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NEWS IN BRIEF

Are you a carer in Thrapston, Raunds or nearby village?
If so the Carers Sitting Service might be able to help you take a break from your role.

Sitting sessions are provided by volunteers and the service is available 9am–5pm Monday to Friday.

There is currently some volunteer availability in Thrapston, Raunds and nearby villages. To find out more please contact Adam Wilson, Volunteer Co-ordinator on 01933 677837 or 07538 616387 or email adamw@northamptonshire-carers.org

The Carers Sitting Service is free to use and is provided by two registered charities, Carers Trust East Midlands and Northamptonshire Carers. Enquiries are also welcome from carers in other parts of the district.

Feeling inspired by the Women's Tour?

Cycling fever has gripped Northamptonshire since the Women's Tour stage 3 peloton set off from Oundle and finished in Kettering. If you fancy getting on your bike and heading into the beautiful Northamptonshire countryside, try the Greenway.

The Greenway is a traffic free cycling and walking route that connects towns and villages from Rushden right through to Thrapston. It takes you through Higham Ferrers, Irthlingborough, Stanwick, Ringstead, Denford and Islip.

Thrapston looks into the past

Children have been dressing up as Victorians and making lace, while adults are discovering more about Thrapston's heritage through old photographs, a Thrapston 'Crime Walk' and a storytelling performance.

The Trading Places project has been funded by the Heritage Lottery to breathe new life into the traditional crafts of the Nene Valley and connect communities with their local history. The project, which is managed by

the Rockingham Forest Trust, has been working in towns and villages along the valley, and Thrapston is the latest community to benefit.

In May, children from Thrapston Primary School learnt all about clothing in the town in the late 19th century and also had a go at traditional skills, including making

lace with the local U3A lace makers. The children enjoyed dressing up in caps and bonnets then teamed up with photographers from Thrapston Heritage to recreate Victorian

photographs of the town. The children looked just like their ancestors, thanks to the town's U3A Sewing Group and Trading Places volunteers, who made many of the clothes for the children to wear.

Thrapston Heritage have also been out and about taking pictures of street scenes and comparing them with Victorian photographs of the same scene, as part of the 'Looking into

the Past' photography project. Both sets of photographs were put on display at the Thrapston Charter Fair by Thrapston Heritage, and many of the children who were in them visited the stand and loved seeing themselves as Victorians. If you missed them at the Charter Fair, there is still time to see the photographs as they are now on display at Thrapston Library.

Neil Busby of Thrapston Heritage said: "This has been a fascinating project to

work on with the teams from Trading Places, members of the U3A group and the school children. It really has given us an interesting insight into Thrapston's history in the Victorian era."

It's not too late to get involved as there are two interesting heritage events hosted by Trading Places still to come. Internationally acclaimed performance storyteller Dominic Kelly will be telling captivating stories about Thrapston's past at a free event on Wednesday 8th July at 7pm in Thrapston Primary School's open air theatre. Then the following night, Thursday 9th July at 7.30pm, join Dr Drew Gray, senior lecturer in the History of Crime at the University of Northampton, for a walk around the town to learn more about some of the most fascinating and intriguing crimes that took place in Victorian Thrapston.

Booking is essential for both of these events. To book your place email tradingplaces@rfrtrust.org.uk or ring 01933 625527. To find out more about Trading Places, visit Facebook/Trading Places Nene Valley.



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New principal appointed at Rushden Academy

Jay Davenport has been appointed Principal at Rushden Academy, an Education Fellowship academy, with effect from 1st September 2015.

He has almost 20 years' experience of teaching and leadership across a variety of posts in comprehensive schools, most recently as Deputy Headteacher at Ousedale School in Newport Pagnell and Olney. He is

passionate about improving standards, developing teaching and learning, and implementing a diverse and innovative curriculum.

Johnson Kane, CEO of The Education Fellowship, said "Jay Davenport is an extremely exciting appointment for Rushden Academy and The Education Fellowship. It was clear during a very rigorous progress that he

has the passion, drive and vision to make Rushden an outstanding school and deliver The Fellowship's very demanding Excellence Strategy. Our students deserve nothing but the best and all in The Education Fellowship Executive are convinced that we have a great new Principal for Rushden."

Jay Davenport said: "It is a tremendous privilege to be

appointed by The Education Fellowship as Principal of Rushden Academy. I have been impressed by the commitment of both the Fellowship and the Academy staff to providing the best opportunities for our students. I am excited to lead the Academy in the next stage of its development and realise the enormous potential for excellence that exists."



Jay Davenport

Letters to the editor

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

**Dear Editor
TO ALL OUR FRIENDS
IN BARROWDEN AND
AROUND**

Many of you will have already seen the new Friends of Fineshade website

dedicated to enjoying and protecting Fineshade Wood. It's easy to enjoy the wood at the moment but there's a serious element of 'protecting' going on too (see for example this section

<http://www.fineshade.org.uk/#!is-it-a-sssi/cj8>). Since Forest Holidays' surveyors are working regularly in the wood we can presumably expect another predatory planning application at some stage. It therefore makes sense to build a solid base of supporters using the website, Twitter and Facebook.

One particular area of the website we'd like to expand is the history and heritage

of Fineshade – rather an interesting project as there has never been a village here!

Topics could include: the history of the wood as part of Rockingham Forest, Fineshade Abbey, the history of the farmed land and the farm house(s), the creation, use and closure of the railway line, the coming of the Forestry Commission, collecting memories from

the mid-20th century onwards.

So we are looking for anyone with an interest in local history to help with research, writing, and capturing people's memories. Then we'll be able to put it all on the website for the world to enjoy!

If you are at all interested in helping with this project please email friends@fineshade.org.uk

Genealogy jottings

My former brother-in-law was an enthusiastic family historian, following the Pearson line back through the years.

He eventually traced them back to hill farmers in Cumbria and took his family on holiday there so as to explore the area where his ancestors once lived.

Wandering round the local churchyard, he found the place where a several great grandparent was buried according to the church's burial records. Alas, it was just a patch of grassed over earth; no headstone or other memorial. He was rather sad at this, having found this person in the censuses and knowing that they had had such a hard life, farming in the bleak hills of northern England. So, he contacted the church authorities and arranged for a local stonemason to erect a headstone in order that this person had a memorial for future generations to see.

Upon returning home, he was checking through his notes for a different ancestor

and realised that he had not obtained any certificates relating to the Cumbrian farmer. He found the correct reference numbers and sent off for birth, marriage and death certificates from the General Register Office (GRO). Upon receipt of these, he realised that there were two Pearson families in the area at that time – and he had been following the wrong one! An expensive mistake to make as the headstone that he had purchased was now marking the grave of a complete stranger and not the ancestor that he thought.

A valuable but costly lesson was learned. No-one ever said that following your family history was cheap, but by spending £9.25 on a certificate you make sure that you are following the right line rather than making assumptions and it costing you more later on!

Jan Pearson, Genealogy Specialists
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Chance to comment on changes to the strategic plan for North Northamptonshire

The North Northamptonshire Joint Committee has agreed to submit its new Joint Core Strategy to the Government for examination by an independent Inspector.

