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Osiligi Musical Troupe in Raunds

The highly talented Osiligi musical Troupe of Maasai Warriors, who are currently on a world tour will be coming to Raunds to perform a concert on Saturday 17th October at 2.30pm. The venue is St Peter's Church and the organisers promise a concert of incredible music, mesmerising to hear and certainly fascinating to watch. This is a rare opportunity to experience the diverse culture of the Maasai and is not to be missed.

Tickets are available from Maureen Windust 01933 622220 or Keith Gubbins 01933 624384 or at the door on the day.

Fairtrade/Eco Market returns

Oundle's popular Fairtrade/Eco Market will be held at St Peter's Church Oundle on Saturday 14th November (9am-2pm), your chance to do some ethical Christmas shopping. Choose from a wide variety of fairly-traded and eco-friendly crafts, gifts and foods from all over the world. Charity Christmas cards will be on sale too, and there will be a visit from Father Christmas between 10.30am and 12noon. Refreshments will also be served.

The Corby Cube is now completed

The Corby Cube was opened nearly 5 years ago, and although there has been some outstanding issues, work on the building has now been completed. The building cost £48m.



The Corby Cube

The fourth floor office space has now been finished and is available for rent, offering interested businesses a unique and central location in the heart of the town. The building also houses Corby Borough Council offices, One Stop Shop, a library, the Register Office and The Cube Theatre which is going from strength to strength.

Although The Cube was opened in November 2010 there were problems with the building – including a leaking roof and a helical staircase that was declared dangerous by Building Inspectors.

Corby Borough Council has expressed its disappointment with the time the building has taken to complete and accepts that lessons have been learned. They are now looking forward to welcoming new tenants to what is an iconic building

With all this behind them now, the building is fully functional and is an impressive structure. It has been a catalyst in attracting other businesses to the town such as the new Savoy cinema that sits just alongside.

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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,
Thank you for your article on the refurbished Fletton House; I worked in the building for over 10 years as an advisor for Citizens Advice until the main building closed down. When I visited the building last Friday I found it hard to imagine the old rooms we had occupied. The change is amazing and I think we who live in Oundle have now a public building

to be proud of; The Hub is a unique venue for meeting and eating and I sincerely thank our town council for all the hard work they have put into this gem of a building.

Margaret Spotswood

Dear Editor,
New Ranger Cadet Squadron needs help
Readers will be interested to learn of a new cadet unit being opened at Crow Hill Community Centre, Fettleline Road, Irthlingborough NN9 5XF. The Ranger Cadets, part of Northamptonshire Independent Cadets, is a new concept, for in addition to adventure training activities

young people will be taking part in Forestry Commission conservation projects.

The group, which will be entirely self-funding, opens on Thursday 22nd October 6.30-8.30pm with membership being open to junior cadets, 8-11 years and cadets, 12-17 years. Activities will include adventure training, navigation, weekend camps; field cooking, forestry conservation, drumming and bugling, plus ceremonial and sports.

The Rangers are now recruiting cadets and are also keen to hear from adults willing to give up a little of their free time, as potential officers or adult instructors. Whilst

former members of HM Armed Services of Cadet Forces will have an advantage, training will be provided.

What we can promise cadets and adult volunteers is lots of fun and adventure.

Further information

is available by calling 01933 412099 or emailing Rangercadetsnorthants@gmail.com.

Yours faithfully,
John R Mander

Organiser, Ranger Cadet Corps, Northamptonshire

Dear Editor,
The Raunds Youth Action Group will be holding their AGM on 14th October in Meeting Room 2 at the Saxon Hall starting at 7pm.

Pauline Ellis,
Secretary

Genealogy jottings

One branch of my family came from Sussex, deep in the countryside of a county that I did not know very well. Off I went and bought OS (Ordnance Survey) maps of the area as well as town plans, so that I could get a better idea of where they lived. Whilst this was a good idea in itself, places do have a tendency to change over the years – towns expand and hamlets can all but disappear. If you have a look at a map of Oundle even as late as 1926, for instance, you will find a windmill at the back of Glapthorn Road. It is long gone and houses now stand in Millfields, the name being a legacy of what was once there.

I grew up in St Albans in Hertfordshire and was always fascinated as to why there was a Ladysmith Road and a Kimberley Road – where had these names come from? The answer was the Boer War, where sieges and battles had taken place at Ladysmith and Kimberley. These gave me the clue that I would be unlikely to find any houses there prior to 1899 and so would not find the streets in the 1891 census. However, in those censuses there was no Normandy Road off which they ran, although the Workhouse

By Jan Pearson
Genealogy Specialists, Tracing Our Past, Discovering Our Genes (TOP DOG)
www.genealogy-specialists.com

– now St Albans City Hospital – was very much in evidence. Then the penny dropped: Normandy Road used to be called Union Lane, named after the Parish Union that was responsible for the Workhouse. The road was renamed after the Second World War to remember the Normandy landings.

Roads are also named after people. Who were Harris Close in Raunds, Jennings Close in Higham Ferrers and William Trigg Close in Irthlingborough all named after? Maybe one of your own ancestors had a street or house named after them. There is a house called 'Wuddy's Cottage' between Ashdon and Steventon End in Essex, named after Wuddy Smith, one of my ancestors. I didn't realise that it was there until I discovered it on a visit to the area. I was rather chuffed to find that!

Get those maps out and see what you can find!

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Editor's notes

My notes in the last edition have sparked zero response, which leads me to the conclusion that either no one bothered to read them or there is nothing readers wish to see changed. I prefer to take the latter view, obviously because the first option is unpalatable, so we'll press on trying to provide what we think you would like to read.

What does continue to surprise me is the lack of enthusiasm out there for getting local stories into print; is there really no one prepared to spend a little time writing a good news story about an event in the District, perhaps something they wish to promote or report? Obviously, if it's

pre-event promotion there will be a discussion to be had about whether the contributor should be paying for an advertisement but if that's the case there will probably be increased revenue to be had from higher attendance because the subject reaches our estimated 100,000 readers.

Just by way of getting a point off my own chest, I have to comment on the letter we carried recently about driving and the best way to slow down a vehicle; I have to side with the correspondent who wrote to say that moving down through the gears was the

best way to do this. Surely, the most important factors influencing this discussion are that by using the gears the vehicle is in the best possible contact with the road surface and the engine is in the right state to accelerate away safely from whatever prompted the need to slow down. And while I'm on the subject of driving, isn't it the case that a car should generally be reversed into a parking space because it's more manoeuvrable going backwards and in order that you can see more easily where you're going on leaving?

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Waitrose launches exclusive cake decorating competition to mark Queen's 90th birthday

Her Majesty will be 90 years old on 21st April next year – and on 9th September, she became the longest-reigning monarch in British history, surpassing Queen Victoria's previous record of 63 years, 216 days. So what better way to celebrate than with a special birthday cake?

The winning design will be chosen by a panel of judges, including celebrated cake maker Fiona Cairns and the organisers of The Queen's 90th Birthday Celebration at Windsor Castle next May, for which Waitrose is an official partner.

Rupert Thomas, Waitrose marketing director, said: "We are a nation of passionate and creative

cooks, and I know the designs will be fit for such a historic celebration. We'll be looking for cake decorations that not only look really lovely but also show what The Queen means to all of us."

Simon Brooks-Ward, who is the director of the festivities taking place at Windsor Castle in May, said: "We are delighted that Waitrose is celebrating The

Queen's 90th birthday in this way. It is a great idea that allows everyone to take part."

The winning design will top a Waitrose Duchy Organic fruit cake, and will be available to buy from Waitrose stores from 21st April.

Entrants to the competition should send an email with their name, age, address, daytime telephone number and a photograph or scanned drawing of their cake design to competition@waitrose.co.uk. The closing date for entries is midnight on Thursday 15th October.

