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In Brief

Stanwick Primary welcomes basketball professional

On Monday 8th February, the pupils of Stanwick Primary School were visited by Paul 'Tiny' Sturgess. Standing at 7ft 8in, Paul is the tallest professional basketball player in the world and has played for the world famous Harlem Globetrotters. The children enjoyed a motivational and informative assembly and each class had a training session with Paul.

Balloon Day excitement at nursery

The children at Higham Ferrers Nursery had fun on Wednesday 3rd February at their Family Balloon Day. Parents joined the children for the Nursery sessions with lots of fun balloon-themed activities to share. At the end of the session the children released their balloons from the playground. The following week the children were excited to hear that one of the balloons had been found in Central France!

Higham Ferrers Nursery and Infant School has vacancies for children who are 3 before September 2016. For more info or to arrange a visit, call 01933 312904 or visit the website www.highamferrers-inf.northants.sch.uk.

Plans in progress for new Police and Fire Joint Command Vehicle

Wheels are in motion for the construction of a joint command vehicle for police and fire services in Northamptonshire, which it is believed will be the only one of its kind in the UK.

The new vehicle, which will be run by Northamptonshire Police and Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service (NFRS), will provide a base for commanders when in attendance at large scale or major incidents.

The tender for its construction has now been awarded to John Dennis Coachbuilders, Spectra Specialist Engineering Ltd and Exceletrate Technology, who will work together to build and equip the unit.

The vehicle's build is to be funded with a grant awarded by the Department for Communities and Local Government.

Group Commander Philip Pells, of the Joint

Operations Team for Northamptonshire Police and Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service, said: "The Joint Command Unit provides a unique command and control capability, enabling both fire and police officers to work together in a single vehicle. It also supports coordinated working with other agencies involved in an incident. This, together with the integration of resilient communications platforms and other technologies, enables the JCU to be the access point providing the highest level of situation awareness of an incident for all commanders and specialist responders, whether on scene or at a remote location."

Superintendent Chris Hillery, of

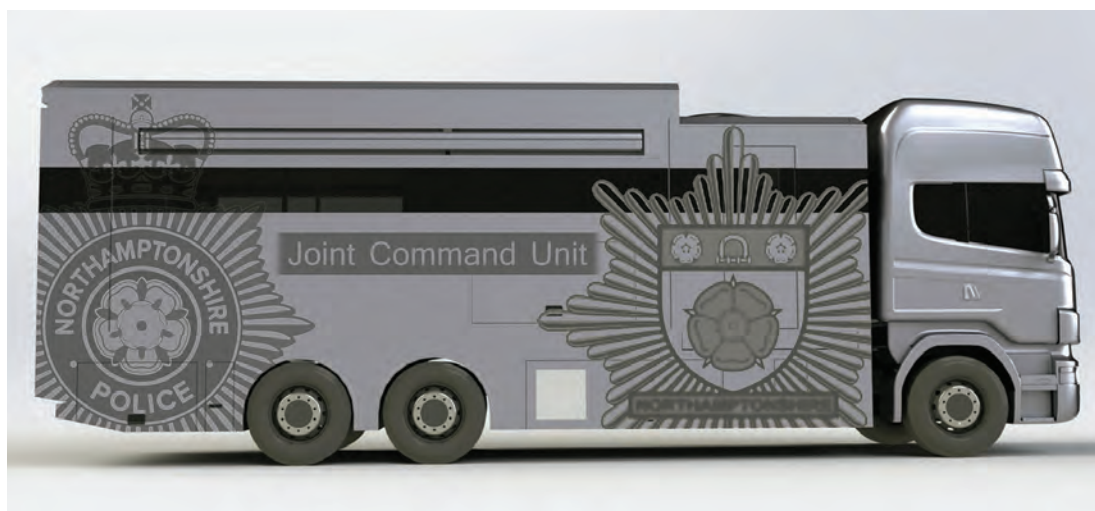
Northamptonshire Police, said: "The Joint Command Unit (JCU) will further enhance emergency service response and service collaboration here in Northamptonshire. I very much look forward to making use of this vehicle with NFRS at live incidents across the county."

It is expected that the vehicle will be completed and officially launched in September 2016.

Its features will include:

- Joint working space for police and fire operations, including a Command Conference Room for joint tactical coordination.
- Ability to receive and view footage from remote deployable static cameras, body worn cameras, an unmanned aerial system and the police helicopter.
- Resilient communication technologies providing interoperability with EMAS Ambulance Hazardous Area Response Team command vehicles.
- Built on a Scania 26 tonne capacity chassis measuring 10.5 metres long, 3.85 metres high and 2.5 metres wide in transit mode but doubling in size with double expanding sides.
- Networks compatible with the Emergency Services Network (ESN) – the next generation system that will support voice communications, data and video sharing across the emergency services.

Richard Hayes, Technical Sales Director at the specialist coachbuilding company, Spectra Specialist Engineering, said: "The vehicle is a 'one-off' and specifically designed for Northants as a joint command vehicle for fire and police. As far as I know there is no vehicle operating in the UK that has the same characteristics and operating capabilities as this one."



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Dear Sirs,
Closure of Corby Magistrates' Court
The Ministry of Justice announced last week that Corby Magistrates' Court is confirmed as one of 86 of the 91 courts originally proposed for closure, along with Kettering Magistrates' and County Court. Corby Magistrates' Court will close on 30th June 2016 with all court business transferred, in the first instance, to Wellingborough Magistrates' Court.

Corby Magistrates are proud that we fought as hard as we possibly could to save our court and we are bitterly disappointed with this decision. We were extremely grateful

for the support we received in our efforts to keep our court open. It is clear that the views we expressed were widely endorsed locally. In addition to a public petition of 500+ names, 187 of the 413 submissions made to HMCTS regarding proposed closures of 14 courts in the Midlands region were in relation to Corby Magistrates' Court. Submissions were made by Tom Pursglove MP, Councils, judiciary, other interested agencies and individuals: only one was in favour of the closure of our court.

Nevertheless, Corby and East Northamptonshire is to lose this vital public service. Magistrates are very concerned about the loss of local justice and the likelihood that a two-tier justice system will develop as the public in more rural areas such as ours struggle to access their "local" court. Great change is promised within the legal system but daily magistrates see

problems arising at every point in the judicial process as we wait for these changes to be funded and implemented.

Magistrates from Corby Bench will be sitting in Wellingborough from 1st July 2016 and we assure you that we will continue to

serve the public to the best of our abilities and to the high standards we have always strived to maintain at Corby.

Yours faithfully,
Terry Knights, Chairman,
Corby Magistrates' Bench

Editor's notes

Whereas we normally concentrate on local matters, it's difficult to ignore the Prime Minister's "New Deal" for the UK within Europe on which we will all get a say on 23rd June this year. There are of course many different aspects to our complex relationship with the EU but the basic original aim of putting an end to military conflict within Europe still holds good.

As far as business is concerned, my own recent experience is with a company which imports goods from Europe for resale in the UK; since most of what we sell is produced outside the EU we rely on a central European entity to handle the original importation and there's no doubt that the process would be far more complicated if we had to do that for ourselves.

We will have to endure a vast amount of news coverage on this topic in the following four months and the big problem will be judging the applicability and veracity of what we're being told and trying to fit both our views on the best solution for the UK and our own circumstances into all that detail. As an aside, I don't hold

with the view being expressed by some that the older generation should abstain because the result of the Referendum will have minimal impact on them; from my perspective the voice of experience needs to be heard.

Turning to local issues but still on the subject of governance, Oundle Town council seems to have got itself into a pickle over its own status. Apparently an agreement to change from a Level 3 to a Level 4 status Council, an issue which appears to be related to achieving certain Quality Standards and which brings additional benefits, was overturned at a subsequent meeting by a narrow vote. What seems to have really upset the apple cart is the manner in which the deed was done, leading to a subsequent full Council Meeting Agenda Item proposing that "The Council recognises its dysfunctional state and all Councillors resign in order to trigger an election."

We are trying to obtain statements from the councillors involved and will publish whatever we receive but there seems to be quite a lot already on social media sites.

Genealogy jottings

Some time back, I mentioned newspapers as a means of finding out what your ancestors were doing. They have certainly been helpful for me – I discovered the bankruptcy of my great-great-grandfather recorded in one newspaper! However, it is particularly handy if there is an announcement in the Personal Notices section on a date before civil registration started.

Although a marriage certificate provided the occupations of the fathers of the bride and groom, this only started in England and Wales on 1st July 1837, so before that might prove a little difficult to find. However, if your research surname is Budham or Bullivant then the following announcement in the Stamford Mercury of 6th August 1824 might be of interest:

MARRIED

'On Tuesday last, at Oundle, Mr Budham, son of Mr Budham, inn-keeper, of Kimbolton, to Miss Bullivant, daughter of Mr Bullivant, grocer &c, of the former place.'

