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New regional adoption partnership created to find more homes for children in care

The county council will work with five other local authorities – Cambridgeshire, Buckinghamshire, Norfolk, Central Bedfordshire and Bedford Borough – as well as children's charity Coram and voluntary adoption agencies Adoptionplus and Saint Francis' Children's Society to create the new coalition. It will bring together

Northamptonshire County Council has signed up to a new regional adoption partnership in a bid to find more potential adopters for children in care.

regional adoption services to increase the potential pool of adopters for the 230 children in the region in need of a new home, while enabling partners to develop wider support services and share skills and resources.

Northamptonshire County Council cabinet member for learning and families Cllr Matthew Golby said: "This is an exciting opportunity for us to collaborate with our new regional partners to access a wider pool of adoptive parents

who can offer a home to a child in care.

"In Northamptonshire, like many other local authorities, we have a particular need to find families for older children, sibling groups and children with complex health needs, so this new partnership will hopefully enable us to find homes for these children."

This is one of several new adoption partnerships across the country being backed by £7 million of government investment.

The aim is to give adoption agencies a greater pool of approved adopters to improve matching, making vital support services more widely available to adoptive families and better targeting the recruitment of adopters.

Partners including Northamptonshire County Council are now working together to create a model for the new organisation, which should be in place by March 2016.

Renuka Jeyarajah-Dent, director of operations for Coram, said: "This coming together of statutory and voluntary agencies is innovative and visionary and is testament to our shared commitment to improving outcomes for vulnerable children.

"We will combine the strengths of all our partners and ensure that we do the best we can collectively for the children waiting for an adoptive family across the entire region."



**Northamptonshire
County Council**

In Brief

Titchmarsh Folk Dance Club

Titchmarsh Folk Dance Club raised £201 for Macmillan Cancer Support by selling homemade cakes at a recent Monday evening dance. Live music was provided by Graham Prigmore and everybody had an enjoyable evening of fun and dancing while raising funds for this very worthwhile cause. The club meets every Monday evening and regularly books guest callers and live music. New members are always welcome, contact Kev on 01536 514023 for more info.

Georgia Rose book signing

Georgia Rose, author of the mysterious and romantic adventure novels that make up the popular Grayson Trilogy, will be available to talk about and sign her books on Saturday 14th November at the Oundle Book Shop from 10.30am to 12.30pm. For more information about Rose's work, visit www.georgiarosebooks.com



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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,
May I thank you for drawing attention to the advantages of reversing into parking spaces and you highlight two very good reasons to do this. However, I would like to address your first point about using gears to slow you down.

Using gears to slow you down does not mean that is the correct gear to negotiate the hazard.

Brakes are designed and fitted to vehicles specifically to slow the vehicle and will give far more precise control over the speed than changing gear can do. Over recent years there has been a vast amount of development in braking systems such as

ABS, brake assist systems, front and rear disc brakes etc. to allow the use of brakes rather than gear or engine braking. There is an often quoted argument that it is cheaper to replace brake linings or pads than to repair an engine, gearbox or associated linkages due to over use.

Changing gear more than necessary should be discouraged, as it means taking your hand off the steering wheel more often and uses more fuel whereas using the brakes will light up the back of your vehicle and alert people behind that you are slowing down.

For these and other reasons advanced driving organisations (and the Police in their driving manual Roadcraft) always recommend "brakes to slow, gears to go" and this has been the case for many years.

In fact it was due to mechanical limitations on vehicles up to the early 1970s that made gear braking necessary. The engines were

all pretty good but brakes faded after about 30 seconds of use due to the temperature increase and so this made it essential to use gear braking. This all changed during the 1970s when brakes improved sufficiently to cope with the high temperatures.

We would advocate, when descending a steep hill, that the vehicle is slowed to the appropriate speed using the brakes and then changed into the gear appropriate to that speed. Likewise, where it is necessary to hold the vehicle back in, for example, a 30mph zone, we would suggest that the vehicle is slowed simply by taking the foot off the throttle and letting it slow naturally (most efficient) or brake to the speed limit if necessary and then select a lower gear to hold your speed down.

Regarding your comment that using gears to slow ensures that you are always in the correct gear, I'm afraid this is just not true. It only ensures that you are in a lower gear than you were before the change and in no way ensures that this is the correct gear for the hazard.

This is a very interesting topic and there is a great deal more I can say on this and other driving techniques but maybe a better way forward would be for us to meet and discuss such issues and maybe you would like to join Corby IAM Group for a driving course, or simply a demonstration drive, which may open your eyes to a different style of driving.

Yours faithfully,

John Johnson,

Chairman – Corby & District Group of Advanced Motorists

Dear Editor,
Irthlingborough RAF Pilot John William Twelftree

A few months ago a member of the Firefighters' Memorial Trust asked us for information about Irthlingborough RAF Pilot Sergeant John William Twelftree.

The Trust raised funds for the Firefighters' Memorial near St Paul's Cathedral London where names of those killed in the course of their firefighting duties are recorded. Amongst other work they are also recording the names of firefighters who joined the armed services, not as firefighters, and were killed in various conflicts.

At the time of the Second World War, John (Jack) Twelftree lived in Irthlingborough with his wife Rose (nee Nurrish). When not at work at Walker and Gunn's factory in Higham Ferrers he was a Section Leader in the Auxillary Fire Service in Irthlingborough. He joined the RAF in 1941 and gained his wings in 1942. He was killed in a flying accident the following year.

With the help of Irthlingborough Historical Society's book Irthlingborough's War 1939-1945 we were able to supply information and located his and his wife's grave.

We do not know if any of his relatives still live in the area. If there are, we wanted to let them know about the Fire Fighters' Memorial Trust record. The Trust website is firefightersmemorial.org.uk and there is also a Facebook page firefightersmemorial.trust.

Phil and Janice Morris

Editor's notes

First of all, an apology! In our last edition, we reported incorrectly that the Shuckburgh Arms in Stoke Doyle had hosted the 2015 World Conker Championship whereas it was of course the pub of the same name in Southwick; apologies to Helen and Roger for mentioning the wrong village – yet another example of being undone by someone else's news report.

Thanks to a particular couple of correspondents for taking the time to write to us. First, Diane who wrote to assure me that she and others of her acquaintance value our efforts and like to read the local news in the NVN; she also managed to incorporate a mention for her Rushden singles group the Good Companions, so one good turn definitely

deserves another. Next to John Johnson, the Chairman of the Corby & District Group of Advanced Motorists, who has responded to my comments about driving techniques; obviously, I must encourage readers to follow the advice of the experts, as set out in the adjacent letter, but I'm left with more than enough questions on this issue to take up John's kind offer to discuss it in more detail. We do carry articles from John's organisation and perhaps we could have another on this specific topic.

Having advanced to the start of November and passed through the changing of the clocks, Halloween and, by the time

this is published, Bonfire Night as well, we seem to be into the early winter without too much bad weather and hopefully not too much stress on your utility bills. The next national event is Remembrance Sunday which this year falls on 8th November, obviously a few days ahead of the 11th day of the 11th month which is the anniversary of the signing of the armistice in 1918. There will be ceremonies all over the District, so do make an effort to go to one near you.