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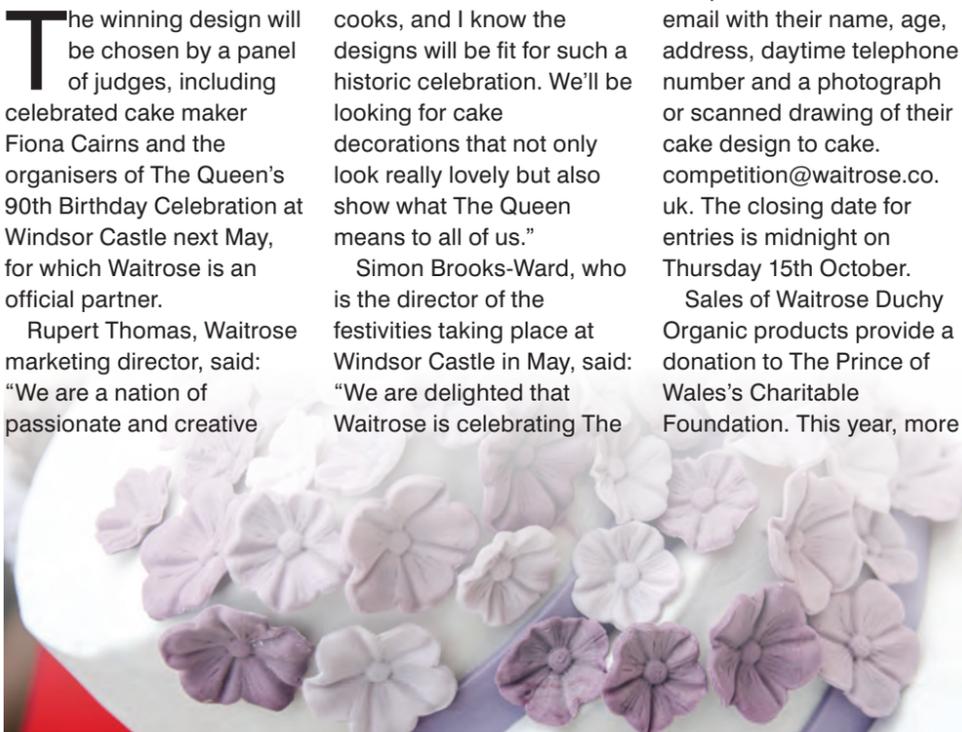
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Higham Ferrers celebrates WI centenary

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Wellingborough Air Cadet unit sends its sporting heroes to the next level

On Sunday 27th September three sporting cadets from 378 (Mannock) Squadron were selected to represent the Air Training Corps South and East Midlands Wing at their forthcoming clash against football and hockey teams from all around the region.

Budding athletes, Cadet Corporal Sean Lyddall and Cadet Jake Leadbitter, both 15, were both selected to represent the Wing in the football team, while Cadet Sukhmani Sandu, 14, was chosen to take the girls' hockey team to the next level.

All three are looking forward to earning their 'Wing Blue' and are set to compete at RAF Cranwell in Lincolnshire later this month. Mannock Squadron's Commanding Officer, Flight Lieutenant Mike Stock, said: "It is fantastic that our cadets have been selected. The Squadron is certainly

punching above its weight in its representation of the Wing in sports and we are

all very proud of Sukhmani, Jake and Sean who have all worked extremely hard."

The Squadron, based at Spring Gardens in Wellingborough, is currently recruiting new cadets to its ranks. Volunteers or young people interested in learning more about the RAF Air Cadets in Wellingborough can visit: www.378aircadets.org or the Squadron's Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/Mannock.



L-R Cadets Leadbitter, Sandu and Lyddall

Fundraising Review from the National Council for Voluntary Organisations

Last week, a final report was published on 'Regulating fundraising for the future: Trust in charities, confidence in fundraising regulation.'

Many of the headline recommendations include:

- Establishing a new Fundraising Regulator that would replace the current FRSB. All charities that spend over £100,000 a year on fundraising from the public would be expected to contribute to the costs of the regulator. The new Regulator would own the Code of Fundraising Practice and adjudicate against it. It would also be equipped with a range of stronger sanctions, from 'naming and shaming' to cease and desist orders.
- Merging the Institute of Fundraising

and the Public Fundraising Regulatory Association into a single professional body which would focus on training and promoting good practice.

- Setting up a new Fundraising Preference Service that would allow members of the public to opt out of receiving any fundraising communications at all.

Comprehensive Spending Review

In addition, the Comprehensive Spending Review will take place on 25th November. In preparation Government departments have been tasked to plan ways to cut up to 40% from their budgets by 2019-20 in a bid to find an additional £20bn savings in public spending.

What are the implications of further

reductions and proposals? To ensure that key goals such as putting services in the hands of local communities, and increasing the role of voluntary organisations in the delivery of public services, can still be achieved.

Public Trust in Charities

Public trust in charities has fallen to its lowest level for eight years, according to a poll by nfpSynergy. It found that just 53% of

people now trust charities "quite a lot" or "a great deal", down 3% on last year and down 13% since 2013. Nearly a third of people (29%) say they have "not much" trust in charities, while one in 10 trust them "very little", the sector's worst figures since 2007.

While levels of public trust remain high, the result suggests trust has fallen since last year when a similar poll by the Charity Commission found 71% trusted charities.

Let us know your thoughts on this topic.

Local funds to help can-do communities

East Northamptonshire Council's funding scheme for local community projects is open for applications.

Each district councillor is allocated £1,000 per year for small community-based projects managed by parish/town councils, community groups, voluntary organisations and charities in East Northants.

The funding stream, known as the Member Empowerment Fund, supports community events, sports activities, environmental enhancements, local facility improvements, equipment for youth groups and projects that promote safer communities.

Since the scheme began in June 2011, communities have benefitted from over £130,000 of grant funding including:

- Speed activated signs to improve road safety in Denford
- Trees and equipment for the Stanwick Pocket Park community orchard
- Refurbishment of toilet facilities at Thrapston Sports Club
- A community notice board for Newton Road, Rushton
- Damp proofing and redecoration of the King's Cliffe Underground youth centre

- Creation of a basketball and football area at Thurning Village Hall
- Security timers for residents in the Oundle area
- A PA system for Waterloo Drummers and Performing Arts group

Steven North, Leader of East Northamptonshire Council says: "We have a lot of can-do communities in this district who just need a bit of financial help to make their projects a reality. That's where councillors can help with their Member Empowerment Fund. If you have a community project in mind that fits the criteria, have a chat with your local councillor to see if they can help."

Another grant scheme, the Community Facilities Fund which helps with larger capital projects, is now closed for this year. Awards will be listed on www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/cff in January 2016.

To find out more about the Member Empowerment Fund, visit www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/mef or speak to your local district councillor. To find their contact details, visit www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/councillors or phone 01832 742000.

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Aldwincle

15/01781/VAR (31/10/2015) (Info) (Art8)
Removal of condition 15 - Final certificate for CfSH accreditation pursuant to planning permission 13/00135/OUT dated 4.2.13 - Outline: Erection of 2 no. two storey dwellings and detached garages with new access (all matters reserved except access) at 14 Lowick Lane Aldwincle NN14 3EE
15/01795/REM (24/10/2015) (Info)
Reserved matters: Details of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale pursuant to application 13/00135/OUT: 'Outline: Erection of 2 no. two storey dwellings and detached garages with new access (all matters reserved except access)' dated 28.03.2013 at 14 Lowick Lane Aldwincle NN14 3EE

Brigstock

15/01725/FUL (24/10/2015) (Info) Erection of two semi-detached dwellings with car parking facilities at Allotment Gardens Newtown Brigstock

Chelveston-cum-Caldecott

15/01766/VAR (24/10/2015) (Info) Variation of condition 4 - replace the approved vehicular access details pursuant to planning permission 11/00488/FUL dated 1.9.12 - Conversion of agricultural barn to a single dwelling, to include elevational alterations and roof lights at Barns North Of Wateryard Spinney Water Lane

Collyweston

15/01726/FUL (24/10/2015) (Info) Conversion and extension of barn to form a residential dwelling and conversion of detached outbuilding to form ancillary workshop/home office at Site 1172 Former Quarry Main Road

Glaphorn

15/01800/FUL (24/10/2015) (Info) Two storey domestic extension with provision for a disabled person with attached single storey

pitched roof single garage, car turntable and new reduced level access at The Cottage Benefield Road Glaphorn PE8 5BQ

Harringworth

15/01783/FUL (24/10/2015) (Info)
Single storey extension at The Barns Gretton Road Harringworth NN17 3AD

Higham Ferrers

15/01537/LBC (31/10/2015) (LBRegs) To replace windows to property (marked 1-10 on drawing DAW/AR/0815/001) at Fitzwilliam House 3B High Street Higham Ferrers NN10 8BW
15/01687/FUL (24/10/2015) (Info)
Retrospective planning consent for the replacement of existing timber framed, and clad rear extension with masonry construction in lieu. Removal of existing UPVC existing roofing, replacement with tile to match existing adjacent at 42 York Road Higham Ferrers

Nassington

15/01704/FUL (24/10/2015) (Info)
Prepare existing and artificial stone and facing brick front elevation and apply 100mm insulation and finish with self coloured modern render similar to existing. at Threeways 4 Station Road Nassington PE8 6QB

Oundle

15/01717/FUL (31/10/2015) (LB/CA)
Installation of stainless steel flue for potbelly stove on roof of garden store at 98 West Street Oundle Peterborough PE8 4EF
15/01718/LBC (31/10/2015) (LBRegs)
Various works to garden store including: Replace timber double doors with timber and glazed folding doors to East elevation, replace existing timber door on North elevation with timber glazed panel door, existing opening to be reopened on North elevation and timber and glazed panel door and shutter installed. Existing patio to be repaired and resurfaced in reclaimed York stone slabs. Existing roof removed and re-laid on insulated board underdrawn with insulated plasterboard.