A Thomas Bullivant was a grocer in West Street, Oundle in the 1851 census, which could well be the business to which reference was made – even though this was 27 years later. A son of the Mr Bullivant

By Jan Pearson

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mentioned in the announcement perhaps?

The 1851 census for Nassington also has a stonemason by the name of John Wood recorded as living there. A couple of years later, his death was announced in the Stamford Mercury giving his date of death as 12th January 1853 'after a short illness' and that he was now a gravestone-cutter. That would help anyone looking for this chap's death certificate to identify the right one.

However, whereas today we might see a birth announcement such as, 'To John and Mary Smith, a son, Robert, on 5th January 2016', back in the day, the name of the mother did not get much of a mention! The Stamford Mercury of 27th September 1822 has the following:

BIRTH

At Oundle, on Friday the 20th inst., the lady of Robt. Sherrard Esq. solicitor, of a son, and tenth child.

I wonder what her name was!

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Last chance to comment on changes to the strategic plan for North Northamptonshire

The North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy is the strategic plan for Corby, East Northamptonshire, Kettering and Wellingborough, covering the period to 2031. It has been prepared by a Joint Committee made up of elected representatives from the district, borough and county councils.

Before the Plan can be adopted, it must be examined by an independent Planning Inspector, who checks that it has been prepared properly and that it meets tests set out in national policy. The Joint Core Strategy was submitted to the Government for examination in July 2015 and the appointed Planning Inspector held seven days of hearings in November 2015.

A number of proposed modifications to the Plan have been identified during the examination process. These modifications are now subject to consultation until 16th March 2016. The consultation and all relevant

information can be viewed on the JPU's website www.nnjpu.org.uk, at the main offices of the district and borough councils, and in North Northamptonshire libraries.

Representations on the main modifications will be passed on to the Planning Inspector, for his consideration as part of the examination of the JCS. Following this, the Inspector will complete his report, recommending any changes that he considers necessary to the Plan before it can be adopted.

The Proposed Main Modifications don't change the overall strategy but address points of clarification or bring the Plan into line with latest national policy. Some of the significant changes are to:

- Amend the policy on sustainable buildings to reflect the changing national position relating to zero carbon homes;
- Modify the policy relating to the Rockingham Motor Racing Circuit Enterprise

Area, to provide greater flexibility over employment uses;

- Reduce the threshold at which developments are required to include affordable housing from 11 dwellings to 5 or more dwellings in the rural areas;
- Introduce monitoring requirements to ensure

action to maintain an adequate supply of new housing, particularly if the big Sustainable Urban Extensions are not developed as quickly as planned.

Cllr Andy Mercer, Chairman of the Joint Committee, welcomed the consultation on the Main Modifications:

"The Joint Core Strategy is the culmination of many years' work. Consultation on the Main Modifications is an important stage in finalising

the Joint Core Strategy, and ensuring that North Northamptonshire has an up-to-date strategic plan in place by this summer."

Please contact the Joint Planning Unit by email info@nnjpu.org.uk or by telephone 01832 742358 if you have any queries about this consultation. Representations at this stage must relate only to the proposed modifications.

Pre-school celebrates award

Playmates Pre-school in Raunds is excited to celebrate its recent outstanding award from their Ofsted inspection in December.

Located in the grounds of Windmill Primary School the Pre-school has gone from strength to strength in recent years and the committee, parents and staff all believe their continuing success is due to their strong team working with total dedication to offer the best service and education to the young children within the local vicinity.

The committee-run pre-school was started in January 1991 and

is now the only childcare provider in Raunds and the surrounding area to gain an outstanding grade based on the new Ofsted inspection requirements.

Pre-school Leader, Marilynn Hazeldine said: "It is great to have all our hard work and dedication recognised, we really do put our heart and soul into caring for the children and making their learning experiences educational and fun."

Marilynn urges families to check out the pre-school's Facebook page (Playmates Pre-school Raunds) to see the activities and subjects the

pre-school has covered.

The pre-school welcomes families to visit and offers free 'stay n play' sessions.



The Ofsted report can be read in full by visiting the pre-school's website www.raundsplymates.co.uk or by contacting the pre-school on 01933 460111.

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LitKits: celebrating excellent progress in community literacy project

On Thursday 11th February 2016, a celebration event was held at Huxlow Science College, Irthlingborough, for all the young people who have been involved in their "LitKits" community initiative over the past six months. We were delighted to welcome our Patron of Reading, author Steve Bowkett, who worked with the Huxlow sixth-form mentors to host a storytelling workshop.



In November 2015, Huxlow launched "LitKits", funded through a grant from the Northamptonshire County Council "Race to the Top" strategy. We 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.

The mentors and mentees have been reading, playing and learning together one-to-one. 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, Initiative and Communication) and gain

some valuable experience volunteering in our community. The "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.

On Tuesday 9th February 2016, Huxlow welcomed Cllr Matthew Golby, Cabinet Member for Learning Skills and Education, to find out more about the "LitKits" project who commended the project for its positive impact on literacy and confidence levels at Huxlow and the feeder primary schools involved. "The best thing about the project is seeing the children get so excited about books. It has given me a lot more confidence as I had never been in a situation where I had to help

children on a one-to-one basis," said Ashley Massingham, Huxlow Sixth Form student.

On Thursday 11th February 2016, we were delighted to welcome our Patron of Reading, author Steve Bowkett, who worked with the Huxlow sixth-form mentors to host a storytelling workshop in celebration of excellent progress in literacy. Children attended the event from all four of the primary schools involved: Finedon Infant School, Finedon Mulso CofE Junior School, Irthlingborough Nursery and Infant School and Irthlingborough Junior School.

"At the start a lot of the children did struggle with the vocabulary but once they got to know us we have been able to help them develop. I volunteered for the scheme as I would like to work with young children in the future and I thought it would be very helpful," said Grace Forton, Huxlow Sixth Form student.

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Public transport redesign would boost business and relieve congestion

Radically transforming the way people make journeys in the county and how public transport is provided are at the heart of Northamptonshire County Council's Total Transport proposal.

Over the next four years the county council will work with partners, businesses and the voluntary sector to see just how this could be achieved.

Currently the council is working with the University of Northampton, the NHS, further education establishments and businesses to collect data to create a snapshot of present and future transport needs. A detailed business plan will then be drawn up and will be presented to the council's cabinet, currently scheduled for autumn this year.

The Total Transport model could work by creating a social enterprise model to improve efficiencies and delivery to better meet changing transport needs. Any profits would then be put back into local

communities.

Cllr Michael Clarke, County Council cabinet member for transport, highways and environment, said: "The traditional way of providing public transport needs to change to keep pace with the way we want to make journeys now and in the future.

"We have to look at modal change, changes in working hours and opportunities for more people who wish to work from home.

"Not only is the current model costly but it is also inefficient when you consider how congested our roads can be, particularly at peak hours. We will be examining opportunities for staggered working hours and how their introduction might help with the problems of historic 'rush hour' congestion.

"And while we can't promise an immediate solution I do think it's

important that we start finding a way that not only works but that is also cost-effective as Northamptonshire's population continues to grow.

"We have twin objectives of creating a variety of transport options to meet the

changing needs of the travelling public while achieving substantial cost savings to the council."

With a rapidly growing population, increased car ownership and town centre layouts that are hundreds of years old, radical proposals are needed to increase the

efficiency of the transport network.

Not only do longer journey lengths and congestion cause frustration for motorists and commuters but they also cause more pollution, add costs for businesses and restrict further economic growth.

Residents smile about huge savings

Hundreds of residents are set to save money on their energy bills thanks to East Northamptonshire Council.

Over 530 households signed up to 'Switch Save Smile', a collective switching scheme run by East Northamptonshire Council and iChoosr this winter.

Ninety-nine per cent of those who registered in East Northamptonshire have been offered a better deal, with average savings per household of £357.95!

Over 18,000 households registered nationally, but when compared to all other participants in the scheme, East Northamptonshire Council had the highest percentage of registrations based on the number of households in the district.

Energy suppliers SSE, E.ON and Ovo won the auction, putting forward the cheapest tariffs for gas and/or electricity. Residents are reminded to look out for their personal offers from one of these suppliers, arriving by email or postcard very soon.

Karen Pell, Interim Environmental Protection Manager at East Northamptonshire Council said: "I was very pleased to see so many of you join forces to get a competitive energy deal. The savings on offer are very impressive! It's just as quick and easy to switch as it was to register. If you want to accept your offer, and pay less for your gas and/or electricity, iChoosr will take care of the entire switching process for you."

When Diane from Rushden received her offer she was delighted to find out she could save £499!

Diane said: "I couldn't believe it when the offer from iChoosr came through. It's not every day you find out you could be nearly £500 better off! I think the scheme is a really good idea and being backed by the Local Authority gave me the confidence to be a part of it. The whole process was hassle-free and I now have an extra few hundred pounds in my pocket. The hard bit will be deciding how to spend it! Thank you East Northamptonshire Council."

