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In Brief

Handbag stolen in Rushden

A woman had her handbag stolen in a Rushden car park at about 6pm on Monday 23rd November.

The 62-year-old woman returned to her car in Duck Street after going shopping. A man approached her from behind and pulled her handbag from her shoulder. It contained cash and two mobile phones – an iPhone and a Samsung Ace.

Witnesses, or anyone who knows anything about the incident can call Northamptonshire Police on 101 or they can call the independent charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or use the anonymous online form at www.crimestoppers-uk.org.

Christmas Charity Day

Annually Peter Crisp Kitchen Bedroom and Bathroom Design Studio host a Christmas Charity Day when the showroom is filled with Christmas crafts and gift ideas for one day. This year, on Friday 20th November friends, family and customers enjoyed some early Christmas shopping whilst enjoying a coffee. Boosted by a raffle and cake stall, the grand total of £700 was raised for The Alzheimer's Society during the day.

Pubs and businesses help spread drink-drive message this Christmas

Staff at pubs and businesses across Northamptonshire will be wearing T-shirts promoting Northamptonshire Police's drink-drive campaign during December.

Over the coming weeks, officers will carry out regular roadside operations to catch people driving with alcohol in their system.

A number of intelligence-led operations will also be held to clamp down on people who are known to drink and drive.

PC Chris Gray from the force's Safer Roads Team, said: "We'll be targeting everyone who risks drink-

driving in Northamptonshire over the Christmas period, not just those who think it's safe to drive home from the pub, but those who think they're fine to drive the morning after, when they're actually still over the limit.

"People need to think about either

identifying a designated driver who won't drink to take them home at the end of the night or getting public transport."

In December last year, there were 82 drink-driving arrests made across Northamptonshire over the

Christmas period.

Those who are found guilty of drink-driving face up to six months in prison, a large fine or a driving ban for at least a year.

Drivers who are found guilty of causing death by careless driving while drunk can get up to 14 years in prison, an unlimited fine or a driving ban for at least two years.

To help raise awareness of the dangers of drink-driving, dozens of pubs across the county will display warning posters over the festive season and bar staff will wear anti-drink-driving T-shirts.

Staff at a number of businesses will also wear the special T-shirts – including Corby go-kart centre The Race Club, where this year's campaign was launched.

A new text line has also been set up for people to send information about drink-drivers to.

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Dear Editor,
Oundle was a hive of activity on Saturday 14th November with the Farmers Market, a Fairtrade/Eco Market and the Sausage Festival! Squeezed in among all this was

Georgia Rose's book signing at the Oundle Bookshop and she would like to thank all at the Nene Valley News for supporting her by publicising her event, and for the steady flow of visitors through the door. The author had brought along homemade shortbread biscuits to encourage the book buying and these went down well. The books that make up the Grayson Trilogy are still available at the shop and more information on the author can be found at www.georgiarosebooks.com.

Barnwell Youth Club needs a Youth Leader from January 2016 onwards

It is very rewarding, not hard work and the kids really enjoy meeting up in a relaxed environment. It is only 2-3 hours on a Wednesday night during term time to include setting up from 6.30pm, Club from 7-9pm and cleaning up until 9.30pm, at Barnwell Village Hall (behind the pub).

It would be a shame for the Youth Club to close, as there are approximately 15 youngsters aged 8-12 years attending each week. Please contact me for an informal chat on 07754 464821 if you are interested. Many thanks.

Julie Dunn

Genealogy jottings

Many of our ancestors were law-abiding people, going about their days and working hard to make ends meet to feed their families. However, once in a while, up pops a criminal ancestor! I do love these as, if they have been in trouble with the authorities, then there is likely to be more documentary evidence about them that sheds some light on the people that they were.

My great grandfather, John Smith, was a ringleader in the North Essex Agricultural Labourers' Strike of 1914. Farm Labourers were paid just 13 shillings a week and were amongst the lowest paid in the country. They went on strike, asking for 16 shillings a week and that their hours of work be changed to 6am to 5pm with a half-day on Saturdays. To cut a long story short, I now

By Jan Pearson
Genealogy Specialists, Tracing Our Past, Discovering Our Genes (TOP DOG)
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have a copy of his prison record – he spent two weeks in Saffron Walden gaol – which tells me that he was 5'8" tall with fair hair and blue eyes, details that I would not have known without it. The prison record was found at the Essex Record Office, so if you have criminal ancestors, a trip to the local Record Office could reap many rewards!

Some records are online as well. The Proceedings of the Old Bailey (<http://www.oldbaileyonline.org/>) may also show details of the court cases in which your ancestors were involved. This is where I found that a certain Francis Pepper

was accused of stealing a colt that had been bought at the Higham Ferrers fair. Another fantastic website is that of Victorian Crime and Punishment (<http://vcp.e2bn.org/justice/>). Not only are there crimes and criminals recorded, but in many cases, their mugshots appear as well. One Fanny Bussell of Huntingdonshire was sentenced to two years for stealing linen, and her intended place of residence upon release was Thrapston. She was just 4'3" tall but her picture shows quite a formidable looking woman!

Maybe you have some black sheep in your family. It is always worth checking!

Editor's notes

It's the first week of winter which can only mean we are on the countdown to Christmas. Our events section is full of Christmas carol concerts, fayres and festivals for the all the family. Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service have provided details on how to keep safe during the festive period and we visit Thrapston as our spotlight this issue.

Our next issue will be our special Christmas edition. There are opportunities for businesses to thank their customers for their support over the past year with our festive greeting slots and we'll be looking at the best places to visit over the Christmas and New Year period.

With the New Year fast approaching we

will be introducing some new features. In the next couple of weeks we'll be sending out our A day in the Life of... forms to businesses throughout the district. If you would like to be our featured person get in touch with our editorial department, news@nenevalleynews.co.uk. We are always looking for new contributors for the paper. We've been very lucky this year to have recipes from Catherine Burbage, our regular Chess Corner from Derrick Sims and driving tips for Corby Advanced Motorists. If you would like to contribute a feature please get in touch with us. Nene Valley News is a community paper for the district and we are always looking for news stories and features so don't forget to send us your details.

Huxlow's Annual Quiz Night: fundraising in support of 'Help for Heroes'

Huxlow Science College, Irthlingborough, held their fifth annual Quiz Night on Thursday 19th November, this time organised by Year 10 students, in aid of their chosen charity 'Help for Heroes', supported by their Pastoral Leader, Mrs K Letts. Help for Heroes is a non-political charity set up in 2007 to provide practical, direct support for wounded, injured and sick Service personnel, Veterans and their families.

The evening not only saw an

entertaining quiz, but also a raffle, a musical interlude from the choir and lots of lovely refreshments, made and served by the Year 10 students.

The college thanks all who supported the event, raising a total of £406.27. Help for Heroes were very grateful for the contribution, saying: "Well done Year 10 – excellent work!"

Mrs K Letts, Head of Drama and Pastoral Leader for Year 10, said: "Thank you to all who came or supported in some way towards the Quiz Night."

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“LitKits” launched: Huxlow students raising literacy standards in our community

Huxlow Science College, Irthlingborough, recently launched its new community initiative, “LitKits”, funded through a grant from the Northamptonshire County Council “Race to the Top” strategy.

The college successfully bid for funds aimed at “boosting performance in schools and improving outcomes for young people, making Northamptonshire one of the highest performing counties for education by 2020”.

