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## Discover something new with the National Trust in Northamptonshire

**See what's happening at National Trust places in Northamptonshire. Every year new discoveries are made and fresh information comes to light. A visit to a National Trust place in 2016 has the potential to reveal new stories about past residents, new objects on display or simply new views as the plants and gardens come to life.**

The seasonal changes and new discoveries are what make National Trust places great places to visit. They are also one of the key reasons why regular visitors return to favourite locations time and time again, to see what's new!

These are just a few of the things to discover in

the local area this spring;

From 25th April there will be a new walk at Lyveden called 'Beating the Bounds'. It is an opportunity to walk the boundaries at Lyveden and discover views across the property that few visitors get a chance to experience.

At Canons Ashby, visitors can get up close to John Dryden's rare eighteenth-century funerary achievements (ceremonial garments) while they undergo a month-long conservation project. The fragile textiles will be transferred from the Priory to the house, where they will be meticulously assessed and conserved onsite. Visitors can see the project taking place up close and chat to the conservators while they work.

Phil Bittner, National Trust Visitor Experience Consultant said: "Treasures and stories from the past regularly get uncovered at the places we care for. Sometimes they are new items with a connection to the place or the people that have lived there, and other times they are discovered as a result of research being carried out. Obviously, our first priority is always to preserve contents so that everyone can enjoy them for years to come but we love sharing discoveries and the evolving stories with visitors because they get just as excited as us."

As well as the smaller changes, there have been some larger discoveries in recent years too.

In autumn 2014, volunteer Zoe Wilson discovered an old rusty key in the woodland at Lyveden. This find led to speculation that it may once have been used by the man whose energy and vision led to the creation of Lyveden: Sir Thomas Tresham. Further analysis, including X-rays, suggests a post-medieval date is most likely and this find probably dates from c.1550–1650. Work stopped on Lyveden in 1605 following the death of Sir Thomas so it is possible that it once belonged to him.

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# Editor's notes

Our publication date for this edition coincides with the anniversary of what is reputed to be Britain's first regular daily newspaper and it will be interesting to see how much recognition the event will get in today's editions of our current dailies.

The Daily Courant first appeared in 1702 as a single sheet with two columns and advertisements on the reverse; obviously, the proprietor recognised the financial imperative which was as relevant 314 years ago as it is today. The Daily Courant was produced by Elizabeth Mallet, writing under the name Edward Mallet, at her premises next to the Kings Arms tavern at Fleet Bridge in London. Mallet intended to publish factual, mainly foreign, news and stated that she would not add any comments of her own, supposing her readers to have "sense enough to make reflections for themselves", a sentiment which we might strive to maintain today. The Daily Courant continued in publication until 1735 when it was sold and absorbed into the Daily Gazetteer.

Turning to the situation at Oundle Town Council, which was raised in our last edition, we had hoped to be able to publish comments from the council but at the time of going to print nothing had been provided, so in an attempt to add some clarity here is the unofficial version of events as provided by one of the five remaining councillors:

The issue about Level (or more correctly Profile) 4 status had nothing to do with the achieving of certain Quality Standards and would bring no additional benefits. The Profile of the council is to do with assessing the level at which a council operates in order to set the remuneration of the Clerk to the council. Essentially the higher the level (profile) the more the Clerk should be paid under the agreements between NALC and the SLCC. The decision about the level (profile) therefore affects the council's expenditure budget. At the December meeting of the council, when the initial decision was taken, there was a linked decision with regard to the remuneration of

the Clerk. Although a review of the decision over the council's level/profile was sought by a majority of the town councillors and obtained in January, there was no attempt made to reverse the decision regarding the Clerk which still, therefore stands. The purpose of the review was to seek clarification of how the level (profile) should be assessed and following that review the original decision has been reinstated with Oundle Town Council having assessed itself to be a Level (profile) 4 council.

We hope that is helpful. However, it does not explain why the majority of the Councillors found it necessary to resign over this issue, leading to the need for an election aimed at finding a further nine individuals to fill

the vacancies. Details of the timings for the election are in the latest version of the Oundle Oracle but the headlines are that nominations are required by 4pm on 7th April and polling day will be on 5th May.

Our articles on fly tipping and anti-social behaviour certainly indicate that our District Council is trying to get to grips with these matters for the benefit of local residents. However, the latter issue leads to a question about the problems caused by building development works and the distress caused to those living adjacent to building sites; is this anti-social behaviour, could the developers do more to mitigate the problems or is it just the price we have to pay for progress?

## Genealogy jottings

Before I moved to this neck of the woods, I lived in a village in Hertfordshire. There were just three public houses in the village, but history tells me that there used to be at least another five. Some of them had been converted into private houses but still bore the name of the pub – or inn – as the house name. If you find your ancestors in the census and they are running a drinking establishment, but are unable to find that pub or inn in the present day, it could well be that the place no longer exists as such.

The Green Man in Oundle is no longer a public house, but now accommodates an antiques shop. The Wheatsheaf in Thurning is now a private house, as is the Fitzwilliam Arms in Irthingborough. However, by looking at the buildings, there are still some clues to be had of their previous use.

But what were your ancestors' jobs? Here are some of the more unusual names that may be found:

- **Ale Conner** – A man who inspected the ale sold in public houses for quality and measure (Also known as an Ale Founder)
- **Ale Tunner** – He was responsible for filling the barrels (tuns) with beer

**By Jan Pearson**

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- **Brewster** – Female Brewer
- **Hush Shop Keeper** – Someone who brewed and sold beer without a licence (this was usually a sideline to their normal occupation.)
- **Malster** – A brewer, maker or seller of malts (beers)
- **Mashmaker** – He made the mash vats or mashels used for mixing malts to make the beer.
- **Pot Boy** – Usually a boy or young lad who collected the used pots/glasses in the inn and washed them. He would also do other menial tasks.
- **Zythesparist** – A brewer.

If you do find the pub where your ancestor lived/worked and it is still in use as such, it is always worth contacting the brewery to see if they have information in their archives – you never know what you might discover!

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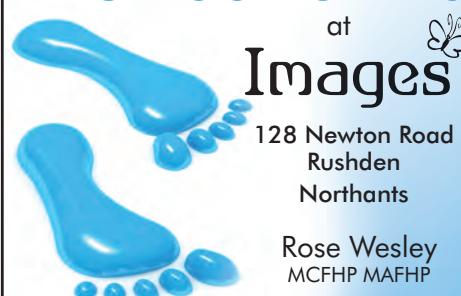
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# Author welcomed at Rushden Academy

**O**n Tuesday 1st March Rushden Academy welcomed Horrible Science author Nick Arnold into the school to talk to and Year 7 and 8 students about his 'Horrible Life' and about what inspired him to write books about science.

Nick spoke about his school days and former jobs and how they influenced his decision to write stories and then factual books about science. His first two books Ugly Bugs and Blood, Bones and Body Bits were written in 1996 and

so he is celebrating their 20 year anniversary this year. Along with his talk and encouragement to read and write stories, Nick included a few scientific experiments which went down really well with the students, especially as they meant a couple of teachers and classmates got wet!

One of the Year 7 students said: "I think his talk was good because it was funny in places and I learnt that he had worked in a brain store!".

A Year 8 student

commented: "I think the author visit was a very exciting event. Nick Arnold captivated the audience with good use of anecdotes and a funny presentation, which involved the audience and got his point across to inspire the students – we'd like to see more visits like this."

Nick also stayed in the school library for 45 minutes after the talk signing books and answering lots of student questions. After the event he had this to say: "I had a wonderful time at Rushden Academy – I met some very enthusiastic librarians and teachers and spoke to chatty and excitable Year 7s and thoughtful and happy Year 8s. Hopefully I inspired quite a few young writers and scientists. A message to all of you: please carry on supporting your school library!"

It was a great experience for Rushden Academy students and staff and Nick certainly brought science to life in his own unique style."



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## 'Songs of Love' concert planned for Guildhall

**N**orthampton Male Voice Choir is proud to be celebrating its 70th anniversary this year. To kickstart the celebrations an exciting concert, entitled Songs of Love, will be held in Northampton's beautiful Guildhall on Saturday 19th March. The choir will be joined in this wonderful evening of entertainment by Callie

Jo Dendigh, a fabulous American mezzo soprano who was a 2014/15 Opera Works artist at English National Opera. Following the choir's mission to help local and national good causes, the concert is being held in support of the Samaritans.