Unfortunately, we're back to 16 pages for this issue; this is not for want of copy but once again we need to mitigate the low level of revenue from advertising.

We would really like to hear your views – please send these to the Editor at news@nenevalleynews.co.uk

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The event kicks off today with a competition taking place from 11am to 3pm at Aga Peterborough, Warmington Mill, Peterborough PE8 6TJ; this competition is to find the best locally produced sausage. Everyone is welcome to come along and sample and then vote for your favourite sausage.

On Wednesday 11th November there will be a walk with a difference – a Sausage Shaped Stroll starting from Fletton House at 10am. This walk is being led by David Wills, please book with David on 01832 273899. This unique walk is 4.5 miles long and you finish at Fletton House for a sausage lunch or a nice piece of cake.

Thursday 12th November is very exciting! A Sausage Supper is being held and 'Shonaleigh' the world renowned storyteller will be there to entertain us, regaling the crowd with extraordinary sausage tales. As if that is not enough you will be served with piping hot, sausage, mash, onion gravy, peas and a pudding and all for the price of £12 a ticket. The tickets are on sale at the Hub, Fletton House, Oundle or phone 01832 272055 for payment advice and booking. Shonaleigh is also at Oundle Primary School all day running

workshops as part of the overall Festival.

Saturday 14th November 9am – 2pm will be a massive day in Oundle. The Farmers' Market will join together with a big Sausage Market on the Market Place and extending into New Street. There will be sausages galore and everything you can think of to go with sausages, cider, beer, pickles, bread, cake, gin, sausage shaped doughnuts. In fact a sausage fantasy world with something for meat lovers and vegetarians alike. In addition, an Oompah Band will entertain and Mr Mudge is appearing with his amazing balloons for the children.

As if this is not enough, at 11am in New Street there will be a Fun Dog Show with six categories:

- 1 Best Sausage Dog (Dachshund)
- 2 Most Handsome Dog (Any Breed)
- 3 Best Sausage catcher (Any Breed)
- 4 Prettiest Bitch (Any Breed)
- 5 Sausage Gobble (Any Breed)
- 6 Fancy Dress (Any Breed, Theme Sausages)

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New role for Raunds hall

Planning to get married in East Northamptonshire? Then Raunds Town Council may have the perfect venue for you! The Hall is about to become an approved wedding venue.

As well as being home to the town council offices and the council chamber, it became apparent earlier this year that essential electrical works were needed; this meant that damage to plasterwork in the council chamber was inevitable. Rather than literally "paper over the cracks" the council took the opportunity to restore the chamber to its former Victorian glory.

Conscious that The Hall is a public building the council want to make the building as accessible as possible, so we are very pleased that a recent visit from Northamptonshire County Council Registration

Service has confirmed that the Hall is a suitable wedding venue. We already have a fantastic reception venue directly to the rear of the chamber called Saxon Hall that provides multi-functional space for weddings, conferences and functions of all sizes. To be able to offer the wedding service and reception together with ample parking is an added bonus.

The history of the building and the decoration style appropriate to the period were paramount in decisions regarding what materials and colours to use. (Our thanks to staff at Raunds Library for their help in researching this).

Cllr Helen Howell Town Mayor said: "The results of the work are stunning, but what is equally fantastic is that all our suppliers are local Raunds businesses: Paul Alexander of Raunds was contracted to carry out the decorations; the chamber was styled by Creative Venue Styling of Raunds; all the flowers are from Websters Florist of Raunds and local photographer Jamie Duff has taken all our promotional photographs. It's lovely to see so many local businesses supporting the town council in this project."

If you would like to discuss hiring the council chamber for your wedding or other family function then please contact us on 01933 622087 to arrange an appointment to view the room

The town council have been busy on a variety of other projects. The Neighbourhood Plan has been published and the consultation runs until 1st December 2015. The plan can be downloaded from www.raunds-tc.gov.uk or you can call into Raunds Library or The Town Hall for a hard copy. A short guide to the Neighbourhood Plan is also available on the town council website which explains the aims and objective of the plan. Please do let us have your thoughts and comments

on the plan and ensure that your view is heard!

29th November is our Christmas lights switch-on event, and we have a really fantastic event lined up for you this year! The theme is Rudolph's Winter Wonderland and Rudolph will be making a personal appearance! There will be a wide range of stalls and fairground rides, come and see Santa in his grotto



and we have a programme of live entertainment. Santa's parade starts at 2.30pm from the town hall and the lights

will be switched on from the square at 6pm. Come on down and join in the celebrations!



Raunds Community Choir

Stop press! We are pleased to unveil our new logo. This red, black and white image replaces the previous blue and pink design that has been our signature since the choir was founded nearly six years ago and marks the next stage of the choir's development.

We hope that our choir will continue to attract men and women of all ages from the local community and challenge those who like to sing to come along and join us.

from Manor School 7.30pm at St Peter's Church Adults £6 Children £3.

- Sunday 13th December – we are singing with The Salvation Army Band at Stanwick Festival of Christmas.
- 5th January 2016 An Open House Evening with Tea and Cake for any member of the community to come and have fun and a good sing. 7.30pm at St Peter's Enterprise Community Centre Raunds Square.

Dates for your diary

- Sunday 29th November – Singing on the Square at Raunds Christmas Lights switch-on.
- Saturday 12th December – our Christmas concert with our guests Young Musicians



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Talented and charming people, they introduced residents to the gospel songs and local dances the Maasai people had learnt at their mother's knee, over many generations.

The performance resulted in £1,235 being raised for the Troupe and St Peter's restoration appeal – 70% was paid to the performers, and 30% to the church appeal.

Raunds was just one of the venues for the Osiligi Troupe on their annual tour of England, raising money to support the Maasai people of Kenya.

St Peter's Church organiser Maureen Windust and her team were delighted with the success of this event, and that the fascinating performance had given so much pleasure, and raised money for two important projects.

The next fundraising event at St Peter's Church is on 28th November at 2.30pm with an organ recital by Roy Meek, and soprano Susanne Garside will perform a variety of songs.

Shopkeeper fined more than £4,000 for selling illicit vodka

A Northampton shopkeeper has been fined more than £4,000 after a Trading Standards investigation revealed he was selling illicit vodka.

A complaint was made against Kulasingatharmarasa Nimalathasan, who runs the Nisa Local shop in Birchfield Road East, after a customer bought a bottle of what appeared to be Glen's Vodka on 2nd September 2014.

The shopper complained to Northamptonshire County Council's Trading Standards team when he found the alcohol didn't smell or taste right.

Trading Standards carried out an undercover test purchase and officers later returned to carry out a search of the premises, which revealed almost 300 bottles in an unlit cellar at the back of the store.

Tests found that the bottles contained illicit alcohol and Nimalathasan was prosecuted.