This is a key stage in the preparation of a new strategic plan for the area covering Corby, East Northamptonshire, Kettering and Wellingborough. It will involve public hearings in the autumn, to allow the Inspector to test whether the plan has been prepared properly in line with national policy and guidance.

Before this happens, the Joint Committee is consulting on some final changes that it wants to make to the plan. These 'Focused Changes' seek to address issues raised in response to consultation on the Pre-Submission JCS in January and March 2015, or to otherwise improve the

plan. The consultation runs until 27th July. The consultation and all relevant information (including the form for making representations) can be viewed on the JPU's website www.nnjpu.org.uk, the main offices of the district and borough councils, and in North Northamptonshire libraries.

Responses to the Focused Changes, together with all previous representations on the Pre-Submission Plan, will be provided to the Inspector to consider as part of the examination of the Plan.

The Focused Changes don't change the overall strategy but clarify or refine aspects of the plan. Some of the most significant changes are to:

- clarify how the impact of development on internationally important wildlife habitats in the Upper Nene Valley Gravel Pits will be managed;

- refine the policy relating to renewable energy projects including the Kettering Energy Park, to ensure that the full range of impacts are considered;
- provide a new policy for the Rothwell North Sustainable Urban Extension, taking forward the principles identified in previous local planning work and in the current planning application.

Cllr Andy Mercer, Chairman of the Joint Committee, explains the importance of this stage in the process: "The Joint Core Strategy is the culmination of many years work. The Joint Committee has considered

carefully the feedback from local communities, developers, infrastructure providers and other interested parties at every stage of the process. The Focused Changes are the last 'tweaks' to improve the plan before it is submitted for examination. We now need to push on as quickly as possible to complete the process, ensuring that North Northamptonshire has an up-to-date strategic plan in place."

Please contact the Joint Planning Unit by email info@nnjpu.org.uk or by phone 01832 742358 if you have any queries about this consultation.

Flower show draws crowds

The hard work and artistic efforts of churchwarden Keith Gubbins and his team, resulted in the recent St Peter's Church Raunds Flower Festival being a huge success.

Hundreds of people from near and far came to admire the dramatic and beautiful flower displays, to relax and enjoy a delicious lunch, and to choose items from the attractively displayed craft and produce stalls.

Brownies from Raunds Methodist Church also did an excellent trade selling the attractive items they had helped to prepare.

To the delight of the organisers, this excellent and enjoyable event raised a magnificent £3,500 all of which will help pay for general church expenses. The vicar, Reverend Shena Bell, said she very much appreciated the efforts of everyone involved in making this event so successful.

King's Cliffe Heritage Centre

King's Cliffe Heritage Centre is open to visit on Sunday 26th July, from 2pm until 5pm.

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The Heritage Centre is on Bridge Street, King's Cliffe, on the left beyond the Willowbrook bridge going uphill towards Apethorpe. Look for the hanging sign when the

centre is open. Entrance is free and there are activities for children. Level access to the Heritage Centre is from the rear of the building, where there is a drop-off point for those coming by car. Roadside parking for all visitors is on Bridge Street, beyond the Heritage Centre. Visits can be arranged at any time by contacting the centre through its website at www.kingscliffeheritage.org or by phoning 0843 8869395.

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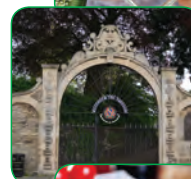
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Higham Ferrers submits Neighbourhood Plan

Higham Ferrers Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (on behalf of Higham Ferrers Town Council) has now submitted its neighbourhood development plan (the 'Higham Ferrers Neighbourhood Plan') to East Northamptonshire Council for examination. This is the first Neighbourhood Plan in East Northants to have reached this stage.

The Neighbourhood Plan, submitted on 11th June, includes a local vision and objectives, together with a draft policies map and a range of plan policies regarding housing development; community facilities; town centre and employment; design and environment, and transport and

communications.

The Plan has a distinct remit, to provide a framework for sustainable development across Higham Ferrers parish for the next 20 years.

For the next stage in the process, East Northamptonshire Council is carrying out a procedural consultation, regarding whether the Higham Ferrers Neighbourhood Plan fulfils five "basic conditions"; "tests" that the Plan needs to pass.

An independent examiner will be appointed to assess whether the plan meets these conditions. The examiner may need to make changes to the Neighbourhood Plan so that it complies.

Assuming that the Plan passes, the

council will hold a referendum later this year or early in 2016 to determine whether the Higham Ferrers Neighbourhood Plan should be adopted as the detailed (non-strategic) part of the statutory development plan for the town.

For further information regarding the Higham Ferrers Neighbourhood Plan, please contact:

- East Northamptonshire Council Planning Policy and Conservation team on 01832 742010 / planningpolicy@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk or
- Higham Ferrers Town Council on 01933 312075 / clerk@highamferrers-tc.gov.uk



Rushden Swimming Club at Regional Championships

Rushden Swimming Club have had a record number of swimmers qualify for this year's Regional Championships.

During the weekend of 2nd/3rd May, Molly Britchford and Marcus Eaton took part in the 15/over competition. Both swimmers swam well with Molly making the 16 years 50m butterfly final and finishing in 6th place and also first reserve in the 16 years 50m freestyle final.

The weekend also saw a first appearance for Rushden, in the women's 14-16 years 4x100m freestyle relay, and although finishing last, Amber Bales, Philipa Kabi, Freya Cole and Molly Britchford put in a

fantastic performance.

The Club's younger swimmers Louis Boot, Nathan Jones and Brett Davies competed over two weekends 30th/31st May and 6th/7th June. All three put in fantastic performances, with Louis making the 14 years 50m backstroke final and finishing 6th, Brett finishing 5th in the 14 years 200m IM final, a reserve in the 100m butterfly final and an amazing 3rd in the 200m butterfly final. Nathan just missed out on finals for his events.

Rushden also had three other swimmers qualify for Regional Champs – Freya Cole, Jack Britchford and Ian Yarwood – who were unable to make it.



Pictured above and top: The women's relay team and other regional qualifiers

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Aldwinckle

15/01076/FUL (25/07/2015) (LB/CA)
Detached oak framed garage at The Old Rectory 62 Main Street Aldwinckle NN14 3EP
15/01104/VAR (25/07/2015) (Art8)
Variation of condition 18 submitted plans to allow for revised house type pursuant to 14/01487/FUL New detached house and garage dated 26.09.14 at 12 Cross Lane Aldwinckle NN14 3EG

Barnwell

15/01111/FUL (25/07/2015) (LB/CA)
Elevated treehouse (retrospective) at Old Rectory 2 Church Lane Barnwell PE8
15/01141/FUL (25/07/2015) (LB/CA)
Single storey extension to rear of existing dwelling with flat roof/balcony extension of existing at Hollinbank Main Street Barnwell PE8 5PU

Brigstock

15/00955/FUL (18/07/2015) (Info) Two storey extension, new vehicular access, alterations to the front boundary fencing and new pedestrian gate at 14 Grafton Road Brigstock NN14 3EY
15/01086/FUL (18/07/2015) (Info)
Two storey rear extension, single storey open porch and internal alterations to create utility accommodation at Bullymores Farm The Parks Grafton Road Brigstock