Commenting, Stephen Bell, Musical Director said: "The choir has been working hard learning

new repertoire for this concert enabling us to put together an exciting new programme. We are so lucky to be joined by Callie Jo Denbigh, a fabulous singer, who will delight us with favourites from well-known operas and musicals."

Tickets are £15 each and are available from the choir's website: [www.nmvc.co.uk](http://www.nmvc.co.uk).

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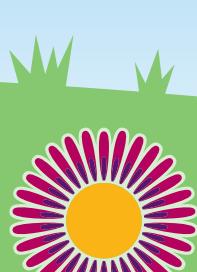
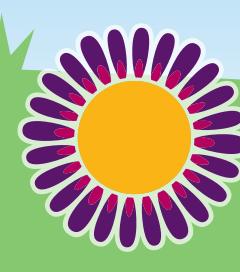
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# Gardening is more dangerous than you think!

**M**ost people think of gardening as a gentle hobby which doesn't cause any harm to the body – well apart

from the occasional stiff and sore back. However, as late spring and early summer is the time when people are planting out

bedding plants, potting on and planting out what has been grown in the greenhouse, maybe it's a good time to look at some

of the potential hidden perils of gardening.

Back problems are probably the most common known issue with gardening. Lots of bending over while weeding, planting and digging can place stresses and strains through the back. A little of this type of activity shouldn't cause any issues to a healthy back, but prolonged exposure to these activities can lead to muscle soreness and joint irritation giving rise to a few days of pain. More seriously you can cause some disc issues or nerve irritation, which could cause pain for a much longer period of time.

The best way to try and avoid any back pain is to take regular breaks from what you are doing, bend your back in the opposite way to the way you have been moving or keeping still, and make sure that you keep yourself nice and warm.

This time of year most physiotherapy practices have a few extra patients attending with elbow pain. You might be thinking, ah it's tennis season so that's why? Afraid not – prolonged use of shears or secateurs

leads to lots of use of the forearm muscles. This can cause a lot of muscle pain in the forearm muscles and often a pulling of the tendon (tough material which connects the muscle to the bone) leading to a very sharp and prolonged pain. This 'tennis elbow', or lateral epicondylalgia as its known in the medical field, can take an awful long time to settle down. Prevention is best; again, take lots of breaks during gardening tasks. If you have a lot of work to do with shears, hedge trimmers, strimmers or secateurs, split the job over a few days or several weekends. Yes it's more frustrating and takes longer to have that hedge looking neat and tidy, but it's better than the frustration of lots of pain.

Another common part of the body affected by gardening but one very few people realise is in the knee. A lot of people have heard of sports people tearing the

cartilage in their knee, but it's also a risk among gardeners. The cartilage is most at risk in the knee when the knee is bent, weight is put on it and then twisted. This is such a common movement to do whilst kneeling and rotating to pick up a plant or when reaching over to get at that last weed within reach.

Damage to your knee cartilage often results in knee swelling, pain and loss of movement. Often this will settle but gives you pain and loss of function for a time. Sometimes, though, this type of injury needs an operation. So rather than risk a knee issue, keep the plants to be planted out in front and move position regularly to avoid the twisting of the knee.

While we don't want to put people off doing some gentle physical activity it's worth noting some of these dangers so you can avoid the pitfalls of gardening and the errors made by others.

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**S**even local businesses have sponsored a Huxlow sports team each, so the boys' and girls' football teams all have a stunning new kit for their upcoming matches.

The Huxlow football teams have a strong reputation for success in the district and county, regularly participating in league and cup games.

"I love the new yellow kit. It's different from our usual kit, we're going to play like legends in it!" said J Gaggini, one of the stars of the Year 11 boys' team.

On Thursday 28th January, the football teams hosted representatives from their sponsor companies for a morning of football, where

they showcased their skills in friendly matches and met with the sponsors over refreshments in the Sports Hall.

"All the boys enjoyed the morning; they felt smart in their new kit and believe it will help them conquer the District League next year!" said Mr Letts, Learning Leader for PE.

The businesses from the local community who have supported Huxlow's sporting stars are:

- Yr 7 Boys – sponsored by Cloverdale Catering
- Yr 7 girls – sponsored by Paradigm Interiors

- Yr 8 boys – sponsored by R F Blount & Sons
- Yr 9 Boys – sponsored by Paradigm Interiors
- Yr 10 boys – sponsored by Wykes Engineering
- Yr 11 boys – sponsored by SCL Electrical
- Yrs 10 & 11 Girls – sponsored by Simplicity Blinds

"The Sponsors were thrilled with their kits and during the Sponsor morning said how great the students were and how smart they looked in their new strips," said Mrs Cox, PA to the Headteacher, who co-ordinated the event.

Links to further information:  
<http://www.huxlow.northants.sch.uk/Sponsors>

## Feeling cold? Let us transport you to the summer!

**T**wo weekends of fantastic entertainment in July are planned for Oundle and the surrounding villages!

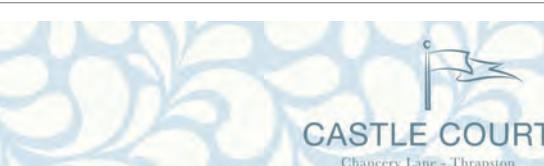
The Oundle International Festival programme will be announced on 1st April on live radio but you can plan ahead now by noting the dates 8th–16th July!

Tickets are already on sale for the weekend events. The Party At The Wharf headline act is The

Beat with their energetic soul, ska and reggae. They will perform famous hits such as 'Mirror in the Bathroom' and will be supported by Rutland's own massively popular indie-folk band The Tin Pigeons who've played Thurning Feast and The Fringe Oundle. Back by

popular demand after last year's 'Sorcerer's Apprentice' hit is Illyria open-air theatre with a production of Roald Dahl's 'Danny, Champion of The World'. New to the festivities this year is 'Grease' Outdoor Cinema! 'Tell me more, tell me more'...we will on 1st April!

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**Ashton**

16/00249/FUL (02/04/2016) (LB/CA) Change of use from B1 office back to original full residential use at The Estate Office The Green Ashton PE8 5LD  
16/00308/FUL (02/04/2016) (LB/CA) Erection of wooden building to act as filing room for adjacent offices at cricket pavilion Ashton Wold Ashton

**Brigstock**

16/00350/FUL (02/04/2016) (LB/CA) Demolition of existing single storey element, new double storey extension and separate double garage/log store at 13 Park Walk Brigstock NN14 3HH

**Collyweston**

16/00306/FUL (02/04/2016) (LB/CA) Installation of double glazing and minor alterations to brick store to construct utility room at 1 Back Lane Collyweston PE9 3PJ

**Easton-on-the-Hill**

16/00278/FUL (26/03/2016) (Info) Two story rear extension (part retrospective) at 38 Western Ave Easton On The Hill PE9 3NB Glapthorn  
16/00252/FUL (26/03/2016) (Info) Erection of grain store, creation of hardstanding and alteration to access at north corner of Stoney Field Cotterstock Rd Glapthorn  
16/00296/FUL (26/03/2016) (Info) New oak framed porch to front elevation, 3no. additional roof lights and alterations to front

elevation windows at Glapthorn House Benefield Rd Glapthorn PE8 5BH

**Higham Ferrers**

16/00292/LBC (02/04/2016) (LBReg)  
Addition of 2no. sun tunnels at 15 North End Higham Ferrers NN10 8JB  
16/00297/FUL (26/03/2016) (Info) To build large shed in owners garden at 2 Coniston Close Higham Ferrers NN10 8NL  
16/00314/FUL (26/03/2016) (Info) Single storey dwelling at 108 Wharf Rd Higham Ferrers NN10 8BH

**Irthlingborough**

16/00340/FUL (26/03/2016) (Info) Demolition of existing rear conservatory and detached garage. Construction of two storey rear extension, dormer window to front elevation and erection of new detached garage at 61 Finedon Rd Irthlingborough NN9 5TY