Nimalathasan pleaded guilty to a charge of selling food not of the substance demanded by the purchaser and which bore a false label, and to the charge of not being able to prove

traceability of the product.

He was fined £3,300 for the offences and ordered to pay prosecution costs and a victim surcharge, totalling £4,420, at Northampton Magistrates' Court on Tuesday 21st October.

Cllr André Gonzalez de Savage, Northamptonshire County Council cabinet member for public protection, strategic infrastructure and economic growth, said: "It is incredibly dangerous for shopkeepers to sell food and drink products that are not authentic and could be unfit for consumption.

"As the Christmas season approaches, we'd like to remind shoppers to be wary of cut-price products and to report anything suspicious to Trading Standards."

Consumers can contact Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 03454 04 05 06 or www.adviceguide.org.uk/consumer.

Service of Remembrance

Raunds Town Council wishes to announce that it will be holding a Service of Remembrance and Dedication on Sunday 8th November 2015. The procession will leave the Council Offices at 2.40pm arriving at the War Memorial at 2.55pm. The service will start at 3pm when readings will be given by representatives of the local churches and the wreaths will then be laid by local groups, organisations and businesses.

The Council hopes that residents will take this opportunity to show support for the sacrifices made and still being made on our behalf.



Still booking for 2015

Thursday November 26th - Warners Gunton Hall (Day Trip)
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Strictly Come Dancing

Saturday 23rd January - Birmingham NIA Arena - Evening Performance
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Notice of planning applications received

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

Brigstock

15/01901/FUL (21/11/2015) (Info) Extensions to front side and rear, velux windows to front and rear elevations of main house and new detached garage at 27 Stanion Road Brigstock NN14 1DZ

Bulwick

15/01658/LBC (28/11/2015) (LB/CA) (LBRegs) To remove an upright beam in the centre of the kitchen and insert a new solid Oak beam (horizontal). Erection of a breakfast room single storey extension in existing courtyard with installation of new doorway into a barn (which was fitted out by a previous owner as a kitchen/utility room with appropriate drainage for same) and formation of ground floor wc off hallway at Inchmore House Main Street Bulwick NN17 3DY

Easton-on-the-Hill

15/01904/FUL and 15/01905/LBC (28/11/2015) (LBRegs) Erection of link extension between existing dwelling and

existing annex, replacement of dormer window to annex and removal of wall and gate attached to garage (resubmission of 11/00373/FUL) at 24 Church Street Easton On The Hill PE9 3LL

Higham Ferrers

15/01879/FUL (21/11/2015) (Info) Single storey rear and side extension at 125 Wharf Road Higham Ferrers NN10 8BH
15/01912/FUL (28/11/2015) (LB/CA) Adaption of existing wall and access at Atlanta House Midland Road Higham Ferrers NN10 8DN

Irthlingborough

15/01953/FUL (28/11/2015) (LB/CA) Proposed first floor extension and conversion to create two, two bedroom flats at 19 - 21 High Street Irthlingborough

Kings Cliffe

15/01760/LBC (28/11/2015) (LBRegs) Installation of secondary double glazing to five windows at 4 Park Street Kings Cliffe PE8 6XN

Lowick And Slipton

15/01939/FUL (28/11/2015) (LB/CA) Replacement of existing modern summerhouse at 27 Main Street Lowick NN14

Oundle

14/00875/OUT (28/11/2015) (LB/CA) (Art8) Outline: Demolition of existing swimming pool and existing dwellings and the erection of a new sports centre with associated parking, tennis courts, relocation of running track, re-surfacing of existing sports courts and associated works (all matters reserved) at Sports Hall Milton Road Oundle

15/01915/ADV (21/11/2015) (Info) Proposed advertisements for 8 signs, 3 x Oundle Wharf lettering on fascia to West, East and North elevation, 1 x Nene Valley Brewery lettering to West Elevation, 4 x Nene Valley Brewery roundel logo at Oundle Wharf Station Road Oundle PE8 4DE

Raunds

15/01844/FUL (21/11/2015) (Info) Change of use of first floor A2 premises to a C3 flat and erection of external staircase at 42 Brook Street Raunds NN9 6LP
15/01891/FUL (21/11/2015) (Info) Front and rear ground floor extension to form a garage and a breakfast room at 18 Webb Road Raunds NN9 6HH
15/01931/FUL (21/11/2015) (Info) Single storey rear extension at 5 Sheldermine Gardens Raunds NN9 6FY

Rushden

15/00778/FUL (21/11/2015) (Info) Single storey rear and side extension at 63 Batsmans Drive Rushden NN10 6EW
15/01692/FUL (28/11/2015) (LB/CA) Subdivision of existing shopfront and shop unit to form new access entrance door and change of use to residential use of part of ground floor retail area to form corridor access to upper floors to 64 High Street Rushden NN10 0JP at 64 High Street Rushden
15/01913/FUL (21/11/2015) (Info) Refurbishment of unused barn to rear of garden to additional living space at 19 Moor Road Rushden NN10 9SP
15/01922/FUL (21/11/2015) (Info) Single storey extension to existing garage at 53A Bedford Road Rushden NN10

Stanwick

15/01895/VAR (28/11/2015) (LB/CA) Single storey extension at Dove House including part of former farm building Higham Road Stanwick

Thrapston

15/01568/FUL (28/11/2015) (LB/CA) Replacement UPVC windows. at 6 Chicheley Cottages Thrapston NN14 4XT

15/01934/FUL (21/11/2015) (Info) Single storey extension to rear and side of property at 42 Windsor Drive Thrapston NN14 4XH

Woodnewton

15/01966/FUL (28/11/2015) (LB/CA) Conversion of outbuilding into habitable accommodation ancillary to dwelling. Demolition of privy and construction of small extension at rear of outbuilding at 26 Main Street Woodnewton PE8 5EB

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.

Sharn Matthews, Executive Director
Dated 7 November 2015

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

Genealogy jottings

I was looking at my bookcase the other day and realised: most of the publications that I have are related to genealogy in some way or another. Even my collection of Agatha Christie books involves detective work, which is not a million miles away from the type of research that is involved in tracing your family history!

One of the best reference

books that I have is a copy of Ancestral Trails by Mark Herber. Published in association with the Society of Genealogists, this weighty tome will guide you through what to look for and point you in the direction of finding it. There is a copy to be seen in the reference section of the local library and is certainly worth a peek, the next time that you visit.

Talking of libraries, I can be found in Oundle Library on the first Wednesday each month from 9.30am for an hour (or longer, if needed), where I hold an 'open surgery' for people to drop in, ask questions and I do my best to help them onto the right track to find the answers. Do please pop in and introduce yourself if you are in that neck of the woods.

As well as books, I also have reference CDs adorning my bookshelves. These range from copies of Parish Registers to historical directories of where my family used to live and even Tithe Maps of the areas – always worth laying your hands on and can be bought from websites like <http://www.parishchest.com/> or <http://www.genfair.co.uk/> as well as from Family History Societies. For Northamptonshire ancestors, have a look at <http://www.northants-fhs.org/> – there are lots of publications to put on your Christmas wishlist!