Chelveston-cum-Caldecott

15/01044/FUL (18/07/2015) (Info)
Construction of an agricultural workers dwellinghouse at SP98234 69261 Higham Road Chelveston

Collyweston

15/01117/LBC (25/07/2015) (LBRegs)
Alterations to Former Wash House: remove disused "Copper", remove existing ceiling, insulate between joists and replace with new ceiling and downlights at 80-84 Main Road Collyweston PE9 3PQ

Denford

15/01084/OUT (18/07/2015) (Info)
Outline: erection of up to four dwellings (all matters reserved except access) at Hill House Chapel Lane Denford NN14 4EA

Harringworth

15/01074/FUL (25/07/2015) (LB/CA)

Erection of a garage at 4 Scotgate Harringworth NN17 3AE

Higham Ferrers

15/01048/FUL (18/07/2015) (Info)
Single storey front and side extension which consists of a part garage conversion at 17 Fitzwilliam Leys Higham Ferrers NN10 8LY
15/01071/FUL (18/07/2015) (Info)
Single storey side extension at 19 Tenter Close Higham Ferrers NN10
15/01105/FUL (18/07/2015) (Info)
Single storey ground floor extension at 5 Chichele Street Higham Ferrers NN10 8HT

Irthlingborough

15/01099/FUL (18/07/2015) (Info)
Proposed new back door at 7 Gulliver Road Irthlingborough NN9 5GR
15/01123/FUL (18/07/2015) (Info)
Proposed first floor extension above existing conservatory at 36 Holbush Way Irthlingborough NN9 5EP

Islip

15/00998/VAR (25/07/2015) (Art8)
Variation of condition: minor elevation change to hub office, minor adjustments to approved landscape design (condition 8 of reserved matters refers) change of foul drainage discharge from off site to sewage treatment plant on site and approval of ancillary utility buildings including cycle and smoking shelters, sub station, gas governor, sprinkler and hydrant tank installations with pump houses and treatment plant kiosks and omission of gatehouse as approved and substitution of automatic security barriers pursuant to 14/01132/REM and 15/00207/AMD – Reserved Matters: Appearance of the development pursuant to 14/00448/VAR Variation of condition 16 and 27 (height of proposed main building) pursuant to 12/00417/OUT Outline: Demolition of existing buildings and redevelopment comprising a single building of 92,902 sqm B8 (storage and distribution) with 4,645 sqm B1 (office) floorspace; new access; associated roads, parking/servicing and landscaping (revision of 10/01025/OUT) All matters for determination with the exception of appearance which is reserved for later approval at Vehicle Depot And Adjacent Land Kettering Road Islip

Lowick and Slipton

15/01118/FUL and 15/01119/LBC (25/07/2015) (LB/CA) Detached store building and garage at Keepers Lodge Aldwinckle Road Lowick

Oundle

15/01039/FUL (18/07/2015) (Info)
Re-submission of approved planning application 13-01551-OUT for the demolition of Arn Cottage and erection of new 4 bedroom house with separate double garage and associated works at Arn House Wood Lane Oundle PE8 5TP
15/01046/FUL (18/07/2015) (Info)
Construction of 10 lane synthetic/non turf cricket practice facilities, upgrade of the existing ten lane natural turf lane facilities plus associated storage, fencing and hardstanding works at land off Pavilion Drive Oundle PE8 4JA
15/01115/FUL (18/07/2015) (Info)
Erection of replacement agricultural barn with access at 151-153 Glapthorn Road Oundle

Rushden

15/01054/ADV (18/07/2015) (Info) New retail signage at Unit 2 Crown Way Rushden
15/01113/FUL (18/07/2015) (Info) Single storey side extension at 142 Avenue Road Rushden NN10 0SW

15/01127/VAR (25/07/2015) (Art8) (Info) Variation of conditions 1, 5, 6, 8, 14, 37, 38, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47 and 48 (as per section 2 of the submitted planning statement) pursuant to planning permission 14/01938/VAR (variation of conditions 1, 5, 6, 8, 15, 38, 39, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, and 47 (as per section 2 of the submitted planning statement) pursuant to planning permission 12/00010/FUL – 'Rushden Lakes: Hybrid Planning Application comprising: Full application for the erection of a home and garden centre, retail units, drive thru restaurant, gatehouse, lakeside visitor centre, restaurants and boat house, together with proposals for access. Outline: application for the erection of a hotel, crèche and leisure club with some matters reserved (appearance). Plus removal of ski slope and associated site levelling, landscaping, habitat management and improvement works, vehicular access and servicing proposals together with the provision of car and cycle parking and a bus stop' dated 20.12.2012 at Land Adjacent Skew Bridge Ski Slope Northampton Road Rushden

Tansor

15/01100/FUL (18/07/2015) (Info)
Removal of chimney and installation of a new woodburner, two storey rear extension.

Fix cedar cladding to front elevation to replace former stonework at The Hermitage Main Street Tansor PE8 5HS

Woodford

15/01073/FUL (18/07/2015) (Info)
Dropped kerb and off road parking at 20 Mill Road Woodford NN14

Yarwell

15/01024/FUL (18/07/2015) (Info) Single storey side extension to form annexe, insertion of dormer windows to front and rear of existing roof to form storage space at 51 Main Street Yarwell PE8 6PR

The reason for applications being advertised is as follows:

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

Info – Non-statutory – included for information only.

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

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Significant applications

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

- 100 dwellings and over
- residential development of 3ha or over if number of dwellings not known
- 1000 square metres of floor space or over
- commercial/industrial development of 1ha or over if floor area not known
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For more information on "significant" planning applications, visit www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/dcnofication

David Reed
Head of Planning Services
Dated 4 July 2015

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

Former Raunds Mayor presents donations

During her year as Mayor of Raunds (2014/2015), Louisa Thomas chose to support two main charities and recently each received a cheque for £850.

At the presentation, Canine Partners, whose mission is to train dogs to assist people with disabilities to enjoy a greater independence and a better quality of life, were

represented by David Day, whose working dog Crunchie does just that for him, and Belinda Day who is a Puppy Parent for Canine Partners. Natascha Green and Maxine Horn represented the National Autistic Society Northamptonshire Outreach Team, which supports young adults in assisted living, enabling the young adults to start learning and working

towards independent living, providing the help and support needed to enable them to move away from the family home.

Donations were also received by two Raunds churches, St Peter's and the Methodist Church. Louisa stressed that she wanted to thank all the people who helped and donated to her charities during her Mayoral year.



(left to right) Natascha Green, Maxine Horn, Louisa Thomas, David Day & Crunchie and Belinda Day & Vince

School inspires young scientists

From fruit batteries to painting with maggots!

On 4th June, Oundle School welcomed 56 pupils from seven local primary schools (Oundle and Kings Cliffe Middle School, Gladstone Primary School, Castor CE Primary School, Brigstock Lathams CE School, Exeter Primary School, Woodnewton Primary School and Studfall Junior School) to its SciTec science facilities to take part in a Gifted and Talented science event.

This annual event aims to highlight the importance of practical science by delivering

hands-on experiments across all three sciences to visiting children. Experiments included playing with maggots (Biology), investigating fruit batteries (Physics) and making Coca Cola (Chemistry), enabling the young pupils to get a taste of higher level practical science whilst at the same time retaining the fun element which is so important in maintaining an interest.