Existing walls to be repointed and repaired in traditional lime mortar mix with coarse sand containing black grit. Installation of gardeners shower WC and WHB including necessary pipework and drainage. Installation of potbelly stove with stainless steel flue at 98 West Street

15/01719/VAR (24/10/2015) (Info) Variation of condition 14 to allow close boarded fence in place of hedge on north boundary adjacent to public footpath pursuant to planning permission 13/01284/FUL: 'Demolition of existing building and construction of new 2.5 storey dwelling including basement level and associated external works' dated 04.08.15 at Lamorna 11 Glaphorn Road Oundle

Ringstead

15/01734/REM (31/10/2015) (Art8)
Reserved matters: Details of appearance, landscaping, layout, and scale for plot substitution of 56 No. plots (Plots 112-162 and 212-216) pursuant to planning permission 11/01747/OUT - 'Outline: Proposed sustainable urban gateway to Raunds comprising employment (Use Classes B1, B2 and B8); residential (Use Class C3); new vehicular and pedestrian access and associated road infrastructure, public open space and landscaping, including flood alleviation measures. (All matters reserved except for access)' dated 07/12/2014 at West End Land North Of Brick Kiln Road

Rushden

15/01720/FUL (24/10/2015) (Info)
Loft conversion and construction of dormer to create 1 No. bedroom at 16 Roberts Street Rushden NN10 0NG
15/01786/FUL (24/10/2015) (Info) Double bin store to front garden (retrospective) at 27 Croft Way Rushden NN10

Thorpe Achurch

15/01744/VAR (31/10/2015) (Info) (Art8)
Variation of condition 2 - to vary the sub division of the retained buildings pursuant

to planning permission 14/00360/FUL dated 22.4.14 Change of use of traditional agricultural buildings to form 4 dwellings and provision of associated car lodge car parking and bin store at Rectory Farm Main Street Achurch PE8 5SL

Thrapston

15/01727/FUL (31/10/2015) (LB/CA) (LBRegs) Construction of a block of five flats (accessed off of Midland Road) at Bridge Court Bridge Street Thrapston NN14 4JW
15/01750/FUL (31/10/2015) (LB/CA) Rear extension for wet room and summer room at 7 Market Road Thrapston Titchmarsh
15/01476/FUL (31/10/2015) (Art8) Rear extensions to dwelling and internal alterations at 27 Polopit Titchmarsh NN14 3DL

Warmington

15/01701/FUL and 15/1702/LBC (31/10/2015) (Info) (LB/CA) Demolition of garage, outbuildings and conservatory. New garden room incorporating bathroom and conservatory link to house. Strengthening of roof structure and removal of skylight in roof of barn. Replacement door and window to barn. Insertion of damp proof course in walls of barn at 2 Chapel Street Warmington Peterborough PE8 6TR

Woodford

15/01776/OUT (31/10/2015) (LB/CA) Outline: Development of a single residential dwelling on the land rear of 7 High Street (all matters reserved except for access) at 7 High Street Woodford NN14 4HE

Woodnewton

15/01746/FUL and 15/01747/LBC (31/10/2015) (LB/CA) (Info) Installation of three solar panels to existing garage roof. at Olivers Folly 12 Main Street Woodnewton PE8 5EB

Yarwell

15/01498/FUL (24/10/2015) (Info) Increase of ridge height by 1.5 metres and extension to rear to form first floor accommodation at 62 Main Street Yarwell PE8 6PR

Outside the District

15/01628/FUL (24/10/2015) (Info) Priors Hall Park Zone 1 infrastructure - application for Zone 1 lake 1a outfall at Priors Hall Development Site Stamford Road Weldon

The reason for applications being advertised is as follows:
Part3 - Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 2015.
Part16 - Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 2015.
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.

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
- would, in the council's opinion, alter the overall character of the locality by means of scale, use or visual appearance
- would, in the council's opinion, be sensitive due to substantial demolition in a conservation area
- would, in the council's opinion, be sensitive due to development next to a listed building

For more information on "significant" planning applications, visit www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/dcnotification

David Reed
Head of Planning Services
Dated 10 October 2015

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



PUBLIC NOTICES

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14

THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (LOWICK LANE, ALDWINCLE) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2015

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

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Lowick Lane, Aldwincle from Main Street to Lowick Road.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during repairs to Anglian Water service.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 22nd October 2015 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted for one day.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Lowick Road and Main Street.

Dated this 10th day of October 2015
QUENTIN BAKER
Director of LGSS Law
PKG/T15/291

If you require any further information please contact Gary Thorp on 01604 883400.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14

THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (MAIN STREET, FOTHERINGHAY) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2015

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

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Main Street, Fotheringhay from outside Castle Farm to road to Walcot Lodge.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during carriageway patching and associated works.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 12th October 2015 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted for up to three days.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Woodnewton Road, Oundle Road, Main Street, Apethorpe Road, Nassington Road, Apethorpe Road, Church Street, Fotheringhay Road and Nassington Road.

Dated this 10th day of October 2015
QUENTIN BAKER
Director of LGSS Law
PKG/T15/296

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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14

THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (HIGH STREET, EASTON ON THE HILL) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2015

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

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of High Street, Easton on the Hill from Church Street to West Street.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during installation of new gas supply.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 19th October 2015 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted for four days.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use New Road, Stamford Road and Porters Lane.

Dated this 10th day of October 2015
QUENTIN BAKER
Director of LGSS Law
PKG/T15/290

If you require any further information please contact Gary Thorp on 01604 883400.

LICENSING ACT 2003 APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE (SECTION 17)

Notice is hereby given that Mr. David Newman and Mr. Kevin Jones have applied to East Northamptonshire District Council for the grant of a premises licence in respect of The White Swan, Seaton Road, Harringworth, NN17 3AF, and intends to carry on the following licensable activities: sale of alcohol and recorded entertainment.

The licensing register may be inspected at the licensing authority, East Northamptonshire Council.

The Central Licensing Administration Unit, Cedar Drive, Thrapston, NN14 4LZ, during normal office hours.

Any representation by a responsible authority or interested party must be made in writing to the above address by the 26th October 2015.

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Oundle School Jazz Orchestra (OSJO) on Tour

'It don't mean a thing if it ain't got that swing'

At the start of the summer holidays, forty-three pupil musicians and members of Oundle School's Jazz Orchestras (OSJO1 and OSJO2) along with six members of staff boarded a coach bound for Lausanne for the start of their jazz tour. The bands performed in four concerts: two at the renowned Montreux Jazz Festival, one in Lausanne itself, and one just on the French side of Lake Geneva in the beautiful town of Lugrin.

On the first evening, the bands settled down to a rehearsal in the open courtyard of the hostel in front of the surprised youth hostellers. This went down a treat with the guests – some even filming the pupils as they struggled to keep their eyes open on their impromptu garden stage. They revised and polished a few numbers before retiring for the night.

A leisurely breakfast was followed by a trip to the Olympic Museum, a dip in the Piscine de Bellerive and then it was time for their first scheduled concert – a 'gig' in the auditorium of a local casino had been lined up that evening. The next morning the bands prepared for their first 'gig' at the renowned Montreux Jazz Festival.