By Jan Pearson

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

When I started researching my family history, it involved a lot of footwork – travelling all over the place to research in Record Offices and County Archives. There was none of this internet malarkey! However, these days, the list of websites

holding genealogical information seems endless. Some, you have to pay for subscriptions, such as Ancestry and Find My Past, but many are free. However, visiting your local library again, and using their computers, will enable you to use some of the subscription websites for free (I like the word 'free'!).

The Drivers' Numbers Game

Driving tips supplied by your local Advanced Motorists Group.

- Gears or more but do you need them all? Try block changing up and down to reduce fuel consumption and allowing you to keep both hands on the steering wheel more. In doing so, be careful not to over-rev the engine.
- Have you noticed how you sometimes seem to have a sixth sense when it comes to other road users? You know what they are about to do before they do it. This results from good observation and anticipation and the use of all your senses.

17,468 Police were given powers to issue fixed penalty notices to drivers driving carelessly and inconsiderately in August 2013. A Freedom of Information request by the Institute of Advanced Motorists revealed that,

throughout the UK, from then until August 2015 this number of motorists was prosecuted. In Northamptonshire 59 received tickets for careless driving and 36 for inconsiderate driving.



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

Rushden Sea Cadets celebrate Trafalgar Day

Adults and cadets from T.S. Diamond joined other units in parading for the area Trafalgar Day celebrations. CPO Paul Clarke said: "They were extremely smart and made me feel quite proud."

This period is quite busy for the unit, who are also supporting the Royal British Legion in the poppy collection campaign which of course leads on to Remembrance Day. As this year draws to a close the staff are already busy planning 2016 which includes a range of activities for young people, visits to ships, offshore sailing and land based expeditions. Recruitment is ongoing.

Email codiamond@gmail.com or you can contact the organisation on Facebook <http://www.sea-cadets.org/rushden/home.aspx>



‘Adoption has been a wonderful experience for the whole family’

A Northamptonshire mother who adopted her daughter seven years ago says the experience has enriched the lives of their whole family.

Julie Barton and her husband Kevin initially applied to Northamptonshire County Council to become foster carers. Eight years ago they opened their home to a six-year-old girl on a short-term foster placement after her previous placement fell through.

Twelve months later, she became a permanent member of the Barton family as their adopted daughter.

Julie, who also has a birth son, two stepchildren, two long-term foster daughters and one short-term foster child, says adopting their daughter was a fantastic decision for the whole family.

She said: “We wanted to make a difference to her life. We felt we had the life skills and the parenting skills to enable to her be

the best she could possibly be.

“We have watched our daughter do amazing things. When she first came to us, she was very behind at school but, with the support of her wonderful teachers, we have put in a lot of time and effort and she has achieved well beyond her expectations. She is sitting eight GCSEs and is expected to get As to Cs, and she’s hoping to go into sixth form.

“We have seen her grow from a little girl to a brilliant young woman and we are very, very proud. It has been a wonderful experience for our whole family.”

Northamptonshire County Council’s adoption team welcomes applications from people with diverse backgrounds. There is a particular need

for people to consider adopting children with complex needs, sibling groups and older children. County council cabinet

member for families and learning Cllr Matthew Golby said: “There are children in Northamptonshire who are looking for their forever home.

“We have a particular need for people who are willing to adopt a sibling group – which means birth

brothers and sisters can stay together – as well as primary school age children and those with complex health needs.

“I would encourage anyone who is thinking about adopting a child to contact our adoption team for more information.”

People can find out more about adopting a child with Northamptonshire County Council by calling 0300 126 1008 or by visiting www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/adoption.

Council cracks down on fly tipping

East Northamptonshire Council (ENC) is still cracking down on fly tippers, taking two environmental criminals to court this month, resulting in fines of hundreds of pounds.

Zack Neyland from Barton Seagrave was fined £990 after pleading guilty to dumping waste on the Skew Bridge access road in May this year.

Northampton Magistrates Court ordered him to pay a fine of £300, legal costs of £480, £180 in court costs and a victim surcharge of £30.

In May details of Emma Cockburns from Stanwick were found in a fly tip near Stanwick. She was invited to explain how the material got there, but did not take the opportunity to return any information.

She was ordered to pay a £200 fine, £150 to contribute to ENC’s costs, a court charge of £150 and £20 surcharge, by Northampton Magistrates Court.

Leader of East Northamptonshire Council, Steven North, said: “There is no excuse for fly tipping and we take any offence very seriously. We spend at least £20,000 every year on clearing the big fly tips alone, so we’re really pleased with these successful prosecutions.

“Although officers use surveillance cameras to catch fly tippers, we also rely on local people telling us when they see a person or business illegally dumping waste. We appreciate everybody’s help in

fighting fly tipping to help keep the district a clean and safe place to live, work and play in.”

Please report fly tipping at www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/flytipping or by calling 01832 742026. The more information you can give, the better chance ENC has of prosecuting so, if you can, please include:

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

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Exhibition 24

Twenty-four years ago aviation artist Keith Hill was asked to mount a two-day exhibition of his work in the historic setting of Rushden Hall in Northamptonshire.

So successful was the exhibition that the next year it became a nine-day event and has been staged every year since! In 2006 it was adopted by Keith's home town of Rushden as a 'Mayoral Event'.

This year's exhibition will once again predominantly feature his aviation work but also his railway, military and motorcycle art. This will include original oil paintings as well as limited and open edition prints.

During the short opening ceremony, by Rushden Town Mayor Cllr. Kaye Rawlins, Keith's latest painting will be unveiled. Although details of the painting are being kept "under wraps" until the day, Keith did say that the painting features an RAF bomber that was flown by a local WWII Veteran. The painting was commissioned by the grandson of the Veteran and all of his research documents will be on

display at the exhibition.

The short opening ceremony will, as usual, be attended by some of the town's WWII Veterans, who will be escorted by the local ATC Squadron. Keith said that the over the last 24 years he and his family had met some great people at the exhibition but said two events would always remain with him. One was the year his former secondary school headmaster H.W. 'Bert' Catlin DFC, BA (Rushden Secondary School for Boys) opened the exhibition. The other was last year, when his series of 10 WWI aircraft paintings were unveiled by serving military personnel from the countries represented in the paintings.

The exhibition at Rushden Hall (NN10 9ES) runs from Saturday 14th November till Sunday 22nd November. Open daily



from 11am till 4pm. Parking and admission are free.

More details are available on www.aviation-artist.com

Have your say on new Council Tax Support scheme

East Northamptonshire Council (ENC) is asking residents for their views on proposed changes to next year's Council Tax Support (CTS) scheme.

People on low incomes can claim CTS to help them pay their Council Tax bills. Changes to the scheme could affect everyone in the district, so ENC is carrying out a public consultation for residents to have their say. The consultation runs until 23rd November 2015.