Emma Wilkinson from Woodnewton Primary School said: "The children had a brilliant day and thoroughly enjoyed all of the

activities."

Angie Alloway from Studfall Junior School said: "The children were simply buzzing, what a wonderful day."

Mark Ratchford, Headmaster of Castor CE Primary School said: "Our pupils all came back to school very enthused! My gratitude to the science team at Oundle for making them feel welcome and inspiring them to look forward to secondary science."

Head of Science at Oundle School, Oli Peck, commented: "If we are serious about producing the scientists of tomorrow, it is important to start investing in our young people today. Getting primary school pupils enthusiastic about science through practical work is an excellent way to develop their love not only of science, but also of learning."



Gifted and Talented Science event

AFC Rushden and Diamonds supports Cransley Hospice

The AFC Rushden and Diamonds Fundraising Team recently presented a cheque for £500 to Cransley Hospice.

The money was raised at Quiz Nights in memory of Ken Dobbs, who used to run these events until he was diagnosed with cancer. The team said: "He spent his final days at Cransley and

was so well looked after by the doctors and staff.

"This is a fitting tribute to a very dear friend of AFC Rushden and Diamonds and we will continue to raise more funds in his memory of the coming years."

The photo shows other Fundraising Team members together with Ken's family.



Cheque being presented to Meg York of Cransley Hospice Trust by Glenis Haynes on behalf of AFC Rushden and Diamonds Fundraising Team

Volunteer Befrienders needed

Nene Valley Community Action is appealing for volunteers to help them with their Befriending Service.

Supported by Northamptonshire Community Foundation, NVCA are looking for people to visit elderly and frail adults in their own homes who may be isolated

from the community.

Volunteers would need to have a sympathetic ear and a caring nature, be able to maintain client confidentiality and be reliable. The minimum commitment would be approximately two hours per week. NVCA would provide initial training for the volunteer, ongoing

back up and travel expenses.

Anyone who is interested in supporting this much needed programme should contact NVCA to arrange a one-to-one informal chat about the opportunity by telephoning 01933 396382/313526.

Charity No. 1130024

Oundle Neighbourhood Plan Your Voice counts!



Photo Dave Wilkinson

Thursday, July 16th, 7.30pm
at
Queen Victoria Hall

The development of the Oundle Neighbourhood Plan is entering its final phase and on Thursday 16 July 2015 in the Queen Victoria Hall there will be an opportunity for YOU to see what is going to be in the Plan.

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Music diploma success

Seven Oundle pupils, Matthew Ho (18), Francis Yiu (16), Fin Stowers Veitch (17), Charlotte Ma (16), Miles Aho (18), Ed Willey (18) and Tom Arnold (18) have recently been awarded music diplomas.

Matthew gained a distinction in his viola DipABRSM. Francis and Fin's Dip ABRSM diplomas are for violin and Charlotte's is for piano. Miles gained an ATCL piano diploma. Ed and Tom gained Rock School diplomas on electric bass and electric guitar respectively.

Considered to be the equivalent of the standard expected in the first year of an undergraduate music degree, the diplomas are a significant achievement. The pupils can now use the letters after their names, wear an academic gown with an elegant hood and will be allocated UCAS points.

Matthew, who has played the viola for five years since starting on the violin

eleven years ago, gained a distinction in his viola DipABRSM. Francis, who gained a DipABRSM diploma in violin, has played the instrument for 10 years and also plays the piano. Fin, who also gained a DipABRSM diploma in violin, has been playing for 11 years and also plays the piano. Charlotte has played the piano since she was around six years old and gained her DipABRSM diploma.

Miles gained an ATCL piano diploma, having been playing the piano for 10 years. He also plays the viola, organ and the guitar, as well as taking singing lessons. Ed gained a Rock School diploma in electric bass, having played the bass guitar since he was 11. He also plays the piano, viola and sings. Ed commented: "I enjoy composing and singing greatly, and hope to continue these at university

and beyond along with my bass playing." Last but by no means least, Tom also gained a Rock School diploma. He has been playing the electric guitar for eight years and played 'Satch Boogie' by Joe Satriani, 'Texas Flood' by Stevie Ray Vaughan, 'I Remember Wes' by George Benson, 'Sultans Of Swing' by Dire Straits and 'Song of the Wind' by Carlos Santana. He is currently studying A levels in Maths, Latin, French, and Spanish and hopes to read Modern Languages at UCL next year where he plans to continue playing the guitar, both acoustic and electric, in London.

Director of Music, Quentin Thomas said: "All seven pupils deserve our warmest congratulations for fulfilling these significant achievements that represent the investment of sustained effort and dedication in the pursuit of developing real ability and musical excellence.



The seven Oundle pupils

Tom Pursglove MP welcomes new measures for new onshore wind turbines

Member of Parliament for Corby and East Northamptonshire, Tom Pursglove, has welcomed new measures announced by the Government which will change the law to give local communities the final say over planning decisions for new onshore wind farms.

Wind turbines will only get the go-ahead if the local community has made it clear they support onshore wind projects in their area. They will be free to decide where turbines should go and any proposals must address the concerns of local people and have their backing.

Tom, who is also the Director of Together Against Wind, an organisation set up to bring together groups fighting against wind farms in the UK, said;

'For too long our communities have been

powerless to stop wind farm developments that they objected to from going ahead. 'Local communities in Corby and East Northamptonshire will now have the final say over planning applications for onshore wind turbines, which will ensure only those schemes that have the support of local people can go ahead. Furthermore, I am pleased to see that the Government will also be stopping billpayer subsidies for new onshore wind farms so that energy bills are kept down. 'In the past local people rallied to stop the dreadful proposals which would have blighted Lyveden New Bield. This announcement will ensure that local people can decide and determine the future of their areas and not be forced to accept decisions imposed on them.'



Rag and Phone Man to visit East Northants

East Northamptonshire Council is introducing a new pop-up recycling service for your unwanted textiles, electrical items, batteries and mobile phones.

- The 'Rag and Phone Man' will visit towns and villages across East Northants, from Rushden to Easton on the Hill to collect any of the following:
- Small electrical items (hair dryers, straighteners, razors, toothbrushes, radios, torches, chargers, toys, irons etc.) – anything which needs a plug or battery
 - Batteries (AAA , AA, C & D cells/button batteries, mobile phone, laptop, power-tools etc.)
 - Textiles – in bags please
 - Large electrical items (fridges, freezers, washing machines etc.) – please only bring items that can fit into the boot of a car
 - Mobile phones

Collection staff will be on hand to help residents with their items and advise on all things recycling-related.

Collection schedule:

5 July	Council offices car park, Cedar Drive, Thrapston	9 – 10.45am
	Waitrose car park, East Road, Oundle	11.10am – 1.30pm
	Working Men's Club car park, Chapel Street, Warmington	1.45 – 3pm
12 July	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
	Church Street car park, Irthlingborough	2 – 3pm
19 July	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
26 July	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

Steven North, Leader of East Northamptonshire Council, says: "We're delighted to use the funding we have received to launch this service. It will run as a 12-month pilot scheme and then we'll review its success. "We hope lots of people will take advantage of this convenient and easy way to dispose of those electrical bits and bobs and old textiles that have been cluttering up drawers and cupboards. Our collection crews will take all items back to our depot, ready for collection by a registered compliance scheme so residents can be assured that their items are being recycled properly." For more information about recycling, visit www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/waste To recycle your garden waste, join the Garden Waste Club at www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/gardenwaste.