Saxophonist Hugo Walford (16) commented: "The extravagant recording equipment scattered across the stage was intimidating but we rather enjoyed being individually miked and sound-checked! The stage was set... and it was fantastic to see hundreds of people gather and listen to Music in the Park."

OSJO2 (Oundle's apprentice band) began their set with their favourite rendition of 'It Don't Mean a

Thing'. OSJO1 then took over, relishing the opportunity to play to their biggest audience yet. Their three vocalists, Cazzie Winterton (17), George Cobb (16), and Sarah Boyle (17) sang brilliantly, with Henry Sleight's (16) clarinet solo being especially noteworthy. CD sales went through the roof!

Over the next couple of days, band members enjoyed a visit to the salt mines of Bex and a mountain trek with a luge-ing opportunity at the bottom. They were rewarded with the Maison Callier chocolate factory and its free and unrestrained tasting session.

There was much amusement at the start of the next concert, over on the French side of the lake in Lugrin, as the pupils appeared to have driven all the way to France just to play to a few of their parents! However within minutes of starting to play, the village square filled with villagers and there were soon plenty swinging along.

Hugo commented: "The challenge we faced this time was the setting sun, and whether stylish or not, the whole band had to wear sunglasses in order to see the music!

There were mixed feelings as we checked out of our hostel the next morning – a part of us wanted to get home and just sleep for about a week, but we had really enjoyed the sunshine and the jazzy mood of the tour. Thankfully, it wasn't over yet – we had our final 'gig' at Montreux and we were determined to make it our best one yet. It was on the same stage, but we were playing to about twice as many people."

OSJO2 kicked the concert off as usual, and enjoyed

having their blues relayed around the whole festival through the speakers. OSJO1 excelled themselves as their wide repertoire was brilliantly performed and well received.

Director of Music and tour leader, Quentin Thomas commented: "It was a very happy tour – great company, superb food, a wonderful itinerary and inspirational venues fuelled the week. Thank you to all the staff who supported the pupils on tour."



Chess corner

The Silver King League is now in full swing with both Rushden A and Rushden B engaged in difficult League 1 matches against tough opponents. Newly promoted Rushden B were first into the fray with a home match against Kettering A. Nik Puryer put in a storming performance against the much higher graded Michael Meadows to secure a well deserved victory.

Another notable result during the evening was Jeff Owen's draw against Kettering's James Brutus, this was despite Jeff appearing to be in a winning position over the higher graded James who must have been relieved at the offer of a draw! Rushden new boy, Richard Ellis put up a tremendous fight on board 2 but time pressures forced him into errors in the final stages giving the victory to David Walker. The final result of 1.5-3.5 will have surprised Kettering, who with an average grade advantage of nearly 50 points would probably have expected victory on all five boards. Captain Bob Ellam can be well pleased with his team's performance and the solid platform it has given him to build on for the rest of the season.

It was then the turn of Rushden A to face Chess Mates B in an away match. A-team captain Alan Lewis led the charge overrunning Stephen Taylor who never recovered from his poor start. James Gardner was the next casualty, losing to Chess Mates' Peter Tibbert in what must have been a disappointing game for him. Saj proved to be no match for David Griggs and was left with no option but to resign. With the result standing at 2-1 in Chess Mates' favour it was down to Hugh Murphy and Nik Puryer to swing the match back Rushden's way. Hugh turned down the offer of a draw from Greg Smith who then went on to lose after running out of time. With the result standing at 2-2 it was all down to Nik Puryer and Ricky Vaja who were the last men standing in this epic battle. The game was a tight affair with Nik defending well against Ricky's attack and playing himself into a potentially winning position. As the game progressed it turned as much into a battle against the clock as against each other, with Nik reluctantly accepting Ricky's offer of a



By Derrick Sims

draw as the sands of time ran out. All in all, it was a satisfying away result and augurs well for the return match at Rushden.

Northants SKL Division I Match – Mon 28th Sep

Rushden B	1.5 – 3.5	Kettering A
Bd1: Nik Puryer (144)	1-0	Michael Meadows (183)
Bd2: Keith Bristow (118)	0-1	Peter Jaszkiwskyj (172)
Bd3: Richard Ellis (U)	0-1	David Walker (163)
Bd4: Bob Ellam (108)	0-1	Jonny Martin (160)
Bd5: Jeff Owen (101)	½	James Brutus (142)

Tue Sep 29th, Chess Mates B	2.5 – 2.5	Rushden A
Bd1: Greg Smith (164)	0-1	Hugh Murphy (197)
Bd2: Peter Tibbert (157)	1-0	James Gardner (153)
Bd3: Ricky Vaja (154)	½	Nik Puryer (144)
Bd4: David Griggs (144)	1-0	Sajan Ganger (128)
Bd5: Stephen Taylor (127)	0-1	Alan Lewis (130)

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. The club opens most Mondays from 6pm for Junior players – for details please call the Club Secretary on 01933 625767, 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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Wellingborough air cadet soars to new heights

Cadets and staff gathered together this week to celebrate as Macauley Tinston, 19, of 378 (Mannock) Squadron Air Training Corps, was promoted to Cadet Warrant Officer. This achievement comes in the same month as he marks seven years at the Squadron.

The role of Cadet Warrant Officer is a prestigious one and comes with the highest level of responsibility a young person can achieve as a cadet. The promotion means that Macauley will now take on a more active role in helping to run the Squadron in addition to supporting the junior cadets.

The promotion was the result of many years' hard work and followed a gruelling interview process. Macauley was handed his new rank badges by Wing Commander Nigel Dickinson OBE, South and East Midlands

Wing ATC's Officer Commanding.

Macauley said: "I feel truly honoured to be promoted to Cadet Warrant Officer and am proud to be representing the Air Cadets at a more senior level. I have thoroughly enjoyed the last seven years at 378 and am really looking forward to developing my leadership skills and supporting

the cadets further."

The promotion is yet another feather in Macauley's cap after he was selected to be, and spent the last year as, Lord Lieutenant's cadet for Northamptonshire. A role which has seen him travel across the county attending events and meeting members of the Royal Family.

The Squadron's Commanding Officer, Flight Lieutenant Mike Stock, said: "Cadet Warrant Officer Tinston is one of our longest serving cadets and we are delighted to see him honoured for his hard work and dedication. His achievements are down to his tremendous commitment and he is a real asset to the Squadron."

The Squadron, based at Spring Gardens in Wellingborough, is currently recruiting new cadets to its ranks. Volunteers or young people interested in learning more about the RAF Air Cadets in Wellingborough can visit: www.378aircadets.org or the Squadron's Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/Mannock.



Cadet Warrant Officer Macauley Tinston receiving his promotion from Wg Cdr Nigel Dickinson OBE

Universal Credit to change how people get benefits

Universal Credit (UC) is being introduced by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) to support and encourage benefits claimants to find work or earn more money. The new system replaces six current benefits:

- Income-based Job Seekers Allowance
 - Income related Employment and Support Allowance
 - Income Support
 - Working Tax Credit
 - Child Tax Credit
 - Housing Benefit
- Working with DWP, East Northamptonshire Council (ENC) will have a staggered introduction to UC, with new single Job Seeker Allowance claimants being changed over to the new

system from October 2015. This will expand to couples and families from spring next year. UC will be fully integrated by 2020.

UC has been designed to be accessed online only, with the claimant receiving one monthly payment, which will include an amount to pay rent where it applies. DWP recognises that some claimants may need help with accessing their account online and financial budgeting, this help will be given by ENC staff, as well as Jobcentre Plus, who will be on hand to talk claimants

through any concerns and help make the process as easy as possible.

Steven North, Leader of East Northamptonshire Council said: "The introduction of Universal Credit will hopefully make the benefits system easier to understand and give our residents who rely on it the confidence to find work and earn extra money.

"The change over will be difficult at the start, but the benefits team at East Northamptonshire Council are here to help and reassure our customers."

For more information on Universal Credit, please visit www.gov.uk/universal-credit/overview To discuss a benefits claim, please call 01832 742330 or email benefits@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk

Rushden Sea Cadet Corps TS Diamond is open for business and looking for adult volunteers

On Tuesday 3rd November Rushden Sea Cadet Corps will be hosting an Open Evening with a view to recruiting volunteer adults to support the unit in its ambitions and aspirations. We have a number of volunteering opportunities from committee members to instructor. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet some of the volunteers as well as find out about the Corps, and the development opportunities it offers.

