament on 18th June.

The conference brought together representatives from charities, industry,

government and the education sector to discuss the full effects of food poverty within the UK. Their aims were to identify the potential for action, through legislation reforms and collaborative working, to reduce this issue which so many people in our local communities face.

The students took part in several breakout sessions during the day but the one session that they all agreed was the most important and relevant

was ‘Running on Empty’. This tackled child hunger with particular emphasis on children going to school without having access to regular and nutritious meals.

Caitlin Mitchell from Team Phoenix said: “It was shocking to hear about the number of children who have to go to school hungry and the fact that this number is increasing daily. We shared our story of how we’re trying to help by volunteering at the Phoenix Resource Centre in Wellingborough, by sorting through usable food which is then distributed to local food banks and night shelters.

“We also spoke about our initiative of running a GCSE Breakfast Club at Rushden. All of us in Team Phoenix know how important breakfast is and that it helps with concentration and achievement, so we wanted to help our Year 11 students by giving them the opportunity for breakfast before they sat their exams.”

Alison Smith from the cereal company Kelloggs commented: “It’s been great to hear about the Breakfast Club and the benefits Team Phoenix are giving to pupils at Rushden Academy. It was really fantastic to meet them as they’re so enthusiastic about tackling food poverty. Each student made valuable contributions

to the conference, speaking with confidence and passion. I’m looking forward to the possibility of working with Team Phoenix in the future.”

It’s fair to say that at the beginning of the day many delegates were sceptical about the reasoning behind the invitation to Team Phoenix, but it soon became apparent why, when these inspirational youngsters stole the show at such an esteemed gathering. They were deluged with questions by the time it came to the round-up sessions – some of them couldn’t even manage to get a drink because of the numbers of delegates wanting to speak with them about their work!

This modest group of youngsters, aged 12–15 years, have been tremendous ambassadors for Rushden Academy, The Education Fellowship and the charity Phoenix Resource Centre. They’ve been inundated with requests to speak with, and work alongside, delegates from every sector represented at the conference.

Myles Bremner, Director of School Food Plan who works closely with Secretary of State for Education Nicky Morgan, said: “These are the voices we need to be listening to and it’s going to be exciting to watch, and hopefully be a part of, the next part of Team Phoenix’s journey.”

Team Phoenix at the Houses of Parliament



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A summer of family fun at Stanwick Lakes

With adventurous play equipment, fun holiday activities and an exciting new archaeological dig pit, Stanwick Lakes is the perfect place to take your family this summer.

The school holidays are packed with low-cost and fun educational activities at the popular countryside attraction. Each week will have a different theme for its family activities, including 'Spies Like Us' when you can follow a detective trail, discover the animals of Stanwick Lakes in 'Go Wild' week and during 'Time Travellers', dress up and play with Victorian toys.

Families can enjoy trails, crafts, and den building throughout the summer and thanks in part to funding from Northamptonshire County Council, a dig pit. Every Saturday between 1pm and 4pm, children can become archaeologists

and unearth historical artefacts and treasures buried deep in the sand. The Dig Pit will also fit in with the weekly themes, with gold pirate coins to find in 'Adventures Ahoy' week and bones hidden in the sand during 'Here Be Dragons' week!

For many of the activities you can just drop in while you are visiting Stanwick Lakes, but if you would like to delve in the Dig Pit, pond dip with the Rangers or join the Cookery Club, booking in advance by ringing 01933 625522 will guarantee a place for your child. Stanwick Lakes is run as a social enterprise by environmental charity Rockingham Forest Trust, so the cost of these events is kept low to give as many families as possible the chance to join in the fun. Every penny of profit raised goes back into looking after the site for the animals that live there and the people who visit.

There are plenty of other great activities taking place throughout the summer at Stanwick Lakes such as weekly 'Get Arty' sessions, a fishing tutorial on 28th July and Robin Hood the Musical, performed by the Cambridge Touring Theatre on 22nd July. Visit

the Stanwick Lakes website www.stanwicklakes.org.uk to find out more. And if you want to be the first to receive information about activities at Stanwick Lakes, sign up to receive the monthly newsletter by emailing info@rfrtrust.org.uk

Letters to the editor

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DOES IRTHLINGBOROUGH NEED A REFERENDUM ?

Dear Editor,

There seems to be some contention in Irthlingborough as to the protocol for the election of Mayor. The question being whether the Mayor should be a resident of Irthlingborough.

As I understand it, since the inception of the position of Mayor, it has been customary for the Chairman of The Town Council to also be elected as the Mayor, both elections being held at the annual Town Council meeting in May. A Vice-Chairman is also elected at this meeting and assumes the role of Chairman-elect and therefore the role of Mayor-elect.

During the period of the last Town Council the question as to whether the Mayor should be a resident of the town was averted by what I considered to be a very brave (politically) casting vote of the Chairman who was of course also the Mayor. I believe we currently have a Town Council where the Vice-Chairman is not a resident of Irthlingborough.

The issue of residency needs to be resolved long before May 2016. Can the issue be resolved without a referendum (which has cost implications), or would it be money well spent to give the Town Council a positive view?

Alan Home a Resident of Irthlingborough

#OUNDLGREATYARN

Dear Editor,

The residents of Oundle woke up on Wednesday 1st July to a big surprise! The Market Place in the town had been Yarn Bombed. What started as an idea in January blossomed into a huge community project. People came together to knit and crochet. There were Knit and Natter, Crochet and Chatter sessions twice a week held in various coffee shops and sitting rooms. Project managers were appointed and plans drawn up and off it went. Brownies joined in, the PHAB Club, young and old had a go, people learnt to knit and crochet, and the world was put to rights whilst we were doing it. It was such a happy project with people coming out of their homes and joining in. Creativity soared and the skill used was amazing.

Why was it done we have been asked, why are you not knitting for charity? It was done to make people smile, to bring happiness to our beautiful town. It is an art installation in knitting; instead of using paint we used wool. It has given lots of people a chance to come together and create something stunning with a huge sense of achievement. Without sounding overdramatic, we need things to bring a smile to our faces nowadays.