Mrs K Isaksen, Deputy Headteacher and Miss V Sampson, Teacher of English and Literacy Co-ordinator, came up with the original

“LitKits” concept and put forward the proposal. Sixth form students from Huxlow will read, play and learn one-to-one with children from Irthlingborough Nursery & Infant School, Irthlingborough Junior School and Finendon Mulso CEVA Junior School over the next six months, using the brand new “LitKits” resources. For the younger ones, it’s all about raising

literacy standards, reading for pleasure and enjoying it. For the older ones, the key purpose is to develop their LORIC skills (Leadership, Organisation, Resilience, Independence and Communication) and gain some valuable experience volunteering in our community.

“This is great for developing my communication skills and good to add to my personal statement for UCAS, plus I’m really enjoying it,” said India, a Year 12 student at Huxlow.

“I want to go into primary teaching so this is a great opportunity for me to get some valuable experience,” said Ashleigh, another Year 12 student.

“This is a fantastic opportunity to develop links with our feeder primary schools and foster a love of literacy throughout our local

community,” said Miss Sampson.

The new “LitKits” resources are numerous kit-bags each containing: a fiction book, a non-fiction book, a toy or game, and some puzzles or quizzes on a particular theme.

“It was really exciting opening the bag to find out what was inside and I liked the new books because they were very interesting,” said

one of the Year 2 students who took part.

The sixth form students will help the younger ones to complete a questionnaire during their first and last sessions together, in order to measure the impact of the project. Mrs L Wright, Year 2 Team Leader and Literacy Co-ordinator at Irthlingborough Nursery & Infant School, said: “This is a great opportunity for our

children to do extra reading for pleasure with these exciting resources. They look up to the older students and for the boys in particular, it’s great to have good male role models who enjoy and excel at literacy.”

One of the Year 2 students affirmed: “I loved it because we got to do extra reading and next week I’m looking forward to reading with Billy again. It’s brilliant!”



Fabulous support at school fundraising event

Prince William School Parents and Friends Association held its annual Grand Raffle and Quiz Night on Saturday 14th November. Achieving its best ever turnout of parents, staff and members of the community, the fundraising event totalled £2016. BP is kindly providing matchfunding for the event. Music was provided by Disarray, who happily gave their time free of charge as parents of students in the school.

Prince William School, Oundle, is currently undergoing building developments to provide outstanding education facilities for students from our local community. The PFA

is aiming to raise money to fund one large project to enhance student life at the school. The project will be decided upon early in the new year by the PFA, in consultation with the students themselves.

The PFA would like to thank the local community for the excellent support the school event received.

Anyone who wants to keep up to date with the fundraising can join their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ParentsAndFriendsPWSOundle/>

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Due to the nature of the repair to the bridge, it had been necessary for the bridge to be closed for nine weeks rather than the two or three days which was the plan.

This negatively impacted local businesses in both Thrapston and Islip.

A meeting was arranged by County Councillor Brackenbury between the Town Council, local traders and Michael Clarke, the portfolio holder for Highways, officers from the County Council Highways department together with the contractor Kier, which proved to be very beneficial.

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Coming up to Christmas The Kings Arms has some events going on, the most exciting is probably Dr Busker, who will be playing on Friday 18th December with his Dickensian Christmas theme. Dr Busker always provides much entertainment and laughter, performing from 8pm till late, it is not to be missed!

The Pub Quiz is an integral part of pub life held every other Sunday at 7pm, it is always a good way to end the weekend! Just £1 to enter, allowing you a chance to win the rolling jackpot and a round of drinks for your team! The next quiz will be on 6th December and then on 20th December – this one will be a special Christmas quiz including a free '12 days of Christmas raffle' with 12 great prizes to be won. It should be a great way to start the Christmas week!



Pisces Fish & Chips

Now in their second year, Pisces has already claimed the Best in Northamptonshire for the second year running, officially voted by the National Federation of Fish Friers (NFFF) and Governing Body, Seafish. They are also one of only 250 shops to obtain the National Quality Award in the UK.

They put their success down to the high passion for the industry. Owner, Adam Smith who is a third generation fryer says: "We only use the highest quality foods, and offer many homemade items so you know our food is as fresh as it gets. We are very health conscious too and our regular fish, chips and peas is 94.35% fat free."

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Hundreds of local business start-ups supported by Northamptonshire libraries

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The programme has resulted in 19 new businesses and 25 additional jobs since it began at Northampton's Central Library in October 2013.

These figures are expected to rise to 46 new businesses and 99 jobs by 2017 as entrepreneurs currently working with the service launch and continue to grow their ventures.

Enterprising Libraries provides support to entrepreneurs and small business owners who can benefit from workshops, intellectual property advice, online resources and one-to-one business support.

Northamptonshire was chosen as one of 16 areas nationally to deliver the Enterprising Libraries programme with support from the British Library, the Department for Communities

and Local Government and Arts Council England.

Of the 46 businesses currently supported by the project in Northamptonshire, 56% are being set up by women, 13% are from black and Asian minority ethnic groups and 21% have a disability, all well above the national average figures for business start-ups.

Cllr Robin Brown, County Council cabinet member for public health and wellbeing, said: "It's great to hear that we are successfully connecting library users to business information. The number of businesses launched as a result of this project is proof that libraries can help our communities to prosper by supporting new and innovative ideas."

"We're very excited to be continuing this work with the British Library and we

invite budding entrepreneurs in Northamptonshire to contact their local library for more information about how the Enterprising Libraries programme could help them."

County Council Chief Executive, Dr Paul Blantern, who is also Chair of the national Leadership for Libraries Taskforce, said: "Congratulations to each of the 373 entrepreneurs who, with support from the Enterprising Libraries programme, have taken the steps to build and strengthen a business of their own."

"I'm extremely proud that Northamptonshire Libraries have been able to offer support, proving that libraries are a vital shared space for communities to come together to help each other with business, leisure and wellbeing."

Roly Keating, Chief Executive of the British Library, said: "The findings of the Enterprising Libraries report offer hard evidence that libraries have enormous potential as engines of innovation and economic growth, thanks to their

ability to link people with vast amounts of information, inspiration and knowledge for free.

"The special role of libraries

as accessible, welcoming and trusted spaces in the community also means they are well placed to attract everyone with a business

need through their doors. The results of the Enterprising Libraries project are testament to the power of collaboration across the library network."

Could you open your home to a foster child in Northamptonshire?

Families in Northamptonshire are being asked to consider whether they could offer a loving home to a foster child.

There are currently almost 1,000 children in care in the county and Northamptonshire County Council is asking people to make this Christmas the time they decide to find out more about fostering.

There are children of all ages waiting for a family to give them a home where they can learn, grow and progress. In Northamptonshire, there is a particular need to find more families for older children and sibling groups.

People who apply to become a foster carer will receive full training and support from a designated social worker, as well as financial support through a weekly allowance.

Cllr Matthew Golby, County Council cabinet member for learning and families, said: "For children in care, it's the little things that make a difference – having dinner together as a family, going to the park or simply having someone to talk to."

"This Christmas we are asking people

across Northamptonshire if they would consider fostering a child and helping to make a difference to their life.

"There are many different types of fostering and we will work with you to find the type that suits you, whether it be short-term, permanent, emergency foster care or short respite breaks."