From the East Northants Council Chairman

Having accepted the honour of being East Northamptonshire Council Chairman on 27th May, I was off to a flying start with an invitation to the Queen's Garden party on 28th May which was held at Buckingham Palace.

It was an intimate affair, with a mere couple of thousand guests, and was hosted by the Queen herself, Prince Philip, Princess Ann, Prince Michael of Kent and his wife and young Beatrice.

Fortunately, we had a sunny day, which allowed Tony and I to explore the immaculate gardens of the palace while the brass band played. This was followed by an excellent afternoon tea (and yes they really do serve cucumber sandwiches with the crusts cut off, which made me smile). Here's a royal recipe for you all to try, add to your cucumber sandwich a fresh leaf of basil to give it a bit of a lift.

Afterwards we all lined up as the Queen and her family walked along to greet us so everybody had a chance to see Her Majesty. The party walked at a brisk pace which surprised us considering Her Majesty and Prince Phillip's ages. It was certainly a day we will never forget and I have to say I have never seen so many beautiful hats at one event.

We joined the Commander of Alconbury at the end of May for a hangar dance with

a military jazz band and a spectacular demonstration by a local dance troupe of the Lindy Hop, something I wouldn't mind taking up myself. This event was to engage the local community with the American base.

On 4th June, I represented East Northamptonshire Council at the funeral of the late Mayor of Higham Ferrers, Cllr George Whiting. Hundreds of people attended in colourful clothes and the service was a true celebration of his life which reflected George's warm and caring personality. He certainly touched the lives of many people including my own.

I also attended the civic service for the Chairman of South Northamptonshire Council, Cllr Roger Clarke, which was held at the Holy Cross Church, Pattishall. This lovely old church was filled with the voices of a superb choir which sounded like angels from heaven and was just the ticket after a stressful week at work. Afterwards, we were offered refreshments and I met some fascinating guests who told me of their amazing lives. One gentleman regaled me with stories of his involvement in the design concept of Milton Keynes and his passion for the MK Dons. This triggered a letter from me that night, but that, as they say, 'is another story'.

*Best wishes to you all
Cllr Marika Hillson*

Chairman of East Northamptonshire Council



Be part of an historical event

Tickets are now available for Cllr Hillson's first Chairman event, which will mark the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Britain.

It will be held on 11th July at the Frontier Centre, Irthlingborough and entertainment will include the Thrapston Town Brass Band, the Michelle Randles Dancers and talented local singer Tracey Barker who will lead a 1940s sing-song.

There will also be a fish and chip supper, licensed bar and raffle draw with a top prize of a limited edition Battle of Britain scene signed by a Battle of Britain Spitfire pilot and

by the artist Keith Hill. Proceeds will go to the Royal British Legion and to Kettering General Hospital for equipment on the Skylark children's ward.

This will be the first district chairman's event to be held in Irthlingborough by the first Irthlingborough district councillor to be chairman of the district. All the guests' names will be recorded for the town's historical records.

Tickets are £20 from Barbara Wiggins at East Northants Council at bwiggins@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk or on 01832 742000.

Fit for breakfast

By Catherine Burbage

Breakfast is one of those meals where we often grab the fastest option and it's even easier now there are so many 'breakfast' bars and bakes on supermarkets shelves.

I compared the nutrition of several leading brands with that of a caramel wafer, and they're surprisingly similar.

The Fit4Life project in Oundle and Kettering gives members a recipe book packed with ideas such as the fruity omelette featured here. This is quick to make in the morning, but also great cold or packs well for breakfast at work. Fit4Life offers a combination of mind tools for motivation, workouts for fitness and food for weight management. Starting your day with a powerful workout and delicious breakfast will give you an inner glow to help you cope with whatever the day brings.

FRUITY OMELETTE – SERVES 1 OR 2

INGREDIENTS

- 3 large eggs
- Couple of handfuls of berry fruit
- 1 ripe banana
- Pinch cinnamon

- Coconut butter or similar for frying

METHOD

Mash the banana, sprinkle in the cinnamon and beat in the eggs until well combined. If you're going to eat the omelette immediately, add the berry fruit at this stage, but if you're making it the day before to eat cold, leave it out. Heat the coconut butter and spoon the mixture into the pan as either individual rounds or as a whole to be sliced later. Cook until the egg is just set and serve. If you're having it cold,

remember to add the berry fruit. Add a dollop of natural live yogurt and a sprig of mint to make you feel really special before the day has even started!

For more information on Fit4Life contact:

- Oundle Jamie Houghton 0793 391 3197
- Kettering Matt Sutton 0786 7942 355

If you'd like any more information or would like one of your recipes to be featured, please contact Catherine Burbage at: nenevalleyfood@btinternet.com



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East Northants Tennis League results

After opening with a 4-4 draw against their B team, normal service was resumed for last season's champions Kettering A as they defeated Geddington B 8-0 in Mens

Division One.

Wayne Tideswell / Graeme Milligan were in impressive form as they beat Lance Holland / Adrian Colwill 6-3, 6-0 and John Fuller / Bill Worswick 6-1, 6-1.

Phil Smith / Niki Helbick fared even better claiming a maximum for the loss of only three games.

Kettering B kept their winning momentum with a 6-2 victory over Desborough. Chris Todd /

Jamie Hills were the pick of the Kettering side defeating Jonathan Brooks / Joe Kvatch 6-4, 6-1 and Jason Rowley / Malcolm Kilpatrick 6-1, 6-4. Jon Burrows / Mihai Diac lost out 6-2, 6-3 to Rowley / Kilpatrick but came back strongly to beat Brooks / Kvatch 6-3, 6-1.

Rockingham's early season good form ended when they suffered a heavy 7-1 defeat to Geddington B. Lance Holland / Graham Love gained all four sets beating Roger Singh / Andy Phippen 6-1, 7-5 and Brian Gibbons / James Roberts 7-6, 6-4. Paul Rowden / Steve Brown

were 6-0, 7-6 victors over Singh / Phippen, but had to be content with a 4-6, 6-2 half against Gibbons / Roberts.

Geddington A played host to Thrapston A and it was the visitors who came away with a 6-2 win. Matt Watts / Adrian Way collected a hard fought maximum overcoming Graham Love / John Fuller 7-5, 7-6 and Paul Rowden / Adrian Colwill 6-3, 6-4. Martin Welsh / Mark Stockley also beat Rowden Colwill but remarked tongue-in-cheek that their 6-2, 6-3 defeat to Love / Fuller was due to a nearby live band starting up!

Oundle Bowls Club host US team



Oundle Bowls Club

On 24th June members of Oundle Bowls Club hosted a Florida Mixed Bowls team. The match was played on five rinks and after a very competitive and friendly game, Oundle were very narrow winners by seven shots overall.

Stars and Stripes flags decorated the clubroom as everyone enjoyed an excellent after-match meal.