Please come to Oundle and enjoy looking round, it is worth it and we guarantee you too will smile.

OTC Events Officer

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Genealogy jottings

Hello again. A couple of weeks ago, I mentioned certificates. It is possible to obtain copies of birth, marriage and death certificates from the General Register Office (GRO) at a cost of £9.25 each and these are invaluable in identifying who your ancestors were.

I have the surname of Smith in my family and, when your great grandfather is called John Smith, trying to find the right one is no easy matter! However, I knew roughly where he had been born and that he had a sister called Matilda. By sending off for Matilda's birth certificate, it gave me the maiden name of her mother and so I was able to identify John's parents and obtain their marriage certificate. A little convoluted, but it is always worth a shot if you can identify siblings.

So, what information do they hold?

Birth certificates will tell you: when and where born; name, if any; sex; name and surname of father; name, surname and maiden name of mother; occupation of father; signature, description and residence of informant; when registered; signature of registrar.

Marriage certificates will have for both bride and groom: name and surname; age; condition (bachelor, spinster etc); rank or profession; residence at time of marriage; fathers' name and surname; rank or profession of father. They will also provide details of when and where the marriage took place, whether or not Banns were read or if it was by licence, the names of at least two witnesses, plus the name of the Minister and/or Registrar.

Death certificates contain: when and where died; name and surname; sex; age; occupation; cause of death; signature, description and residence of informant; When registered signature of registrar.

As you can see, there is a lot of lovely information available! Just remember, though, civil registration did not start until 1st July 1837 in England and Wales and certificates for Scotland (started on 1st January 1855) and Ireland (started 1st January 1864) have slightly different information.

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East Northamptonshire's Green Waste Club has been given an overwhelming vote of approval by members of the Biffa-operated garden waste collection scheme.

In a survey of Club members conducted earlier this year, over 95% of East Northamptonshire respondents said they were satisfied with the Green Waste Club and the reliability of its fortnightly service. Over nine out of 10 also felt the Club delivered value for money.

Nearly all of those members who had seen or spoken with Biffa's collection crews were satisfied with their service attitude. The vast majority (95%) were also satisfied with the quality and range of

information received.

Lucy Stephens, Biffa's national Green Waste Club manager, said: "The Club provides a valued service for local residents, so it's important that we understand how they feel about it.

"The vast majority of East Northamptonshire members rate the Club highly which is good news as it shows we're meeting their expectations."

She added that East Northamptonshire's survey results reflect the overall feedback from all six Green Waste Clubs operated by Biffa, and which have a total membership of nearly 47,000.

Biffa established East

Northamptonshire's Green Waste Club in 2007 to provide fortnightly collections of garden waste from local residents. They pay a modest subscription to join the Club and receive their own 240-litre wheeled bin which Biffa crew empty every fortnight.

Nationally, the Green Waste Club's members have so far helped to recycle over 82,000 tonnes of garden waste which is turned into compost. This helps improve the environment and also reduces refuse disposal costs.

For further information about the East Northamptonshire Green Waste Club or to sign up, visit www.greenwasteclub.co.uk or call 0800 0858 286.



Important information for Council Tax payers who claim single person discount

East Northamptonshire Council has appointed Local Government Shared Services (LGSS) to carry out a two year review of Council Tax single person discount claimants.

LGSS will check Council Tax payers who claim the 25% single person discount as part of East Northamptonshire Council's continuing measures to detect and prevent fraud.

Working with Equifax credit reference agency, they use data matching technology to identify where people are claiming a Council Tax discount but may not be entitled. The review will involve around 11,500 council tax payers.

An average band D property has a current annual liability of £1423.79 and a single person discount of 25% equates to £355.94. Anyone claiming this discount who does not live alone is defrauding the council and other

council tax payers.

Steven North, Leader of East Northamptonshire Council adds: "We're keen to ensure that those entitled to this discount are claiming it and are committed to making the system as clear as possible. However, Council Tax payers who claim the discount dishonestly are not only breaking the law, but place an unnecessary burden on other residents."

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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

15/01075/FUL (01/08/2015) (Info)
Retrospective planning to retain existing timber garden store for the storage of garden equipment at land on the South East Side of the A605 Elmington
15/01106/FUL (08/08/2015) (LB/CA) (LBRegs) To erect a tongue and groove timber clad shed / garden building at the back of the rear garden to sit on a concrete paved hardstanding at Acacia Cottage 26 The Green Ashton PE8 5LD

Brigstock

15/01130/FUL (01/08/2015) (Info)
Conversion of redundant farm buildings to 8No. artisan studios / workshops and 1No. two-bedroom holiday let at Chase Farm Dusthill Road Brigstock NN14 3NG
15/01208/FUL (01/08/2015) (Info)
Erection of stable block at Land Opposite 12 Stanion Road Brigstock

Collyweston

15/00963/FUL (08/08/2015) (LB/CA)
Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of three two-and-a-half storey dwellings and associated works (Revised scheme following approvals 08/01456/FUL and 11/01208/RWL) at 91 Main Road Collyweston PE9 3PQ
15/01183/FUL (01/08/2015) (Info)
Extension of existing detached bungalow and refurbishment. Replacement of existing roof tiles at 27 Main Road Collyweston PE9 3PF
15/01209/FUL (01/08/2015) (Info)
Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension at 1 The Drift Collyweston PE9 3PH

Deenethorpe

15/01179/FUL (01/08/2015) (Info)
Single storey brick and slate rear extension at 10 Deenethorpe NN17 3EP
15/01180/LBC (08/08/2015) (LBRegs)
Single storey brick and slate rear extension at 10 Deenethorpe NN17 3EP

Denford

15/01215/FUL (01/08/2015) (Info)
Ground floor front extension at Swandrift Freemans Lane Denford

Easton-on-the-Hill

15/01053/FUL (08/08/2015) (LB/CA)
Alterations to and extension of existing dwelling at The Paddock 16D West Street Easton On The Hill PE9 3LS