The deadline to switch is 15th March. Offers are valid until midnight.

If there's an error in your paperwork, please let iChoosr know by 8th March and they will amend the offer.

If you need help to switch please call 01832 742121 or visit the customer contact centres in Thrapston, Rushden or Oundle.

Revisiting History: Cecil John Rhodes and Other African Stories with Professor Elleke Boehmer

Monday 29th February 2016, 7.45-8.45pm
at St Peter's Church, Oundle PE8 4AL

Elleke Boehmer is Professor of World Literature in English at the University of Oxford, and a founding figure in the field of postcolonial literature.

The talk and reading will explore how we retell and interpret history – take a particular angle, look from an alternative viewpoint, or consider oppositions. Elleke will look both at the dominant and recently contentious history of relatively well-known (though poorly understood), figures such as the imperial 'colossus' Cecil John Rhodes in South Africa, and will compare this to quieter, marginal, provincial histories, such as the story of the central character Ella in her

novel, *The Shouting in the Dark*.

Is it possible that fiction is in certain ways more 'true' than history or biography? The event will explore how we deal with the still widely prevalent legacies of empire that we find here in Britain today.

Elleke is the author of *Screens against the Sky* (shortlisted for the David Hyam Prize, 1990), *Bloodlines* (shortlisted for the SANLAM prize), and *Nile Baby* (2008), and also the short story collection *Sharmilla and Other Portraits* (2010). *The Shouting in the Dark* (2015) is her fifth novel.

Her edition of Baden-Powell's *Scouting for Boys* was a 2004 summer bestseller and her acclaimed biography of Nelson Mandela (2008) has been translated into Arabic, Malaysian, Thai, Kurdish, Portuguese and Brazilian Portuguese. She has published several other books including *Stories of Women* (2005), the anthology *Empire Writing* (1998), and *Indian Arrivals: Networks of British Empire* (2015).

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16/00061/FUL (19/03/2016) (LB/CA) To re-thatch roof in water reed at 2 Hemington Road Barnwell

Blatherwycke

16/00212/FUL (19/03/2016) (Art8) Agricultural grain storage building at Mill Farm Buildings Kings Cliffe Road Blatherwycke PE8 6YW

Chelveston-cum-Caldecott

16/00218/OUT (12/03/2016) (Info) Outline planning application for the construction of 5 dwellings (all matters reserved) at land off The Crescent Chelveston Rise Caldecott
16/00263/OUT (12/03/2016) (Info) Outline: Construction of three new dwellings (all matters reserved except access) at 4 Britten Close Chelveston NN9 6AY

Easton-on-the-Hill

16/00229/FUL and 16/00230/LBC (19/03/2016)(LB/CA)(LBRRegs) Proposed double garage with associated storage to include a vehicular access from High Street. at 2 Stamford Road Easton On The Hill PE9 3NS

Luddington

16/00238/FUL (08/03/2016) (Info) (Art8) Single storey side extension to dwelling and single storey side extension to garage/outbuilding at Luddington Lodge Winwick Road Thurning PE8 5BF

Nassington

16/00184/FUL (19/03/2016) (LB/CA) Demolition of existing rear porch, canopy and single storey extension, erection of two storey rear extension, rear porch and installation of first floor side and rear window and rear dormer window at 20 Woodnewton Road Nassington PE8 6QQ

16/00185/LBC (19/03/2016) (LBRRegs)

Internal alterations including new staircase, first floor shower room and bedroom, removal of partitions and new windows and dormer window. Remove rear porch, canopy and single storey extension. Build rear two storey extension and new porch at 20 Woodnewton Road Nassington PE8 6QQ

16/00235/LBC (19/03/2016) (LBRRegs)

Installation of external illuminated menu display at The Queens Head 54 Station Road Nassington PE8 6QB

16/00236/ADV (19/03/2016) (LBRRegs)

Installation of external illuminated menu display at The Queens Head 54 Station Road Nassington PE8 6QB

Oundle

16/00053/FUL (12/03/2016) (Info) Change of use - conversion of garage to residential use including installation of wc, storage area and cloakroom accessible from house at 7 St Christophers Drive Oundle PE8 4HU

16/00109/LBC (19/03/2016) (LBRRegs)

Refurbishment and renovation of existing domestic accommodation at first and second floors: extension and alterations of adjacent stores and courtyard to form retail premises at 14 Market Place Oundle PE8 4BQ

16/00183/ADV (19/03/2016) (LB/CA)

New metal hanging sign with company name and details at The Coach House 80 South Road Oundle PE8 4BP

16/00227/FUL (19/03/2016) (LB/CA)

Erection of two houses at 11-12 Drumming Well Lane Oundle

16/00264/VAR (12/03/2016) (Info)

Variation of condition 2 - extension to have a painted smooth render finish pursuant to planning permission 13/01440/FUL dated 15.10.13 - First floor extension at 2 Seymour Place Oundle PE8 4QB

Raunds

15/02241/FUL (12/03/2016) (Info) Erection of three prefabricated modular buildings on concrete ground next to all-weather pitch within the school grounds. They would provide much-needed changing facilities for

community groups who use the all weather pitch at Manor School Mountbatten Way Raunds

16/00241/ADV (12/03/2016) (Info) Three freestanding signs, one main totem sign, goods vehicle entrance sign and a visitors car park sign at 80 Scalley Way Raunds NN9 6RJ

Ringstead

16/00215/FUL (12/03/2016) (Info) Demolition of existing front porch, and erection of larger front porch incorporating cloakroom at 36 Carlow Road Ringstead NN14 4DW

Rushden

16/00190/VAR (12/03/2016) (Info) Variation of condition 15 - highway improvements works scheme pursuant to application 10/01017/OUT - Outline: Erection of an NHS Resource Centre, creation of up to 125 dwellings with associated open space, space for educational use by South End Infant School, removal of four trees covered by TPO, new access roads and alterations to existing internal road layout (All matters reserved) at Rushden Hospital The Drive Rushden NN10 9JU

16/00246/FUL (12/03/2016) (Info) Proposed space gain scheme within its current car park by reconfiguring the layout at Asda Store 161 High Street Rushden NN10 0PA

Stoke Doyle

16/00142/FUL (19/03/2016) (LB/CA) Replace existing Collyweston slate roof to redundant agricultural building with concrete interlocking tiles maintaining existing roof line and pitch at Manor House Wadenhoe Road Stoke Doyle PE8 5TG

Thrapston

16/00276/FUL (19/03/2016) (LB/CA) Change of use from a bank (Class A2) to a hot food takeaway (Class A5); installation of extraction/ventilation equipment; single storey rear infill extension; alterations to rear external staircase; and alterations to shop front at 50 High Street Thrapston

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.

LBRRegs - Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990.

Paul Bland, Head Of Planning Services
Dated 27 February 2016

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

Neighbourhood Planning: East Northamptonshire Council leads the way

Neighbourhood Planning was introduced through the 2011 Localism Act. It is an important way that community groups are able to shape the future direction of growth for their areas, through supporting sustainable development that meets the needs of their locality.

East Northamptonshire has long been at the forefront of Neighbourhood Planning, in late 2012 Oundle and Raunds were designated 'Neighbourhood Plan

Frontrunners', with ring-fenced government funding (£20,000 each) set aside for the investigation and potential development of Neighbourhood Plans for each of these towns.

The two designated Frontrunners prompted further interest in pursuing Neighbourhood Plans across East Northamptonshire.

The Higham Ferrers Neighbourhood Plan has recently had a successful outcome to its referendum (on 18th February) and the Plan will now be taken into

consideration in determining all future planning applications submitted within the area. Please visit www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/hfnp to find out more.

Additionally, draft Plans for Chelveston cum Caldecott and Raunds are due to go to independent examination with further draft Neighbourhood Plans elsewhere expected to be published this year.

East Northamptonshire Council is further looking to lead the way in encouraging Neighbourhood Planning,

having successfully secured £25,000 funding from the Government. This will be used to develop a consultancy service to support the preparation of Neighbourhood Plans within the district and surrounding local authority areas, through:

- Consulting with local neighbourhood planning groups on their specific needs.
- Finding out where they could offer an improved service to Neighbourhood Planning groups.

Updating and expanding existing online toolkits to help their local communities undertake Neighbourhood Planning. Over the coming months, East Northamptonshire Council is looking to set up pilot projects to enhance its Neighbourhood Planning

support role within the district and set up a consultancy service to support emerging Neighbourhood Plans within neighbouring local authority areas. These latest initiatives will ensure that the Council remains at the forefront in promoting and supporting Neighbourhood Planning.

For more information, please visit East Northamptonshire Council's website www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplanning or contact the Planning Policy Team by email planningpolicy@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk post Planning Services, East Northamptonshire Council, Cedar Drive, Thrapston, NN14 4LZ or phone 01832 742010.