Mens' Division One

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Kettering B	4	3	1	0	23
Kettering A	3	2	1	0	20
Geddington B	6	2	0	4	17
Thrapston A	3	2	0	1	14
Geddington A	3	1	0	2	9
Corby T.C. A	1	1	0	0	8
Desborough	3	0	0	3	7
Rockingham	3	1	0	2	6



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Right direction needed for roadside advertising

East Northamptonshire Council is asking people not to put up advertising signs on verges and roundabouts across the district.

More and more signs advertising events, local businesses and clubs are popping up on East Northamptonshire roadsides, on roundabouts and attached to actual road signs. Many of these are in awkward places or are out of date which means an increase in roadside clutter that has no purpose.

District and Rushden town councillor, Sarah Peacock, explains: "Signage clutter builds up over time without anyone taking responsibility for removing unnecessary or out of date signs. Not only does it disfigure the countryside, it also distracts drivers.

"Some outdoor advertising can provide useful information about facilities available in our community but people

still need to think sensibly before putting up a sign so that they don't fall foul of landowners, drivers and residents who take pride in the district."

If you're thinking of putting up a sign or banner, follows these simple tips to keep our roadsides looking attractive:

- Ask yourself, what is the purpose of your sign? What are the alternative ways of advertising? Try using a free newspaper which goes through people's doors and reaches those who don't drive too.
- Is it legal to put up a sign? If it's on a highway, such as a roadside verge, it is illegal to place an advertisement sign. If on adjacent land, you will need permission so check who the land belongs to and if they are okay with your sign or you could end up in trouble.
- Consider a co-operative sign – one sign with a designated amount of

space for local groups to advertise events/ clubs etc.

- Think really carefully about location. Tying a homemade birthday banner to a busy roundabout sign is not only dangerous for you to do, as well as being illegal, but it can cover important road signs and it can come loose and cause an accident for which you could be liable.
- Remove your sign as soon as your event is over. It doesn't look good on your organisation to have 'Bonfire night' signs still up in December. Sarah continues: "Some people might ask why local councils don't just remove all the signs and the answer is that it's time-consuming and very costly. We need local people to take responsibility for keeping the front door to our communities looking smart and attractive so think twice before putting a sign up."

Your ABC guide to driving safely

Driving tips supplied by your local Advanced Motorists Group.

- D. If Dazzled by oncoming vehicles, slow down, glance away for a second before continuing. Do not flash your headlights as you would dazzle other drivers. If dazzled from behind use the dipping function of your interior mirror. Keep your windscreen clean, dirt increases dazzle.
- E. Enjoy Economical driving by getting to know the power band of the gears in your vehicle. Don't travel at too high or too low a speed in each gear and you should save fuel. If conditions permit, block changing gears uses your engine's power most efficiently and saves fuel.
- F. Forward vision is crucial. Not only scan the road immediately in front of you, but raise your eyes to scan the middle and far distance. Your eyes are capable of seeing long distance at the same time as short distance. If you look far ahead you can still see what is happening near to you.

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

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Whitefriars Church at Whitefriars Junior School, Boughton Drive, Rushden NN10 9HX
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8.5 mile Walk in Hatley St George Area
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Friday 10th July National Youth Jazz Orchestra
The Stahl Theatre, Oundle
8pm
Adults £15 Under 18s £5
Tickets available at Oundle Box Office, New Street, Oundle
Tel: 01832 274734 or www.oundlefestival.org.uk
The National Youth Jazz Orchestra is world famous as a glittering showcase for the country’s best young musicians. The performance celebrates its 50th birthday!

Illyria: The Sorcerer’s Apprentice
Barnwell Country Park, Oundle
6pm
Family Ticket £35 (2 adults, 2 children) Adult £15 Under 18s £5
Tickets available at Oundle Box Office, New Street, Oundle
Tel: 01832 274734 or www.oundlefestival.org.uk
Bring your picnic and rugs for the ever popular Illyria who will wow you with eye-popping magical illusions and a huge amount of water!

Saturday 11th July Kingswood House Summer Fete
Kingswood House Residential Home, Hollington Road, Raunds, Northants NN9 6NH
2.30pm–5pm
50p Adults, 20p children and OAPs
Tel: 01933 624298 for stall £10.
Summer Fete to raise money for residents’ entertainment fund. Lots of diverse stalls. Refreshments available.

The Deco Ensemble
The Stahl Theatre, Oundle
7pm
Adults £15 Under 18s £5
Tickets available from Oundle Box Office, New Street, Oundle
Tel: 01832 274734 or www.oundlefestival.org.uk
The Deco Ensemble’s repertoire is a crossover between jazz, classical and world music with a

combination of accordion, violin, piano, guitar and double bass.

Come and Sing Faure’s Requiem!
Oundle School Chapel
11am–4pm Workshop, 5pm Performance
Workshop Adults £15 Under 18s £5 Performance £5
Tickets available at Oundle Box Office, New Street, Oundle
Tel: 01832 274734 or www.oundlefestival.org.uk
Singers of all abilities can join in for a day’s workshop on Faure’s Requiem! The day will culminate in a performance to show the audience all that has been achieved in just one day.

SEX... with Pete Searles
The Stahl Theatre, Oundle
9pm
Adults £8 (includes a glass of wine or beer)
Tickets available at Oundle Box Office, New Street, Oundle
Tel: 01832 274734 or www.oundlefestival.org.uk
A voyage of self-rediscovery, in which buried memories and past relationships and a confusing childhood all come blubbering to the surface with hilarious results in this comedy performance.

Raunds Community Choir and Ukulele Orchestra Concert
St Peter’s Church, Raunds
2.30pm
£8
Tel: 01933 389457
Raunds Community Choir and Ukulele Orchestra for the Friends of St Peter’s Church, includes refreshments.

Party in the Park
Rushden Hall Park
1pm–10pm
Admission free
rushdeneventsgroup@gmail.com
Olivants Equine display, Dingle Fingle Fun Show, Rollin Clones (evening), fairground, stalls, local talent acts.

Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th July Summer Show
The Great Hall, New Street, Oundle
2.30pm–6pm
£1.50, children free
Tel: David Wilkinson 01832 272623
Exhibits of Flowers, Vegetables, Fruit, Decorative, Cookery, Handicraft, Art, Photography, Children’s, Teas available.

Sunday 12th July Oundle Open Gardens
2pm–6pm
£5 per family, £2.50 per Adult, children free.
Tel: 01832 274734 Festival Office, www.oundlefestival.org.uk
Ideas to encourage Cultivation, Conservation and Contemplation for the generations to come.

Organ Recital followed by tea
St Mary’s Church, Woodnewton
4.30pm
£5 (Includes tea)
Contact: Marilyn Jenner – parkdale05@hotmail.com
Recital of popular organ music by Eric Tyson from Bristol.

Oundle Town Football Club Car Boot
Oundle Town Football Club, Station Road, Oundle
8am
Admission free
Tel: 07951 252424
£5 per pitch, no booking required. Tea and coffee available plus BBQ.