Harringworth

15/01235/FUL (08/08/2015) (LB/CA)
Side extension at The Barns Gretton Road Harringworth NN17 3AD

Higham Ferrers

15/01197/FUL (08/08/2015) (LB/CA)
Rear extension, raised patio, drive modification and internal alterations at 52 Roman Way Higham Ferrers NN10 8NS
15/01214/FUL (08/08/2015) (LB/CA)
Single storey dwelling with detached garage at 2 Cemetery Lane Higham Ferrers NN10 8DR
15/01248/FUL (08/08/2015) (LB/CA)
Change of use to existing residential property to form extended veterinary clinic including single storey extensions at 3A College Street Higham Ferrers NN10 8BX

Irthlingborough

15/00990/FUL (08/08/2015) (Art8)
Erection of 2No. retail units (1No. class A1 retail unit of 930 square metres and 1No. mixed use class A1/A3 unit of 130.55 square metres) and 20No. two storey dwellings with associated access, parking and landscaping at Former Factory Site Church Street Irthlingborough

15/01188/FUL (01/08/2015) (Info)
Proposed single storey extension to side of existing dwelling at 26 Middle Grass Irthlingborough NN9 5TW

Little Addington

15/01184/FUL (01/08/2015) (Info)
Extensions and alterations to single storey dwelling at 4 Dovecote Drive Little Addington

Nassington

15/01148/FUL (08/08/2015) (LB/CA)
Single storey front extension. Single storey rear extension to replace existing garden room. Roofspace conversion with catslide dormer on front elevation and flat roof dormer on rear elevation and new rendered external finish to existing porch (revised scheme to planning permission 14/02328/FUL) at 4 Church Street Nassington PE8
15/01223/VAR (01/08/2015) (Info)
Variation of condition 2, 4, 5 and 10 – to add garden room on west side of proposed dwelling 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 PE8

Oundle

15/01000/FUL (01/08/2015) (Info) Part conversion of existing double integral garage to living space, and ensuite facility installed to existing attic bedroom over at 22 Hillfield Road Oundle PE8 4QP
15/01217/FUL (01/08/2015) (Info)
1No. two storey side extension. 1No. single storey rear extension. Internal modifications at 13 New Road Oundle PE8 4LB

Polebrook

15/01144/FUL (01/08/2015) (Info)
New vehicular access at 2 Bluestone Cottages Lutton Road Polebrook PE8 5LY

Raunds

15/01207/FUL (01/08/2015) (Info)
Single storey extension to dwelling at 4 Glovers Lane Raunds NN9 6TU

15/01220/REM (08/08/2015) (Art8)
Reserved matters – Appearance, layout, scale and landscaping for a B8 unit of 38399 sq metres pursuant to planning permission 11/00700/OUT dated 9.12.11 – Outline: Demolition of existing buildings, development of employment park including A3/4/5, B1b and c, B8, C1, Di and D2 uses together with access, parking areas and open space (all matters reserved except for access) at Phase 2 Warth Park Way Raunds

15/01260/FUL (01/08/2015) (Info)
Single storey extensions to rear, internal alterations and alterations to existing external door openings to front and rear at 17 Chelveston Road Raunds NN9

Rushden

15/01159/FUL (01/08/2015) (Info)
Rear extension at 43 Woodland Road Rushden NN10 6US
15/01178/ADV (01/08/2015) (Info)
Retail park totem sign at DIY Store Crown Way Rushden NN10 6AX
15/01186/FUL (01/08/2015) (Info)
Proposed side extension at 42 Barnwell Drive Rushden NN10 9HR
15/01195/VAR (08/08/2015) (Art8)
Variation of condition 22 – restriction on delivery times pursuant to planning permission 10/01017/OUT dated 16.7.12 – 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) at Rushden Hospital The Drive Rushden NN10 9JU
15/01213/FUL (01/08/2015) (Info)
New access, crossover and highway boundary treatments at 63 Northampton Road Rushden NN10 6AJ
15/01216/FUL (08/08/2015) (LB/CA)
Change of use from meeting room (D1) to Cafe (A3) at 15–21 Church Street Rushden NN10 9YU
15/01218/FUL (01/08/2015) (Info)
New dwelling on under utilised garden land at Land Adjacent 26 Woodland Road Rushden
15/01256/ADV (01/08/2015) (Info)
Erection of illuminated and non illuminated signs to the exterior of the buildings at The Welcome Inn Irchester Road Rushden NN10 9QU

Stanwick

15/01190/FUL (01/08/2015) (Info)
First floor side and rear extension over original single storey building and two storey side extension at 30A High Street Stanwick NN9 6QA

Tansor

15/01120/FUL (01/08/2015) (Info)
Proposed new access and parking to serve previously approved schemes 96/00526/RWL, 00/00272/VAR and 14/02243/VAR at Tansor Wold Farm Buildings Tansor Wold Road Tansor PE8 6UX

Thrapston

15/00912/FUL (01/08/2015) (Info)
To remove existing conifers which will cause damage to existing drainage and masonry. To remove part hedge on side of property and replace with a timber fence at 1 Mason Close Thrapston NN14 4UQ

Twywell

15/00954/FUL (08/08/2015) (LB/CA)
Change of use from former butcher's shop to residential dwelling (no external changes) at The Gables High Street Twywell NN14 3AH

Warmington

15/01247/FUL (01/08/2015) (Info)
Conversion of agricultural building to residential dwelling at America Farm Buildings Morborne Road Warmington PE8 6UP

Woodford

15/01151/FUL (08/08/2015) (LB/CA)
Remove existing rectangular Scotts of Thrapston summerhouse with pitched roof and replace with new Scotts of Thrapston Baltimore summerhouse, octagonal, painted in slate with cedar shingle roof. Summerhouse to be in same position as existing, reusing base, with natural paving stone at 8 Church Street Woodford NN14 4EX

Woodnewton

15/01257/FUL (01/08/2015) (Info)
Erection of a new oak framed single garage with side aisle at The Kite Barn 9A Main Street Woodnewton PE8 5EB

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 18 July 2015

Great response to The Rag & Phone Man

Residents in East Northamptonshire have taken full advantage of a new waste disposal service from East Northamptonshire Council (ENC).