**Kings Cliffe**

16/00355/LBC (02/04/2016) (LBReg)  
Works to the stone barn to the rear consisting of rebuilding the northern wall, the western gable and the roof at 22 West St Kings Cliffe PE8 6XA

**Little Addington**

16/00342/FUL (26/03/2016) (Info) Single storey rear extension at Beech Tree House Back Lane Little Addington NN14 4AX

**Lowick And Slipton**

16/00186/FUL (02/04/2016) (LB/CA) Change of use to incorporate additional garden land into existing residential curtilage, together with regularisation of erection of summerhouse, creation of swimming pool, existing

landscaping treatments and associated boundary treatments (all retrospective) at 16B Main St Lowick

16/00318/FUL (26/03/2016) (Info) Change windows from brown wood to white pvc at Glebe Farm Cottage Main St Slipton NN14 3AS

**Oundle**

16/00102/FUL (02/04/2016) (LB/CA)  
Refurbishment and renovation of existing domestic accommodation at first and second floors: Conversion and extension of adjacent stores and courtyard to form retail premises at 14 Market Place Oundle PE8 4BQ  
16/00309/FUL (26/03/2016) (Info) Single storey rear and side extension at 21 Bridge View Oundle PE8 4DT  
16/00328/FUL (02/04/2016) (LB/CA)  
Proposed replacement dwelling at 6A East Rd Oundle

**Raunds**

16/00108/REM (02/04/2016) (Art8)  
Approval of reserved matters: appearance, layout, scale and landscaping for fast food unit (use class A5) pursuant to application 11/00700/OUT - Outline: Demolition of existing buildings, development of employment park including A3/4/5, B1b and c, B8, C1, D1 and D2 uses together with access, parking areas and open space (all matters reserved except for access) at land off A45 London Rd Raunds NN9 6EG  
16/00110/ADV (26/03/2016) (Info) 6no. fascia adverts, 2no. fascia graphics, 2no. fascia instruction signs, 2no. totem poles, 1no. height restrictor, 10 other free standing signs with information at land off A45 London Rd Raunds NN9 6EG  
16/00116/FUL (26/03/2016) (Info) Entrance

porch and toilet to front of house measuring approx 3m x 3m with tiled roof at 26 Windmill Lane Raunds NN9 6LA

16/00290/FUL (26/03/2016) (Info) Insertion of new French doors, removal of existing fire escape and construction of new terrace at Saxon Hall Brook St Raunds NN9 6LL  
16/00307/FUL (26/03/2016) (Info) Two storey side extension at 5 Derling Drive Raunds NN9 6LF

**Rushden**

16/00346/ADV (26/03/2016) (Info)  
1no. externally illuminated 'Pets at home' sign to west elevation at Unit 2, Crown Way Rushden

16/00356/FUL (26/03/2016) (Info) Garage conversion at 3 Cowslip Close Rushden NN10 0UD

**Tansor**

16/00367/FUL (02/04/2016) (Art8)  
Erection of polytunnels at land west of Fotheringhay Rd Tansor PE8 5HP

**Thrapston**

16/00288/FUL (26/03/2016) (Info) Single storey extension to rear and side of property at 42 Windsor Drive Thrapston NN14 4XH  
16/00294/FUL (02/04/2016) (LB/CA) Change of use of part of a coal yard used for sales, storage and delivery to a hand car wash at Store Coal Yard Midland Rd Thrapston  
16/00315/FUL (26/03/2016) (Info) Rear single storey extension at 59 Oundle Rd Thrapston NN14 4PA  
16/00327/FUL (26/03/2016) (Info) Proposed first floor side extension over existing ground floor extension at 31 Lindisfarne Way Thrapston NN14 4US

Consultation deadlines will differ for each application. Please go to [www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/planningapplications](http://www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/planningapplications) for details.

# Diamonds diary



**POSTPONED**

Almost 14 years after moving into the area from Lancashire, the weather I moved to escape has caught me up. Apologies all round, as I can see that the drainage here isn't designed to cope with more than a shower. There must be an enormous underground drainage system in Rochdale, as its youth pitches cope with the rainfall Old Grammarians Sportsground (Central venue for our mini soccer) has had over the last few weeks and still need watering to make them playable.

But as we are in the Mediterranean Midlands, I guess we have to put up with postponements after 'light drizzle'. Of course the league could try alternatives. We have a nice new 3G pitch in Higham Ferrers and the perfectly good facility at Raunds. It has been suggested that they should look at doing something and to be fair they have made efforts over December/January with Futsal for under 9s and 10s.

Here are the results for the games that did go ahead that I am able to report:

**Under 16s**

AFC R&D Galaxy 6–0 AFC R&D Cosmos

**Under 13s**

Ise Lodge 6–1 AFC R&D Whites

**Under 12s**

AFC R&D 4–1 Irchester Romans Centurians

**WE NEED PLAYERS**

We are in need of some mums, sisters, aunts to join the squad for our Mums v Mums match. It doesn't matter which club your child plays for, come and join in and let your children see you play the game they, and hopefully you, love.

Training is every Wednesday evening at The Ferrers School and the match will be at the Dog and Duck on 8th May.

If you would like to join us, or would just like to join us training, please get in touch by email at [mark.cullen@afcdiamonds.com](mailto:mark.cullen@afcdiamonds.com)

See you next time  
Mark Cullen  
AFC Rushden & Diamonds Youth

**DIAMOND DAYS**

Senior team action from the last 2 weeks:

**27/02/2016**

227 people witness Diamonds have a 'bad day at the office'. League position: 2nd

A lacklustre performance from AFC Rushden & Diamonds saw them slip to a 1-0 defeat by Potters Bar Town in Hertfordshire on Saturday afternoon. After the disappointment of defeat by Kings Langley the previous weekend, the travelling Diamonds fans would have been expecting far more quality from their side. Instead they had to endure a performance that mirrored that when they visited Beaconsfield – the only consolation this time was that they only shipped as single goal, but rarely threatened to show their hosts why they arrived at Parkfield leading the Southern League Division One Central.

The winning goal came from Scholars' striker Chris Doyle, who was able to convert a left-wing free-kick 10 minutes before the break. The Diamonds rarely took the game by the scruff of the neck, apart from a short spell shortly after Andy Hall joined the action, when both Hoban and Lorraine might have levelled the game.

Manager Andy Peaks restored January Player of the Month Shawn Richards to the starting line-up at the expense of Andy Hall, with Delroy Gordon having shaken off a knock to continue at right back. Lewis Leslie was able to return to the bench, and Matt Pinder took the final spot on the bench that held five outfielders.

The Parkfield pitch had recovered well from the recent wet weather, with the wet perimeter area showing how much work had been done to ensure the pitch was ready. A cold easterly wind blew across the playing surface meaning there was little shelter for the impressive match day crowd.

The first dangerous looking attack from the visitors saw Jon Stevenson pick up a pass inside the area after a thrusting run from Claudio Hoban, and he reached the six yard box before squaring for Tom Lorraine, whose effort was blocked. The linesman's flag halted further attempts to convert the opening.

With 10 minutes to go before the break, the hosts got their breakthrough. A fairly innocuous break down the left saw Delroy Gordon penalised as he leaned into the wide-player. The resultant free-kick found Chris Doyle, who had made himself space to flick the ball over Finlay with a collection of players following the ball into the net.

**Half Time: Potters Bar Town 1 AFC  
Rushden & Diamonds 0**

The pace of the game in the second period was really disappointing; with little to suggest that the Diamonds were chasing an equaliser in order to help erase some of the memories of their performance the previous weekend.

The hosts were happy to see the stalemate, as they held the advantage, and as a result there was very little of any quality to report, and some of the misplaced passes, mishit shots and poor crosses are best left unrecorded.

It was only when Andy Hall joined the action as the Diamonds' second substitute that there was sign of increased tempo, that coming shortly after the hosts could easily have doubled their lead when Jack Lyons broke clear on the left, beating the Diamonds' offside trap, but he was unable to convert the chance.

Hall quickly produced the most penetrating pass of the game, as he linked with Jon Stevenson, who in turn set up Tom Lorraine for a chance that he fired over. Claudio Hoban then started to run at the defence with more purpose down the left, and he was able to get in a low shot, well saved by Goode. A second chance for Hoban quickly followed as the Diamonds looked like they might finally start to threaten the home goal on a regular basis.