Rushden Swimming Club achieve best County Championships results

Fifty-one swimmers from the club qualified for this year's event which took place on 23rd/24th January and 6th/7th/13th February at Corby International Pool.

Proving that hard work and dedication

pays off, the swimmers brought home 53 individual medals and a further 10 top three placings for the relay teams – 9 Gold, 29 Silver and 25 Bronze.

Thirty-four swimmers qualified during the Championships for a total of 94 finals – a fantastic achievement.

Congratulations were also in order for Freya Cole and Ciara Usher who were both crowned Junior County Champions.

The club also had a further 14 swimmers gain Regional qualifying times to add to the six swimmers already qualified, bringing the total RSC swimmers up to 20!

For further information on Rushden Swimming Club or to apply for a trial please visit our website www.rushdenswimmingclub.co.uk.



Oundle South Bridge repair delays addressed by water company

As many locals will know, the width and weight restrictions on the south bridge over the River Nene on Barnwell Road, Oundle cause problems across the local area with many HGV drivers taking the next shortest option and travelling through the town.

Repairs to the bridge to improve the weight carrying capacity have been subject to extended delays, attracting all sorts of rumours about the source of the delays. A statement has now been received from the local authority which has initial responsibility for the work, Anglian Water, who have stated that they will be decommissioning the water main that runs along the bridge and relaying a new one in the river itself; this will allow the County Council to carry out the necessary strengthening works to the bridge.

A spokesperson for the water company said: "Engineering-wise this is a complex job

because we need to relay the water main into the river bed and the lie of the surrounding land adds to the challenge, making it a specialist job. We've carefully planned the work and intended to start in February this year; however, our drilling specialists surveyed the site earlier in the month with a view to getting going but unfortunately the water table and river levels were too high to start work. We are hoping by April the water levels will have dropped and will be low enough to begin drilling. We completely understand that the Council want to get on with strengthening the bridge, and we're looking to start as soon as possible, but relaying a water main in a river is not a straightforward job and there are additional things we need to take into consideration."

Locals hope that the recent dry weather will help Anglian Water get to grips with the work.

St Peter's Church gains vital support

The Open Day at St Peter's Church, Raunds held on 13th February 2016 attracted a number of interested people who were keen to explore this magnificent building, to see its historical treasures, and to get involved in its future.

The Rector Reverend Shena Bell and church officers were on hand to show people around, and to point out the sad state of the building which is in dire need of extensive structural restoration, costing in excess of a million pounds.

However, it is now 'all systems go', as a result of the generous support of the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF), which has awarded an initial sum of £40,500 to enable St Peter's to progress its plans to apply for a full grant. Extensive professional surveys of the building and its interior, and a

programme of consultation to inform the development of new public programme of events, are underway and phase one of the restoration costing £330,000 could begin within a few months.

The project organisers are enlisting a team of volunteer tour guides, so that when work is underway, they will be on site to show visitors around the church whilst updating them on progress. Once building work is complete the volunteers will deliver a new and exciting programme of activities, workshops and events for individuals and groups of all ages.

When considering churches, the aim of HLF is to fund projects which will benefit all the community, and Mrs Maureen Windust, of St Peter's fundraising group, explained: "With the support of Heritage Lottery, not only will restoration work be undertaken, but our exciting plans for new and improved facilities for children and grown-ups of all ages to enjoy a wide range of cultural, teaching and social events, can become a reality."

St Peter's Church Appeal has already raised over £90,000, and would be grateful for further donations.



King's Cliffe Village Hall Teas

Our next monthly Village Hall Teas are on Sunday 20th March, when we will be back upstairs in the main hall, serving from 2pm with 'last orders' at 4.30pm. Come for a pot of tea or coffee, try our delicious homemade cakes and scones, or order buttery toasted tea bread. Come with friends and family or on your own; enjoy a chat with others who come. Our Book Corner will be open again and

we'll have a good selection of homemade preserves on sale, including a variety of new-season marmalades to tempt you.

Access to the Village Hall on foot is via Eagle Lane off West Street, beside the King's Cliffe Local shop; or by car via Orchard Lane at the western end of West Street, and then Church Walk where there is car parking at the rear of the Village Hall building.

Nene Valley Swimming Club celebrates five years

Nene Valley Swimming Club is based at the Nene Centre in Thrapston. The club was formed in 2011 and is just starting its fifth year as a competitive swimming club.

On 13th February the club took a team of Junior swimmers (9-12 years) to Market Harborough to compete in the Where's Nemo Trophy gala. It was a close run competition all the way, with Nene Valley achieving first place at the end and winning the trophy.

Nene Valley Swimming Club is always looking for any swimmers who would like to get more involved in the sport. For further details visit the club's website at nenevalleyclub.co.uk.



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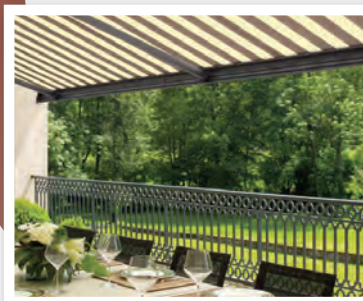
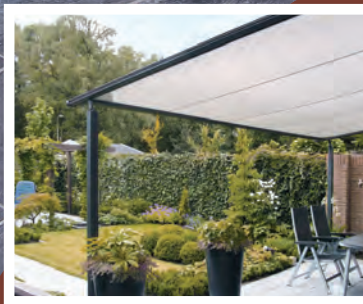


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Diamonds diary



A BUSY HALF-TERM WEEK AT AFC R&D YOUTH

It was a football filled week with lots happening over half-term:

- Monday: Development games against Kettering Town over at the MMA in Northampton
- Tuesday: Our under 12s' sponsored cycle at the Waendal Centre then onto the first team game.
- Wednesday: Players' Mums had their second week of training resulting in yet more knocks
- Thursday: Walking Football play on the new 3G at Higham for the first time
- Saturday: A visit from Kevin Fowler, Head of Development teams at AFC Academy to our little Diamonds session at Ferrers School, plus an amazing morning of footy between FFA Northampton, Grammarians and ourselves for our years 3 to 7 girls to enjoy.
- Sunday: I went to see if our Under 13 Whites could continue their unbeaten league run against Ise Lodge

Let's start on the half-term Monday then: the Academy's development squads had invited Kettering Town academy to a day of games to be held over at the Malcom Arnold Academy in Northampton and as we had a fair few representatives from our teams playing in those squads I headed over to see how our players got on. Just as I thought, they did themselves and us proud, playing their part in some attractive matches across the age groups.

Tuesday saw our under 12s take on a 12-hour cycle challenge on the bikes at the Waendal Centre in Wellingborough. Coach Dave Thomson led the way, on site for the whole 12 hours and very much in the saddle when I popped in to lend my very

limited support. Together the team covered a distance of 871 kilometres. Incredible effort guys, and Dave, I tip my hat to you and your squad for excelling on the pitch and off it this season.

Wednesday saw the Players' Mums take on another training session and boy did they have the weather for it, fair play to them as I didn't hear any moaning about the elements. I had help from our under 14s coach Gary Halliday this week as Stuart is away on business. Gary worked on touch and control from head to toe, heading being the ladies' least favourite activity for sure. They all did well in trying out the techniques that Gary was asking them to perform and got better as the session went on. Keep it going ladies, hope you're having fun with it.

On Thursday evening I went over to Higham to make sure the Walking Football gents knew where to go when they arrived at Ferrers School, as it was their first week at the new venue, as it was for all our teams that have made the move from Raunds Manor School to our new training home. Everyone appears to be fitting in nicely and the closer venue is surely a positive for the majority of our players and their parents.

On Saturday, I was to meet Kevin Fowler, the Head of Development Squads at our Academy, over at our Little Diamonds session. We have some big plans for this section of the club. Something I'm happy to report is that Kevin will be heading up the section over the coming months. I'm super excited about the experience we are about to bring into this section of the club and the ideas we are looking to put in place.

After meeting with Kevin I stayed for an hour or so, talking to under 13s coach

Dan Richards as we watched the girls from our youngest age groups play matches against FFA and Grammarians whilst the under 13 Blues trained next to them. It was great to see so many of our players having fun playing the game they love. It makes the admin work we have to do to enable to run the club worth it. A note on admin: we have a new secretary in place as of the beginning of February. A warm welcome Shelia, great to have you with us and looking forward to working with you, thanks for stepping up. Also, thanks to our outgoing secretary Danielle for your work this season.

Onto Sunday then. It was unfortunate but expected to see all our mini soccer fixtures fall foul of the weather yet again, something I believe the league needs to address as it would appear the central venue at Grammarians in Wellingborough is not up to the job. So to a windswept Bozeat playing fields for a 2pm kick off to see if the under 13 Whites could maintain their 100% league record, pitting their wits against Ise Lodge.