The Rag & Phone Man service was set up to help residents get rid of unwanted electrical items, old clothes, batteries and outdated mobile phones.

The unwanted items are taken to ENC's depot, ready for collection by a registered compliance scheme, so residents can be assured that their items are being recycled properly.

The district has already had two collections, with around six tonnes of waste collected. There are two more collections on 19th and 26th July:

Sunday 19th July 2015

Village Hall, New Road, Easton on the Hill	9.30 – 10.45am
Kingsmead Industrial Estate, Station Road, King's Cliffe	11am – 12.15pm
Red Lodge Road (old bottle bank site), Bulwick	12.40 – 1.40pm
Woodlands Garage, Sudborough Road, Brigstock	2 – 3pm

Sunday 26th July 2015

Orchard Place car park, Rushden	9 – 10.30am
Grangeway shopping precinct, Rushden	10.45am – 12.15pm
Saffron Road car park, Higham Ferrers	12.30 – 1.45pm
Market Square, Raunds	2 – 3pm



Steve North, Leader of East Northamptonshire Council said: "The great response to The Rag & Phone Man shows again how East Northamptonshire Council is listening to the needs of its residents and providing services that really help them.

"When we have completed the next two collections, the waste team will review the success of the scheme and look at further collections this year."

Visit www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/weee for a detailed list of what The Rag & Phone Man can collect.

Have your say about East Northamptonshire services whilst on the go



Smartphone users in East Northamptonshire are being urged to have their say about the services that affect them.

By simply scanning this QR code using a smartphone, the user will be taken directly to an East Northamptonshire Council (ENC) website page that explains how to take part in the survey.

The survey takes less than 10 minutes to fill in. So whether you're on a bus, waiting for dinner to cook or have a few spare minutes, take this opportunity to let ENC know how they can improve their services.

Most smartphones have apps designed to read QR codes already installed, but you can download a free one from most app stores in less than a minute. ENC is especially keen for 16–24 years olds to have their say, so please show this article to your family.

ENC welcomes participation from ALL

residents. If you prefer to go online with a computer, you can access the survey by visiting www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/survey. Anyone who does not have access to a smartphone or a computer can give ENC a call on 01832 742099 and they will explain a few other options.

Steven North, Leader of East Northamptonshire Council says: "The survey is a great way for East Northamptonshire residents to tell us how well we are doing and how we can improve our services and we want them to take advantage of this opportunity to have their say.

"Having a mobile friendly website was a comment we regularly had from our residents and now we have it, it's easier than ever for residents and businesses to access our services 24/7."

The survey closes on Friday 31st July.



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Our next Big Craft Day is on **Saturday 1st August** & will feature the following demonstrators:-

Julia Watts from **Creative Expressions** is here to kickstart your Christmas card making with some new rubber stamp designs & a range of dies from **Sue Wilson**.

Karen Clare will be demonstrating altered art techniques from the **Jones** range of craft products.

Special Guest Demonstrator - the MDF Man!



Rob Thorpe, the **MDF Man**, will be joining us to show a range of his most popular products.

Rob will also be hosting a **FREE Make & Take** on the day for you to learn how to paper cover and distress your MDF blanks.



Christmas Ranges Just Arrived!

We have just received the latest ranges of dies & embossing folders from Crafters Companion, brand new Sue Wilson dies from Creative Expressions, Christmas plates for the Groovi system from Clarity and the latest winter animal card kits from Pollyanna Pickering.



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Citizens Advice Bureau offering Pension Wise appointments

Central and East Northamptonshire Citizens Advice Bureau is delivering Pension Wise appointments across Northamptonshire and Bedfordshire, giving people access to free and impartial pension guidance in their local area.

Following pension reforms on 6th April, people approaching retirement have greater freedom over how they can use their pension pots. People will be able to take a lump sum, take out an annuity or a mixture of both. Pension Wise is a new Government service designed to help people make sense of their pension options, and empower

them to make the right choices for them.

The Bureau will be delivering free face-to-face Pension Wise sessions which are available to book now. The 45-minute appointments will be tailored to the individual, taking into account the value of their pension and their plans for retirement.

A Pension Wise appointment may help you if:

- You are approaching retirement or are 55 or over
 - Have a defined contribution pension
 - Are thinking of accessing your pension in the next six months
- Guidance appointments are also available on the telephone,

delivered by the Pensions Advisory Service. People can also get information and general guidance online at www.pensionwise.gov.uk.

Martin Lord, Chief Executive of Central and East Northamptonshire, said: "We'll be delivering Pension Wise appointments from our Northampton base in Mercers Row and a wide range of sites across the region, giving easy access to Pension Wise.

"Pensions can be a confusing topic and Pension Wise appointments will help people to make sense of their pensions choices. We already help people with retirement issues and we'll



David (specialist), Jane (administrator), Barbara (specialist) and John (specialist)

continue to offer this service outside of Pension Wise."

To book a telephone or face to face appointment, call 0300 323 9940.

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Northants children's author publishes adventure story

Northamptonshire-based SEN Mentor and author Emily Knight has produced a new book for children, 'The Adventures of Alice Creek'.

Emily, who works at a local primary school, is passionate about encouraging children to love reading and try their hand at writing. She says: "After recently presenting my exciting, adventure-fiction book at my school, there has been a noticeable increase in children asking about the process of writing a book and I love talking to them about their ideas for characters and plots."

For Emily, the most important thing about her writing is to make reading enjoyable, so that children transport themselves

into another world; books should extend the vocabulary and entertain the mind but most of all, reading should be fun.

In her day job, Emily supports children who are challenged by mainstream education; she believes that children who can see themselves as a whole person and can be in control of their lives will become more rounded individuals. Trying to engage children in aspects of their lives which they feel confident about opens up conversations and becomes a way of communicating on a level the child feels comfortable with. Bullying is often a linked problem with children who have low self-esteem, and by taking part in and enjoying a comfortable discussion

which boosts self-esteem, children often find the strength to deal with situations.