Right now, the maximum amount of support available to working age households in East Northamptonshire is 87.5%, which means that every working age household has to pay at least 12.5% of their Council Tax bill.

Leader of East Northamptonshire Council, Steven North said: "It has been possible, up until now, to finance our CTS scheme as part of our yearly budgets. But with government funding reducing each year and the recent announcements regarding changes to Tax Credits, as well as the introduction of Universal Credit

in our area, the amount of CTS we grant may increase if we continue with our current scheme.

"If less Council Tax is collected, there will be less money to pay for local services, such as schools, policing, refuse collections and much more. However, proposed changes to the scheme could have implications for vulnerable members of our community so it's important that people take this opportunity to help shape the most effective and fairest system for all residents of East Northamptonshire."

None of the proposed changes will affect pensioners, who will still be entitled to claim up to 100% support on their Council Tax bill (pension age households receive help under a national scheme).

In East Northamptonshire, Council Tax money is split four ways, with 72% going to Northamptonshire County Council, 14% going to the police, 6% going to the town and parish councils and 8% going to ENC.

Once the consultation has closed, a final decision on the scheme will be made by the council early next year.

Sat naves off as pupils explore Glapthorn Short Wood

Two hundred and twenty children from local schools, aged 9-10 years, had the opportunity to explore Short Wood, Glapthorn on Wednesday 7th October. The children worked together in their small teams to orienteer their way around the woods – no adults allowed!

It was with some trepidation that the groups of children entered the woods, armed with an electronic device to enable them to clock in to the different points located around the woods. Students from Prince William School were located at set points throughout the woods and all the pupils were well prepared beforehand on the Countryside Code and keeping themselves safe in a woodland environment.

The groups all had an hour to complete the route and there was a great sense of achievement among the children upon

completing the challenge, not to mention quite a lot of mud!

"It seemed quite dark and misty in the woods, which made the event all the more challenging and exciting. It was a great experience and I hope we can do it again next year!"

(Quote from a Glapthorn C.E. Primary School pupil)

The event was a great success, developing children's independence and problem solving as well as giving them the opportunity to spend time in our native woodland at a beautiful time of the year.

For more information, please contact Joanna Sawyer, Bursar, Glapthorn CE Primary School. Email bursar@glapthorn.northants-ecl.gov.uk

Local World War One soldier commemorated

A WWI soldier from Middleton has been commemorated by Corby Borough Council, as it marks the World War One centenary. A flag was raised outside of the Corby Cube to commemorate his life and mark his contribution to our country on the anniversary of his death (Wednesday 28th October).

Alfred William Inchley was born in Middleton in 1891 to George Bates Inchley and Sarah Inchley (nee Arnold). Alfred spent a large part of his life living and working in Rockingham. He enlisted in Kettering in late 1914 and served as a Private (16871) in the 2nd Battalion, Northamptonshire Regiment.

Private Inchley arrived in France on 25th August 1915 and was sadly only in the country for around two months before he was killed on 28th October 1915.

Private Alfred William Inchley is buried at X Farm Cemetery, La Chapelle-d'Armentieres and commemorated in Rockingham. X Farm Cemetery was begun in April 1915 and used until June 1916. There are now over 100 1914-18 war casualties commemorated in this site.

Further background on Private Alfred William Inchley and information on all local soldiers can be found on Corby Borough Council's website, www.corby.gov.uk as part of the WWI commemorations.

Find out more and have your say online at www.surveymonkey.com/r/ctax2016

To complete the survey by telephone please call the ENC Customer Contact Centre on 01832 742330. You can collect a paper copy of the survey from ENC offices in Thrapston (8.45am-5pm), Rushden (9am-4.30pm) and Oundle (10am-1pm) or Irthlingborough Library (Wednesday 1.30-4.30pm).

Big Energy Saving Week

It's Big Energy Saving Week and Corby Borough Council is urging all of those in the community and charity sector to book on to one of the FREE Home Energy Awareness training sessions.

National Energy Action (NEA) have teamed up with Corby Borough Council to hold two sessions from 10am–12noon on Tuesday 10th and Tuesday 24th November in the Council Chamber in the Corby Cube.

The sessions will cover:

- Explaining the health implications of cold, damp homes
- Discussing energy usage in the home and how to save money
- Identify the help available with fuel debt and how to make homes more energy efficient
- Explaining gas and electricity bills

- Switching suppliers
- How to identify condensation

This course will give attendees a good overview of how to recognise an individual in fuel poverty, what you should do, and how you can actively support/refer the person concerned. Training will be delivered by the national fuel poverty charity NEA and is supported by Northants County Council and British Gas.

Booking is essential. To book or for more information please email Saleem.Sheikh@nea.org.uk

Corby Borough Council's Lead Member for Environment, Cllr Mark Pengelly, said:

"This awareness session is the latest project to highlight Corby Borough Council's commitment to reducing fuel poverty in the Borough. The council is continuing to reduce the number of fuel poor homes in the Borough and is involved in delivering a number of projects for residents."

The Borough Council has recently built 10 new energy efficient Council homes and acquired a further six energy efficient homes, which have drastically reduced the energy bills of residents who have moved in.

On top of this, in partnership with Electric Corby, the Community Energy deal has been introduced within the Borough which offers a fair green renewable energy deal to residents in Corby. Electric Corby has also created eight zero energy bill homes with the overall aim to transfer that knowledge

into future social homes.

The Borough Council has introduced an active Affordable Warmth Strategy, part of which is to raise awareness of affordable warmth in the Borough. To view the Affordable Warmth Strategy please go to www.corby.gov.uk/home/green-corby/sustainability

For further information on Big Energy Saving Week and tips on how you can save money on your energy bills go to www.citizensadvice.org.uk/about-us/campaigns/current_campaigns/big-energy-saving-week/big-energy-saving-week-switch/

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See Corby Borough Council's website www.corby.gov.uk

Shortlisted trustees looking forward to awards

KC Active is delighted to be on the shortlist for the Northamptonshire Sports Awards Sports Project of the Year Award 2015. This is a new category for 2015 and the award celebrates those who have successfully delivered a project in Northamptonshire that has helped to regularly increase and sustain participation in sport by Northamptonshire residents.

These prestigious awards, now in their 11th year, are run by Northamptonshire Sport with the ceremony to be held on Thursday 12th November at Hanger One,

Sywell Aerodrome from 6.30pm. A group of Trustees of KC Active and the essential volunteers that make sport happen in this project – from those involved in planning the new gym, the organisers of the Back to Netball activity plus those who open up and lock up and help maintain the site – will all be in attendance.

Vice-Chair of KC Active Simon Fairhall commented: "This is more great news for KC Active and it's great promotion for the project, which I hope gets noticed by all those who live in the area around Kings Cliffe because we are keen to involve them too. It's also a

great opportunity for us to say thank you to our volunteers, inviting them to get dressed up and come and enjoy the ceremony."