Sing-a-Long-a Sound of Music
The Stahl Theatre, Oundle
6.45pm
£15
Tickets available from Oundle Box Office, New Street, Oundle
Tel: 01832 274734 or www.oundlefestival.org.uk
Sing-a-Long-a Sound of Music is a screening of the Julie Andrews film with full subtitles so that everyone can sing along!

Riverlands – A Journey on the Nene
Oundle Wharf
7pm
Adults £15 Under 18s £5
Tickets available from Oundle Box Office, New Street, Oundle
Tel: 01832 274734 or www.oundlefestival.org.uk
Set on the very banks of the River Nene with the performers on a floating stage, this magical evening tells the story of the river as it journeys to the sea.

Wednesday 15th July Lunchtime Recital with Ann Elise Smoot (organ)
Oundle School Chapel
Tickets £6 (buy tickets to 3 or more Lunchtime Recitals for only £5)
Tickets available from Oundle Box Office, New Street, Oundle
Tel: 01832 274734 or www.oundlefestival.org.uk
A much anticipated lunchtime recital by internationally renowned concert organist and Director of Oundle for Organists, Ann Elise Smoot.

Summer Tea Dance
The Rushden Academy, Hayway, Rushden, Northants NN10 6AG
2.30pm–4pm (gates open at 2.15pm)
Traditional Tea Dance open to the public – free of charge. Optional charity donation would be welcomed.

The Bach Walk with Joanna Borrett (cello) and Christian Wilson (organ)
Warmington and Fotheringhay
5.45pm–10.15pm

£30 Walk, Supper and Concerts, £20 Walk and Concerts, £15 Concerts only
Tickets available from Oundle Box Office, New Street, Oundle
Tel: 01832 274734 or www.oundlefestival.org.uk
5.45pm meet at The Red Lion in Warmington, walk to Fotheringhay church for concert, walk back to Warmington for supper at The Red Lion and then on to Warmington church for a late night concert.

Thursday 16th July Stile Antico – Music from the Sadler Partbooks
St. Mary and All Saints Church, Fotheringhay
7.30pm (pre concert talk at 6.30pm)
Adults £15 Under 18s £5
Tickets available from Oundle Box Office, New Street, Oundle
Tel: 01832 274734 or www.oundlefestival.org.uk
We welcome back the vocal ensemble, Stile Antico, which has great local significance as between the 1540s and 1570s John Sadler was schoolmaster at Fotheringhay and Oundle.

Lunchtime Recital/Lecture with Magnus Williamson and Stile Antico
St Peter’s Church, Oundle
1.05pm
£6 (Buy tickets to 3 or more Lunchtime Recitals for only £5 each)
Tickets available from Oundle Box Office, New Street, Oundle
Tel: 01832 274734 or www.oundlefestival.org.uk
Dr Magnus Williamson, with members of the vocal ensemble, Stile Antico, will demonstrate the music of the Elizabethan ‘Sadler’ Partbooks.

Friday 17th July 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
Gary Schaeffer ‘An American eye view of Northamptonshire’.

La Serenissima – The Four Seasons
Oundle School Chapel
7.30pm
£20 Front, £18 Rear, Under 18s £5
Tickets available from Oundle Box Office, New Street, Oundle
Tel: 01832 274734 or www.oundlefestival.org.uk
In this all Vivaldi programme, award winning La Serenissima perform The Four Seasons, in a brand new edition made by violinist Adrian Chandler.

Plainsong by Candlelight with James McVinnie (organ)
Oundle School Chapel

10pm
Admission free
A late night feast of cutting edge contemporary music with James McVinnie and the 2015 students of the Oundle for Organists summer school singing the plainsong verses.

Lunchtime Recital with Anna Ovsyanikova (violin) and Chris Hotson (piano)
St Peter’s Church, Oundle
1.05pm
Tickets £6 (Buy 3 or more Lunchtime Recitals for only £5 each)
Tickets available from Oundle Box Office, New Street, Oundle
Tel: 01832 274734 or www.oundlefestival.org.uk
In a programme with a truly international flavour, Anna and Chris perform a mixture of music with a French, Polish, Russian, Belgian and Argentinian feel.

Saturday 18th July Once Upon A Time... Summer Fair & Fun Day
St Peter’s Church, Irthlingborough
11am– 3pm
Admission free
Tel: Margaret Bull 01933 651360
Bouncy Castle, BBQ, Teas, Trips up the Tower, Children’s Activities, Stalls.

Party at the Wharf – starring The Los Palmas 6 with Jack and Disarray
The Oundle Wharf, Station Road, Oundle
5pm–approx 10.45pm
In advance: Canopy Site £20 Adults £15 Under 18s £10 Under 12s free
On The Door (if available): Adults £20 Under 18s £15 Under 12s free
Tickets available from Oundle Box Office, New Street, Oundle
Tel: 01832 274734 or www.oundlefestival.org.uk
With a fantastic line up of bands this is the place to be to picnic and dance the night away to Jack, Disarray and topped off with Madness tribute band The Los Palmas 6!

Oundle Food Festival
Oundle Market Place
9am–4pm
Admission free
The Oundle Food Festival gathers together those who grow, produce and sell some of the countries finest foods.

Morning Coffee Concert with Neil Cockburn (organ)
All Saints Church, Fotheringhay
11.30am
Admission free (retiring collection), Coffee and pastries available to buy from 10.30am
International prize-winning, Canadian based organist Neil Cockburn performs to uplift and inspire in the glorious setting of Fotheringhay’s beautiful church.

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Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th July

Teddy Bear's Picnic

Rushden Station, Station Approach, Rushden, Northants NN10 0AW
Tel: 01933 353111

www.rhts.co.uk

Bring along your favourite teddy bear for a day out.

Sunday 19th July

Music in the Park

Barnwell Country Park
12noon–6pm
Tel: 01832 273435 or barnwell@northamptonshire.gov.uk

Three Brass Bands, Beer, Barbecue, Climbing Wall, Bouncy Castle, Vintage Cars, Stalls. Great day out! Sponsored by Waitrose and Geneva Instruments.

Hemington Companion (Fun) Dog Show and Teas

Hemington Manor, Hemington, Nr Oundle PE8 5QP
Gardens open and entries taken from 1.30pm. Dog Show judging 2pm. Pedigree classes £2, fun classes £1. Parking free.
Tel: 01832 293432. Email Hemingtonevents@aol.com
Fun dog show, rosettes, prizes, raffle, stalls and teas supporting Village Hall and Church.

6.75 mile walk in Stow Long area

Saffron Road car park Higham Ferrers (car sharing)
9.20am
Tel: Roy Presland 01933 314831
Higham Ferrers Footpath Group.

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

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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

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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

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10am–11am

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website www.oundledogs.co.uk

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and Ringcraft. New members always welcome.

Rainbow Cafe for Tots

(aimed at up to age 5 and their adults)

Stanwick Lakes

10.30am–12noon

£2 per child – normal car park charges apply.

Tel: 01933 625522

www.stanwicklakes.org.uk

Make new and exciting crafts then join Lisa from Music and

Movement to play, sing and dance.

Club Night

Apethorpe Tennis Club

From 6pm

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Every Wednesday (except school holidays)

Allegra Singers – Three-part ladies choir

Music room at King John

School, Thrapston

7.30pm–9.30pm

£3 per session

Tel: Veronica 01832 732611

or 07753 472225

If you enjoy singing, come and join us in singing modern/

show songs. New members

welcome.