These common childhood themes and problems bind together the trilogy about Alice Creek; her bullied and lonely existence encourages her to talk to her granddad and it is their relationship which fuels exciting adventures, through steam trains and time travel. By focusing on helping a child from the 1930s, Alice builds her own self-esteem and finds the strength to overcome the bullies at her new secondary school and make new friends.

Waterstones are considering stocking the book, which is also available as both a paperback and an ebook from Amazon.

Dragon Boat Race 2015

As a result of last year's Annual Dragon Boat Race being a tremendous success the district is anticipating an even bigger event this year when it takes place on Sunday 6th September at Wicksteed Park, Kettering.

This year the Committee are hoping that 48 boats will be taken and are already on the way to that figure. However, there is still time to register your interest to join in the

fun and fundraising. Last year over £25,000 was raised and distributed between Cransley and Lakelands Hospices and local Rotary charities. This year, due to the long-standing relationship with Rotary that has been built up over the past few years, the hospices have pledged the input of their fundraising teams which will broaden the support even further.

For more information on how to register please go to www.nenevalleydragons.org.uk



New chapter for Northamptonshire Police as Simon Edens is confirmed as Chief Constable

The next Chief Constable of Northamptonshire Police has been formally confirmed and will take over the reins of the Force from 27th July.

Simon Edens, outgoing Deputy Chief Constable of Leicestershire Police, has served in five forces during a career spanning 34 years, and will take over shortly after the departure of Adrian Lee, who has led Northamptonshire Police since October 2009.

At a meeting of the Police and Crime Panel, members formally approved Police and Crime Commissioner Adam Simmonds' appointment, which was made public last week.

The panel's approval signals the final part of a lengthy and rigorous appointment process which, among other things saw the Force hold a Question Time-style event in which the four shortlisted candidates were quizzed by officers

and staff, the first such event of its kind in the country.

Introducing Mr Edens to the panel, Mr Simmonds said it was an "important day and the start of a new chapter for Northamptonshire Police". He said: "He is a formidable leader with the character and strength to take the Force forward and to reform policing. He understands the vision of Northamptonshire Police and has the ability to make

that vision real."

Mr Edens told the committee: "I've seen across the Force a real passion and determination to make a difference to people and I want to be part of that. The ambition to be the safest county in the country is a motivating, invigorating and energising one and one which I also want to be a part of."

He added: "The PCC and I have already developed the start of what will be a very productive

and positive working relationship. We have similar ambitions and sense of vision for the service, but I will lead the Force and work very closely with the PCC and his team."

Mr Edens took a range of questions from panel members on a number of subjects, from partnership working, social media and community engagement to domestic violence and police morale.

Providing tools for self-reliance

The Rotary Club of Rushden Chichele has supported Tools for Self-Reliance, Northampton for more than 10 years. It is a nationwide organisation but RC Rushden Chichele supports the group based in Clare Street, Northampton.

They are in an old building behind a large wooden gate near the traffic lights. Go inside and you are in a small yard – it looks like a small version of Steptoe and Son's scrapyards. All around are boxes, tools, bikes. Go into the building and you are in the newly decorated kitchen where you will most likely be offered a cup of tea and a look round. Further inside there are racks of tools and parts of tools and several benches with 'refurbishers' seated at them. They strip out the good parts, grind the rust and wear from them, paint them and store them. Another bench will put the tools together, test them out

and put them into 'sets' ready for boxing up into sizeable crates.

Each crate contains the tools needed by a person in Africa to set up a small business. It might be shoemaking, woodworking, gardening / farming, car maintenance. Tools that are not useful in Africa (like garden forks – they just don't use them) or which it would be uneconomic to send are sold at local sales or even at the Centre to provide funds for shipping. On one visit to the premises three good-looking bicycles were on view with price tickets of £20-£30 on them!

The organisers are all volunteers and those who renovate the tools are disabled people from around Northampton, so the project provides recycling, employment for disabled people and a positive way to help enterprising men and women in the Third World.



Greek Saltsa Domata / Greek tomato sauce

By José Ferdi Tavares – ferdis.kitchen@gmail.com

This is the fifth 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.

This traditional Greek tomato sauce is full of flavour and versatile. It is great with beef or lamb meatballs or grilled chicken. Use as a sauce with barbecued lamb skewers. Stir into a pasta of choice, crumble on some feta cheese and sprinkle with some chopped oregano for a quick and tasty meal. It also goes well with green vegetables such as green beans, broad beans and broccoli. Steam the vegetables and then

combine with the sauce and cook for a few minutes. Crumble over some feta cheese.

INGREDIENTS

- 4 chopped tomatoes, (400g can)
- 250ml tomato passata
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 medium onions, diced
- 1 green bell pepper, diced
- 1 red or yellow bell pepper, diced
- ½ cup Kalamata olives, halved (optional)
- 6 garlic cloves, finely chopped
- 3 tbsp fresh parsley, finely chopped
- 3 tbsp fresh Greek oregano, finely chopped, alternatively 2 tbsp dried oregano
- 2 cups dry red wine, good quality medium-bodied
- 2 bay leaves
- ½ tsp ground cinnamon
- ¼ tsp ground allspice
- 1 clove, whole
- ½ tsp black pepper
- Sea salt to taste



METHOD

- 1) Add the olive oil to a large saucepan on medium heat. Sauté the onions, garlic and bell peppers for 3 minutes or until onions are soft. Add the wine and simmer for 3 minutes.
- 2) 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. 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.
- 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.



Greek tomato sauce

Your ABC guide to driving safely

Driving tips supplied by your local Advanced Motorists Group.

- G. Most vehicles have one reverse Gear and 'X' number of forward Gears and should be used as they were intended – going forward or reversing. Using your engine/gears to slow down places extreme stress on your engine. Use the brakes to slow down and then select the correct gear for the speed attained.
- H. Using Hand-held mobile phones is illegal when driving. Make sure Hands-free systems are secure and functioning properly. Statistics prove that using a phone whilst driving is

more dangerous than drink-driving, and we accept this is wrong. Arrange for calls to be made before or after your journey.