We need your help – we need volunteers who are happy to roll up their sleeves, get involved and make a huge positive

difference to the lives of the young people we work with. We have lots of roles to match your skills and we offer training to help you gain more. (You don't have to be ex-navy.)

Every weekend across the UK there are thousands of young people involved in Sea Cadet activities – learning new skills that will give them a head start in life. In fact, we work with 14,000 Sea Cadets aged between 10 and 18 – and are the UK's largest maritime youth charity, with a history dating back to 1856. In Rushden we meet at the Drill Hall in Victoria Road every Friday evening from 7pm-9pm.

So if you want to learn more, please pop down on the Open Evening. To register a place please email me on maurice.weight@cadetmail.mod.uk We look forward to meeting you.

There's a rodent in me kitchen... or there could be soon anyway

It's that time of year when mice and rats become very tempted by the warmth and shelter humans have on offer in and around their homes. Colin Campbell of Oundle based Pest Professionals is on hand with advice of how to cope with a rodent problem.

Britain is home to 14 species of rodent, and we come into contact with them most at this time of year as the temperature falls, and they become tempted by the warmth and easy pickings to be found around our homes.

Mice are extremely destructive. Anyone who has had mice in their garage or shed will testify as to how costly their gnawing habits are, and how quickly large colonies can establish. Mice also carry and spread diseases such as salmonella and need to be dealt with when in close contact with humans very quickly.

Generally speaking we are most likely to come across the house mouse, which has a brown to grey back with a lighter underside and a tail slightly shorter in length than its body. They only live for a few months, but are sexually mature inside eight weeks and will have several litters in their lifespan. They usually nest indoors and are very good climbers.

As well as damaging property, they often gnaw through electrical cables and are the cause of numerous house fires as a result. A professional baiting, trapping and proofing service is normally required to eradicate the problem.

As for rats, well not even we pest controllers especially like getting close up and personal with them! But of course we have to.

In the UK you are likely to come across the brown rat (common or sewer rat) and the black rat (ship rat).

The black rat has been with us the longest and has been found in digs in the city of London dating back to the third century. It lives only for about a year, but is sexually active in two-to-three months. Its tail is longer than its body and it's a very good climber, and can readily enter loft spaces.

The slightly bigger brown rat originated in Asia and was first recorded in Europe only

in the 18th century. Its tail is slightly shorter than its body. The brown rat often lives in the ground and in sewers and drains. Rats eat just about anything, and need an easily available source of water.

Rats carry Weil's disease, which can be fatal to humans, in their urine. Like mice they are also a significant fire threat because of their tendency to gnaw through electrical cables. Rats can also cause structural damage to the property.

Property owners have a legal obligation to keep premises rodent free, or, if rodents pose a threat to health or property, to report infestations.

What You Can Do

Seal gaps around pipes and under sheds; rats only need a gap of 15mm and mice 6mm to gain entry.

Remove potential nesting sites by keeping yards and gardens tidy, cutting back overgrown areas and clearing any piles of debris.

Cover any household waste where rats can get access to it, close dustbin lids and cover compost heaps.

If you feed garden birds, do not do this to excess and use a bird table or feeder basket if possible. Rodents will be attracted both by the nuts and seeds and the bird droppings.

What We Can Do

To guarantee removal, we recommend you contact a pest controller, as we have the experience, plus access to a range of tools, rodenticides and traps not available to the general public.

Our first job is to try and identify where the mice are coming from. From this point we can discuss proofing methods with you, before implementing the use of a combination approach pairing trapping with professional rodenticides in tamper resistant bait stations.

Contact Colin at the Pest Professionals on 01832 771838 or 07538 688106, or email colin@pestprofessionals.co.uk

Little Bugs Club is back! Wildlife group for under 5s resumes sessions in Irthlingborough

After a short break, the Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire is very pleased to announce that its Irthlingborough Little Bugs Club will relaunch on Tuesday 13th October, 10am–11.30am at St Peter's Church.

Originally established in 2013, Little Bugs Club is a monthly session for under 5s and their families and provides positive first experiences of wildlife and nature through fun and interactive activities. The group is run by trained and enthusiastic volunteers and will subsequently meet on the second Tuesday of each month. Louisa Allebone, one of the group's previous attendees and mum to Nora (4) and Betsy (2), says: "It is so wonderful to hear Little Bugs Club is on again! We love the fun, nature-inspired activities that are put on each month. The volunteers' enthusiasm

is always so infectious and engaging; we can't wait for October."

Louise Tuffin, Nene Valley Education and Community Manager at the Wildlife Trust, says: "We're really pleased to be resuming our Little Bugs Club in Irthlingborough. Inspiring children about the natural world from an early age is critical to ensure a secure future for our local wildlife, and Little Bugs Club is an ideal way to do this. The volunteers who run the group are brilliant, and we're hoping that lots of families will come and join us in October."

Activities that have been enjoyed at Little Bugs Club include making bird feeders, sowing flower seeds, table-top pond-dipping, doing leaf rubbings and much more. Lots of the sessions also incorporate a wildlife-themed story or song. Attendance is £1 per child (adults are free) which goes towards room hire costs and resources.

For more information on Little Bugs Club or the work of the Wildlife Trust in Northamptonshire please contact Louise Tuffin on 01604 774043 or email louise.tuffin@wildlifebcn.org



Making bird feeders at Little Bugs Club

Urgent Appeal!

Support needed for Barnwell Country Park North Lake Path – Hard Surfacing.

The Friends are looking to work with the park to put in a funding bid for the continuation of the hard surfaced path around North Lake. The uncompleted section is very muddy in the winter and then sets hard and bumpy in the summer. We wish to help improve accessibility of the path network so people with lower mobility can enjoy more of the park and the beautiful scenery.

In order to raise the funding for the

completion of the hard paving of the North Lake Path, we need to demonstrate there is support for this project from the park users. Can you please come to the park and sign the form in the Visitors Centre.

Your involvement and show of support will ensure that this project is completed.

Mary James

Chair: Friends of Barnwell Country Park

What do you know about Gilbert & Sullivan operettas?

Bored already? Don't be. They contain humour, satire, history, good music and wonderful words and phrases to test your knowledge of the English language. Together, these two Victorian gentlemen, WS Gilbert (1836–1911) and Sir Arthur Sullivan (1842–1900) collaborated on 14 comic operas between 1871 and 1896. HMS Pinafore, The Pirates of Penzance and The Mikado are among the best known.

Gilbert, who wrote the words, created "topsy-turvy" worlds for his settings, where fairies rub

shoulders with British lords, flirting is a capital offence, gondoliers become kings, and pirates turn out to be noblemen who have gone wrong. Sullivan composed the music, contributing memorable melodies that many of you will have heard before, probably without realising they were by him.

Their operettas (sometimes called the 'Savoy Operas' because the Savoy Theatre was built especially for them to be performed) have enjoyed broad and long-lasting success for well over 100 years. Most of them are still performed frequently

throughout the English-speaking world and have gained considerable popularity in the USA. They have directly influenced the development of musical theatre through the 20th century, and have also had an influence on political discourse, literature, film and television.

There are several local Gilbert & Sullivan groups that you could join. Being part of a chorus, singing lively music and entertaining an audience at the same time is very rewarding. Join now and have some fun. There are at least five groups in our area.

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Oundle School Charities Fair raises vital funds

In mid-September, Lower Sixth Form representatives from all the boarding and day houses at Oundle School put together a variety of games and stalls for the school's annual Charities Fair.

Pupils chose a variety of charities to support, including the Adam Rogers Trust, Bloodwise, Wateraid and the British Heart Foundation. Wood Green animal shelter and the local Air Ambulance were also represented, with a total of just under £1000 raised.

Head of Charities, Ian Clark commented: "The event provides an opportunity for fund and awareness raising and also helps

new pupils to the school get a taste for philanthropic activities. Some stalls were just for fun (throwing sponges at teachers and an egg roulette game!) whilst others raised awareness of real issues such as a memory testing game for Alzheimer's UK.

Pupil, Harriet Tsang (16) commented: "The atmosphere was brilliant at the charity event, which involved pupils and teachers alike. We were lucky to have such good

weather. My house (New House) raised about £150 for the Air Ambulance Northampton, which aims to provide a rapid response to medical or trauma emergencies.