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

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Music Makers

Joan Strong Centre, Oundle

11.15am–12noon

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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

musickmakersnorthants@gmail.com

Funky music and movement

group for 0–5 years with

parachute, balls, bubbles and

Home hosts vintage tea party

On Friday 19th June, as part of National Care Homes open day, Darsdale Residential Care Home in Chelveston Road, Raunds hosted a 'Vintage Tea Party' to which all were invited. Carers and members of staff wore clothes from the 1940s and 1950s. A sumptuous tea was laid out in Darsdale's beautiful gardens with an array of cakes,

sandwiches and home made scones with jam and lashings of cream. There were games and music with vocals provided by a member of staff and residents joined with visitors and carers to enjoy the party atmosphere. The weather was ideal for the event although a marquee had been provided against the possibility of rain.

In the summerhouse a

display of memorable photos and objects from the past which were of particular interest to the residents and visitors were on view, while in the dining room there was an exhibition of art by members of the staff.

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Resident Brenda with carer Sophie



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Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A guide to making representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's office.

East Northamptonshire Council
PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (AMENDED BY THE LOCALISM ACT 2011)
NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 2012 (as amended)
SUBMISSION OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR HIGHAM FERRERS (THE "HIGHAM FERRERS NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN"): CONSULTATION UNDER REGULATION 16 OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 2012
Notice is given, that on 11 June 2015 Higham Ferrers Town Council submitted a draft neighbourhood development plan (the "Higham Ferrers Neighbourhood Plan") to East Northamptonshire Council, under Regulation 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended).
The 'plan proposal'
In accordance with Regulation 16, East Northamptonshire Council is now consulting upon the draft Higham Ferrers Neighbourhood Plan. Comments are invited, regarding whether the 'plan proposal', as submitted under Regulation 15 (the draft Higham Ferrers Neighbourhood Plan and supporting documentation), fulfils the "basic conditions", as required by paragraph 8 (1) (a) (2) of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (inserted by the Localism Act 2011). The plan proposal, as submitted, comprises the following documents:
a) A map identifying the area to which the proposed neighbourhood development plan relates;
b) A consultation statement;
c) The proposed neighbourhood development plan;
d) A statement (the "Basic Conditions Statement") explaining how the proposed neighbourhood development plan meets the requirements of paragraph 8 of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.
The "basic conditions"
Representations received under Regulation 16 regarding the plan proposal will be forwarded to an appointed examiner, who will assess the Higham Ferrers Neighbourhood Plan and supporting documents against five "basic conditions". These require that the plan:
1. Has regard to national policy and guidance from the Secretary of State;
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4. Doesn't breach or is otherwise compatible with EU obligations – this includes the SEA Directive of 2001/42/EC; and that
5. The making of the Neighbourhood Plan is not likely to have a significant effect on a European site (as defined in the Conservation of Habitats and Species regulations 2010(d), either alone or in combination with other plans or projects.
Submitting representations under Regulation 16
Comments are sought as to whether or not the plan proposal (Higham Ferrers Neighbourhood Plan and supporting documentation) fulfils the "basic conditions". Further information can be found on the council's website under the consultation pages at the following link: www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/consultation
Copies of the plan proposal will be available to view at the following locations, between Friday 3 July and Monday 17 August 2015 inclusive:
• Customer Service Centre, Cedar Drive, Thrapston, NN14 4LZ (8:45am-5pm, Monday to Friday)
• Customer Service Centre, Newton Road, Rushden, NN10 0PT (9am-4:30pm, Monday to Friday)
• Customer Service Centre, Oundle Library, Glaphorn Road, Oundle, PE8 4JA (10am-1pm, Monday to Saturday)
• Higham Ferrers Library (opening times and other details are available from Northamptonshire County Council)
• Higham Ferrers Town Hall (opening times and other details are available from Higham Ferrers Town Council)
Comments should be made in writing to: Planning Policy and Conservation, East Northamptonshire Council, Cedar Drive, Thrapston, Kettering, NN14 4LZ or by e-mail to planningpolicy@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk no later than 4:30pm on Monday 17 August 2015.
David Reed
Head of Planning Services
East Northamptonshire Council

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Chess corner

by Derrick Sims

A few weeks ago I went to the local village cinema to watch **The Imitation Game**. The film is about the life of Alan Turing and his role in breaking the German Enigma Code in World War II. In the early stages of the film he is introduced to Hugh Alexander, who is identified as having been British Chess Champion twice.

It is certainly correct that Alexander was a chess genius, but the most surprising thing is that this was the only mention of chess in the film. Alan Turing is depicted as a social loner without any ability to interact with his fellow workers. This element of his personality seems to have been grossly exaggerated. In 1924 at the age of 12 he organised a chess tournament at Hazelhurst School where he was a pupil. Anyone who has organised tournaments will tell you that this requires a significant amount of ability to interact with, and persuade others to participate.

Turing was an enthusiastic chess player but not in the same league as Alexander. Turing used to enjoy meeting up with colleagues in local pubs for chats and games of chess and his fiancée, Joan Clarke, was also a keen player. It is reported by Andrew Hodges, who wrote a biography about Turing, that when

Alan and Joan were at Bletchley Park they were unable to obtain a chess set due to war shortages. This prompted Alan to construct his own chess set, obtaining clay from a nearby pit and firing the pieces in an oven.

Chess and sporting achievements seem odd bedfellows, but Turing was an accomplished runner and when at Bletchley entered a race organised by the Army. Amazingly he won the race, beating the best the Army could turn out. Not only was he an excellent runner but also an enthusiastic tennis player.

A little while ago I commented on another film, *The Theory of Everything*, about Stephen Hawking, and described his enthusiasm for chess. An interesting question is what is the relationship between chess and genius? Does chess help to develop the brain and contribute to the process of genius? Although I don't claim to be a genius I do look to my own development and the role of chess.

At school I made a poor start, having failed the 11+ test that was used at that time to separate the wheat from the chaff. As a result I was sent to the local comprehensive along with the other 'failures'. During this time I played chess regularly and at a competitive

level and went on to have a very successful career in Industry.

A recent study of 4,000 Venezuelan students found an average increase in students' IQ scores after four months' chess training. Chess also helps in developing problem-solving skills, concentration, planning and foresight. Additionally there is some evidence that regular chess playing improves memory and may delay the onset of dementia in older people. Another film that explores these aspects of chess is *Knights of the South Bronx*, which is based on the life of teacher David MacEnulty, who used chess to improve the educational performance of children from an inner-city district of New York.

The question must be that with all the benefits of chess, why would you not want to play it?

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

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Milborne, Jennie Stratton and Claire Izod. Jo and Vicky went on to win a silver medal in the Women's IM3 Double Sculls. A gold medal was won in the Mixed Masters E Double Sculls by the crew of Claire Izod and Simon Murray. And yet another gold medal was won in commanding style by the Masters E Quad crew of Simon Murray, Alan McMurdo, Brian Hardwick and Peter Dunn.

If you are interested in trying out, or returning to, the sport of rowing, find out about this friendly club at <http://oundletownrc.org.uk/>

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