- I. I, meaning myself. Are you fit and well? Are you affected by drink, medication or lack of sleep? Your vehicle may be in perfect working order but you are the one controlling it. Take time to warm up your vehicle, and yourself, before attaining higher speeds.

For more information visit www.corby-advancedmotorists.org, Facebook: [corbyadvancedmotorists](https://www.facebook.com/corbyadvancedmotorists) or on Twitter@[corbyadvanced](https://twitter.com/corbyadvanced).



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Film fans in for a treat as Savoy cinema launch date is revealed

Local film fans will be pleased to hear that the long-awaited Savoy multiplex cinema in Corby will open its doors to the public on 31st July.

With restaurants Nandos, Spur RBW and Prezzo already open, the former Tresham College site is set to become Corby's entertainment hub.

The £6 million structure, developed by Mulberry Property Developments, will fire up its six screens to offer the latest releases

for local film-goers, including Mission Impossible, Inside Out, Fantastic Four, Pixels, The Man from Uncle and Maze Runner: The Scorch Trials. Film fans can look forward to Sceptre and Star Trek later in the year.

Savoy Cinema's Managing Director James Collington said: "We are absolutely thrilled to be able to unveil the launch date and tell everyone that we will open for business on 31st July. As with most

developments of this size, there have been a few glitches along the way which have caused some delays, but we're on the home run now. We simply can't wait to invite locals in and show them just what a great offering we have here.

"The restaurants Nandos, Spur RBW and Prezzo complement each other perfectly, offering a meal to suit any mood and taste, and providing a diverse offering for the perfect cinema outing, whatever the age."

The cinema is the fourth for the Nottingham-based Savoy group. It will be fully digital and feature the latest audiovisual technology, including immersive sound and 3D viewing, to truly bring blockbusters to life.

Screen One will offer a premier experience with the very latest Dolby Atmos sound system, used in Oscar award-winning productions such as American Sniper and Big Hero 6, and hailed as a "great leap forward" by director Danny Boyle and for "opening up a whole new arena of storytelling" for Edge of Tomorrow director Doug Liman. With 900 seats and spacious stadium-style seating, the cinema nestles on Corby's skyline alongside other iconic local buildings, including the Corby Cube – home to the Core Theatre.

To keep up to date with the construction progress of the cinema, and for exciting news from the world of film, visit www.savoycorby.co.uk or follow Savoy Corby on Facebook or Instagram.



Oundle Bowling Club to host 'Open Weekend'

Oundle Bowling Club will be running an Open Weekend on the 1st and 2nd of August. All are welcome, especially families, to visit the club, meet the members and have a go at lawn and short mat bowling. Entry and instruction will be free.

In addition to social and competition bowling there is a wide range of social activities on offer throughout the year, including Summer Parties, Whist Drives, Dinner with guest speakers, Supper Dances and much more.

If you have never played before this is your opportunity to come and give it a try!

**NEVER PLAYED
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Join us for our Open Weekend
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Oundle Bowling Club
Occupation Road
Oundle PE8 4RU
on

**Sat 1st and Sun 2nd August
from 10am**

- Free admission
- Free instruction

**Watch an interclub bowls match
(from 2.30pm, 1st August)**

**Families welcome
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**Need more information?
Call Dave Walker on
01832 272250**

**enquiries@oundlebowlingclub.org
www.oundlebowlingclub.org**



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Author of local tales inspires activity sheet for holiday fun

Jinny Casey, local author of 'Tales of Two Shires', wants to help children to develop their reading skills and gain a love of reading, and also encourage them to get outdoors and enjoy some family time exploring the lovely East Northamptonshire and Bedfordshire border.

The area is much overlooked, though should be considered equally as interesting and as scenic as many more favoured places.

To accompany her recently published children's book, Jinny has developed an 'Activity & Discovery' sheet, giving information about each of the nearby locations portrayed in her stories and suggesting easy and child-friendly activities. Jinny's imaginative tales are woven around real places and events, ranging from 'Sam the Snake from Stanwick Lakes' to a tiny little lady who lives in Lower Dean's postbox.

A holiday photographic competition has also been launched, with the prize being a signed limited edition print of one of the book's illustrations by Tamsin Edwards. The winner can choose which of the many fun illustrations they would like to own. Further details can be found at www.facebook.com/talesoftwoshiresbook

Saturday 18th July

Fun Day
Raunds Town Square
2.30pm-9.30pm
Contact: admin@raundscommunitychurch.org
Burgers, Bouncy Castle, Pamper Tent and Live Music - All Free. Everyone Welcome!

Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th July

Teddy Bears' Picnic
Rushden Station, Station Approach, Rushden, Northants NN10 0AW
First train - 11am; Last train - 4pm (depending on demand)
Adults £4, Children accompanied by an Adult and Bear free (else £2). Bring along your favourite bear for fun and games and a day out.

Monday 20th July

Smile & Style
The Bridge Hotel, Thrapston
6.30pm-9.30pm
Tickets £4 available from Jollys Toys
Contact: Helen on 07799 627789
Learn how a positive approach can benefit your health and wellbeing.

Monday 20th July

The Planet Mercury - Newly Revealed with Professor David Rothery, The Open University
Chelveston Village Hall (off B645 near Higham Ferrers)
8pm
£3 per person including tea/coffee and biscuits.
Contact: Mrs Peta Jellis on 01933 356914 or email: pej@petaj26.me.uk
Mercury, closest planet to the Sun, is unique among the terrestrial planets and has many mysteries.

Wednesday 22nd July

Wine & Jazz Evening
Amps Fine Wines, 6 Market Place, Oundle, PE8 4BQ
6.30pm
Admission free
Jazz Vocalist Sara Hawkes Duo performs live. Wine and BBQ available. A relaxed evening!

Wednesday 22nd July

3 mile Evening Walk
Near church in Caldecot Road, Chelveston
6.45pm
Contact: Will Lovell 01933 395174
Higham Ferrers Footpath Group.