KC Active has recently relaunched its website www.kcactive.co.uk and is developing its Facebook – KC Active and Twitter @kc_ACTIVE presence and would be delighted to welcome visitors who want to play football (juniors and seniors) RUSH Hockey, netball and various fitness activities and soon tennis, table tennis, walking football, petanque and hopefully a new community gym which is the next project development.

School Games Gold Mark award for Manor School

It has been confirmed that Manor School Sports College has been awarded the coveted School Games Gold Mark for 2014/15, one of only three secondary schools in the county.

The award is testament to the hard work and commitment of the school's Sport and Creative Studies department, supported by the School Sport Manager and School Sport Development Officer based at Manor.

The School Games Mark rewards schools for their commitment to and development of competition, school sport and physical education. The Mark was created by the Department of Culture, Media and Sport and launched in June 2012. There has been a large increase in successful applications this year, with a total of 125 awards across Northamptonshire and every secondary school in the area achieving the Mark for the first time.

The criteria are set by Sport England and the Youth Sports Trust to assess participation, competition, workforce and clubs. The School Games Mark is an annual award and must be reapplied for each year.

School Sport Manager Hannah Hore said: "Manor



School provides excellent opportunities for students across physical education, school sport and competition all year round. A number of highlights for 2014/15 include 64% of students engaging in extracurricular sports clubs as well as the wide range of sports teams taking part in Inter-School (Level 2) competitions which totalled 12 different sports last year.

"The School Sport Organising Committee has already made an impact implementing a range of new ideas from a survey of students to supporting the creation of new intra-school competitions for Year 7. A focus for this year will be developing the leadership pathway for

Year 7 students and raising the profile of the School Games higher across the school, with new cultural and cross-curricular competitions."



For further information about the School Games and School Games Mark, visit www.yourschoolgames.com

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8pm-11.30pm
Tickets £10. Available on www.swivelclub.org.uk or 07738080470 or 01933312680
Supporting the Rushden and Higham Ferrers branches of the Royal British Legion.

Sunday 8th November 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 – A Ditchford Dawdle

Meet in the small car park off Ditchford Lane, NN8 1RR
10.30am
Andrew Presland 01933 316927
A two to three-mile walk on footpaths near the River Nene.

Remembrance Service

St Peter's Church, Newton Bromswold
3pm
Helen Lines 01933 315864

The Great Christmas Gift Fair

The Victoria Hall, West Street, Oundle, PE8 4EJ
11.30am–4.30pm
Admission free
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Mondays 9th–30th November

Meditations that heal the mind: Special four-week meditation course
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7-8pm
£5 per class or £16 for full course when pre-paid.
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Monday 9th November Monthly Meeting

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Speaker 3pm
Members £1 Non-members £2
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Ted Barnes: Granddad's War - The Sacrifices & Experiences of a First World War Tommy.

Tuesday 10th November Harry Mount's Odyssey: Ancient Greece in the Footsteps of Odysseus

St Peter's Church, Oundle 7.30pm–8.30pm
Tickets £8 (£6), £1 off early bird tickets bought before 3rd November, available from the Oundle Box Office, 4 New Street, Oundle. www.oundlefestival.org.uk
Harry Mount offers an insightful and charming meditation and shows why Ancient Greece was truly the greatest civilisation, so come along and enjoy the journey.

Wednesday 11th November

Northamptonshire Family History Society Oundle Branch – Roots & Migration
Methodist Church, Drummingwell Lane, Oundle 7.30pm
Members free/Visitors £2
01832 272061 www.northants-fhs.org
A talk by Dick Smith on an unlikely conclusion to researching the lives and migration of two families from County Carlow, Ireland.

Sherry & Tapas Night

Amps Fine Wines, 6 Market Place, Oundle PE8 4BQ
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Thursday 12th November Higham Ferrers Footpath Group

Saffron Road car park, Higham Ferrers for car sharing
8.50am
01933 418983
6.75 mile walk from Emberton.

Raunds WI

The Saxon Hall, Raunds 7.30pm
Price: £3.50 for visitors
Mary Harber 01933 624271
The talk is by Nikki Kenmore on Nursing in Saudi Arabia.

Friday 13th November AFC Rushden and Diamonds Quiz Night

Rushden Bowls Club, Northampton Road, Rushden, Northants NN10 6AN
7.30pm
Admission: £2
Usual Raffle and Bucket Collection for Cransley Hospice. All Quiz players welcome. For further details please contact Glenis on 07870 332606.

A Fashion Show

The Salvation Army, Church Street, Rushden 7pm
Admission: £4 including refreshments
Contact: The Charity Shop 01933 353528
Clothes will be available for purchase on the night, plus Christmas Gifts.

Saturday 14th November Oundle Fairtrade/Eco Market

St Peter's Church, Oundle 9am–2pm
Admission free
01832 205287
Fairly-traded crafts, gifts and food.

Sat 14th & Sun 15th November

Advance bookings for Santa Specials

The Ticket Office, Rushden Station
12noon to 2pm
Admission: Adults £6 – Train ride, drink and mince pie; Children £9 (Under 1 £4) – Present from Santa, train ride, juice and biscuit.
Advance bookings being taken for the Santa Specials on Sat/Sun 12th/13th December.

Sunday 15th November Whitefriars Church – Morning Service

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, with activities for children and young people.

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Hall Park, Rushden 10am–3pm
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Christmas Craft Fair

Fotheringhay Village Hall 11am–4pm
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Higham Ferrers Footpath Group

Saffron Road car park Higham Ferrers for car sharing
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Admission free
01933 314032
5.5 mile walk from Houghton Conquest.

Monday 16th November Next meeting of Higham Ferrers WI

The Adult School, Westfield Terrace, Higham Ferrers 2.15pm
Pat Barber 01933 396647
At the next meeting we will be making a Christmas table decoration. Visitors are always welcome.

Thursday 19th November Christmas Coffee Morning

Headway East Northants, Irthlingborough 10.30am–12.30pm
Claire Phillips 01933 652311
Hand crafted toys, gifts and cards, raffle, tea, coffee and cakes! All welcome.

Friday 20th November Rushden & District History Society

South End Junior School, Wymington Road, Rushden NN10 9JU
7.30pm
Admission: Members £1.50, Non-members £2.50
01933 350038 for more information
Roger Drage 'Reading the Street'.

November 'Nutscratcher' Quiz

Castor Village Hall,

Peterborough Road, Castor PE5 7AX
7pm for 7.30pm Start
Admission: Teams of 6 £10 per person entry (includes Ploughman's Supper)
To Enter Contact: peter.huckle@cobnut-cottage.co.uk
Bring your own drinks and nibbles: Proceeds in aid of Rotary and Local Charities.

Film: The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (PG)
Ringstead Village Social Club NN14 4DA
Doors open 7.30pm film starts 7.45pm
Tickets £4 Bar available
Tel: 01933 460373.

Saturday 21st November Oundle Bowling Club Christmas Fayre

Occupation Road, Oundle PE8 4RU
2pm to 5pm
Entry: Adults £3 (children free), includes tea/coffee and a mince pie.
Buy your Christmas presents early!