Neither team really got a hold on the conditions of the day at any point during the match, but Ise certainly had the better of the first half. Wind assisted but also playing up the slope they hemmed the ball firmly in our half for the first 30 minutes. There were no real clear-cut chances, save for the shot that crossed the line that the ref didn't see. Scruppy would sum up the first half.

The second half started in the same gusty conditions and again there was no real purpose to either team's play. Diamonds did get into the game much more and had several clear chances that could have been tucked away. They made use of the wind, trying to break the high

line of Ise Lodge by curving balls into the path of the striking pair. These led to a few races with the last defender as well as a one on one with the keeper, which Corey put just wide near the end of the game. The game ended in a no score draw, one that based on their second half showing Diamonds may feel slightly unfortunate to have ended up with, but looking at the game as a whole it was a well fought contest. Both teams deserved their point.

See you next time,
Mark Cullen, AFC Rushden & Diamonds Youth

Diamond Days:

Senior team action from the last 2 weeks:

02/02/2016

AFC Rushden & Diamonds pushed onto 64 points for the season with an excellent 2-0 victory over top five rivals St Ives Town at the Dog & Duck Stadium.

Diamonds were on the front foot throughout the game creating two early chances through great Tom Lorraine runs. The first when he fed Stevenson and Quigley who were denied at close range, and the second when he fired a shot across goal himself after surging into the box. St Ives were neat in possession and pressed themselves but found the Diamonds back four in dominant form. Claudiu Hoban worked hard defensively early on but his attacking threat grew throughout the half and he fired across goal after one great run, hit the post after another, and created mayhem with two dangerous crosses late on – one which might have been a penalty for handball and another that created a goalmouth scramble that Diamonds just couldn't force home.

The pressure was building and the vital first goal was not long in coming for the home side and it was a Hoban cross on 53 that created the goal. The ball was only half-cleared to Tom Lorraine on the edge of the box where the big striker turned and smashed the ball home first time from 18 yards. He celebrated the breakthrough in trademark fashion in front of a delighted Peter De Banke.

Finally on 80 minutes Diamonds pretty much secured the points with a spectacular goal from Man of the Match Claudiu Hoban to



Under 13 Whites in action against Ise Lodge 21.02.2016



Corey puts one just wide towards the end of the game – under 13s, 21.02.2016

massive celebrations around the ground. He was felled again wide out by the touchline and took the free kick hitting a high curling ball that fell over the stricken Trebbs and into the far corner with Jack Ashton closing in.

This was a dominant performance from Diamonds who were on the front foot from the very start, held their strong opponents to little threat, and got the goals they needed at just the right time to win this top of the table battle.

Full-time: AFC Rushden & Diamonds 2 – St Ives Town 0
Man of the Match: Claudiu Hoban
League position: 1st
Match report: Paul Judd

20/02/2016

AFC Rushden & Diamonds slipped to defeat in their top-of-the-table clash with promotion rivals Kings Langley on Saturday afternoon.

The only goal of the game was scored in the fourth minute as midfielder Ryan Plowright was found after a surging run from winger Steve Ward, and he drove a low effort into the bottom corner leaving Matt Finlay helpless. Despite a couple of subsequent half-chances for the visitors soon after the goal, the Diamonds weren't able to build up any sort of tempo or prolonged period of pressure, and all they could muster was a Tom Lorraine overhead kick which was straight at the keeper.

The second half was very similar to the opening period, with the away side naturally content to protect their lead

and attempt to hit their hosts on the counter-attack, while the home side still struggled to create any clear opportunities. Substitute Shawn Richards did see a free kick force goalkeeper Xavi Comas to scramble across his goal line and collect properly at the second attempt, and then moments later he hit a poked effort which took a couple of ricochets and was eventually cleared.

This result simply has to be filed under the 'bad day at the office' category for the Diamonds, who struggled throughout to build any urgency, tempo or style of football that truly would trouble the Kings Langley defence. Credit must not be taken away from the visitors, however, who were well marshalled by their skipper Stuart Deaton, looked dangerous when they did attack and fully merited the end result. It's back to the drawing board for the Diamonds, though positives can be taken from the fact that they still remain top of the Southern Football League Division One Central table and Egham dropped points also in a 2-2 draw at home to Uxbridge.

Full-time: AFC Rushden & Diamonds 0 Kings Langley 1
Match report: Ollie Mortimer
Man of the Match: Jack Ashton

Upcoming Fixtures Home

Saturday 5th March V Barton Rovers 3pm Kick off - League
Saturday 19th March V Uxbridge FC 3pm Kick off - League

King's Cliffe Heritage Centre to open on Easter Sunday

The Heritage Centre will be open to visit on the afternoon of Easter Sunday, (27th March) from 2pm to 5pm. To celebrate Easter, call in and see the collection of wooden eggcups, made by the King's Cliffe woodturners 100 and more years ago.

Children may be lucky enough to find themselves a chocolate egg to take home! Hire a self-guided audio tour for £2.50 and take a walk around 24 points of interest in the village, each

with an associated memory recorded by a long-standing village resident. Or simply explore the village's past through the digital archive of photos and other material.

The Heritage Centre is at 27 Bridge Street, look for the hanging sign over the street when the centre is open. Level access for disabled visitors is via a ramp from the rear of the building, where there is a drop-off point. Roadside parking for all visitors is on Bridge Street.

Clean for The Queen for Her Majesty's 90th birthday

East Northamptonshire Council is supporting Clean for The Queen, a campaign launched by Country Life magazine in partnership with Keep Britain Tidy to clear up Britain in time for The Queen's 90th birthday.

Clean for The Queen will rally an army of volunteers across the country to tidy their local areas during a special clean-up weekend on 4th-6th March.

In honour of The Queen, Rushden West Community Association (RWCA), along with district and town councillors, are organising a clean-up in Rushden. On 5th March, 10am-12.30pm, they will be in the Pemberton Ward area to rid the streets of litter. But they can't do it alone, they need your help.

Councillor Janet Pinnock explains: "We all have a responsibility to keep our community tidy and this campaign provides us with a great chance to improve the quality of our streets and public spaces. I hope it will help lead to a lasting legacy of a cleaner, tidier district."

Beverley Stevens, Chairman of RWCA added: "The Queen is an inspiration to us all and her 90th birthday is a unique opportunity for the people of Rushden and beyond to come together in celebration of Her Majesty's long service and dedication

to this country. If you love where you live, please join us for a few hours and together we can all Clean for The Queen."

To take part in Clean for The Queen, please register at www.cleanforthequeen.co.uk where you'll find advice and tips about how to join a group or to simply do your bit.

To join RWCA in their quest to clean Rushden for The Queen, please contact Janet Pinnock on 01933 314211 or email JPinnock@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk

They will meet at Highfield Community Church on Highfield Road just before 10am.

The waste services team will be on hand to lend support. They will be bringing the refuse vehicles and will take away larger items from residents if they are brought

out to them.

If you can't attend, but want to help keep the district clean and tidy, you can report a street/area that needs attention online at www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk

East Northamptonshire Council supports community clean-ups throughout the year. If you would like to organise your own, please call 01832 742026. ENC provides groups with everything they need, 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.

Oundle pupils undertake Trippium programme to extend learning

On Friday 5th February, the whole of Oundle's Third Form (Year 9) set off just after dawn on 20 different Trivium Trips - Trippium - around the country. Designed to place learning for its own sake at the heart of the curriculum, Trivium is a course based purely on 'interestingness'. It complements the School's extensive Voluntaries programme and Extended Project Qualifications (EPQs), encouraging pupils to extend their learning beyond subjects for academic assessment.

Among destinations far afield, pupils explored the history and architecture of London, the libraries, colleges and ancient printing presses of Oxford, the fine art, controversies and quadrangles of Cambridge, the medieval strongholds and cathedrals of Lincoln and Coventry, alongside modern exhibitions, debates about Kafka and piles of weaponry. Other

groups closer to home toured the historic centres of Stamford and Uppingham, and one group even ended up in prison - a planned stop, of course!

Head of Trivium, William Gunson commented: "Trippium is the annual daytrip for all Trivium sets, where each group of 10 pupils and their teacher goes somewhere different, with carte blanche to explore something interesting in the UK, linked to their current extension topic.

"Pupils reported having their eyes opened to a myriad of hidden corners of culture, enjoyed the off-piste day out, and thrived on the open challenge for the event, to take the most eccentric picture - a competition to which there were over 100 pupil entries from the 20 different locations.

"Many thanks to all staff who drove, shepherded and intrigued our Triv pupils out and about for the day."

Racing driver makes comeback

Rick Shortle, a successful racing driver in the late '80s and early '90s is making his comeback, to raise funds for the Cransley Hospice, Kettering.

"I just want to give something back to my

community," said Rick, from Woodford. "Racing is in my blood, and I want to use my efforts to race against a new generation of drivers, to raise funds and awareness of the great work that's done at Cransley Hospice."