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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:

Aldwincle

15/02037/LBC (26/12/2015) (LBRegs)
Internal alterations to layout of kitchen and dining room, new internal doors and internal alterations to garage and adjoining outbuilding to create new access to rear garden at 93-95 Main Street Aldwincle
15/02077/FUL (19/12/2015) (Info)
Proposed two bay open fronted garage with storage space above at 4 Lowick Lane Aldwincle NN14 3EE

Ashton

15/02061/FUL (26/12/2015) (LB/CA)
Erection of oak framed extension to gable end of cottage at Hazelnut Cottage 2 The Bungalows The Green Ashton PE8 5LD

Benefield

15/01863/FUL and 15/01864/LBC (26/12/2015) (LB/CA) Demolition of existing single storey rear extension and erection of two storey extension. Demolition of existing garage and erection of proposed garage at Spinney Cottage 9 Main Street Lower Benefield PE8 5AF
15/02117/FUL (26/12/2015) (LB/CA)
Proposed two storey extension to existing house and new double garage at 20-21 Main Street Upper Benefield

Brigstock

15/02036/FUL (19/12/2015) (Info) Two storey side and rear extension at 1 Park Cottages Grafton Road Brigstock NN14 3NA
15/02048/FUL (19/12/2015) (Info)
Proposed detached dwelling with off road parking at 10 Sandlands Avenue Brigstock NN14 3HJ

Collyweston

15/02068/FUL (26/12/2015) (LB/CA)
Replacement windows and french doors to dwelling and garage (Retrospective) and repair and repainting of existing doors to garage and repainting retained original windows and french doors at 2 New Road Collyweston PE9 3PP

Deene

15/02020/OUT (26/12/2015) (Art8) Outline planning application for the development of an employment park comprising up to 121,703sqm (gross) floorspace for light industrial, general industrial (automotive production) and storage/distribution uses (all matters reserved) (revised scheme 15/00976/OUT) at car park and land Rockingham Motor Speedway Mitchell Road Corby

Glaphorn

15/02023/FUL (19/12/2015) (Info) New porch to front elevation, single storey extension to rear at 10 Brookside Glaphorn PE8 5BG

Higham Ferrers

15/02078/FUL (19/12/2015) (Info)
Construction of new detached bungalow together with off road parking and associated works at 14 Tenter Close Higham Ferrers NN10 8AF

King's Cliffe

15/02112/FUL (19/12/2015) (Info) Proposed kitchen extension to ground floor and loft conversion to provide 4th bedroom at 92 Wood Road King's Cliffe PE8 6XR

Laxton

15/02043/FUL (19/12/2015) (Info) Single storey rear extension and infill single storey extension. Remove existing cedar shingles on south and west elevations and reclad in

hard wood feather edge cladding at The Cottage Upper Laxton Corby NN17 3AZ

Luddington

15/02008/FUL (19/12/2015) (Info) Removal of external staircase and modification of window and door openings to existing detached garage (Retrospective) at Field House 15 Luddington In The Brook PE8 5QU
15/02010/FUL (19/12/2015) (Info) Replace existing garage with new garage/workshop to incorporate carers flat at Thornlee 16 Luddington In The Brook PE8 5QU

Lutton

15/02092/FUL (19/12/2015) (Info) Erection of replacement shed for ancillary domestic use at Brook Farm Main Street Lutton PE8 5ND
15/02093/LBC (26/12/2015) (LBRegs)
Erection of replacement shed for ancillary domestic use at Brook Farm Main Street Lutton PE8 5ND

Nassington

15/02041/FUL (26/12/2015) (LB/CA) Change the chancel roof covering from lead to terre coated stainless steel at St Marys Church Church Street Nassington PE8 6QG
15/02051/LBC (26/12/2015) (LBRegs) (LB/CA) Replacement of existing garage door and front door at 22 Church Street Nassington PE8 6QG

Raunds

15/02038/VAR (19/12/2015) (Info) Variation of condition: increase in ridge height to accommodate raised footings to protect the main drain pursuant to planning permission 14/00358/FUL - 'Construction of 2 no. semi-detached dwellings on land adjacent to existing dwelling' dated 24.04.2014 at 47 Holmes Avenue Raunds NN9 6SZ
15/02085/REM (19/12/2015) (Info)
Reserved matters: details of access,

appearance, landscaping, layout and scale pursuant to 14/01935/OUT: 'Demolition of existing pair of semi-detached dwellings and erection of two detached replacement dwellings (all matters reserved) (Resubmission of application 14/00878/OUT)' dated 08/01/2015 at Ivy Cottages Station Road Raunds

Ringstead

15/02081/ADV (19/12/2015) (Info) Erection of non illuminated entrance sign at Kiln Park London Road Raunds
15/02087/FUL (19/12/2015) (Info) To replace irreparable pole barn cattle shed with steel framed cattle shed at West Farm Carlow Road Ringstead NN14 4DW

Rushden

15/02034/FUL (19/12/2015) (Info) Erection of single storey rear extension, demolition of chimney to rear, like for like replacement of boundary fence adjacent to highway and insertion of new circular window to front elevation at 115 Wellingborough Road Rushden NN10 9TE
15/02070/FUL (26/12/2015) (LB/CA) Change of use from vacant A1 retail to D2 gymnasium at Units 3 And 4 7 High Street Rushden
15/02083/FUL (19/12/2015) (Info) Change of use from commercial to dwelling with extensions to first floor, side and rear and associated modifications. Demolition of workshop and creation of garage at 7 Birchall Road Rushden NN10 9RQ
15/02105/FUL (19/12/2015) (Info)
Refurbishment of unused barn to rear of garden to additional living space (revised scheme to 15/01913/FUL) at 19 Moor Road Rushden NN10 9SP

Stanwick

15/02022/ADV (19/12/2015) (Info)
Replacement signs to front of building and

new lighting at Working Mens Club 10 High Street Stanwick NN9 6QA

Thorpe Achurch

15/02045/FUL (26/12/2015) (LB/CA) Single storey side extension with spiral cellar, incorporating existing wall at Thorpe Castle House Aldwincle Road Thorpe Waterville NN14 3ED
15/02046/LBC (26/12/2015) (LBRegs)
Single storey side extension with spiral cellar, incorporating existing wall at Thorpe Castle House Aldwincle Road Thorpe Waterville NN14 3ED

Thrapston

15/02067/FUL (19/12/2015) (Info)
Installation of 6m pole for CCTV mounting at Castle Playing Fields Chancery Lane Thrapston

Woodnewton

15/01925/FUL (19/12/2015) (Info)
Retrospective application to convert double garage into gym/playroom at 8 Pridmore Close Woodnewton PE8 5EY

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 5 December 2015

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

School council organises non-uniform day for Children in Need and local charity

The student council at Manor School Sports College, Raunds, organised a non-uniform day to raise money for two charities on Friday 13th November.

The council arranged the mufti day as part of BBC Children in Need's Champions of Change fundraising initiative. Students had the option of wearing their normal clothes to school for a donation of £1 or they could bring in £2 in order to wear a onesie. Luke Blunden in Year 12 is the

student council's head of charity events and created a PowerPoint presentation to explain to students where the money raised will go. He also wrote a letter to parents/carers outlining the details of the event and put up posters across the school. His hard work resulted in £780 being raised.

The money will be split between Children in Need and #TeamEllie, a local charity set up to support a young girl with a rare form of cancer. The money will help Ellie receive as many private MRI scans in the future as possible and will also go towards a family holiday of a lifetime.

The student council is keen to increase the number of fundraising events that the school organises and to become more actively involved with the work of local charity groups.



Success for local band

On Sunday 22nd November, Rushden Town Band came first in the Leicestershire Brass Band Associations open contest in Loughborough.

The band, based at the Working Men's Club in Griffith Street, Rushden has had quite a bit of success recently under the baton of Adele Hudson. This year, they

were promoted to the Second Section of the banding world for the first time in their history. At the Area competition in March, they came second in their section, going forward to represent Northamptonshire at the National Brass Band Championships in Cheltenham, where they came seventh out of 16 bands from across the country.

Their latest success, playing Purcell variations by Kenneth Downie, followed an amazing concert for the local branch of the Royal British Legion. The band is now preparing for Christmas.

Trading Standards warning over one of this year's top Christmas gifts

Trading Standards officers in Northamptonshire are warning Christmas shoppers to be cautious before buying a hoverboard, tipped to be one of this year's most popular festive gifts.