Tom Lorraine appeared fortunate to escape a second yellow card as he protested the award of a throw-in, perhaps as he felt he might have been rather better protected from a number of challenges during some clever defending by the home side.

**Full-Time: Potters Bar Town 1 AFC  
Rushden & Diamonds 0**

*Match report: Jane Doe*

**UPCOMING FIXTURES**

**Home**

Saturday 19th March v Uxbridge FC 3pm Kick off - League  
Saturday 26th March V Northwood FC FC 3pm Kick off - League

# A Tale of Two Scotch Eggs

**S**cotch eggs at their best make a convenient, tasty snack that will keep you far more satisfied than a soggy sandwich or limp salad. At their worst they remind you all day about eating them, may well contain trans-fats, have been fried in low grade oils with coloured breadcrumb soaking it up, and have a low meat content bulked out with rusk.

Choosing between the best of scotch eggs and the



By Catherine Burbage



worst of scotch eggs can take little more effort than reading a label (it'll be worth buying the more expensive), with one contributing to a healthy, fulfilling life and the other sending us straight in the opposite direction.

Make your own using an egg from a happy chicken (duck, bantam or quail) that's been free to bask in the sun, scratch in the dirt and take a dust bath. Find sausage meat from pigs that have rolled in mud, with space to explore and play, so haven't needed growth hormones or antibiotics to survive intensive farming.

Wrap one around the other and enjoy as a satisfying, nourishing, real

food treat. Have the best of times this Easter.

#### Scotch eggs – makes 4

5 smallish eggs  
450g to 500g sausage meat  
Chilli, onion, herbs, apple etc to your own taste

Hard boil 4 of the eggs. Allow to cool, then peel. Beat the remaining egg and mix thoroughly with the sausage meat and any flavourings you wish to add. Divide the mixture into 4 and press flat, about 2cm thick. Wrap a piece of meat around each egg, ensuring the joins are smoothed over. Bake in the oven at 200C for 30 to 40 minutes. Eat warm or cold.

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## Bar Meals

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Dine Upstairs Fri-Sun  
Booking Advised

## Awards for Thrapston War Memorials

**T**hrapston & District Royal British Legion Branch came away from the Annual General Meeting of the Northamptonshire County Branch with awards galore: Joint Winner of the External War Memorial competition for the new War Memorial in Thrapston and Runner-Up in the Internal War Memorial competition for the memorial in St James Church.

Ian Byrnes, Branch Chairman said: "We would like to thank again everyone

who contributed to the appeal to build the External War Memorial in 2014, and hope the award is seen as some small reward to the very many generous donors who enable the Memorial to be built. I would also like to say a big thank you to all involved in keeping St James Church open for access to the War Memorial and to the to all who help keep the Internal War Memorial in the excellent condition and state of presentation that it enjoys."

## TV auctioneer guests at charity dinner

**C**harlie Ross, the Celebrity Auctioneer and BBC TV Antiques expert has generously agreed to conduct an auction on Friday 29th April in aid of Northamptonshire Association for the Blind.

Charlie Ross ran his own auction house in Woburn for over 25 years and has conducted a wide variety of auctions ranging from antiques, commercial and residential properties, through to vintage cars and Intellectual Property. He is also resident auctioneer for MacDougall's, art specialists.

Charlie continues to be a guest auctioneer at Bainbridges in Ruislip and Hansons in Derby, both of which he hugely enjoys. He is much in demand at charity auctions, which he conducts throughout the world, and he has raised millions of pounds over the past

few years for numerous charities such as BBC Media Action, Shooting Star Hospice, the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) at their 150th Anniversary dinner, Caudwell Children, Amber Lounge at the Monaco Grand Prix, the Shane Warne Foundation, Clic Sargent, Great Ormond Street Hospital, House of Fraser, The Lord's Taverners, and many others.

The Association is therefore looking for support in the form of sponsorship, promotion, raffle prizes and most importantly, substantial items for Charlie to auction on the night.

The event will be in the form of a Dinner at the Scott Bader Commonwealth Hall in Wollaston, with tables of eight for friends at £27.50 per head. There will be a full pay bar and to help the bidding along a wine bar in support of the event will also be run.

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## Easter Weekend

Thursday 24th March  
Open Mic Night @ 9pm

Good Friday  
Karaoke & Disco @ 8.30pm

Monday 28th March  
Bank Holiday Food  
Served 12-5pm

## Easter Day

Lunches 12-5pm  
Booking Advised

Pub Quiz  
Starting at 7pm £1pp

# Luxury retirement in Northamptonshire

**Turn your dreams for luxury retirement home into reality at Castle Court, Chancery Lane, Thrapston.**

**C**astle Court is made up of 29 stunning new one and two bedroom apartments designed exclusively for the over 55s, enabling you to enjoy life in comfort.

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The spacious and fully equipped residents' lounge, with adjoining kitchen,

provides all residents with a fabulous central meeting point and social space. Externally the landscaped grounds include seating where residents can enjoy being outdoors without the work involved of keeping it tidy. With all the external building maintenance and gardening taken care of, you'll be free to make the most of your retirement.

The building and communal areas will be managed by a specialist Scheme Manager who will be on hand Monday to Friday offering help, should you need it. For added peace of mind, secure door entry and

an emergency call system are installed in each apartment along with the building having the added security of CCTV.

All this can be enjoyed within Thrapston, a rural market town that has its own unique combination of history and modern facilities including a variety of shops, cafes and restaurants as well as the monthly farmers' market.

With a great location and amenities, you'll really enjoy the benefits of a stress-free life at Castle Court. Prices from £174,995 to £189,995. For more information about Castle Court visit: <https://www.keystonedevelopments.co.uk/castle-court-thrapston> or to book a personal viewing call Millers on 01604 638000 or email [pam@millers-ea.co.uk](mailto:pam@millers-ea.co.uk) today.



## Fly tipped waste will be traced

**A** Corby man was fined £600 recently for allowing waste to be dumped in East Northamptonshire.

Last summer East Northamptonshire Council's waste officers were called to attend incidents of fly tipping in the Wadenhoe area. Over the space of a few days there had been a couple of incidents at the same location where offenders had been dumping waste from house and garden clearances in Corby.

The waste was traced back to residents who had used registered waste carrier, RJS Gardening Services, for the removal of their waste.

Unfortunately, the business owner of RJS Gardening Services, Ryan Scott, transferred the waste to a 'man with a van' who was not a registered waste carrier.

The non-registered waste carrier then dumped the plumbing waste, bathroom tiles, pipes, children's toys and other general waste on Aldwincle Road, Wadenhoe, leaving the cost of clear up to the residents of East Northamptonshire.

On 2nd February, Mr Scott pleaded guilty at Northampton Magistrates Court for failure to issue and produce Waste Transfer Notes for the fly tipped material and was fined £600.

Charlotte Tompkins, Waste Manager at East

Northamptonshire Council, said: "It's very important that residents do not accidentally find themselves facing enforcement action when they allow a business to take away waste from their properties. Always ask your service provider for a Waste Transfer Note if they remove anything from your property following any work. This will ensure your waste is disposed of responsibly."

You can check if a company is a licensed waste carrier by visiting [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) and searching for 'access the public register for environmental information'.

If you see somebody fly tipping, or know of a fly tip in the district, please report it to East Northamptonshire Council at [www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/flytipping](http://www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/flytipping) or by calling 01832 742026. If you can, please tell them:

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

The more information you can give the better chance ENC has of prosecuting.

## Meditation and Mindfulness – special course in Oundle

**B**uddhist nun Gen Nyingpo will be giving a special retreat workshop on meditation and mindfulness at Fletton House in Oundle.

With the fast pace of our work and personal lives, our attention is easily scattered and our mind cluttered with endless distractions. Training in meditation and mindfulness gives us the power to overcome disturbing thoughts and stress and to stay focussed on what brings peace of mind.

Gen Nyingpo teaches meditation and mindfulness courses in the local area and has over 20 years' experience. Gen

Nyingpo is an English Buddhist nun and is based at the Drolma Buddhist Centre in Peterborough.