"Our stall was one of many which included a mixture of games, including a pin game, pin the fin on the shark, a photo booth and face painting. It was a very rewarding experience and with so much money being raised for a multitude of charities, I think that we all had a very successful afternoon. It was a really good bonding experience between the year groups."

Ian concluded: "Last year, the school raised in excess of £114,000 for local, national and international charities with Fourth



Oundle School Charities Fair

Form (Year 10) pupils also involved in the Big Give Philanthropy in Schools programme. We look

forward to building on this in 2015-2016, with many different charity initiatives already planned."

WI 100-year anniversary marked in Glapthorn

Having initially been formed as Southwick WI, the members of the now Glapthorn WI were thrilled at being invited to hold their Centenary Garden Party by kind permission of the Capron Family in the wonderful grounds of Southwick Hall.

A grand occasion was planned down to the finest detail and members, husbands and special guests gathered to celebrate the WI Centenary in style.

Northamptonshire Federation Chair, Sue Kendall and Vice Chair, Margaret Foster joined in the celebrations which included

Pimm's, Afternoon Tea, a celebration cake and a Prosecco toast to the Women's Institute.

Presentations were made to Glapthorn Member Bridget Capron whose mother, The Honourable Mrs Capron was a founding member of Southwick and Glapthorn WI.

On behalf of Members, Sue Kendall made a special presentation to President Wendy Knowles who was instrumental in saving Glapthorn WI from suspension in 2010. Since this time, Glapthorn WI has grown from strength to strength and is a very active WI.

Brassed Off in Thrapston

Brassed Off, the well-known play by Paul Allen and adapted for stage by Mark Herman is to be performed in The Plaza, Thrapston, by Thrapston Amateur Dramatic Society and featuring Thrapston Town Band.

Set in the 1990s, this is a very touching and savage account about the closing of yet another Yorkshire coal face, what happens

to a community when its purpose for existence is suddenly taken away and the loss of its brass band.

A must see production, bring a hanky! Contains strong language.

Performances take place 11th-14th November at The Plaza Centre, Cozy Nook, Thrapston NN14 4PS. Doors open 7.15pm. Tickets £8, concessions £6.

Box Office telephone 07543 321219. Online at tadsonline.org.uk or in Thrapston Town Council Office from 26th Oct-11th Nov 10am-12noon. As this is an extremely popular play, book early to avoid disappointment.

A celebration of the beauty of the English Parish Church

I first paid a visit to the redundant church of All Saints at Aldwincle on a gloriously sunny Saturday afternoon in 2010. Conditions for taking photographs were ideal, with hardly a cloud in the sky.

Sadly though, the tower of All Saints had scaffolding surrounding it and it was looking far from its best. I promised myself a return visit when the scaffolding was down and this happened in the late summer of 2013, a gorgeous day with plenty of sun.

Aldwincle is a relatively small village not far from Thrapston, out towards the western edge of the catchment area of this site. In the mid 1990s the population was around 320. However, this village has two medieval churches, with the church of St Peter at the other end of the village. It was seen to be a drain on village resources to maintain the two churches and All Saints, which had been virtually disused for 100 years, was declared redundant in 1976. These days All Saints is looked after by the Churches Conservation Trust.

This is a lovely area of East Northamptonshire and an area where, for the most

part, churches are open and welcoming. Having just visited St Peter and found that open, I was pleased to see the "Church Open" sign out.

The poet John Dryden was born here, at the Old Rectory opposite the church in 1631. He was one of 14 children born to Erasmus Dryden and Mary Pickering! John Dryden's mother's father was Henry Pickering, who was the Rector here for 40 years. Pickering died in 1637 and his gravestone, now very worn, has been brought inside the church to protect it. The inscription on this stone reads: "Here lyeth the body of Henry Pykering Rector of this parish for the space of 40 years who departed this life September 1637 aged 75. Just dealing meekness charitye being such at Heavens command he practized very much for which Heavens comfort failed not when he cryed. He lived to a full age, yet bewailed he died."

The church here is mainly 13th century in date, with the

tower dating from the 15th century. The tower is very striking and dominates the landscape for miles around. There are four pinnacles, one on each corner of the tower, and at one point each of these would have had a weathervane on them, as they still are at nearby Lowick.

There are some very fine quality gargoyles and grotesques here. I was particularly taken by what can only be described as a surprised owl!

Just a single bell remains here, this being cast by John Taylor of Loughborough in 1905. When North was compiling his Victorian study of Northamptonshire church bells there were five bells hanging here. All of these were sadly melted down in 1903 to help make a new ring for neighbouring St Peter. The new bell by Taylor was hung a couple of years later.

The eldest of the bells that previously hung at All Saints was made at the Stamford Bellfoundry, being cast by

Thomas Norris in 1637. Two bells were dated 1720, and I am not sure who the founder was on these two. A further bell was cast in 1724 by Thomas Eayre of Kettering. The final bell was just dated 1830, with no founder's name. All sadly gone now.

The south side of this church is a curious affair, which is not going to win any architecture awards. Lots of building has been done here at various times, none in the same style as the others, the last being in 1950 when the south porch had to be rebuilt after it was damaged by a falling tree.

With the church not being used for services any more, the Georgian box pews that were previously here have been taken out.

Over the chancel arch is a painting of the Royal Arms and two paintings detailing the Ten Commandments. The Ten Commandments are placed either side of the Royal Coat of Arms and there is much damage, particularly on the left hand panel. The plain font is octagonal and dates from the 13th century.

Despite this being a redundant church, the grounds are well looked

after. There are a great many gravestones here, but to be truthful there was very little here to catch my eye, with the exception of the striking figure at the bottom right of this page. It looks as if there has been a fairly extensive clearance of the church grounds at some point back in time and there is little of any real quality but a well preserved box tomb still marking the final resting place of one Joan Thorp still has

a perfectly readable date of 1655 on it.

There is a lychgate in the northwest corner of the church grounds, and with the beautiful perpendicular tower standing just to the side of it, this really is quite beautiful. There is a war memorial to the fallen of Aldwincle to the north of the grounds.

Aldwincle is a lovely place to visit if you are in the area.

Written and visited by Robin Peel robinpeel@tiscali.co.uk



Until 17th October

Oundle Talent
Yarrow Gallery
Admission free
An exhibition comprising of drawings, paintings, printmaking and sculpture by current pupils.

Sunday 11th October

Whitefriars Breakfast
Whitefriars Junior School, Boughton Drive, Rushden NN10 9HX
10.15am
Admission free
Simon King 01933 356871
A very informal church – come and share a second breakfast with us, and relax whilst the kids play.

Whitefriars Church Silver Service

The Bridge Community Office at Whitefriars Junior School, Boughton Drive, Rushden NN10 9HX
10.30am
Melvyn Hunter 01933 222910
A traditional church service open to anyone of any age.

Whitefriars Church, Rushden, Countryside Walk – Roaming ‘round Riseley

Meet in High Street, Riseley, near the Fox & Hounds pub (MK44 1DT)
10.30am
Andrew Presland 01933 316927
A two to three-mile walk on footpaths in the countryside.

Higham Deanery (Church of England) Evensong

St Mary's Church, Finedon 10.15am
Andrew Presland 01933 316927
A church service open to anyone.

Monday 12th & 19th October

Family Food and Fun
The Heritage Chapel and Halls, Park Rd, Rushden, NN10 0RW
9am–12noon
Admission free. Please book at Spugeons Centre 01933 410112.
A two-part healthy cookery course with physical play sessions for 2–5 years and crèche.

Monday 12th October Oundle U3A Monthly Meeting

Victoria Hall
Refreshments: 2.15pm, Speaker 3pm
Members £1 Non-members £2

01832 274778
Brian Anderson: 'A Little World Within Itself – The Galapagos Islands.'

Tuesday 13th October Re-launch of Irthlingborough Little Bugs Club

St Peter's Church, Irthlingborough (Albert Underwood Room)
10am–11.30am
Admission fee: £1 per child, adults free
Louise Tuffin, louise.tuffin@wildlifebcn.org / 01604 774043
Wildlife club for under 5s – come and explore nature through crafts, games and fun activities!

Wednesday 14th October Higham Deanery growth and stewardship evening (Church of England)

St Peter's Church, Raunds 7.30pm (refreshments from 7.15pm)
Andrew Presland 01933 316927
Looking at practical ways of encouraging church attendance and financial giving.