The must-have toy, also known as a balance board, is selling fast in the run-up to Christmas, but there have been reports that poor quality versions are a fire hazard.

Fire brigades in London, Buckinghamshire and Kent have all attended fires caused by the battery pack or charger overheating and having no safety cut-off function.

Consumers are also being reminded that it is against the law in the UK to ride a hoverboard on a road or footpath.

Northamptonshire County Council's Trading Standards is encouraging people who do want to fulfil their child's wish list to only buy these products from reputable retailers.

Cllr André Gonzalez de Savage, Northamptonshire County Council cabinet member for public protection, strategic infrastructure and economic growth, said: "Hoverboards are expected to be

on many children's lists to Father Christmas this year, but parents shouldn't be fooled by a cheap deal.

"We've received reports of poor quality products being imported from overseas, so our advice is to only buy from trustworthy shops and outlets.

"A fire caused by a knock-off product that doesn't adhere to safety standards would ruin anyone's Christmas, so please follow our advice."

Trading Standards is offering the following advice for anyone considering buying a hoverboard:

- Only buy from reputable retailers
 - Read the instructions carefully before using the product
 - Make sure the instructions that come with the product are in English, and are clear and concise
 - Don't leave the hoverboard to charge overnight
 - If the battery pack or charger begins to feel hot or you see a spark or smoke, turn the power off and unplug the product
- Consumers can report faulty goods or concerns about retailers to Trading Standards by calling Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 03454 04 05 06.

Thousands more people watch the 2015 women's tour in Northamptonshire

A massive 67,500 people turned out to watch the Aviva Women's Tour this summer – 12,500 more than last year – according to an independent report.

The world class cycling event was brought to the county by Northamptonshire County Council this summer for the second year running and saw some of the world's best riders racing from Oundle to Kettering.

An independent economic impact report has now revealed the event saw a £1 million boost to the local economy, with spectators, cyclists and media personnel spending on things like accommodation, food and drink, and merchandise.

Of the 67,500 people who watched the race, more than

half (53%) came from outside of the county, resulting in a boost for local tourism, while 65% of people said the Aviva Women's Tour has inspired them to cycle more often.

Northamptonshire County Council also saw a massive 20,000 hits on the Women's Tour section of its website during June, when the event took place.

County Council deputy leader Heather Smith said: "It's wonderful to learn that this year's Aviva Women's Tour attracted so many more people to Northamptonshire to watch the event.

"We brought this event to

the county for the second year running not only for local people to watch and enjoy but also to put Northamptonshire on the map and showcase what our beautiful county has to offer – and this year's race did just that.

"We've already announced that the Women's Tour will be returning to Northamptonshire for the next two years, so I look forward to seeing the event grow and grow in the coming years."

Cllr Robin Brown, County Council cabinet member for public health and wellbeing, said: "It's fantastic that so many people who saw the Women's Tour have been inspired by the riders to get cycling. It was particularly great to see so many local schools, communities and villages lining the route and supporting the event.

"One of the main aims

for the County Council in bringing the event to Northamptonshire was to promote physical activity and encourage more people to take up cycling. It's part of

our ongoing work to help make the county healthier and happier by 2020.

"Alongside the race itself, we've also introduced a whole range of cycling

events for people of all ages and abilities, so I would encourage anyone who would like to find out more to visit www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/cycling."

The drivers' numbers game

Driving tips supplied by your local Advanced Motorists Group.

Although this area is not in the top ten recipients of points, drivers have received 7,586 points on their licences.

The message is simple: points on your licence puts pounds on your premium, so stick to the speed limits and drive with care and courtesy and attention to avoid unnecessary costs.

2+ Research by the IAM and the Transport Research Laboratory has shown that the brain never actually focuses on two things at the same time but switches between the two. Split attention can be detrimental, so reducing distractions to a minimum is important for vehicle and personal safety.

132 People attracting points on their licence are costing motorists £132 million a year in increased insurance premiums.

Research by the IAM and MoneySuperMarket, based on DVLA driver licence data, reveal typically: 1-3 points on a licence = 5.1% increase on insurance premiums, 4-6 points on a licence = 25.8% and 7-9 points on a licence = 45%.

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

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We wish all our customers a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year !

From the East Northants Chairman

A huge thanks to everyone who came to my charity district talent contest to support their town's act. It was a great night out.

Rev Coles from the Communards compered and also did a brilliant duo act with well-known West End show singer Jonathan Reynolds.

Many well-known stars contributed to the celebrity raffle, including Sir Michael Caine, Colin Firth, Sir Tom Jones and Barbara Windsor.

Tristan Knott from Rushden danced his way to the winner's trophy.

Irthlingborough's Tracey Barker sang a moving version of Ciao Bambino Mio and was placed second in the competition.

Katie Davies from Raunds sang Etta James's 'At Last' and came third place – what an amazing voice.

Runners-up were Sophie Waring, aged 12, who bravely delivered 'Rolling in the Deep' and Oundle's amazing Sync and Tap and

Bathwater band who performed their Southern Appalachian dancing. Not seen before in Irthlingborough, but well appreciated.

I want to thank all the Mayors and their wonderful acts, Rev Coles and Jonathan Reynolds, the Michelle Randles Dancers who opened the show and my team Cllr Caroline Cross, Sue Walker, Paul Hudson and Cllr John Gray for their support.

My final thanks goes to the sponsors Spire Homes, SMDL New Homes and Irthlingborough Town Council. This event raised over £1,000 for my chosen charities, which are The Royal British Legion and the Children's Skylark Ward at Kettering General Hospital. Wishing you all the very best.

*Cllr Marika Hillson
Chairman of East
Northamptonshire Council*

Talent contest – Marika Hillson with contestants and guests at the charity district talent contest



Council supports community clean-ups

Communities across the district are sprucing up where they live, work and play with a little help from East Northamptonshire Council (ENC).

This year 22 groups of friends, neighbours, litter clean-up groups, local businesses and schools got together to help tidy up East Northants' high streets, residential and business areas, villages and parks.

ENC provides groups with everything they need for a clean up, including litter pickers, gloves, and hi-vis vests and also pick up and dispose of the rubbish collected and advise on what to do if any dangerous or harmful

materials are found.

Most recently, Councillor Richard Lewis organised a community litter pick in Rushden. This was a shared effort between ENC, Rushden Town Council, Spire Homes and Rockingham Forest Housing Association (RFHA).

Councillor Richard Lewis, Treasurer of Hayden Flag, said: "On behalf of Hayden Flag I would like to thank ENC for their support and generous supply of pickers and other equipment on

24th October.

"We managed to fully clear up the main problem areas and litter-picked the whole of the Birch Road area. Thanks to Spire Homes and RFHA who supplied the skips, which were filled in just two hours! I was pleased to see such a good turnout of residents who gave up their Saturday morning to tidy up their neighbourhood. One kind resident even made a mountain of bacon sandwiches and coffee for the volunteers! Community spirit at its best!"

Leader of the Council, Steven North, added: "We value the likes of Hayden Flag who give up their own free time to help make sure our public spaces are kept litter-free. It's great that so many communities signed up to borrow our litter-picking equipment this year and I hope many more make use of this opportunity in 2016."

To book equipment for a clean up, please call 01832 742026.



Switching energy suppliers could put a smile on your face

Homeowners and tenants are being given a great opportunity to save money on their energy bills with a new collective switching scheme.

East Northamptonshire Council (ENC) is teaming up with leading collective switching expert, iChoosr, to take part in the Big Community Switch in a bid to help you get a better deal on your gas and electricity.