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The Pemberton Centre 10am–12noon
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Film: The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (PG)
Thrapston Plaza Centre
Doors open 7pm film starts 7.30pm
Admission £5 on the door Bar Available
Tel: 01832 733521.

Christmas Fayre plus Tea and Cakes

St Mary's Church, High Street, Little Addington NN14 4BD
From 2pm until 5pm
Admission free
01933 650245 for Donations or Stall Availability
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Rutland Sinfonia Concert

7.30pm St Peter's Church, Oundle
£10 (£8) in advance from Oundle Box Office, or £12 (10) on the door. £2 students.
Tel: 01832 274734.
Wagner – Rienzi Overture, Beethoven Piano concerto No 4 (soloist Robert Markham), Rachmaninov Symphony No 2.

Christmas Fayre

St Mary's Ringstead 10am–1pm
Festive stalls, raffle, tombola. All very welcome. Proceeds to church funds.

Sat 21st & Sun 22nd November

Christmas Extravaganza
The Queen Victoria Hall, Oundle PE8 4EJ
9am
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Sunday 22nd November Morning Walk Ramblers Kettering Area

Spaldwick near pub 10am
Free
Geoff 01480 436126

Whitefriars Church – Morning Service

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, with activities for children and young people.

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
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Oundle Ladies Running Group

Oundle pool car park 6.45pm
Jane Walker 01832 272898, janewalkercakes@icloud.com
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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.

Once a month on a Monday evening Woodturning Club

Hardwick Village, Nr Wellingborough NN9 5AL

7pm–10pm
Paul Lawman 01933 674260
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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.

Every other Tuesday Hidden History: Talk, Coach Trip & Walks

Start from Raunds Library at 11am
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Second Tuesday of the month Tea Dance

Pemberton Centre, Rushden
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Louise Tuffin – 01604 774043
Louise.tuffin@wildlifebcn.org
A fun monthly session for under 5s and their parents to discover local wildlife.

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.

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.

Chess Corner

The season is now in full swing with all the Club's teams in action since the last report. First out of the blocks was Rushden A with a good victory over Corby. Then Rushden C lost to Kettering C and finally Rushden B managed a creditable draw against Chess Mates B.

Rushden A produced a convincing performance to beat Corby. Alan may have been a little disappointed with a draw against the lower graded Tony Blott but Hugh made up for this with a convincing victory over Corby's Robert Taylor.

Bob Ellam's game was a tale of two forks and a pin, managing to fork the Bishop and King with his Queen, then going on to fork Martin's Rooks with his Knight. It just wasn't the Corby player's night when Bob's Rook pinned his Queen in front of the King before finishing him off with a satisfying checkmate. Nik made heavy weather of it on board 2 before finally subduing Corby's John Sawiak. This just left Saj struggling against Michael McColgan, who forced his resignation after 72 moves.

Rushden B was up against it with an average 46 point grade deficit against Chess Mates B who will have been disappointed to concede a draw at home. Richard Ellis quickly finished off Chess Mates' Nigel Turner who was forced to resign after 20 moves. Bob Ellam's defeat on board 4 left the teams level pegging, the situation remained the same after Jeff Owen's draw on board 5.

Chess Mates were back in the driving seat with a victory on board 1. This just left Rushden's Keith Bristow battling Peter Tibbert to prevent a Chess Mates victory. The game was nip and tuck all the way through until Peter blundered his Rook in the endgame and was forced to resign. A good result against the Northampton team!

Northants SKL Division I Matches

Thu Oct 22nd,

Corby 1.5 - 3.5 Rushden A

Bd1: Robert Taylor (172) 0-1 Hugh Murphy (197)
Bd2: John Sawiak (119) 0-1 Nik Puryer (144)
Bd3: Tony Blott (112) ½ Alan Lewis (130)
Bd4: Michael McColgan (89) 1-0 Sajan Ganger (128)
Bd5: Martin Zelinski (U) 0-1 Bob Ellam (108)

Tue Oct 27th,

Chess Mates B 2.5 - 2.5 Rushden B

Bd1: Greg Smith (164) 1-0 Nik Puryer (144)
Bd2: Peter Tibbert (157) 0-1 Keith Bristow (118)
Bd3: Nigel Turner (119) 0-1 Richard Ellis (U)
Bd4: Dave Curran (112) 1-0 Bob Ellam (108)
Bd5: Mick Buswell (105) ½ Jeff Owen (101)



By Derrick Sims

Northants SKL Division II Match

Mon Oct 26th,

Rushden C 1 - 4 Kettering C

Bd1: James Wicks (64) 1-0 Ian Andrews (109)
Bd2: Tom Murts (61) 0-1 Ron Cooper (102)
Bd3: Derrick Sims (49) 0-1 John Edmundson (103)
Bd4: Nigel Wren (U) 0-1 Matthew Edwards (83)
Bd5: Dominik Druzkowski (U) 0-1 Daniel Martin (88)

Two weeks ago I was celebrating Rushden C's victory over Chess Mates D. The recent game against Kettering C proved to be a different kettle of fish. Kettering arrived with a 39 point average grade advantage and proceeded to demonstrate why! Tom Murts, Dominik Druzkowski and myself were quickly despatched by Kettering. Dominik is one of our junior players who bravely stepped in as a last minute replacement; he is the first player from our current crop of juniors to play league chess. I didn't help my own game when I blundered a Rook early on. This left James Wicks and Nigel Wren to battle on.

James played a magnificent game, managing to get a fork on Ian's Rooks with his Bishop. James' Rook advantage proved to be decisive in securing a well worked checkmate. Nigel was the last player to finish, despite some solid early play he was eventually outperformed by Matthew.

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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Diamonds diary



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The magic of the FA Cup distracts us from the league campaign.

With our first team having made the draw for the first round proper of the FA Cup I thought I would give over our page to them and have the full match report from the replay with Barwell FC, which saw us in the hat for the draw on the following Monday.

Diamond Days:

17/10/2015

Take 2, could we take advantage of being at home for the replay?

1,162 people watched Diamonds go down 0-1.

Cup progression: Just one step and two goals short of competing in Round 1.

AFC Rushden & Diamonds bowed out of the FA Cup after being narrowly edged out by Barwell in the Fourth Qualifying Round replay on Tuesday evening.

The first half saw the Northern Premier Division visitors dominate possession and the general flow of the game, with striker Jamie Towers firing one chance wide and Diamonds defender Liam Dolman being forced to clear away two dangerous crosses into the box. The hosts struggled to keep the ball for long periods and only threatened sporadically as Tom Lorraine saw a shot from a tight angle saved and Dolman flicked a header over the crossbar from a corner.

Diamonds, just as they did in the original tie on the Saturday, improved in the second half and began to look more of a threat going forward as Courtney Herbert saw a free-kick well held by the Canaries goalkeeper, though the away side should have led when full-back Eddie Nisevic volleyed wide of the far post after the ball had dropped ideally for him in the Rushden penalty area. Barwell eventually took the lead in the 70th minute when an Alex Tomkinson free-kick from the right was powered home at the far post by Brady Hickey, and despite some late Diamonds pressure and six minutes of stoppage time, there was to be no repeat of Saturday's drama as the visitors advanced through to the First Round.