Raats Masterclass

Amps Fine Wines, 6 Market Place, Oundle PE8 4BQ
7pm prompt
Admission free
Taste amazing South African wines from Raats, Stellenbosch with Bruwer Raats, an extraordinary winemaker!

Musical Opportunity Concert

Oundle School, Recital Room, Gascoigne 6.15pm
Admission free. All welcome, no tickets required.
Pupils perform their repertoire before examinations.
Supportive audiences needed!

Northamptonshire Family History Society Oundle Branch – Workhouses

Methodist Church, Drummingwell Lane, Oundle 7.30pm
Members free/Visitors £2
01832 272061 / www.northants-fhs.org
A talk by Angela Malin on the history of Workhouses.

Every Brilliant Thing

The Stahl Theatre 7.45pm
Admission: £12 Adults, £10 Concessions
The Edinburgh Festival and

Off-Broadway hit, "possibly one of the funniest plays you'll ever see."

Thursday 15th October Thrapston District Historical Society – Local History ‘Off the Beaten Track in Northamptonshire’

St James' Church Hall, Thrapston 7.30pm
Visitors £2.50
01832 731047 or email tdhs40@yahoo.co.uk
A talk by Malcolm Deacon.

Lunchtime Concert – Woodwind

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

Wine & Indian Cuisine

Onkar, 26 West Street, Oundle PE8 4EF
7.30pm prompt
Admission Fee: £25
Discover which wines work best with spice through several small dish and wine pairings.

RSPB Mid –Nene Local Group Indoor Meeting

Saxon Hall Raunds 7.30pm
Details from Penny 01933 350404
Illustrated talk on Birds of Central Asia by Steve Rooke, MD of Sunbird.

Friday 16th October Music & Memories from a 1950s Childhood

The Plaza, Cosy Nook, Thrapston NN144PS
10am–12noon
Admission fee: Visitors £2 (Members £1).
Publicity Secretary 01832 358136
'Music and Memories from a 1950s Childhood' with Polly Feeley.

Rushden & District History Society

South End Junior School, Wymington Road, Rushden NN10 9JU
7.30pm
Admission Fee: Members £1.50, Non-members £2.50
Tel 01933 350038 for more information
Charlotte Hagan – 'Doc Martins and Airware Products'.

Charity Fundraising Evening with entertainment from ‘Dr Busker’

Raunds Town Football Club, Kiln Park, London Road, Raunds NN9 6EQ
7.30pm
Tickets: £7.50 available from 07846 211003 (evenings) or 01933 623351
Hot Food will be available.
Proceeds to Breast Cancer Now and Bansang Hospital in the Gambia.

Fundraising Fashion Show

Pemberton Centre H E Bates Way Rushden NN10 9YP
Doors open 6.45pm
Tickets £8 including a goody bag
Linda 07796757596
M & Co clothes. Raffle, tombola, jewellery lucky dip, sales table. Ticket only event.

Friday 16th and Saturday 17th October Musical Revue

Denford Village Hall 7.30pm, doors open 7pm
Admission fee: £5
Box office 01832 733677
A light-hearted revue celebrating the victory over Napoleon at Waterloo and tenuously related topics.

Saturday 17th October Family Beetle Drive

Raunds Methodist Church 6pm onwards
Admission Fee: £5 adult and £3 children (including ploughman's supper)
01933 622168
Come and join us for an old fashioned game of beetle drive! Teams or individuals.

Charity ‘Battle of Britain’ 1940s night with 16-piece Big Band

Barnwell Village Hall, Barnwell PE8 5QD
7.30pm
Tickets £12, includes welcome cocktail
Maggi Stewart 01832 293759, stewart426@btinternet.com
A 1940s night with music from 16-piece Big Band 'Hums', in aid of the charity 'Hospital at Home'.

Thrapston Heritage – Mini Exhibition

St James' Church Hall, Thrapston 10am to 12noon
Admission free
01832 731047 or email: thrapstonheritage@gmail.com
Another opportunity to see more of our local heritage archives. Please bring your photos too!

Film: Far From Madding Crowd (12A)

Thrapston Plaza Centre
Doors open 7pm
Film starts 7.30pm
Bar refreshments available.
Tickets £5 on the door
Vince Davy 01832 733586 or David Read 01832 733407
Film adaptation of the Thomas Hardy novel.

7-mile walk

Harrington meet near Village Hall 9.50am
No charge
Robert Hall 07775 485618

The Looking Glass Theatre Presents ‘The Hound of the Baskervilles’

Brigstock Village Hall 2.30pm
Refreshments available
Tickets £5.50 from Brigstock Post Office or Tel: 01536 373598/373191
Halloween fun suitable for families and children over the age of 6.

Sunday 18th October Whitefriars Church – Harvest Service, followed by lunch and auction

Whitefriars Church at Whitefriars Junior School, Boughton Drive, Rushden NN10 9HX
10.15am
Chris Youngman 01933 551769
An informal church service open to anyone of any age.

Fotheringhay Car Boot and Indoor Table Top Sale

Fotheringhay Village Hall 8.30am-sellers, 9.30am-buyers
£5 per pitch, 50p entrance fee
Alex Mitchell 01832 226440 Email: villagehallfotheringhay@gmail.com
Something to sell? Book a pitch. Looking for something to buy? Come and browse, refreshments available.

Ramblers (Kettering Area)

Meet Orlingbury Road, Pytchley 9.50am
No charge
Diana Albery 07748 618089
7-mile walk via Broughton.

Higham Ferrers Footpath Group

Saffron Road car park Higham Ferrers for car sharing 9.25am
01933 663603
5.5-mile walk from Yardley Hastings.

Monday 19th October Thrapston District Historical Society – Family History Understanding Gallantry Awards Monday

St James' Church Hall, Thrapston 7.30pm
Visitors £2.50
01832 731047 or email: tdhs40@yahoo.co.uk

Higham Ferrers WI

The Adult School, Westfield Terrace, Higham Ferrers 2.15pm
Pat 01933 396647
Our next meeting is the AGM and we are having scones, jam and cream. Visitors are always welcome.

Friday 23rd October Film: Testament of Youth (12A)

Ringstead Village Social Club NN14 4DA
Doors open 7.30pm, film starts 7.45pm
Tickets £4
01933 460373
The true story of Vera Brittain, who became a nurse in WWI.

Sottano Evening

Amps Fine Wines, 6 Market Place, Oundle PE8 4BQ
7pm prompt
Admission Fee: £10
Sample the stunning Sottano wines from Argentina with different flavours to taste alongside!

Saturday 24th October Glapthorn Village Hall Coffee Morning

10.30am–12noon
Entrance £3, children free.
Money raised is for Glapthorn Church and the Northamptonshire Association for the Blind.

Table Top Sale

St Mary's Church Hall Rushden 9am–12noon
Admission Fee: 50p
Edna Wadsworth 01933 357253
Table Top Sale in aid of St Mary's Organ Fund Tables.

Baby and Kids Nearly New Sale

10am–12noon
To book a stall please call

07577 701161 or email: karen_aves@hotmail.co.uk
Lots of stalls to browse!
Refreshments available.
Entrance £1, kids free.

Sunday 25th October Film: Paddington (PG)

Ringstead Village Social Club NN14 4DA
Doors open 5.30pm, film starts 6pm
Tickets: £3 adults £1 children. Children need to be accompanied by an adult.
01933 460373
The loveable bear gets into many scrapes, then finds himself in great peril.

Ramblers (Kettering Area)

Welford. Meet near church. 9.50am
No charge
Margaret Brain 07821 729982
7-mile walk.

Every Monday Headway East Northants Craft Club

The Baptist Chapel, Meeting Lane, Irthlingborough 1.30pm–3.30pm
£1 admission
Claire Phillips 01933 652311, 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
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
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 Monday
01933 650195
Experienced teacher, all abilities welcome.

First Monday of the month Oundle Wives

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

Second Monday of the month Royal British Legion

Rushden Branch Monthly Meeting
Rushden Football & Social Club, Hayden Road, Rushden 7.15pm
Annual Fee £15
Jake Baker 07525 441267
Not necessary to have served in the Armed Forces to be a member.

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Once a month on a Monday evening

Woodturning Club
Hardwick Village, Nr Wellingborough NN9 5AL
7pm–10pm
Paul Lawman 01933 674260
Friendly woodturning club, established in 2000 to promote and develop wood turning skills in Wellingborough, Kettering and surrounding areas.