This is a long-term plan

to build awareness and funding for the Cransley Hospice at a time when funding is crucial to its future development. It is hoped that substantial funds can be generated over the next few years for the facility, which helps so many people.



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Help local charity by voting for Dragon Hunter project

Local charity Rockingham Forest Trust has secured an £8,000 grant from Tesco's Bags of Help scheme for its Dragon Hunter project and you have the chance to help the Trust increase this to up to £12,000 by voting in your local Tesco store between 27th February and 6th March.

The project will provide a new pond-dipping platform at Stanwick Lakes, and a play fort in the site's popular adventure playground.

Whether spotting dragonflies and their larvae or slaying imaginary dragons from the new fort's turrets, thousands of children who visit the lakes each year will have their imaginations

fired, and come closer to nature whilst having outdoor fun.

The additional funding on offer through the competitive vote process would enable the Trust to add a disabled access ramp across to the pond dipping platform, and add a carved wooden dragonfly and bird of prey; also an interpretation panel and some information disks about the wildlife to be found in lakes and rivers.

People will be able to vote for the project, using tokens, in the Tesco Express stores in Wellingborough, Rushden, and Irthlingborough and in the Tesco superstore in Wellingborough.

The Bags of Help scheme will

see the money raised from the 5p carrier bag charge go directly back into the local community; it is administered by Groundwork UK.

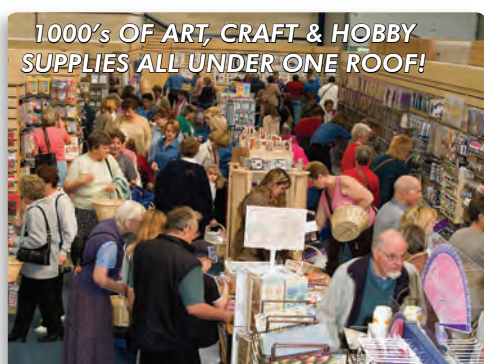
Stanwick Lakes is run as a social enterprise by environmental charity Rockingham Forest Trust in partnership with East Northamptonshire Council. Visit www.stanwicklakes.org.uk to find out more about Stanwick Lakes.

For more information about the project please contact Alyson Allfree at Rockingham Forest Trust on 01933 625527.



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Trish Ablett will host a **FREE Make & Take**, come along and create a small hand stitched project.

Yvonne Young will be introducing us to 'Art Journaling', how to transform a blank book into an illustrated journal.

If you are interested in Art Journaling don't forget **Yvonne's Workshop** (£20 including materials & refreshments) which will be held at The Craft Workshop on **Saturday 16th April** (10.00am to 3.00pm).



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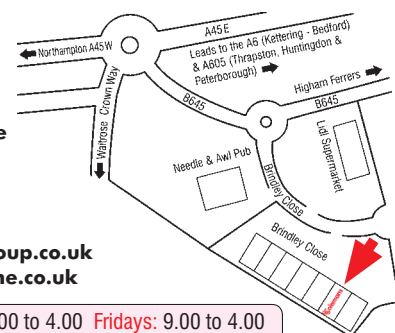
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Thursdays: 9.00 to 4.00
Fridays: 9.00 to 4.00
Saturdays: 8.30 to 4.00
Sundays: 10.00 to 4.00



Saturday 27th February Baby and Kids Nearly New Sale
The Pemberton Centre, Rushden
10am-12noon
Admission £1, kids free.
To book a stall please call 07577701161 or email karen_aves@hotmail.co.uk
Lots of stalls to browse! Refreshments available.
Lots of preloved items (Toys, Clothes etc) at a fraction of the high street cost!

Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th February Operation Dig
Stanwick Community Garden, Raunds Road, Stanwick
10am-4pm
Admission free
stanwickcgg@gmail.com
We are holding 'Operation Dig' at the newly created community garden site in Stanwick. We are looking for all members of the community to come along to help and get involved.

Sunday 28th February Whitefriars Church – Holy Communion 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.

All-Age Family Service
Thrapston Baptist Church
10.30am
Preacher: Mat Hussain

Sunday@6 Informal Sunday evening event
Thrapston Baptist Church
6pm
Free admission.
Refreshments provided.
Rev Mat Hussain's, exciting story 'Escaping from captivity, my story to freedom'. More info on the church website <http://www.thrapstonbaptist.co.uk>

Morning Worship
Rushden Mission Church
Wellingborough Road
10.45am
Alan 01933 355302
All age service with the Music Group and children's activities. Preacher Rev. John Williams

Tuesday 1st March Joint Thrapston Churches Lent Study
Thrapston Baptist Church
7.30pm-9pm
Led by Neil Mathieson – Thrapston Baptist.

Wednesday 2nd March Bridge of Grace Food Bank
Thrapston Baptist Church
1.30pm-2.30pm
Help for any who are in desperate need of food.

Happy Veg!
Methodist Church Hall, Drummingwell Lane, Oundle PE8 4AA
7.45pm
£2 patrons, £3 visitors
Tel: 01832 272609
A practical talk by Joe and Helen Whitehead on vegetable growing, free light refreshments, all welcome.

United Churches' Lent Lunches
St Mary's Church Hall, Rushden town centre NN10 0QE
12noon onwards
Donations for Christian Aid are invited
Chris Youngman 01933 551769
All are welcome for soup and a roll. Prayer time at 1pm.

Musical Opportunity Concert
Recital Room, Gascoigne, Oundle School
6.15pm
No tickets required
Please join Oundle School's musicians run through new repertoire.

Thursday 3rd March Lunchtime Concert – Pianists – Directed by Head of Keyboard, Alec Hone
St Peter's Church, Oundle
1.15pm
Admission free / Lunch can be purchased
Concerts in this beautiful church setting in Oundle. Lunch is provided for £3.50.

Discovery Walks: Warmington
Meet at Broadgate Way, Warmington
2pm
£1.50
Tel: 01780 782747
4.5 mile walk

Nene Valley Astronomical Society Lecture on 'Mars Science Laboratory'
Sudborough Village Hall, Main Street, Sudborough, Kettering NN14 3BX
8pm
£3 per person including tea/coffee and biscuits. Visitors and Members welcome.
Steve Williams on 01933 650331 or email chiltearnastro@yahoo.co.uk or Mrs Peta Jellis on 01933 356914 or email pej@petaj26.me.uk
Mars Science Laboratory has changed knowledge of Mars. New research will test for ancient life.

Thursday 3rd–Saturday 5th March The Pretty Trap, Portrait of a Madonna, I Never Get Dressed Till After Dark on Sunday
(Oundle School Production)
The Stahl Theatre
7.45pm
Admission: £6
These three, rarely performed one-act plays show Tennessee Williams at his lyrical best.

Friday 4th March Whitefriars Church Retireds' Group: Will Osborne – 'Our Favourite Things'
The Bridge Community Office at Whitefriars Junior School, Boughton Drive, Rushden NN10 9HX
1.30pm-3pm
Admission free
John & Celia Underwood 01933 676989
A friendly group to which all of retirement age are welcome.

Benefield Film Night
Benefield Village Hall
7.30pm

Admission £6 to include a glass of wine or soft drink
bookings@benefieldvillagehall.org.uk or ring Nadine on 01832 205163
Showing the Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel – popcorn will be available on the night!

Film: Kingsman: The Secret Service (15)
Ringstead Village Social Club
Doors open 7.30pm film starts 7.45pm
Tickets £5
Tel: 01933 460373
A send-up of secret agent films starring Colin Firth.

Saturday 5th March Oundle Strollers
Leave The Hubb
Fletton House Glapthorne Road
12.30pm, walk starts 1pm
Exton Village Ct.
Map Explorer 15
Leader David Wills 273899.
Distance 6 miles.

Gift, Craft and Produce Fair
The Pemberton Centre, Rushden
10am–2pm
Admission free
Lots of stalls to browse! A lovely variety of goods from homemade gifts to unique products. Refreshments and newspapers available! For a stall contact 07525 786141 or kidzfirst14@gmail.com

Table Top Sale
Rushden St Mary's Church Hall
10am–12noon
50p Admission – Table £6 (tables provided)
Contact Edna 01933 357253
All proceeds to the St.Marys Rushden Organ Fund.

Sunday 6th March Whitefriars Church – Morning Service for Mothering Sunday
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.

Open Dress Rehearsal for Birmingham Symphony Hall Concert
Oundle School's, Great Hall
2pm
No tickets required
The creation of logistical magic and the honing of many a note.

Special Service for Mothering Sunday
St Peter's Church, Newton Bromswold
10am

First Sunday Event
The Salvation Amy, Church Street, Rushden
6pm
Admission free
Gill Valentine 01933 353528
Visit of Paul Poulton, Christian Guitarist and Songwriter.

Ramblers – Kettering Area, Aldwincle Walk
Meet near Village Hall
10am
Free
Margaret 07821 729982
7-mile walk via Titchmarsh.