The retreat workshop, Meditation and Mindfulness will take place on Saturday 19th March from 10.30am–1pm in the Oundle Suite, Fletton House. There will be two one-hour sessions with a break for refreshments. Everyone is welcome to attend. Tickets cost £15 and can be purchased via the Drolma Centre website.

For more information and booking please visit: [www.drolmacentre.org.uk](http://www.drolmacentre.org.uk)

## Council one of the first to use new anti-social behaviour powers

**E**ast Northamptonshire Council is one of the first local authorities in the UK to successfully apply for a Criminal Behaviour Order (CBO) after a conviction for breach of a noise abatement notice.

Costa John Golding of Rushden was found guilty of breaching a noise abatement notice issued to control barking dogs at his home in Rushden. At Northampton Magistrates Court on Thursday 18th February he was found guilty of breaching the notice and was fined a total of £4,707.44 (£726 for the offence and £3,981.44 of costs incurred by the council).

The conviction follows years of complaints against Mr Golding involving barking dogs at his property. An abatement notice requiring him to control the noise from barking dogs was issued in February 2015 after a long and difficult investigation. Officers from the council continued to receive complaints about excessive dog barking, and breaches of the notice were witnessed between May and August that same year.

The court heard how the noise from barking dogs and lengthy investigation had a devastating impact on his elderly and vulnerable neighbours.

The CBO states that Mr Golding has 28 days from the date of the hearing to remove all the dogs from his property and requires that no dogs will be kept there whilst he lives at his current address. A member of the council's Environmental Protection team will inspect the property after 28 days to confirm that no dogs are present. Should Mr Golding continue to keep dogs at the property after 28 days, the council has powers to bring a further prosecution for a breach of the CBO.

Cllr Steven North, Leader of East Northamptonshire Council said: "We will continue to investigate cases of noise nuisance and take all necessary steps to prevent nuisance and anti-social behaviour affecting residents in our district. This is a great demonstration of the use of new anti-social behaviour powers to prevent harassment, alarm and distress to our residents."

## 'It's all Greek' in new stage show

**R**aunds Footlights are now well into rehearsals for their upcoming show 'Mamma Mia – It's all Greek to me!'. The show is a musical comedy following the antics and love lives of a group of Brits as they go to Greece on holiday. The show is written and directed by Janet Szwejkowski, with music by Dinah Stevenson and a cast of 15 people who will pull out all the stops to entertain you.

Footlights was founded in 2002 and puts on one show a year with the aim of offering an affordable evening of entertainment and to raise money for the Warwickshire & Northamptonshire Air Ambulance. Over the past 14 years they have raised over £8,000 for this worthy cause.

This year's show runs from Thursday 14th to Saturday 16th April, starting at 7.30pm each evening at the Raunds Town Cricket Club, doors open at

7pm. Tickets are £5 for Thu and Fri evening and £6 for Saturday and can be purchased from Raunds Post Office and Brook Street Newsagents, or you can book by calling Steve on the Box Office – 01933 624310.

Please go along and support your local community.



# War hero honoured at official unveiling of commemorative street sign in Rushden

**First World War hero Lt Col Bernard Vann VC was honoured in Rushden recently at the official unveiling of a new street bearing his name at Barratt Homes' Lancaster Manor development.**



A ceremony was held at Bernard Vann Close to commemorate the Rushden born soldier who was posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross for his fine leadership during an enemy attack in 1918.

Lt Col Vann also received the Military Cross and Bar and the Croix de Guerre for his bravery during his time in the Armed Forces.

The event was well attended by members of the Rushden branch of the Royal British Legion, the Vann family, town Mayor Kaye Rawlins, town councillors, representatives of Barratt Homes, Rushden & District History Society members, East Northamptonshire Council, county councillor Sue Homer, pupils from Rushden Primary Academy and representatives of the Mercian Regiment (formerly the Sherwood Foresters).

A street sign detailing the history of the name's meaning, funded by Barratt Homes, was unveiled during the ceremony.

The sign explains: 'Lt Col The Rev Bernard Vann VC, MC & Bar and Croix de Guerre was born... in Rushden. During WW1, he was the Commanding Officer of 1st/6th Battalion The Sherwood Foresters and was killed in action near

Ramicourt on 3rd Oct 1918 when leading his battalion in attack. He was posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross for his fine leadership and action during the attack at Bellenglise and Lehaucourt on 29th September 1918.'

Andrew Swindell, Managing Director at Barratt Homes Northampton, said: "We are proud to have been involved in the unveiling of Bernard Vann Close and happy to be able to provide a special informative street sign to allow Lt Col Vann's legacy to continue."

During the ceremony pupils from Rushden Primary Academy laid a wreath, the Last Post was performed and a minute's silence observed. Attendees were invited to a reception at Rushden Hall following the ceremony.

Rushden RBL Branch Chairman Paul Mills said:

Homes at Lancaster Manor have now sold out, but for anyone still looking for their new home, Barratt Homes is currently building at nearby Ladywell Park in Wellingborough. For more information visit [www.barrathomes.co.uk](http://www.barrathomes.co.uk) or call 01604 419621.

"The Rushden Branch of the Royal British Legion are immensely pleased to have Lt Col Bernard Vann's posthumous award of the Victoria Cross recognised even more in the town by way of naming a street Bernard Vann Close, with the informative street sign. His ultimate sacrifice will now never be forgotten."

Leader of East Northamptonshire Council Steven North said: "As the authority responsible for naming new streets in the district, we were aware that the Rushden branch of the Royal British Legion was keen to have this local hero honoured in some way in the town and so suggested that a street be named after him. We feel privileged to be part of this naming ceremony and part of the Bernard Vann legacy."

## Local school expands to offer more learning possibilities to children in the region

**E**aston Garford Endowed CE Primary School in Easton-on-the-Hill is currently being refurbished with new facilities to support education for primary age children in the region. The work involves creating a new entrance, new offices, and greatly enhanced spaces for the pupils.

The building work began last month and is expected to be completed in a few weeks. A launch event is planned for the spring, at which the school will be welcoming parents, businesses and local dignitaries to see how the school has changed in recent months.

The current curriculum is rich and varied with a balance of academic and creative opportunities, and to widen learning opportunities the school is forging links with local businesses. Local artist Jill Hedges of Big Art in School, visits the school every Wednesday

to lead outstanding art opportunities with the children as part of their creative curriculum. Future events include an Easter Egg Hunt on 22nd March with local employer, The Chartered Institute of Procurement & Supply and a shared residential trip to Norfolk for Year 3 and 4 pupils in collaboration with the school's new partnership school Polebrook Primary School near Oundle. Later in the year there will be a Family Fun & Sports day at the local Playing Fields, which will give the whole community the chance to get out and enjoy themselves.

New Executive Headteacher Hazel Johnson, appointed in September 2015, has worked hard with the Governing Body, the Garford Trust and PDET to source monies to fund the redevelopment and boost this much-needed village school just outside

of Stamford.

She said: "Children in the local area deserve the best possible environment in which to learn and I believe that the works will transform the school into a modern and lively learning environment essential for the local community and education in the 21st century."

Mrs Johnson added: "With class sizes averaging 15 at this school, the unique personalised curriculum offered at Easton Garford Endowed CE Primary School affords children the best start to their school career. As the school continues to develop, we would love to welcome children from the wider local area and encourage visits to the school throughout the year."

Although Easton on the Hill is in Northamptonshire, the school can accept pupils from Lincolnshire, Cambridgeshire and Rutland.



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# Pupils invited to put their writing skills to the test in short story competition

**Schoolchildren across Northamptonshire are being invited to show off their writing skills and imagination in a new short story writing competition.**

The competition is being launched by Northamptonshire County Council as part of its Race To The Top school improvement strategy, which aims to raise educational standards and outcomes for young people across the county. Pupils in Years 5 and 6 are being set the

challenge to write a story of between 500 and 1,000 words about any topic they choose.

A judging panel will choose a first, second and third prize-winner, as well as two runners-up. The winning child will receive a £50 book token and their school will receive £300; the second place finalist

will win a £50 book token and the school will win £200; and the third place finalist will get a £50 book token and their school will get £150. The two runners-up will receive a £50 book token and their schools will win £50.