Every Tuesday Coffee Stop

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

East Northants Classic Motorcycle Club

The Crown public house, Wellingborough
Meet around 7.30pm
No fee, just an interest in classic motorcycles. A warm welcome awaits.

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
Diane Eaton 01933 315555
Tea dance.

Higham Ferrers Guided Tour

Groups of 6–24 people
Trained guides
Tea and Cakes an optional extra
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
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.
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
01832 293432,
oundledogs@aol.com or
www.oundledogs.co.uk
Dog training classes following the KC Good Citizen Scheme and Ringcraft. New members always welcome.

Rainbow Cafe for Tots

(aimed at up to age 5 and their adults)
Stanwick Lakes
10.30am–12noon
£2 per child – normal car park charges apply.
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
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.

First and third Wednesdays

U3A Country Dancing
St James Church Hall, Thrapston
2pm–3.30pm
01933 622827,
ghearden@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
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
Chairman on 01933 222326 or Secretary on 01604 870275
Car park available.

Higham and Rushden U3A

Pemberton Centre, Rushden
2pm–4pm
£2 for visitors
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
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
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
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
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
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
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
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.
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)
Mrs Wicks 01933 312623
Tea dance and raffle.

U3A Branch Meeting

The Plaza, Cosy Nook, Thrapston NN144PS
10am–12noon
Cover charge: £2 (Visitors) £1 (Members) includes refreshments
The U3A offers over 30 interest groups and social events to members. Visitors always welcome.

Third Friday of the month

(recommend checking before travelling)
Stanwick Stitchers
Stanwick Lakes
10.30am
Free entry – normal car park charges apply.
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
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, Drummingwell Lane (behind the Talbot Hotel)
10am–12noon
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
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.

Oundle Farmers' Market

Market Place, Oundle
8am–1.30pm
Oundle Town Council 01832 272055
30 stalls selling fresh produce ranging from vegetables to fish to cup cakes.

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 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
Alan 01933 355302
All age family service with the Music Group and children's activities.

Morning Church Service

Rushden Heritage Chapel Hall, Park Rd, Rushden NN10 0RG
10.30am
Church service followed by refreshments and fellowship.

Church Service

The Heritage Chapel and Halls, Park Rd, Rushden NN10 0RW
10.30am
Cheryl 07969 603958 or email: cheze49@gmail.com
Church service in the Chapel followed by refreshments and fellowship in the main hall, all welcome.

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 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.
01933 625522
www.stanwicklakes.org.uk
Browse through tempting treats and gifts made and farmed by local businesses.

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
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.



Friends Groups – a new accord

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- Ensure your local Library Manager plays an active role in your Friends Groups including providing information about what your library needs
- Give regular updates on the library service direction and give you an opportunity to be involved in library e.g. library service planning
- Listen to your feedback
- Be clear in communicating what your financial contribution does
- Ensure you are able to network with other Friends Groups
- Support each group with a constitution
- Provide a regular newsletter
- Offer support for planning and fundraising

We invite you to:

- Support the widening brief for libraries
- Adopt the Constitution
- Support the role of libraries to deliver to all local people
- Have a Friends Group that is representative of your local community
- Raise awareness of the library through local publicity and promotion
- Provide financial assistance to enhance and support the library service in agreement with the Library Manager
- Work with us to achieve donations and monies from third parties including councillor Empowerment funds
- Hold events and activities that raise money and raise the profile of the library in the community – in agreement with the Library Manager

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- Ensure any approaches to third parties are communicated and co-ordinated by informing Programme Coordinator Bequests and Giving

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Windmill Academy in Raunds, rated Good by Ofsted in April 2015, is holding Open Days on Tuesday 20th and Thursday 22nd October for parents and carers of children starting school in September 2016.

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Diamonds diary



Super Moon, Super Diamonds The moon and Diamonds Youth teams shine bright

Did you manage to see any youth games in the last two weeks? Did you give my suggestion of match day silence a try? If you did, how'd it go? Raging or relaxation? Fermenting or Fine? Angered or angelic?

The poem I included in my last report had me thinking this week, the sentiment of staying positive, saying only encouraging things to the players on the pitch, has a commendable enough ring to it, but the question I raised to myself was: Is there a time when our young ones are training or playing when something other than kind words are needed? Is there a time when it is more suitable to be truthful or direct and to the point? Do pushing, driving and raising expectations, not being happy, with 'where we are' have a place in our childrens development? I'm not going to provide any sort of answer, talk about it amongst yourselves...

Last time out I mentioned that one team



Under 14 Girls against Old Grammarians

didn't have a game on the opening weekend of the season, the Girls Under 12s, they had to wait until the following Sunday for their first game, so how did it go?

AFC Rushden & Diamonds U12 14-0 Earls Barton U12. WOW!

What a start, a seven-a-side game with five different scorers, I think the whole team deserve to have their names in print, fantastic effort each and every one of you!

Megan Breakwell (X7 goals), Tiah Bull, Demi-Louise Duff (X2 goals), Charlie Lawrence (X1 goal), Heidi Long (X2 goals), Sofia Perkins, Katie Warne and Megan Price.

Most of all, regardless of the score, I know from Kevin that they just loved playing their part in the day, pulling on the pristine white shirt and getting to play some football.

Their following match was against last season's league winners. They went down 3-1 in the end but I've been reliably informed that they enjoyed that match even more than the first one of the season – a real end-to-end battle, in which they played with pride and aplomb.

At the risk of this turning into a girls only week I do have two other items of note:

I doubt many of you are aware, but Northamptonshire FA has recently started an ACC (Advanced Coaching Centre) for girls in the county. Some of our girls were asked to attend trials and I've been bursting to tell you that three of our players have been accepted into the centre at their respective age groups, with one, Kirsten Bull, also being asked to attend regional trials.

I think I may need to send out a memo to the coaches of our mixed gender teams to tell them they need to start upping their game—these girls are showing us how it's done. Hugely proud!

Secondly, then, we'd like to offer to all those in the Nene Valley area, the opportunity to become part of this exciting girls' setup.

We have teams at U10s, U12s, U14s, U16s and open age up and running, and we would love to get some more of you playing. Please get in touch, either through the contact form on www.afcdiamondsyouth.com or by calling Kevin Bull on 07926 903 221. He would love to hear from you and I'd love to report here that we have even more players joining us on our journey through this season.

To be fair, it isn't only the girls who have had a blistering start to the season. Let's take a quick glance at Dan Richards – he of 'starting the girls revolution at AFC' fame – and his U13 Whites team. Let's see how they're getting on:

Game 1: Great Doddington U13 0-5 AFC Rushden & Diamonds Whites U13

Game 2: AFC Rushden & Diamonds Whites U13 4-3 Irchester Romans U13

Game 3: Corby Warriors Spartans U13 4-6 AFC Rushden & Diamonds Whites U13

Game 4: AFC Rushden & Diamonds Whites U13 4-1 Corby Kingswood White U13

U13 League Table

POS	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1 AFC Rushden & Diamonds Whites	4	4	0	0	11	12
2 Irchester Romans	4	2	0	2	14	6
3 Corby Warrior Spartans	3	2	0	1	2	6

You think maybe I can skip sending the rallying memo to Dan?

A great beginning by them, all that's needed now is a great middle and a similar ending.

I think I will ask Dan or one of the parents for a full match report from their next game, see if I can get them to give us a picture of how things are progressing.

A team in action that hasn't been mentioned in my column as yet... one of our Pan-disability teams.

Last of all, an apology to Mr Graeme Swanson. Last week we featured some photographs of our Under 10s providing the half-time match entertainment at a recent senior game. These were incorrectly credited, totally my error. My humble apologies and a huge thanks to Graeme for providing the images. Those who know Graeme know how important it is that I apologise: you see, he is a seven-foot Scottish man built entirely from recycled Irn-Bru cans! You can understand my urgency.

Oh, one final thing... The AFC Senior team home game on 17th October against Potters Bar Town is also our community sponsors day. The community side of the club sponsor the game, and we invite all those who have sponsored our teams this year down for the match. We hope to have plenty of our young players down there to provide half-time entertainment too. It would be great if you could join us.

See you next time!

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AFC Rushden & Diamonds Youth

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