ENC's free scheme, known as 'Switch Save Smile,' invites you to join forces and pay less for your energy. The more people who register, the greater the chance of getting a competitive energy deal.

Energy suppliers are then invited to take part in the auction to bid against each other to offer the best deal. This takes place in February 2016.

The cheapest tariff offered will win, and everyone registered for the scheme will then be sent details of how much money they could save, together with a no-obligation offer to switch. There was an average of £300 saving per household in iChoosr's last auction.

The process is very simple:

- 1 Register – Anyone who pays a household energy bill can register for the scheme, even if you don't live in East Northamptonshire. The quickest and easiest way to register is online. You just need your annual energy statement (or any other gas/electricity

bill) for information about your existing tariff and consumption. Registration must be completed by 1st February 2016.

- 2 Consider the offer – The supplier who puts forward the cheapest tariffs gets to offer you a new contract. You will receive a personal offer, tailored to your household and will show you how much money you might save.

- 3 Make a decision – You have plenty of time to decide whether you want to switch or not. There is no obligation to accept the offer. If you do accept, iChoosr will take care of the entire switching process.

A sign up session will be held at the Rushden Customer Service Centre (Newton Road) on 9th December, 10am–3pm. Anyone can drop in to register there and then. Don't forget your annual energy statement or latest gas/electricity bill.

Leader of East Northamptonshire Council, Steven North, said: "Lots of people haven't got time to compare energy suppliers, or find the whole process quite daunting. This is why I'm pleased we're taking part in the Big Community Switch. It's a hassle-free way of making sure you're getting a good deal. All you need to do is register, which takes less than 10 minutes, and then let iChoosr do all the hard work for you. The more people that register, the greater the savings could be."

For more information and/or to register, please visit www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/smile or call 01832 742121.

Get involved in your local community

Do you have an insight into what is going on in your community?

Are you interested in becoming involved in more innovative and creative ways of supporting your local community?

Do you provide a service or are you interested in helping to support vulnerable adults to live independently in their own home?

Are you a Voluntary/ community group in East or South Northants?

Local communities can be a source of real enrichment, particularly to those individuals who are less mobile and more dependent on what is going on in their immediate neighbourhood.

Individuals and groups who, often quietly, serve their neighbours are one of the richest resources we have in our society.

This is recognised by the Care Act (2014) within which Northamptonshire County Council has a responsibility to improve the independence

and wellbeing of its residents:

"In taking on this role, local authorities will work with their communities and provide or arrange services that help to keep people well and independent. This should include identifying the local support and resources already available and helping people to access them." (Care Act 2014).

We will shortly be testing a different approach to providing care and support at home in East and South Northants. This will involve working more creatively with individuals, their informal network and local community to make sure that what is important to them is

central to the way support is configured and delivered.

We are seeking the views of representatives from these areas to help inform our approach in rural areas, where there are often particular challenges with transport and access to mainstream services.

The events will involve discussions about what is different about your local community compared with others in the county, will help identify any gaps in current service provision and explore how vulnerable adults could be supported by their local communities to help them live independently in their home.

If you would like more information or to book on to one of the engagement events please email us at EPIT@northamptonshire.gov.uk with your name and preferred venue. Please tell us if you have any special requirements.

- Thursday 10th December 2015 10am-12noon, Brackley Town Hall, Market Place, Brackley, Northants NN13 7AB
 - Friday 11th December 2015 1pm-3pm, Queen Victoria Hall, 7 West Street, Oundle, Northants PE8 4EJ
- We look forward to meeting you.

Saturday 5th December

Oundle Christmas Market & Lights Switch-on

Market Place, Oundle
12noon-8pm
Various stalls selling gifts. Seasonal refreshments and Santa's secret grotto. Lights switch-on at 6pm.

Willow Lantern Workshop

Stanwick Lakes
1.30pm-3.30pm
Booking essential £8 per lantern - normal car park charges apply
www.stanwicklakes.org.uk, 01933 625522, info@stanwicklakes.org.uk
Make a woven willow lantern.

Christmas Tree Festival

St Andrew's Church, Kimbolton
10.30am-4.30pm
Entrance £2.50 Children U12 free
Refreshments on sale throughout festival
30 beautifully decorated trees in lovely surroundings. Various stalls, everyone welcome.

Sunday 6th December Christmas Tree Festival

St Andrew's Church, Kimbolton
12noon-4.30pm
Entrance £2.50 Children U12 free
Refreshments on sale throughout festival
30 beautifully decorated trees in lovely surroundings. Various stalls, everyone welcome.

Carols in the Park

Peace Park, Thrapston
5pm
Free
theburchbunch@btinternet.com
We will be singing Carols outside - please bring a torch or wear a lighted hat.

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First Sunday Event

Rushden Salvation Army, Church Street, Rushden

6pm
Free admission
Gill Valentine 01933 353528
Concert by Sharnbrook Gospel Choir

Higham Ferrers Footpath Group

Saffron Road car park, Higham Ferrers for car sharing
9.10am
Free admission
01933 356049
5.5 mile walk from Harpole.

Tuesday 8th December Oundle Probus Club joint annual service of carols and readings

St Peter's Church, Oundle
10.30am
01832 272752
All welcome.

Christmas Coffee Stop

Rushden Mission Church, Wellingborough Road
10am-12.30pm
Alan 01933 355302
Everyone welcome for light refreshments and chat.

Thursday 10th December Higham Ferrers Footpath Group

Saffron Road car park Higham Ferrers for car sharing
8.55am
Free admission
01933 418983
6.75 mile walk from Billing Mill.

Band Concert

Rushden Mission Church
7.30pm
£5 adults £4 concessions
07764 949372
Rushden Mission Band
Christmas concert.

Friday 11th December Film: The Hundred Foot Journey (PG)

Ringstead Social Club, High Street
Doors open 7.15pm film starts 7.45pm.
Tickets £4
C01933 460373

Saturday 12th December NN10 Community Voices Christmas Concert

St Mary's Church, Higham Ferrers
7pm
Admission: Adults £6, Children 11-16 £3, Children 10 and under FREE - includes refreshments.

nn10cv@outlook.com or 01933 327042
Family Christmas Concert put on by NN10 Community Voices. Raffle Prize Money will go to Rowan Gate Primary School. Come and join this warm friendly choir.

Raunds Temperance Brass Band Christmas Concert with Carols and Seasonal Music

St Mary's Church, High Street, Little Addington NN14 4BD
Doors Open 6.45pm for 7.30pm start
Adults £7.50 Children £3
01933 650245 or 650788 or 653242 (Booking Recommended)
Come and enjoy a lovely musical evening for everyone. Includes Free Mulled Wine & Mince Pies (Disabled Toilet Facilities available and Heated Church!).

Stanwick Lakes Christmas Celebration

Stanwick Lakes
10am-4pm
Modest Charges for some activities - Special discounts for members of Stanwick Lakes - normal car park charges apply
www.stanwicklakes.org.uk, 01933 625522, info@stanwicklakes.org.uk
Drop in for seasonal jollity - festive food, arts and crafts, music and merriment.

Sunday 13th December Whitefriars breakfast

Whitefriars Junior School, Boughton Drive, Rushden NN10 9HX
10.15am
Free admission
Simon King (01933 356871)
A very informal church - come and share a second breakfast with us, and relax whilst the kids play.

Whitefriars Church, Rushden, Countryside Walk - A Kinewell Kanter

Car park at Kinewell Lake just outside Ringstead on the road to Little Addington
10.30am
Contact information: Andrew Presland (01933 316927)
A two to three mile walk on footpaths near the River Nene.

Morning Walk

Woodford, meet by Village Green



10am
Free
Contact Robert 07775 485618.