Mother's Day Service with the Children's Groups
Rushden Mission Church, Wellingborough Road
10.45am
Alan 01933 355302
All age service with the Music Group.

Morning Service
Thrapston Baptist Church
10.30am
Preacher: Mat Hussain
Giving what we have. Acts 3:1-10.

Monday 7th March Wellingborough & District Woodturning Club
Hardwick Village Hall, Hardwick Village, Nr Wellingborough, NN9 5AL
7pm-10pm
Paul 01933 674260
This evening we have a professional wood turner, demonstrating his wood turning skills.

Wednesday 9th March Oundle Branch of the Northamptonshire Family History Society – Lotions, Potions & Dubious Cures
Oundle Methodist Church, Drummingwell Lane
7.30pm
Members free/Visitors £2
www.northants-fhs.org/
Jenny 01832 272061
Bring a vegetable, fruit or herb and Susan Copperwheat will tell you what it could be used for.

United Churches' Lent Lunches
St Mary's Church Hall, Rushden Town Centre NN10 0QE
12 noon onwards
Donations for Christian Aid are invited
Chris Youngman 01933 551769
All are welcome for soup and a roll. Prayer time at 1pm.

Thursday 10th March Lunchtime Concert – Woodwind Solos and Ensembles
St Peter's Church, Oundle
1.15pm
Admission free/Lunch can be purchased
Concerts in this beautiful church setting in Oundle. Lunch is provided for £3.50.

Raunds WI
The Saxon Hall, Raunds
7.30pm
Admission: £3.50 for Visitors
Mary Harber 01933624271
Maria Patrick demonstrating Pasta Making.

Friday 11th March Oundle Historical Society AGM and Talk
Methodist Church, Drummingwell Lane, Oundle
7.30pm
Members free, Non-members £2
Perdita Cawthorne 01832 270372
'Postcard Views of Old Oundle', talk by David Wills and Buffet Supper.

Saturday 12th March Brass Band Festival with Hendon Salvation Army Band
Church Street, Rushden
7pm
Admission £5
Gill Valentine 01933 353528
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Sunday 13th March Locally Made Wedding Fayre
The Plaza, Thrapston
11am–3pm
Free admission
Rachel 01832 734974
Mock Wedding Ceremony, demonstrations and homemade teas. Meet your local suppliers for loads of inspiration.

Every Monday Headway East Northants Craft Club
The Baptist Chapel, Meeting Lane, Irthlingborough
1.30pm-3.30pm
£1 admission
Claire Phillips 01933 652311, claire.phillips@headwayeastnorthants.org.uk
Informal, friendly group making small items for fundraising purposes (knitting/crochet/cards). Materials can be provided.

Titchmarsh Folk Dance Club
The Club Room, High Street, Titchmarsh NN14 3DF
8pm-10pm
£1 inc tea/coffee
Julie Bubbles 01536 726858 or bubbles.folksinger@hotmail.com
Country dancing from the 1600s to the modern, sociable and fun. No partner needed.

Oundle Ladies Running Group
Oundle pool car park
6.45pm
Jane Walker 01832 272898, janewalkercakes@icloud.com
All levels welcome. Come and give us a try, it's free.

Wesley Centre Art Class
Irthlingborough Methodist Church
2pm-4pm Monday
01933 624847
Experienced teacher, all abilities welcome.

Baggy pants Yoga
St Peter's Church Hall, Midland Road, Rushden 10am-11.10am
£5 per session, no block booking commitment
Carole Wyatt 01933 382837 or email carole.wyatt@virginmedia.com
Gentle yoga movements to start your week refreshed and relaxed. Hall is behind the church.

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.

Second and fourth Mondays Stitchat
No. 1 St Osyth's Lane
1pm-4pm
Free
Stephanie Bradley 01832 770011 mornings managerno.1@oundlebaptist.org.uk
If you've never stitched, or love stitching. An inspiring and friendly group, free refreshments.

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

Every Monday and Thursday Oundle Bridge Club
Fletton House, Fletton Way, Oundle PE8 4JA
7pm Start
Tel: 01832 273044

Every Other Monday from 7th March Baggy pants Yoga
Studio 2, Pemberton Centre, HE Bates Way, Rushden
Tel: 01933 382837 or 07873743256 email: Carole.wyatt@virginmedia.com
£5 per session, no block booking commitment.
Gentle yoga movements and stretches to start your week refreshed and relaxed. Perfect for beginners.

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
New Inn Public House, Wymington
Meet around 7.30pm
No fee, just an interest in classic motorcycles. A warm welcome awaits.



Sling Walk

11am
01933 410112
First Tuesday of the month there will be Sling Library at 10am prior to the walk. Second Tuesday meet at Rushden CC Hayway instead of Higham Ferrers) One-hour walk with our kids in carriers. Bumps, buggies and walking siblings welcome, tea and coffee after the walk.

Royston Mission Training Band

Mission Church,
Wellingborough Road,
Rushden
7.30pm-8.45pm
Tel: Mr Boddington 01933 664628
The Royston Mission Training Band invite any young brass players grade 1 standard and above to their weekly practise.

Every other Tuesday

Hidden History: Talk, Coach Trip & Walks
Start from Raunds Library at 11am
Pick-up at Stanwick and Higham from 11.45am
Free coach, small charge for exclusive maps.
Return to Raunds by 2.15pm.
Booking Advised.
Susan 01933 461480
Suitable for all ages.

Second Tuesday of the month

Tea Dance
Pemberton Centre, Rushden
Dancing to 'Music Box'
2pm-4pm
£3 per person including Tea/Coffee & Cake

Higham Ferrers Guided Tour

Groups of 6-24 people.
Trained guides
Tea and cakes an optional extra
01933 411191
Irene Hawkins – Tourism
Book a guided tour of this historic town.

Wildlife Trust Little Bugs Club

10am-11.30am
£1 per child (adults are free)
Louise Tuffin 01604 774043
louise.tuffin@wildlifebcn.org
A fun monthly session for under 5s and their parents to discover local wildlife.

50+ Adventure Club

Tel: 01536 505548 for further information or visit: www.fiftyplusnorthantsadventureclub.org.uk
Adventures and activities for the over fifties who want more from life. Informal pub evenings to find out what we do.

Every Tuesday and Thursday Health Walks

Stanwick Lakes

10am-11am
Free – normal car park charges apply.
01933 625522
www.stanwicklakes.org.uk
Regular walking can help improve your health. Join us in our regular walks.

Every Wednesday Dog Training and Socialisation and Ringcraft

Halefield, Woodnewton, near Oundle
Classes from 6.45pm
01832 293432,
oundledogs@aol.com or
www.oundledogs.co.uk
Dog training classes following the KC Good Citizen Scheme and Ringcraft. New members always welcome.

Rainbow Cafe for Tots

(aimed at up to age 5 and their adults)
Stanwick Lakes
10.30am-12noon
£2 per child – normal car park charges apply.
01933 625522
www.stanwicklakes.org.uk
Make new and exciting crafts then join Lisa from Music and Movement to play, sing and dance.

Club Night

Apethorpe Tennis Club
From 6pm
All standards welcomed.

Job Club

No.1 St Osyth's Lane, Oundle
We can help with CV writing, Application forms, Mock Interviews, Career change.
Call in or by appointment
01832 770011.

Every Wednesday (Term Time Only)

Community ICT Classes
Needham Building, Oundle School SciTec, Glapthorn Road, Oundle
2.30pm-4pm
Free computer classes for everyone.

Every Wednesday (except school holidays)

Allegra Singers – Three-part ladies choir
Music room at King John School, Thrapston
7.30pm-9.30pm
£3 per session
Veronica 01832 732611 or 07753 472225
If you enjoy singing, come and join us in singing modern/show songs.
New members welcome.

First Wednesday of the month

Raunds Ladies Group
The Saxon Hall, Raunds
8pm-10pm
Visitors £3.50
Guest speaker, refreshments.

First and third Wednesdays

Thrapston Country Dancers
St Johns Ambulance Hall
2pm-3.30pm
ghearnden@tiscali.co.uk
G Hearnden 01933 622827
All are welcome including beginners. All dances are walked through and a partner is not required. Further details please contact 01933 622827.

Second Wednesday of the month

Coffee Morning
Raunds Methodist Church
10am-12noon
01933 383378
A warm welcome to all for a drink, cake and friendly chat. Proceeds to church projects.

Second and fourth Wednesdays of the month

Northants Model Makers
Windmill Primary School, Raunds NN9 6LA
Main meeting starts 7.30ish
First couple of meetings free
Bob Humpage 07960 054405
modelmaker@tiscali.co.uk
Social based model building club open to all ages and levels of experience.

Third Wednesday of the month

Wellingborough Flower Arrangement Society
St Mary's Church Hall,
Knox Road, Wellingborough NN8 1HU
7.30pm
£5
Chairman 01933 222326 or Secretary 01604 870275
Car park available.