The closing date for entries is Friday 20th May and the finalists will be

announced on Monday 20th June. There will be a special prize-giving ceremony for the winning children on Sunday 3rd July at the prestigious Althorp Literary Festival.

The short story competition follows the success of the Race To The Top coding competition last year, which invited pupils to use their technology skills to design a game or an app.

County council leader Cllr Jim Harker said:

"I hope pupils across Northamptonshire will be inspired by this competition to put pen to paper and let their imaginations run wild."

"This is a great opportunity for us to focus on writing skills at Key Stage 2 level and really challenge children to show us what they can do."

"I am very grateful to Lord Spencer for his support in this venture and would encourage all of our schools to get involved"

and set their pupils writing. I look forward very much to reading the entries!"

To find out more about the writing competition, including how to enter, visit [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/racetothetop](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/racetothetop).

Further details about the 13th Althorp Literary Festival can be found at [www.spencerofalthorp.com/literary-festival](http://spencerofalthorp.com/literary-festival).

## Do you love animals?

Did you know that many elderly people live with a pet as their only companion? Evidence shows that some people will refuse to go into hospital if there is no-one to look after their pet. Hospital staff have reported that patients become stressed and agitated if their pet has been left alone, making both recovery and the hospital stay longer.

**Purple Pet Power**  
‘Supporting much loved pets in times of crisis.’

Purple Pet Power will ensure that much loved pets are cared for by caring and checked volunteers if their lone parent is admitted to hospital in an emergency situation.

Nene Valley Community Action is urgently seeking volunteers who will ensure

pets are nourished, exercised, played with and clean. Some volunteers may be needed to offer short-term fostering.

NVCA will provide backup support and travel expenses.

Interested in volunteering for Purple Pet Power? Contact NVCA on 01933 396382 to arrange to find out more.

## Bozeat Bookworms celebrate World Book Day

Pupils at Bozeat Primary School and Nursery, along with many other schools around the county, celebrated World Book Day in style! The children not only ‘got reading’ but did lots of other amazing activities across the school with a view to inspiring a love for reading.

Children aged from 3 to 11 came dressed as one of their favourite characters from story books they enjoy or have been exploring throughout the term. Stop, Drop and Read sessions occurred throughout the day where

children dropped what they were doing to read their favourite books. All children have been given a ‘World Book Day’ voucher which can be used in exchange for special editions or as part payment towards buying any other book.

The day ended for the Reception and Key Stage 1 pupils with a bedtime story session. Pupils and parents came back to school with their teddy bears, dressed in pyjamas and slippers to hear bedtime stories and finished the evening with a biscuit and a hot chocolate before heading back home to bed.

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## We would like to invite all local children and their parents to our Easter Open Day

- ★ Easter Egg Hunt - 11am
- ★ Mrs Marvel the amazing magician
- ★ Tom's Kitchen Catering
- ★ Professional face painting
- ★ Bouncy Castle
- ★ Kids Disco
- ★ Easter Activities including arts and crafts
- ★ An opportunity to look around the nursery and meet our team of professionals

Open Day  
Sunday 20th  
March  
10:00-14:00



If you would like to attend the Open Day, we very much hope that you can, please email [smallwondersnursery@firstforchildcare.com](mailto:smallwondersnursery@firstforchildcare.com).



**Saturday 12th March****Books & Bric a Brac Sale****Coffee Morning**

St Peter's Church,

Irthlingborough

10am-12noon

Margaret Bull 01933 651360

Come along browse for books, bric a brac or just have a cuppa and a chat.

**Sunday 13th March****Whitefriars Church,****Rushden, Countryside****Walk – A Mears Ashby****Meander**

Outside Mears Ashby CEVA

Endowed School, North Street,

Mears Ashby NN6 0DW

10.30am

Andrew Presland 01933

316927

Walk on footpaths and tracks nears Mears Ashby and Sywell.

**Choral Evensong**

Oundle School Chapel

5.45pm

No tickets required

Worship alongside the School and hear the Chapel Choir sing in their familiar surroundings.

**Morning Service with Communion**

Thrapston Baptist Church

10.30am

Preacher: Mat Hussain

Times of refreshing Acts 3:11-26.

**Monday 14th March****Monday Night Live for 7-11 year olds**

Thrapston Baptist Church

6.15pm-8pm

£1 per child

Lively and fun group with tuck, games, songs and bible based illustrations.

**Take Two Concert**

Oundle School's, Great Hall

5.45pm

No tickets required

Performances from Oundle School's Junior Strings, Concert Band, Junior Clarinet Group, Junior Percussion Group and Choir.

**Tuesday 15th March****Coffee Morning**

Thrapston Baptist Church

10am-12noon

Quality hot drinks, home-made cake, and a chat.

Free admission – donation suggested.

**Tuesday night live at the Elton Methodist Chapel**

7.30pm

Free entry, tea and coffee. Speaker Dr Jones.

**Joint Thrapston Churches Lent Study**

Thrapston Baptist Church

7.30pm-9pm

Led by Fr. Brian Leatherland of St Paul's Catholic Church.

**Wednesday 16th March****Bridge of Grace Food Bank**

Thrapston Baptist Church

1.30pm-2.30pm

Help for any who are in desperate need of food.

**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.

**Thursday 17th March****An Audience with Canon Andrew White ('Vicar of Baghdad')**

Park Road Baptist Church,

Rushden, NN10 0LH

7.30pm

Free, donations for the work of the church in the Middle East welcome

Tickets from www.godsmandate.org/cannonwhite

All are welcome to hear Canon White talk on the situation in Syria and Iraq.

**Tiddlers Group for 0-3 year olds**

Thrapston Baptist Church

9.30am-11.30am

£1 per carer – as many toddlers as you like!

Friendly and welcoming with lots of toys and play equipment for the little ones to enjoy.

**Lunchtime Concert – Singers – Directed by Singing Coordinator Malcolm Smith**

St Peter's Church, Oundle

1.15pm

Free, lunch can be purchased Concerts in this beautiful church setting in Oundle. Lunch is provided for £3.50

**Rushden Mission Band Anniversary Concert**

Rushden Mission Church

NN10 9TA

7.30pm

£5 (concessions £4)

Rushden Mission Band invite you to an evening of popular music and brass band favourites.

**Save the Children Quingo Quiz with a Twist**

Rushden Bowls Club

7.30 for 8pm

£12 for table up to 4 people Booking required 07773 962347.

**Friday 18th March****Friday Night with the Jazz Bands**

Titchmarsh Church

7.30pm

£15 (includes a glass of wine and mezze)

Tel: 01832 734777

Oundle School Jazz Orchestras visiting beautiful Titchmarsh.

**Strings at Elton**

Elton Church

7.30pm

£10 (include a glass of wine and nibbles)

Tel: 01733 280415

Vivaldi's Four Seasons and other Baroque concerto movements abound in this idyllic setting.

**A level Theatre Studies (Oundle School Production)**

The Stahl Theatre

7.45pm

Admission: £3

Part examination, part celebration of what the best of Oundle's stage performers have to offer.

**Monthly Quiz Night**

Oundle Golf Club, Benefield

Road, Oundle PE8 4EZ

7pm

£10.00 per person to include light supper / please phone 01832 273267 (ext. 3) to confirm attendance, or for further details.

Maximum 6 in a team, teams can be arranged on the night if you are less than 6.

**Thrapston and District U3A Monthly Meeting: Stanwick Bell Ringers**

The Plaza, Cosy Nook,

Thrapston

10am-12noon

Cover Charge: Visitors £2, Members £1

Visitors are always welcome.

**AFC Rushden and Diamonds Bingo Evening**

Rushden Bowls Club,

Northampton Road, Rushden

NN10 6AN

7.30pm

Admission £2 This event is open to all Bingo players.

For further information please contact Glenis on 07870 332606.

**Saturday 19th March****Easter Craft and Cream Tea event**

Heritage Chapel and Halls,

Park Rd, Rushden

2pm-5pm For KGH Haematology Endowment Fund, stalls include knitted and handwoven items and cakes.

**Messy Church**

The Salvation Army, Church Street, Rushden

4pm-5.30pm Admission free

Gill Valentine 01933 353528 An hour of fun for all the family, craft/songs and food.