Stanwick Festival of Christmas

Stanwick Village Hall
2pm-5pm
Games, Stalls, Crafts, Cakes, Books, Music, refreshments, Santa's Grotto. All welcome.

Monday 15th December Next meeting of Higham Ferrers WI

The Adult School, Westfield Terrace, Higham Ferrers
2pm
Pat 01933 306647
It will be our Christmas Party! Why not think about joining us next year for fun and friendship.

Wednesday 16th December R.A.T.S. New Experience present a 'Christmas Snowcase'

The Heritage Chapel and Halls, Park Rd, Rushden NN100RW
7pm
Free admission - donation
Christmas themed sketches and songs, many written by the members of New X themselves, refreshments.

Thursday 17th December Carols on the Car Park

Rushden Mission Church, Wellingborough Road
7pm
Alan 01933 355302
Come and join us for hot food and singing with Rushden Mission Band.

Friday 18th December Special Christmas Meeting

The Plaza, Cosy Nook, Thrapston
10am-12noon
This is a FREE event!
Displays and live entertainment from our U3A groups. Christmassy refreshments available. Visitors are most welcome.

Rushden & District History Society

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7.30pm
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Helen Crabtree "Northamptonshire Curiosities".

Cllr Mayor Kaye Rawlins Civic Town Carol Service with the Six Week Community Singers and the Heritage Church young peoples choir & music group

The Heritage Chapel and Halls, Park Rd, Rushden NN10 0RW
7.30pm
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Saturday 19th December Swivel Club are having a Christmas Party with Nataya and Mark Marcus (the voice of Benidorm)

Rushden Bowls Club, Northampton Road, Rushden NN10 6AN
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PUBLIC NOTICES

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14

THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (DEENETHORPE LANE, DEENETHORPE)
(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 Deenethorpe Lane, Deenethorpe as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Deenethorpe Lane, Deenethorpe from the junction of Benefield Road to junction of Deenethorpe Lane.

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 7th December 2015 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted until 8th December 2015.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Benefield Road.

Dated this 5th day of December 2015
QUENTIN BAKER, Director of LGSS Law
PKG/T15/308

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

**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**

**THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(EAST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE DISTRICT)
(WAITING AND LOADING RESTRICTIONS
AND ON-STREET PARKING PLACES)
(CONSOLIDATION) ORDER 2009
(AMENDMENT No. 9) ORDER 2015**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order under Sections 1 to 5, 32 and 35 to 39 and Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ("the Act") to amend "The Northamptonshire County Council (East Northamptonshire District) (Waiting and Loading Restrictions and On-Street Parking Places) (Consolidation) Order 2009" as specified in the Schedule below.

A COPY of the Order may be inspected at Northamptonshire Highways, Riverside House, Riverside Way, Bedford Road, Northampton during normal office hours.

If you wish to question the validity of the Order or of any provisions contained in it on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or on the grounds that any requirement of that Act, or of any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order, you may, within six weeks from the date of this Notice apply to the High Court for this purpose.

This Order will become effective on the 7th December 2015.
Dated this 5th day of December 2015

QUENTIN BAKER,
Director of Legal Services
PKG/P1513

SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NO WAITING AT ANY TIME

Cotterstock Road, Oundle – both sides – between the zebra crossing and the speed limit signs; Jericho, Oundle – both sides – outside property numbers 38 and 40; Blackpot Lane, Oundle – both sides – at the entrance to Halfmoon Mews; Cosy Nook, Thrapston – both sides – entire length (except outside property 3, 5, 14, 23 and opposite the fire station / library); Woodford Road, Great Addington – east side – outside Great Addington Church of England Primary School – from the existing bus stop to a point opposite Spinney Cottage; Kings Avenue, Higham Ferrers – both sides – from the existing bollards for a distance of 15m westwards; Lancaster Street / York Road, Higham Ferrers – whole junction (except east side); Midland Road / William Steele Way, Higham Ferrers – whole junction; Midland Road, Higham Ferrers – east side – from the existing double yellow lines south of the junction with William Steele Way to the access road adjacent to property number 1; Crown Way, Rushden – northeast spur – both sides – whole road (except 40m on southeast side); Park Road / Manton Road, Rushden – whole junction (except southwest side); Park Road, Rushden – southwest side – from the northern building line of property number 28 for a distance of 33m northwest; Park Road / Crabb Street, Rushden – whole junction (except northeast side); High Street South, Rushden – southwest side – from the existing double yellow lines at the junction with Wymington Road to a point opposite number 105; High Street South, Rushden – southwest side – from a point opposite number 119 to a point 10 metres into the junction with Greenacre Drive; Wymington Road, Rushden – east side – extension of existing double yellow lines at the junction with High Street South by approximately 26m;

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Cotterstock Road, Oundle – northwest side – across the entrance to Oundle and Kings Cliff Middle School

PROPOSED NO WAITING MON-SAT 9AM-6PM

Park Road, Rushden – northeast side – from the proposed double yellow lines at the junction with Manton Road to the existing single yellow line opposite Griffith Street

PROPOSED NO WAITING MON-FRI 9AM-4PM

Glassbrook Road, Rushden – north side – adjacent to the factory near Irchester Road.

EXISTING NO WAITING AT ANY TIME TO BE CHANGED TO DISABLED PARKING BAY 3 HOURS MAXIMUM STAY, NO RETURN WITHIN 1 HOUR

Chancery Lane, Thrapston – northwest side – outside property numbers 1 and 3; North Street, Oundle – east side – outside offices (property no. 6)

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New Street, Oundle – east side – outside property no. 1 (Market Place)

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North Street, Oundle – east side – from a point 7.5m north of Jericho for a distance of 10m

**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 -
SECTION 14**

**THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(PUBLIC FOOTPATH MY1 (PART) – PARISH OF
FOTHERINGHAY)
(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2015**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above Order made by Northamptonshire County Council on 25th June 2015 and which came into effect on 25th June 2015 has been extended until the works to which it relates have been completed or until midnight on 29th June 2016 whichever is sooner by the Secretary of State for Transport. Private access to land or premises adjacent to the said footpath is unaffected.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required as the bridge is still unsafe and works to repair it have still not been completed.

Dated this 5th day of December 2015
QUENTIN BAKER, Director of LGSS Law
PKG/ROW/222

To view the map for this Order please visit www.northamptonshire.gov.uk and enter "Temporary Traffic Regulations Orders" in the search box. If you require any further information please contact Jack McGrath on 01604 883453.

SCHEDULE
(Length of footpath to be closed)

The existing route of MY1 (part) to be closed begins at point A at National Grid Reference ("NGR") TL0842 9494, at the junction with MY9. The route travels generally east over the bridge for approximately 26 metres over the county boundary with Cambridgeshire to point B at NGR TL0845 9494, where the bridge ends in the parish of Elton.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTE:
There is no suitable alternative route.

**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 -
SECTION 14**

**THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(PUBLIC FOOTPATH UF5 – PARISH OF OUNDLE &
PUBLIC FOOTPATH ME2 – PARISH OF ASHTON)
(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2015**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council intend, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order the effect of which is to prohibit all pedestrians from proceeding along those lengths of Public Footpath UF5 in the Parish of Oundle and Public Footpath ME2 in the Parish of Ashton as set out below. Private access to land or premises adjacent to the said lengths of footpaths is unaffected.

RIGHT OF WAY TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: The existing route of UF5 to be closed begins at point A at National Grid Reference ("NGR") TL0499 8813. The route travels generally north east along footpath UF5 to the parish boundary with Ashton where it continues as footpath ME2 for a total distance of approximately 224 metres to point B at NGR TL0518 8824.