Higham and Rushden U3A

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

Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays

Free Counselling
No.1 St. Osyth's Lane Oundle
By appointment
01832 770011
Run by professionally qualified and trained Counsellors, 6 free sessions available to all.

Every Thursday

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

The Silverfox Turners Club

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

Free guided walk around Oundle

Oundle
11am
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oundlib@northamptonshire.gov.uk or call 0300 126 1000

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Booking essential.

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No. 1 St Osyth's Lane, Oundle
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01832 770011 mornings.
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Market Drop-in

No. 1 St Osyth's Lane, Oundle
10am-2pm
Free
01832 770011
All welcome to come and have a free cuppa and cake in a friendly atmosphere.

Community Art Classes (Term Time Only)

Oundle School Art Department
7.30pm-8.30pm
Free Art Classes for people with a physical or learning disability.

Every Thursday during school term time

Music Makers
Titchmarsh Pavilion
9.30am-10.15am
£4 per child and £2 per sibling.
Naomi Cooper on musicmakersnorthants@gmail.com
Funky music and movement group for 0-5 years with parachute, puppets, balls, bubbles and more.

Music Makers

Joan Strong Centre, Oundle
11.15am-12noon
£2 per child and £2 per sibling.
Naomi Cooper on musicmakersnorthants@gmail.com
Funky music and movement group for 0-5 years with parachute, puppets, balls, bubbles and more.

Little Treasures Tots Group

St Laurence's Church, Stanwick
9.30am-11am
Donations to cover costs
Nicki 01933 625658
For pre-schoolchildren and their adult carer – Bible story, song, craft and fun.
All welcome.

Music Makers

Stanwick Village Hall
2pm-2.45pm
£4 per child and £2 per sibling
Naomi Cooper on musicmakersnorthants@gmail.com
Funky music and movement group for 0-5 years with parachute, balls, bubbles and more. FREE taster sessions up for grabs.

Move for Health

No.1 St Osyth's Lane
2.15pm-3pm
Struggling with aches and pain? Our Chartered Physiotherapist knows the exercise to get you moving.
Free. Tel: 01832 770011.

Enjoy Yoga

Whitefriars Infant school Hall, Rushden NN109HX
7pm-8.30pm
Admission £5

Gill Hughes 01933 313494, or email: Hughes-G17@sky.com

Feel better in your body and mind. Stretch, destress, enjoy – whatever your age.

First Thursday of the month

Raunds & District History Society
Saxon Hall, Raunds
7.30pm-9.30pm
£3 per visitor, includes refreshments
Secretary 01933 461480
raundshistory@btinternet.com
A variety of speakers.

Third Thursday of the month

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

Every third Thursday of the month

Ise & Nene Valley Turners
Counties Community Centre, Hertford Rd, Kettering NN15 6LG
7pm
Members Free, Visitors £7
Peter Bond 01933 741835 or email peterbond@btinternet.com
All welcome to this friendly club. Learn new skills, visits by top wood-turners.
Refreshments/raffle.

Every Thursday and Saturday (and Market Days in Oundle)

Drop-In Cafe
No. 1 St Osyth's Lane
10am-2pm
Free
Staphanie Bradley 01832 770011
No.1 is a warm friendly Cafe open to all for free drinks and cakes.

Every Friday 'Tea + Tots' Little Ducklings Pre-School

Barnwell
1.30pm-3pm
£1.50 per family
01832 358085
Come and enjoy a nice relaxing cup of tea whilst watching your children play.

Walk and Chat

Rushden Hall Park, Under Flag Pole
10am
Sue Mckay 07739 327022, sue.mckay@groundwotrk.org.uk
Join us at Hall Park for a 45-minute walk and chat then refreshments in the Hall – suitable for all abilities... a FREE Healthy Walk.

Music Makers

Nene Centre, Thrapston
12.45pm-1.30pm and 1.45pm-2.30pm
£4 per child, £2 for siblings with FREE taster sessions
musicmakersnorthants@gmail.com
Naomi Cooper 07815 293893
Funky music and movement group with parachute, balls, puppets, bubbles, instruments and more!

First Friday of the month (recommend checking before travelling)

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

Third Friday of the month

Raunds Tea Dance
Saxon Hall, Raunds
2pm-4.15pm
£3 (plus 50p for Raffle)
Mrs Wicks 01933 312623
Tea dance and raffle.

U3A Branch Meeting

The Plaza, Cosy Nook, Thrapston NN14 4PS
10am-12noon
Cover charge: £2 (Visitors) £1 (Members) includes refreshments
The U3A offers over 30 interest groups and social events to members. Visitors always welcome.

Third Friday of the month (recommend checking before travelling)

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

First Saturday of the month

Coffee Morning
St Mary's Church, Ringstead
10am-12noon
01933 624262 for details
A warm welcome to all, proceeds to church projects and charities.

Thrapston Farmers' Market

Thrapston High Street
9am-1pm
Free
www.thrapstonfarmersmarket.moonfruit.com
Local meat, beer, cider, cheese, eggs, deli, preserves etc.

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

Coffee 'n' Cakes
Oundle Methodist Church, Drummingwell Lane (behind the Talbot Hotel)
10am-12noon
John Hewitson 01832 272209
Filter coffee, tea, squash (free refills) homemade cakes. Warm welcome. Proceeds to various charities.

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(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016

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LENGTHS OF ROADS TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES:
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REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during removal of bollards, street furniture and associated works.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 21st March 2016 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.

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Dated this 27th day of February 2016
 QUENTIN BAKER, Director of LGSS Law PKG/T16/068

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Chess Corner



By Derrick Sims

with James resigning when pawn promotion became inevitable for his opponent. Sarah Collins had an incredible game on board 4 against the experienced Ian Revitt. Ian gained the upper hand on move 37 when he forked Sarah's King and Rook with his Knight. Sarah fought on but Ian's Rook advantage proved to be insurmountable and she resigned after 54 moves.

Northants SKL Division II Match

Monday 8th February,

Rushden C 0 - 5 Chess Mates C

Bd1: James Wicks (68) 0-1 Andre Sosnowski (U)

Bd2: Tom Murts (61) 0-1 Jefta Jawi (U)

Bd3: Eddie Francolini (37) 0-1 David Curran (117)

Bd4: Sarah Collins (U) 0-1 Ian Revitt (98)

Bd5: Vidmantas Dikzas (U) 0-1 Tim Broad (83)

Following Rushden C's whitewash at the hands of Chess Mates C it was the turn of Rushden B to face Chess Mates B. Rushden's players were again at a disadvantage giving away an average 34 points against the higher graded Northamptonshire team. Phil Campbell's aggressive start only produced a loose position against David Griggs who took advantage to take control when Phil blundered on move 28.

Jeff Owen chose safety over adventure in his game against Nigel Turner with an unexciting draw being agreed with most of the pieces remaining on the board. Captain Bob lived a charmed life in his tussle against Chess Mates' Nigel Young who missed several opportunities to gain an advantage including a certain Mate. With no obvious advantage to either player a draw was agreed.

In the meantime Keith Bristow was running into time trouble on board 2 and blundered on the 32nd move allowing Peter a pawn advance which won a loose Rook after a double attack on Keith's Rook and Queen. Time



was similarly winding down in the game between Alan Lewis and Greg Smith, with Greg building a good position leading to attrition of Alan's pieces and his resignation on move 53. To have taken a point off the rampant Chess Mates' B team was not an insignificant result and Rushden B can be pleased to have avoided the fate that befell Rushden C.

Northants SKL Division I Match

Monday 15th February,

Rushden B 1 - 4 Chess Mates B

Bd1: Alan Lewis (131) 0-1 Greg Smith (165)

Bd2: Keith Bristow (118) 0-1 Peter Tibbert (152)

Bd3: Bob Ellam (108) ½ Nigel Young (U)

Bd4: Phil Campbell (102) 0-1 David Griggs (147)

Bd5: Jeff Owen (102) ½ Nigel Turner (121)

It was Rushden C's turn to host Northampton's Chess Mates C in their latest league match. There was little hope of beating them as their lowest graded player was rated at 83 with Rushden's best player rated at 68; such was the gulf between the two teams.

Special mention is reserved for Vidmantas Dikzas who was a last minute replacement on board 5 playing his first game for Rushden in the league. Vid gave a good account of himself against the much higher graded Tim Broad but Tim's experience told and he slowly gained the upper hand for a well deserved victory.

Tom Murts was playing against Chess Mates' Jefta Jawi managing a good opening position; this was later squandered by a series of blunders with Tom resigning after 26 moves. Eddie Francolini on board 3 never recovered from a poor opening sequence allowing Chess Mates' Dave Curran to chase him all round the board. With Eddie plunging from one bad position to another, it was only a matter of time before the inevitable Checkmate.

Rushden's James Wicks went a pawn down in his opening and this proved to be decisive in the endgame

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