**Bling and Buy Sale**

Elton Community Library

10am-12noon

Admission free Madeline Stewart 01832 273867

Tea and coffee available.

**Simon Toyne – Author Talk**

St Peter's Church, Oundle

PE8 4AL

7pm-8pm Tickets £8 (£6) available from the Oundle Box Office, 4 New Street, Oundle.

Contact Helen Shair 07743988181 for further details.

Simon Toyne is the bestselling author of the Sanctus trilogy: Sanctus, The Key and The Tower.

**Kaye Umansky – Author Talk**

The Great Hall, New Street,

Oundle PE8 4GH

2pm-3pm Tickets £5 available from the Oundle Box Office.

Kaye will be talking about her wonderful retellings of traditional fairy stories, suitable for 5-10 year olds and would-be authors.

**Sunday 20th March****Whitefriars Church – Morning Service**

Whitefriars Church at

Whitefriars Junior School,

Boughton Drive, Rushden

NN10 9HX

10.15am

Chris Youngman 01933 551769

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An informal church service open to anyone of any age.

**Rushden Mission Band Anniversary Service**

Rushden Mission Church, Wellingborough Road

4.30pm

Alan 01933 355302

Traditional evening service with well known hymns. All welcome.

**Morning Service – Palm Sunday**

Thrapston Baptist Church

10.30am

Preacher: Tom Mayes

Before the Sanhedrin Acts 4:22.

**Monday 21st March****Monday Night Live for 7-11 year olds**

Thrapston Baptist Church

6.15pm-8pm

£1 per child

Lively and fun group with tuck, games, songs and bible based illustrations.

**Tuesday 22nd March****Theatre Alibi presents Falling**

The Stahl Theatre

7.45pm

£12 Adults, £10 Concessions Theatre Alibi combines powerful performance, projection, puppetry and a thrilling live soundscape to tell a raw and intimate story. For Adults from 14+.

**Coffee Morning**

Thrapston Baptist Church

10am-12noon

Free admission – donation suggested Quality hot drinks, home-made cake, and a chat.

**Joint Thrapston Churches Lent Study**

Thrapston Baptist Church

**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 stills 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****Baggypants 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.

**First Tuesday of Every month****Great Companions**

Rushden Bowls Club, Northampton Road 7pm-9pm  
Yearly Membership £6  
Pat Bazeley 07931 964360  
Social club for single people (55+). We arrange trips, dinners, dances and other social events.

**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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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.

**Art & Craft Class**

Oundle Rural Mind  
1 Herne Park  
East Road  
Oundle  
PE8 4BZ  
Irene Issitt – Manager 01832 275020  
Friendly group – all abilities welcome. Oundle Rural Mind helps those suffering with mental health problems.

**Inflatable Fun Session (Times May Vary During School Holidays)**

Oundle School Swimming Pool, Milton Road Oundle  
5pm-6pm  
Admission: £3 Adult & £2.25 Child  
Tel: 01832 277208 / 277195

Race friends or family over our amazing 15m long inflatable obstacle course of walls, columns and slides. Membership is required to attend.

**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  
[ghearnen@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:ghearnen@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](mailto: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  
Donations to cover costs

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**Move for Health**

No. 1 St Osyth's Lane, Oundle  
2pm-3pm  
Free

01832 770011 mornings. Gentle movement group for those with aches and pains run by chartered experienced physiotherapist.

**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.

**Enjoy Yoga**

Whitefriars Infant School, Rushden  
7pm-8.30pm  
£5 per session.  
Gill Hughes 01933,313494 or email [Hughes-G17@sky.com](mailto:Hughes-G17@sky.com)  
Enjoy your body and refresh your mind.

**Adult & Child Swim Sessions (Term Time Only)**

Oundle School Swimming Pool, Milton Road Oundle  
9.15am-9.45am

Booked in advance as a block (£4.75 per lesson)  
Tel: 01832 277208 / 277195  
A session designed to introduce babies and young children between three months and four years to water. Adults accompany their children in the water alongside our swim teacher with a strong emphasis on play and fun.

**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](mailto:musicmakersnorthants@gmail.com)  
Funky music and movement group for 0-5 years with parachute, puppets, balls, bubbles and more.

**Music Makers**

Joan Strong Centre, Oundle  
11.15am-12noon  
£4 per child and £2 per sibling.  
Naomi Cooper on [musicmakersnorthants@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:musicmakersnorthants@gmail.com)  
Funky music and movement group for 0-5 years with parachute, balls, bubbles and more. FREE taster sessions up for grabs.

**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](mailto: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 Gynell 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 [peterjbond@btinternet.com](mailto:peterjbond@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  
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- Sun 27 Easter Chocolate & Sealife Centre
- Mon 28 British Country Museum
- Mon 28 Dudley Zoo
- Mon 28 Derbyshire & Peak District
- Tue 29 Heritage Motor Centre
- Wed 30 Leamington Spa & Guide Dogs
- Wed 30 Chelsea FC Tour
- Thu 31 Countrytastic
- Thu 31 Paradise Wildlife Park

### April

- Fri 1 Bressingham Gardens & Steam Train
- Sat 2 Think Tank
- Sat 2 Birmingham
- Sun 3 Legoland
- Mon 4 Greenwich
- Tue 5 Bekonscot Model Village
- Tue 5 Beaconsfield Market
- Wed 6 RAF Scampton Heritage Centre
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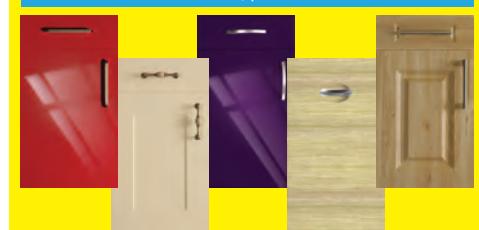
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**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL****ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14****THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (BENEFIELD ROAD, DEENETHORPE)****(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016**

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 will be to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of Benefield Road, Deenethorpe as set out below.

**LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES:** That length of Benefield Road, Deenethorpe from Deenethorpe Lane to 500 metres past 48 Benefield Road.

**REASONS FOR RESTRICTION:** The restriction is required for safety during repairs to leaking service.

**PERIOD OF CLOSURE:** The proposed Order will come into effect on 5th April 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.

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

**ALTERNATIVE ROUTES:** Use Deenethorpe Road, Glapthorn Road, Main Street, Weldon Road, Oundle Road and Stamford Road.

Dated this 12th day of March 2016  
QUENTIN BAKER, Director of LGSS Law PKG/T16/089

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

**PUBLIC NOTICES****NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL****ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14****THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (MILL ROAD, OUNDLE & BARNWELL ROAD, BARNWELL)****(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit traffic from proceeding along those lengths of Mill Road, Oundle and Barnwell Road, Barnwell as set out below.

**LENGTHS OF ROADS TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES:** Those lengths of Mill Road, Oundle and Barnwell Road, Barnwell between pumping station entrances.

**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.

**EXPECTED DURATION:** It is expected that the roads will be restricted until 1st April 2016.

**ALTERNATIVE ROUTES:** use West Road, Market Place, North Street, Station Road and A605.

Dated this 12th day of March 2016  
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**EAST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE ACT 1992 COUNCIL TAX**

The Council at its meeting on 2 March 2016, calculated the following amounts for 2016/17 in accordance with regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992 made under section 33 (5) of the LGF Act 1992 and the Local Authorities (Calculation of Tax Base) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 and (No 2) Regulations 2003.