The route is shown by a solid black line between points A – B.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required during maintenance works to bridge.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The Order will come into effect on 4th January 2016 and will continue in force for a period of six months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for this Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such extent as is indicated by the display of notices.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: There is no suitable alternative route.

Dated this 5th day of December 2015
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Diamonds diary



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Storm clouds over Bozeat

The afternoon of Sunday 29th November brought with it a sky filled with unbroken dense cloud that had darkened to gunmetal grey over the playing fields of Bozeat, the constant threat of heavy rain being blown in by fierce gusts of westerly wind.

Our under 13 Blues were up against Thrapston Town Yellows in a Division 3 game that saw both teams fighting to move away from the foot of the table. Thrapston had struggled to raise a team for the game and had to play with nine players for the whole 80 minutes. They chose to shoot down the Bozeat slope hoping to take advantage of the blustery conditions in the first half.

After only a couple of minutes, a nice interchange between Michael Childs and Jo Bayliss down the right wing almost led to Diamonds' first chance but was defended well and instead Diamonds had to settle for the game's first corner. Minutes later saw the first goal of the game but unfortunately it wasn't to be for the

home team. Jo Bayliss had run into the Thrapston penalty area and fired off a shot that the keeper smothered easily and with the resulting kick from the keeper headed straight through the middle of Diamonds' back four and saw the Thrapston forward take control, turn one last remaining defender and slot the ball calmly passed a stranded Kieran Arnold in the Diamonds' goal.

The goal woke the Diamonds players from their slumber and they began to gain control, having most of the ball but not keeping it down on the grass and out of the wind and making little of the advantage they had in numbers. A quarter of an hour in could have seen Thrapston's numbers reduced even further as, during a tight tussle for a ball, Thrapston's number six threw his forearm across the face of Diamonds' defender Tyler Walsh's face, making forceful contact which left Tyler in a heap on the floor. The ref was slightly unsighted for the incident and will only have seen the shoulder to shoulder tussle before

the flying elbow. Had he had a full view, there would be no doubt that a card would have been shown.

Diamonds continued having most of the play, most of their attacks coming from balls over the top of Thrapston's back seven. After 30 minutes one of these balls, punched over by Josh Manuel was taken into the box by Diamonds' forward Jo Bayliss. He advanced on the keeper from the left hand side of the area and smashed the ball towards the near post of the keeper, almost ripping the net from its fixings, 1-1.

The half continued in the same vein, Thrapston battling valiantly against the odds and the elements throughout.

The Thrapston coach informed his players at half-time that it was the best they have ever played and to be fair to them after 40 minutes of playing two players short 1-1 was a great credit to them.

The second half saw Diamonds take complete control. Now Diamonds had the Bozeat slope in their favour, meaning their

opponents tired quite quickly and Diamonds continued to punt balls at the Thrapston back line hoping for Jo Bayliss to repeat his first half strike. We didn't have to wait long, five minutes in and in the space of three minutes we saw two carbon copy goals from super striker Bayliss, heading into the box from the left and finishing past the keeper with aplomb. Three minutes later came another, this time after a goalmouth scramble. The ball broke loose to Ethan Lovell, whose strike was on target with the keeper's view blocked by his seven defenders. 4-1 Diamonds.

5-1 came a short time later. A lovely touch to bring down a high ball by Logan Fisher, he then glided past two Thrapston players in the box and poked it past the onrushing keeper. Diamonds' sixth came when Thrapston's number six turn the ball into his own net.

Diamonds' seventh was their best, James Wareing went on a delightful run from the halfway line to the edge of the Thrapston box cutting through almost the entire Thrapston team, reaching the opposition box. He could have taken the shot on past the last remaining defender but unselfishly decided to square the ball to Jo Bayliss, who had made

a run alongside him and was clear through on goal. He did what he had done several times already and hit the target with power, leaving the keeper no chance. The game was in its last few minutes now and Diamonds had a couple more chances but nothing to trouble the Thrapston keeper.

Final score 7-1 to Diamonds.

A game that you would have expected to Diamonds to triumph in as they were playing against nine men, but with the weather conditions as they were they still had to work hard to see it through and they worked from start to finish to ensure the result went their way. A truly valiant effort from Thrapston, especially in the first half, where they played beyond themselves for 40 minutes.

We held our first girls' friendly for our under 7, 8, 9 and 10s – a first for them and us. More on this in the next issue.

See you next time.

Mark Cullen
AFC Rushden &
Diamonds Youth

Upcoming Fixtures

Home
Saturday 5th December v Royston
Town 3pm Kick off (League)



Arts festival continues to support local talent

The organising team of Oundle Festival of Music & Drama are delighted to announce exciting developments for the 2016 Festival.

Oundle Town Council an online entry system is now available at www.ofmd.org.uk. This should make it easier to enter and improve the efficiency of communications between the Festival and participants.

Closing date for entries 23rd January, 2016.

Elena Cobb, a classically trained and highly experienced pianist, educator and composer, is sponsoring two new piano classes with generous prizes. Elena specialises in meeting the needs of students with high quality publications that make the whole experience of learning to play the piano much more expanding, exciting and enjoyable. Team members, Diana Awdry and Gwen Radcliffe, met her at the Steinway Hall, London on 24th November.

Rock School classes for guitars, bass and drums have been added to the instrumental section.

The festival, which runs from Wednesday 13th to Saturday 16th April, welcomes amateur performers of all ages. Oundle Festival of Music & Drama offers a platform for performance, the opportunity to hear the work of others and the chance to receive feedback from a professional adjudicator. You can find out more at www.ofmd.org.uk or by buying the 2016 syllabus from Oundle Bookshop.

Thanks to a Community Support Grant from



Tips on preventing candle fires

With Christmas drawing closer, many candles are purchased to help lend festive cheer to celebrations.

But candles are not without their risks. In Northamptonshire, between 1st April 2014 and 31st March 2015, a total of 13 domestic fires were linked to the use of candles. Within these fires, four people were injured.

In the same period during the preceding year (2013-2014), six domestic fires were identified as having a candle as the root cause, and three people were injured.

Since 2009, one person has died in a domestic fire in which the cause was the use of a candle.

Nationally, during 2013-2014, there were 796 candle fires in which nine people died. Candle fires also result in about 350 casualties each year.

Officers at Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service are now urging people to snuff out any potential fire hazards by making sure they use candles safely.

Tips to safe candle use:

- Make sure that when in use, candles are secured in a proper holder and away from materials that may catch fire, like curtains.
- Trim the wick to one quarter of an inch each time before burning. Long or crooked wicks can cause uneven burning, dripping or flaring.
- Children should not be left alone

with lit candles.

- Put candles out when you leave the room, and make sure they're put out completely at night.
 - Keep the wax pool clear of wick trimmings, matches and debris at all times.
 - Burn candles in a well-ventilated room, but avoid drafts, vents or air currents. This will help prevent rapid or uneven burning and excessive dripping.
 - Don't move candles once they are lit.
 - Do not burn several candles close together as this might cause the flame to flare (mainly with tea-lights).
 - Use a snuffer or a spoon to put out candles. It's safer than blowing them out when sparks fly.
- Ian Walpole, Fire Investigation Officer at Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service, said: "Candles are a typical sight in many homes. It is important to remember that a candle is not just a decorative feature. Left unattended, an open flame scented your home could leave a trail of devastation.

"It's vital to be prepared should the worst happen. A working smoke alarm can give you the vital time you need to get out, stay out and call 999. Keep yourself and your loved ones safe by testing your alarm regularly and by practising your escape routes."

Canoeing on the River Nene



Canoeing the beautiful, and underused, River Nene in East Northamptonshire's wonderful Nene Valley is a unique and fun way to see the county from a completely different perspective.

With great scenery, and easy, safe paddling, the valley is rich in history and natural wildlife.