Thursday 23rd July

Discovery Walks
Meet at Woodford Church
2pm
£1.50, no need to book.
Tel: 01780 782747
www.weanorthamptonshire.org
Exploring Northamptonshire - Woodford - 4.5 miles.

Friday 24th July

Family Woodland Arts
Afternoon
Oxlip Wood (a secret woodland in East Northamptonshire)
2pm-4.30pm
£8 for 1 adult and 1 child; £12 for 1 adult and 2 children
Contact: 01832 733457 / 07999 589811 or online www.oxlipwood.co.uk/events
[facebook.com/oxlipwood](https://www.facebook.com/oxlipwood)
An afternoon of woodland fun for families, including a scavenger hunt and nature weaving.

Friday 24th July

Hog Roast & Music from 'The Acoustic Supper Club' as part of Oundle Fringe
Oundle Golf Club
From 6pm; music from 7.30pm
£10 for food & music - tickets can be bought in advance from either the bar or proshop at Oundle Golf Club (from 1st July), but will also be available on the day.
See www.oundlefringe.org/events or www.oundlegolfclub.com for further details.

Friday 24th July

Charity Golf Competition
Oundle Golf Club
Tee times from 2.30pm-5pm
£5 entry fee - all proceeds to Sue Ryder Hospice appeal
Contact: OGC Proshop on 01832 273267 or see www.oundlegolfclub.com for further info.
9-hole par-3 golf competition.

All welcome - no 'official' handicap required. No need to book, just turn up and play. Prizes to be won!

Saturday 25th July

Thurning Feast
Thurning
3pm to midnight
£5 over 60 £3 before 5pm under 14 free
ThurningFeast.co.uk
Vintage fair with 7 bands, Stones band, stalls, bars, tea and cakes, street cooking. Free parking.

Saturday 25th July

Warmington Annual Village Garden & Crafts Show
Warmington Village Hall
2.30pm
Adults £1 includes refreshments
More details 0787 662 0623
Traditional village show with flowers, veg, fruit, floral art, crafts and cookery displays.

Saturday 25th July

Visit of Charlie Green and Gary Rose
The Salvation Army, Church Street, Rushden
7pm
£5 payable on the door
Contact: George Ellitson 01933 313106 or Sue on 01933 353528
Charlie Green, Britain's Got Talent Semi-Finalist and Gary Rose, Euphonium player.

Saturday 25th July

Archaeology Allsorts
Town Hall, Higham Ferrers NN10 8BT
9am-4pm
Admission free
Contact: Olwen Mayes 0790 4014750
Archaeology displays, finds identification, children's activities.

Sunday 26th July

Oundle Companion (Fun) Dog Show in aid of Medical Detection Dogs
Barnwell Country Park, Barnwell Road, Oundle PE8 5PB
Entries taken from 12noon, judging at 1pm
Classes: £2 pedigree, £1.50 novelties, £1 fun activities. Free parking for exhibitors.

Contact: 01832 293432, email: oundledogs@aol.com or website www.oundledogs.co.uk
Rosettes, prizes, raffle, stalls and refreshments. All dogs and owners welcome.

Monday 27th - Friday 31st July

Polar Explorers Holiday Club
Saxon Hall, Raunds
10am-12.30pm
£1 per child per day
Year 1-Year 7

Wednesday 29th July

Messy Church Plus
St Peter's Church, Irthlingborough
2pm-3.30pm
Free fun, crafts, games, cake and cuppa.
Come along with the kids and join the fun.

Thursday 30th July

Stone Carving and Natural Art
Irthlingborough Lakes and Meadows Nature Reserve (meet at Randall Close entrance)
1pm-4pm
Admission free
Contact: Katie King, katie.king@wildlifebcn.org / Tel: 01604405285 or visit wildlifebcn.org/events
Get involved with our new sculpture trail. Have a go at carving and other arty activities.

Saturday 1st August

A Garage Trail around Rushden
10am-4pm
Trail maps £1 at St Mary's Church NN10 0QE and 29 Sylmonds Gardens NN10 9EJ from 9am.
Conact: Anne 01933 316380
Why not open your garage/driveway, sell your goods and keep the money. £5 to be on the trail map. Proceeds for The Children's Society.

Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd August

Oundle Bowling Club 'Open Weekend'
Occupation Road, Oundle PE8 4RU
From 10am
Admission free
Tel: 01832 272250
Never played lawn bowls? Why not come and have a go? Equipment/instruction provided.

Saturday 1st Aug - Saturday 8th August

Fellowship of Professional and Amateur Artists Art Exhibition
The Museum, Castle Way, Wellingborough.
Fine paintings in all media on display and for sale.
10am-4pm.
Admission free.

Sunday 2nd August

First Sunday Event
The Salvation Army, Church

Street, Rushden
6pm
Admission free
Contact: G Valentine 01933 353528
Guest for the evening Roy Kirsopp, renowned Salvation Army pianist and musician.

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.

Second Tuesday of the month

An Afternoon of Nostalgia
Dancing to the Sounds of David Hawkes
Pemberton Centre, HE Bates Way, Rushden, Northants
2pm-4pm
£3 per person plus refreshments
Tel: Diane Eaton 01933 315555
Tea dance.

Higham Ferrers Guided Tour

Groups of 6-24 people
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Tel: 01933 411191
Irene Hawkins - Tourism
Book a guided tour of this historic town.

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.

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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.

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.

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
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
£5
Tel: Chairman on 01933 222326 or Secretary on 01604 870275
Car park available.

Higham and Rushden U3A

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

Every Thursday

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

The Silverfox Turners Club

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

Free guided walk around Oundle

Oundle
11am
Admission free
Email: oundlib@northamptonshire.gov.uk or call 0300 126 1000
Explore Oundle on foot. Walks last 60–90 minutes. Booking essential.

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

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.

Third Thursday of the month

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

Every Friday

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

First Friday of the month (recommend checking before travelling)

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

Third Friday of the month

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

Third Friday of the month (recommend checking before travelling)

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

First Saturday of the month

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.