**TOTAL COUNCIL TAX DUE 2016/17**

	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
Aldwincle	999.49	1,166.08	1,332.67	1,499.24	1,832.40	2,165.57	2,498.73	2,998.48
Apethorpe	968.56	1,129.99	1,291.42	1,452.84	1,775.69	2,098.55	2,421.40	2,905.68
Ashton	985.65	1,149.92	1,314.21	1,478.47	1,807.02	2,135.57	2,464.12	2,956.94
Barnwell	991.81	1,157.12	1,322.43	1,487.72	1,818.32	2,148.93	2,479.53	2,975.44
Benefield	989.21	1,154.07	1,318.95	1,483.81	1,813.55	2,143.28	2,473.02	2,967.62
Brigstock	989.39	1,154.28	1,319.19	1,484.08	1,813.88	2,143.67	2,473.47	2,968.16
Bulwick	978.01	1,141.01	1,304.02	1,467.01	1,793.01	2,119.01	2,445.02	2,934.02
Chelveston cum Caldecott	996.57	1,162.67	1,328.77	1,494.86	1,827.05	2,159.24	2,491.43	2,989.72
Collyweston	1,020.55	1,190.65	1,360.75	1,530.83	1,871.01	2,211.20	2,551.38	3,061.66
Deene & Deenethorpe	1,020.37	1,190.44	1,360.51	1,530.56	1,870.68	2,210.81	2,550.93	3,061.12
Denford	991.81	1,157.12	1,322.43	1,487.72	1,818.32	2,148.93	2,479.53	2,975.44
Duddington with Fineshade	1,001.83	1,168.81	1,335.79	1,502.75	1,836.69	2,170.64	2,504.58	3,005.50
Easton-on-the-Hill	998.77	1,165.24	1,331.71	1,498.16	1,831.08	2,164.01	2,496.93	2,996.32
Glapthorn	1,002.63	1,169.74	1,336.85	1,503.95	1,838.16	2,172.37	2,506.58	3,007.90
Great Addington	1,006.09	1,173.78	1,341.47	1,509.14	1,844.50	2,179.87	2,515.23	3,018.28
Hargrave	994.21	1,159.91	1,325.62	1,491.31	1,822.71	2,154.11	2,485.52	2,982.62
Harrington	992.71	1,158.16	1,323.62	1,489.06	1,819.96	2,150.86	2,481.77	2,978.12
Hemington, Luddington & Thurning	978.59	1,141.68	1,304.79	1,467.88	1,794.08	2,120.27	2,446.47	2,935.76
Higham Ferrers	1,035.30	1,207.85	1,380.41	1,552.95	1,898.05	2,243.15	2,588.25	3,105.90
Irthlingborough	1,037.90	1,210.88	1,383.88	1,556.85	1,902.82	2,248.78	2,594.75	3,113.70
Isrip	1,009.70	1,177.98	1,346.28	1,514.55	1,851.12	2,187.68	2,524.25	3,029.10
Kings Cliffe	989.99	1,154.99	1,320.00	1,484.99	1,814.99	2,144.99	2,474.98	2,969.98
Liford cum Wigsthorpe & Thorpe Achurch	973.81	1,136.12	1,298.43	1,460.72	1,785.32	2,109.93	2,434.53	2,921.44
Little Addington	1,008.31	1,176.37	1,344.43	1,512.47	1,848.57	2,184.68	2,520.78	3,024.94
Lowick & Slipton	980.16	1,143.52	1,306.89	1,470.24	1,796.96	2,123.68	2,450.40	2,940.48
Lutton	968.61	1,130.05	1,291.49	1,452.92	1,775.79	2,098.66	2,421.53	2,905.84
Nassington	1,042.56	1,216.32	1,390.09	1,563.84	1,911.36	2,258.88	2,606.40	3,127.68
Oundle	1,084.02	1,264.69	1,445.37	1,626.03	1,987.37	2,348.71	2,710.05	3,252.06
Pilton, Stoke Doyle & Wadenhoe	984.07	1,148.09	1,312.11	1,476.11	1,804.13	2,132.16	2,460.18	2,952.22
Polebrook	984.91	1,149.06	1,313.22	1,477.36	1,805.66	2,133.96	2,462.27	2,954.72
Raunds	1,039.71	1,213.00	1,386.29	1,559.57	1,906.14	2,252.71	2,599.28	3,119.14
Ringstead	998.31	1,164.69	1,331.09	1,497.46	1,830.23	2,163.00	2,495.77	2,994.92
Rushden	1,021.07	1,191.25	1,361.44	1,531.61	1,871.97	2,212.33	2,552.68	3,063.22
Stanwick	1,021.09	1,191.28	1,361.47	1,531.64	1,872.00	2,212.37	2,552.73	3,063.28
Sudborough	985.89	1,150.21	1,314.53	1,478.84	1,807.47	2,136.10	2,464.73	2,957.68
Thrapston	1,041.95	1,215.61	1,389.28	1,562.93	1,910.25	2,257.57	2,604.88	3,125.86
Titchmarsh	999.25	1,165.79	1,332.34	1,498.87	1,831.95	2,165.03	2,498.12	2,997.74
Twywell	993.24	1,158.78	1,324.33	1,489.86	1,820.94	2,152.02	2,483.10	2,979.72
Warmington	1,028.79	1,200.26	1,371.73	1,543.19	1,886.12	2,229.05	2,571.98	3,086.38
Woodford	984.42	1,148.49	1,312.57	1,476.63	1,804.77	2,132.91	2,461.05	2,953.26
Woodnewton	998.36	1,164.75	1,331.16	1,497.54	1,830.33	2,163.11	2,495.90	2,995.08
Yarwell	1,005.97	1,173.64	1,341.31	1,508.96	1,844.28	2,179.61	2,514.93	3,017.92
Other	963.24	1,123.78	1,284.33	1,444.86	1,765.94	2,087.02	2,408.10	2,889.72

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# Chess Corner



**By Derrick Sims**

Rushden Chess Club had the pleasure of hosting Kettering's A & B teams in the quarter finals of the John Robinson Knockout Competition. Rushden B looked to have drawn the short straw and were up against Kettering A. Rushden A were given a golden ticket with their draw against Kettering B.

Rushden A got off to a flying start when James Brutus' scary Halloween Gambit failed to impress James Gardner. The Kettering man was soon on the back foot against Gardner's withering attack and resigned after 29 moves. Hugh Murphy made heavy weather of his game against Chris Keech but brought his experience to bear to gain the upper hand. Chris realised the game was up and resigned after 30 moves deciding that he was wasting valuable drinking time.

Graham Arch on the other hand decided to play on against Nik Puryer despite being a Knight down with no obvious way of getting it back. Graham proceeded to perambulate around the board for a further 40 moves and finally resigned when Nik was on the verge of promoting his pawn. Saj played a canny game managing to keep Kettering's Steve Walpole on the back foot. In the end Saj's pawn advantage and promotion prospects led Steve to resign on move 51. With the match well

and truly lost it just remained for Keith Ball to get a consolation draw off the frustrated Alan Lewis.

The heavily outgunned Rushden B were never likely to produce a shock victory. Captain Bob Ellam led the defeat when he blundered a Bishop early on and went on to lose both his Rooks. Resignation after 34 moves was the inevitable result. This was followed in short order by Phil Campbell who was facing Jonny Martin's merciless attack on his King defences resulting in a King/Queen fork. With the match standing at two games in Kettering's favour it was questionable whether Jeff Owen should have accepted a draw off the much higher graded Romilly. This was followed by a further draw in the game between Tom Murts and Ian Andrews, a good result for Tom having blundered a piece on move 9. With the match lost it just remained for Keith Bristow to conclude his game against the highly graded Peter Jaszkiewskyj. Keith decided to make a fight of it and must have surprised Peter with the ferocity of his moves. Despite his gallant effort Keith had to accept defeat in what turned out to be the last game to finish.

#### John Robinson Knockout Cup Matches Mon 22nd February

##### Rushden A 4½ - ½ Kettering B

- Bd1: Hugh Murphy (198) 1-0 Chris Keech (153)
- Bd2: James Gardner (159) 1-0 James Brutus (149)
- Bd3: Nik Puryer (139) 1-0 Graham Arch (144)
- Bd4: Sajan Ganger (130) 1-0 Steve Walpole (126)
- Bd5: Alan Lewis (131) ½ Keith Ball (124)

##### Rushden B 1 - 4 Kettering A

- Bd1: Keith Bristow (118) 0-1 Peter Jaszkiewskyj (180)
- Bd2: Bob Ellam (108) 0-1 David Walker (163)
- Bd3: Phil Campbell (102) 0-1 Jonny Martin (161)
- Bd4: Jeff Owen (102) ½ Romilly Ilersic (161)
- Bd5: Tom Murts (61) ½ Ian Andrews (95)



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.lloydunday.co.uk>.

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