Manager Andy Peaks kept the same starting XI that had begun the original tie at Kirkby Road on Saturday, with the only change being amongst the substitutes where Jake Gillingwater was included to make up the full quota of seven players on the bench. There was a keen sense of anticipation around the well-populated ground as the game got underway, with many fans wondering how both teams would react in the early stages to that late Liam Dolman equaliser on Saturday.

It was the away side who looked the brighter of the two teams from the get-go, and as early as the first minute a deep left-wing cross found the head of winger Alex Tomkinson who placed a header back across goal and out for a goal-kick. Callum Woodward then shanked a volley wide from the edge of the area after home defender Delroy Gordon had powerfully headed away a corner, and Barwell were very much on the front foot.

This was largely down to their quick and persistent harrying of the Diamonds players whenever Rushden found themselves in possession, and this led to many long balls that the visiting defence were easily able to deal with. One effective long ball came in the 13th minute from the right foot of Gordon as he sprayed a diagonal ball out to Tommy Berwick, and he did well to control the ball and bring it under his control. He turned and fed midfielder Dan Quigley in the box, and the ball ran through for Tom Lorraine to thrash a shot at goal from a narrow angle which Barwell keeper Liam Castle saved at his near post.

Aside from this chance, though, the Diamonds weren't able to sustain possession for any long periods of time and Barwell were winning many loose balls in midfield and looking dangerous when they came forward. Twenty minutes had elapsed when further harassing forced Liam Dolman into a mistake in giving the ball away, and after the Diamonds number five brought down Brady Hickey, Jamie Towers seized on possession and drove a shot through Gordon's legs but thankfully for the home side

wide of the left-hand post. Dolman was then subsequently booked for the challenge which led to play being waved on.

Three minutes later the Canaries created another chance when a deep free-kick from their own half found its way through for defender Liam Kay on the right of the box. He lofted a dangerous cross back into the middle which Diamonds keeper Matt Finlay and Barwell striker Towers both missed, but Ollie Wilkinson was on hand to clear the danger close to his own goal.

Diamonds were being required to defend stoutly and to deal with a high amount of pressure just as they had done at the Dog & Duck in the previous round against Ashton United, and two more important clearances were made to keep the score goalless. Firstly a swift move down the left saw the ball fed into overlapping full-back Eddie Nisevic who burst into the penalty area and cut the ball back, but Dolman cleared the ball away. Then a jinking and weaving run by Callum Woodward again saw the ball fired across goal from the left side, though Dolman was on hand to deal with the situation for a second time and put the ball out for a throw-in.

Claudiu Hoban had struggled to have an impact on the game due to the visitors doubling up on him whenever the Romanian found the ball at his feet, but he proved his quality in the 34th minute as he did brilliantly well to keep the ball in down the left flank and see a cross deflected behind for a corner. The subsequent in swinger from Berwick found Saturday's hero Dolman, but he could only flick a header over the bar from around eight yards out.

The rest of the half followed the same pattern of Barwell pressing and monopolising the ball with the Diamonds trying to soak up the pressure and hit the Canaries on the break, though there was no more opportunities of note as referee Simon Barrow called time on a somewhat edgy and nervy opening period.

Half Time: AFC Rushden & Diamonds 0-0 Barwell FC

The record home attendance of 1,162 fans was confirmed shortly before the half-time interval, and feelings of nervousness, tension and eagerness were dominant amongst them as the second half got underway. Barwell again threatened within the opening minute of the half with a throw-in from the right finding the feet of Ant Carney, and after holding the ball up well under pressure from Dolman, he turned to the byline and pulled the ball across for Hickey who was denied by a well-timed block from Gordon.

There appeared to be a greater sense of urgency and tempo from the home side at the start of the second half, and this was evidenced well when Lorraine was able to run onto a through ball and sprint towards goal before being brought down 25 yards out by Declan Towers. The referee had a big call to make and had to weigh up the fellow defender in close proximity against the fact Lorraine was bearing down on the Barwell area, but his decision was to issue the Canaries' number five with a yellow card. The subsequent free-kick from Courtney Herbert beat the four-man wall but was relatively comfortable for Castle to collect to his right.

The Northern Premier Division side then created a great opportunity to forge into the lead moments after this Diamonds chance. Jamie Towers broke away down the right wing and drilled a cross to the back post where Carney was lurking with intent. Although Wilkinson did well to block the initial header, the ball spun perfectly for Nisevic in acres of space with the Diamonds defence prepared to stand back and attempt to block the shot, but his half-volley crept wide of the far post when he should have at least hit the target.

A minute later Hoban dragged a right-footed shot wide after a Sam Brown long throw had only been half cleared and then eventually worked back to the Diamonds winger, and contrastingly Woodward dipped a volley over Finlay's goal for the visitors as a header away by Gordon had fallen into his path. The game was becoming a lot more open and expansive, with both sides sensing the



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chance to go ahead and then protect the lead.

And it was the Leicestershire-based visitors who broke the deadlock and scored the ultimately decisive goal 20 minutes from time. Hoban was penalised for a high foot as he attempted an overhead kick to clear the ball, and with the foul having occurred close to the right touchline, it seemed perfect for a left-footer to curl the ball in. Tomkinson subsequently whipped in an inviting delivery to the back post where Brady Hickey bulleted a header home to the sheer jubilation and elation of the travelling supporters behind the goal.

Scott Joseph had been introduced into the fray shortly before the goal at the expense of Herbert, and it was he who almost levelled the tie three minutes after Barwell's goal. A free-kick from in front of the dugouts was lofted into the visitors' box, and after a flick-on by Gordon and then by Lorraine the ball came to Joseph but his header lacked power and direction as the ball dropped into Castle's arms in the Barwell goal.

The away side continued to look dangerous as the hosts threw more and more men forward in search of an equaliser, and Hickey was at the forefront of two moves which almost nailed the Diamonds FA Cup coffin firmly shut. In the 82nd minute he powered away down the right and spotting Carney in space laid the ball across for his teammate, and it took an excellent sliding challenge from Wilkinson to rid the home side of the danger. Then four minutes later substitute Dominic Brennan was found in space down the right side and he cleverly squared the ball for Hickey to thrash a shot over from ten yards.

The muchly expected throwing of bathroom fixtures at the Barwell back four never really materialised, and though Joseph lashed a shot over the Peter de Banke terrace after being fed by Berwick and a couple of set-pieces were launched into the away side's mixer, they dealt magnificently well with any sort of pressure and were excellently marshalled by captain Richard Lavery. After six minutes of additional time had elapsed, the whistle was blown on Diamonds' proud and memorable FA Cup run of 2015, and the Canaries' celebrations showed how much it meant to them on reaching the 1st Round for the first ever time in their history.

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