Based at Ditchford Lock,

just outside Rushden, local canoe hire and short break company Canoe2 have been offering canoe hire and holidays along the River Nene since 2010, with many

thousands of customers enjoying the delights of the river, as well as the attraction of excellent riverside pubs, tea rooms, and B&Bs en-route.

Looking ahead to the 2016 season (mid-March to mid-October), Canoe2 have just

released their "2016 Short Break Brochure" which is available from their website as a downloadable PDF, full of great ideas for two, three, four or five-day trips, all bundled up to include canoe hire, transport, baggage transfer, and overnight accommodation in a yurt, tipi, bell tent or B&B, all of which come with fabulous fry-up breakfasts.

Also on Canoe2's website you can find details of numerous other options, from two-hour "tasters" through to full-day paddles, and more simplistic multi-day trips for those with their own tents.

And right now, Canoe2 are offering a great value promotion with 20% Extra Free on Christmas Gift Vouchers purchased by 18th December.

No experience is necessary, and they'll give you a thorough safety briefing and paddle demonstration before you set off, so if you fancy a paddle, or know of any family or friends that might enjoy a trip, Canoe2 are on 01604 832115, or info@canoe2.co.uk or www.canoe2.co.uk

Chess Corner



By Derrick Sims

Rushden A and Rushden B both played matches in Northants SKL Division I.

Rushden A took on Kettering A at home with a seriously depleted side. The Kettering side are currently dominating League I. Rushden B on the other hand were away to Chess Mates A team in Northampton.

Rushden were forced to supplement their team with B team players due to some of their top people being unavailable. Kettering A on the other hand managed to bring a full strength team with an average grade advantage of 15 points. Nik couldn't overcome his 19 point deficit against Kettering's David Walker and resigned after 23 moves. Hugh Murphy took full advantage of his superior grade and dominated the game against Michael Meadows, who was forced to resign after 34 moves. This left the two teams with a game each; a situation that was short lived. The next Rushden player to be felled by the Kettering axe was Keith Bristow, who was unable to counter Graham Arch's 24 point grade advantage. The match was finally settled in Kettering's favour when Saj lost to the much higher graded Jonny Martin. Richard Ellis battled on to try and get a consolation win for Rushden but finally succumbed to time pressure and was forced to resign.

Rushden B took to Northampton's streets to take on Chess Mates' top team at the Kingsley Park Working Men's Club. They had an even tougher time of it than their A team counterparts the night before. With a massive 38 point grade deficit the game should have been a whitewash against Rushden. The early games went to form with Jeff and Richard falling to their Northampton opponents. Meanwhile on Board 1 Nik was engaged in a battle of epic proportions against the massively higher graded Chris Ross but finally threw in the towel after 57 moves. Keith Bristow also belied his grade deficit against Frank Kamau with his game lasting 79 moves before he finally conceded. This left Bob up against Eva Ressel; in an act of chivalry that would have done justice to the Knights of the Round Table a draw was

agreed. Considering that Eva had just two minutes left on her clock and Bob had 15 then one might question whether a more ungentlemanly decision would have given the game to Rushden. In any event the result prevented the whitewash and demonstrated Rushden's sense of fair play.

Northants SKL Division I Matches

Monday 23rd November

Rushden A 1 - 4 Kettering A

Bd1: Hugh Murphy (197) 1-0 Michael Meadows (183)
Bd2: Nik Puryer (144) 0-1 David Walker (163)
Bd3: Sajan Ganger (128) 0-1 Jonny Martin (160)
Bd4: Keith Bristow (118) 0-1 Graham Arch (142)
Bd5: Richard Ellis (U) 0-1 James Brutus (142)

Tuesday 24th November

Chess Mates A 4½ - ½ Rushden B

Bd1: Chris Ross (201) 1-0 Nik Puryer (144)
Bd2: Frank Kamau (168) 1-0 Keith Bristow (118)
Bd3: Tim Lawson (161) 1-0 Richard Ellis (U)
Bd4: Eva Ressel (137) ½ Bob Ellam (108)
Bd5: Dave Curran (112) 1-0 Jeff Owen (101)

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>.

Mayor keeps fit



The Mayor of Higham Ferrers, Cllr Richard Gell, officially opened the outdoor gym equipment at Saffron Road Recreation Ground on Wednesday 18th November. He is pictured with Cllr Anna Sauntson, Cllr Val Newbery, Cllr Olwen Mayes, Cllr Pam Whiting and Cllr Bert

Jackson, who all tested out the equipment.

The equipment was funded by a grant from Awards for All of £8,017.65. The provision of this equipment was delivered as an outcome of the Community Plan, which was produced following townwide consultation in 2012.

Thrapston IT sponsors local football team

Local computer service and support company Thrapston IT has sponsored 'Redskins', a local Thrapston Town Juniors Under 10s football team which plays in the FA Kettering Weetabix League.

Previously, Thrapston IT has supported the Thrapston based junior football team by providing 20 waterproof jackets and this year they have provided the entire team's full kit.

Playing in Thrapston Town's traditional bright yellow and blue strip, the Redskins are one of two Under 10s teams playing locally.

The team train weekly and play their seven-a-side matches at the Weekly Road recreation ground in Kettering

on Sunday mornings.

Head coach, Matt Foley, said: "Thanks to the local support of Thrapston IT the team have a fabulous new kit and the coaches, the team and parents are thrilled to

bits."

Thrapston IT owner, Simon Kensington, said: "I'm delighted to be able to help support one of the local football teams by providing their new kit."





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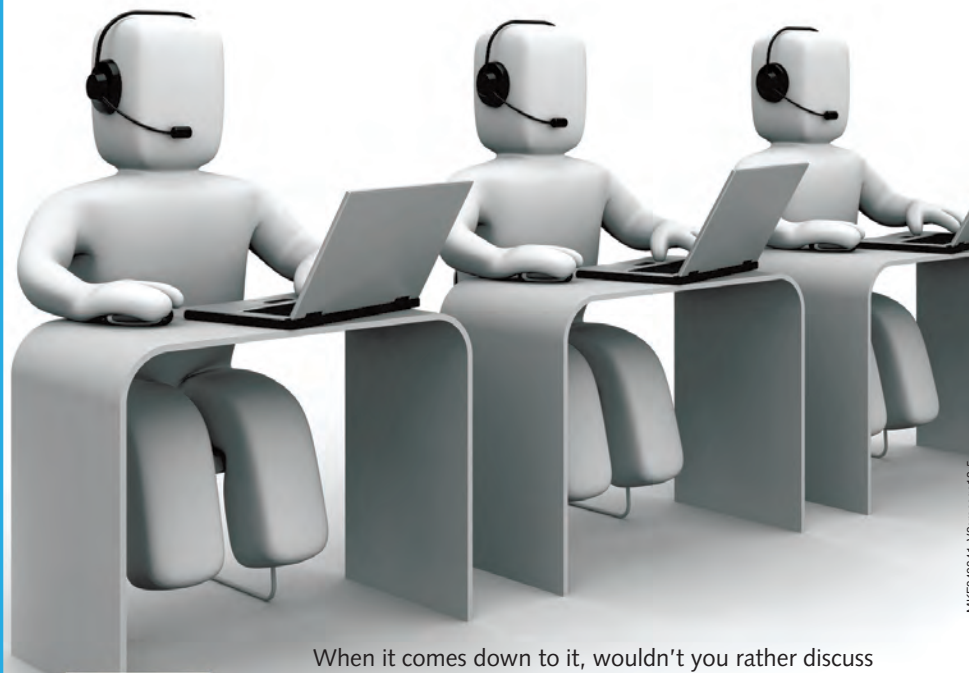
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