Thrapston Farmers' Market

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

Second Saturday of the month (Same Saturday as Oundle Farmers' Market)

Coffee 'n' Cakes
Oundle Methodist Church, Drummington 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.

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.

Every third Saturday of the month

Messy Church
Rushden Salvation Army, Church Street, Rushden
4pm
Further details from Gill Valentine on 01933 353528
Messy Church – fun for all the family.

Last Saturday of the month except December

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

Every Sunday

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

Morning Church Service

The Cafe Church, The Heritage Chapel and Halls, Park Rd, Rushden NN100RG
10.30am
Church service followed by refreshments and fellowship.

Every Sunday (19th July–20th September)

Afternoon Teas
King's Cliffe Village Hall (Pedestrian access via Eagle Lane off West Street; vehicle access via Orchard Lane and Church Walk at 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.

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.

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.

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.

Every Sunday during July, August and September

Sunday teas
Fotheringhay Village Hall
3pm–5.30pm
Tea or coffee and cake £2.50
Tel: 07713 654385

Every Sunday in June, July and August

House, Museum and Exhibition open
The Priests House, 38 West Street, Easton on the Hill, near Stamford, Northamptonshire PE9 3LS
2pm–4.30pm
Free. Donations welcome.
Contact: Paul Way 01780 762619 email: paulway39@hotmail.com
A delightful small 15th century building with a museum exploring Easton's industrial past including the local Collyweston slate mining industry which ended in the 1950s.

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
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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Chess corner

by Derrick Sims

One aspect of chess is a simultaneous exhibition or display, which is usually abbreviated to a simul. While this terminology may not be familiar to many people, they are likely at some stage to have seen a simul played.

The usual scenario is that a high ranking player plays multiple games at a time with a number of other players. The usual format is that the games are played without clocks and the exhibitor plays white and walks from board to board in a fixed order. Generally the challenger will play a move when the exhibitor arrives at their board. While variations to this format are allowed, this is the gist of the process.

Simuls tend not to be played very often in chess clubs, so such an event is a much anticipated diversion from the normal series of friendly games and competitions that generally take place on a club night. Such an event took place the other evening when Rushden Chess Club supremo Hugh Murphy took on the rest of the Club. The last player to attempt a simul was Luke Davis in 2014 when he took on 11 players prior to leaving for university. Sadly on this occasion Luke managed to lose all 11 games but had

enormous fun while doing so.

Hugh, being the top graded player in the Club, was not expected to be so easily overcome and so it proved. Hugh played two sessions; the first was nine boards against juniors and parents and the second was 15 boards against the senior players with two games played against a number of the opponents. In total Hugh played 40 games and won all but three games. He lost against Nik Puryer and Piotr Biernacki and drew against Keith Bristow.

The history of the simul goes back to the 19th century and one of the earliest recorded exhibitions was in 1859 at London's St James Chess Club. On this occasion Paul Morphy played five games simultaneously against a group of masters who could be described as among the top ten players of the day. He defeated Jules Arnous de Rivière and Henry Bird, drew Samuel Boden and Johann Löwenthal, and lost only to Thomas Wilson Barnes.

The best result in a simultaneous exhibition solely against grandmasters was World Champion Garry Kasparov's performance against West German's Vlastimil Hort, Eric Lobron, Matthias Wahls, and

Gerald Hertneck at Baden-Baden in 1992 – unusually, Lobron and Hertneck played white. Kasparov beat Lobron and Wahls, and drew the other two players, for a 3-1 victory.

The worst result in a simultaneous exhibition given by a master occurred in 1951, when International Master Robert Wade gave a simultaneous exhibition against 30 Russian schoolboys, aged 14 and under. After seven hours of play, Wade had lost 20 games and drew the remaining 10.

In a recent event, Magnus Carlsen, the current World Champion, played three opponents in a timed simul while blindfolded. Needless to say Magnus won all the games, demonstrating the incredible power of his mind.

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>.

Tennis results

In Mixed Division One of the East Northants League, of the six competing teams four remain undefeated.

Rockingham enjoyed an excellent start to their season beating Geddington 7-1. Andy Phippen / Julie Marriott began in fine style overwhelming Graham Love / Mary Gordon 6-0, 6-0 but had to settle for a 4-6, 7-6 half against John Fuller / Claire Humphries. Kerry Anderson / Helen Marriott rounded off a first-rate evening for Rockingham beating Fuller / Humphries 6-3, 6-4 and Love / Gordon 6-4, 6-4.

Rockingham then entertained Thrapston A and a tense encounter ended in a 4-4 draw. Anderson teamed up with Tracey Hull and the pair notched up a maximum beating Adrian Way / Hilary Baseley 6-2, 6-2 and Mark Stockley / Liselle Sloan 7-6, 6-3. However Roger Singh / Judith Canvin failed to emulate their teammates going down in four close sets to the Thrapston quartet.

Five days later Thrapston A played host to Corby and earned another 4-4 draw to preserve their unbeaten record. Way / Vanessa Woodhead lost 6-1, 6-1 to Jack / Paige Howarth but defeated Karyn / Roger Slatter 6-1, 6-1. It was a similar story for Stockley / Rachel Wildman beating Slatter / Slatter

7-5, 6-3 then losing out to the Howarth duo 6-4, 6-2.

In Division Two, Thrapston C moved into pole position with victories over Burton Latimer A and Desborough. Against Burton Chris Hutchinson / Rachel Wildman overcame John Wearmouth / Tina Cattle 6-2, 6-1 and halved 3-6, 6-2 with Harvey Miller / Sue Hart. Keith Stockley / Judith Wildman shared both rubbers, 4-6, 6-3 with Miller / Hart and 2-6, 6-4 against Wearmouth / Cattle.

Thrapston completed a productive week by defeating Desborough 6-2. Chris Bull / Rachel Wildman collected all four sets while Stockley / Judith Wildman only reverse was a 6-1, 6-2 defeat to Tony Kilborn / Susan Roberts.

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Geddington	5	1	0	4	11
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