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Steven North re-elected as East Northamptonshire Council leader

Steven North was re-elected unopposed as Leader of East Northamptonshire Council at the 44th annual meeting on Wednesday 18th May. He is also leader of the ruling Conservative group and a member for Rushden Sartoris ward.



Councillor Glenn Harwood MBE was re-elected as deputy leader and pledged his support to Councillor North, to the council and to the district.

At the meeting, Councillor North said: "It is a real privilege to serve and lead this council. At ENC we have always been an efficient council, being innovative in what we do, and this will continue.

"Local government is in a period of transformation. The way it is financed is changing, and we have to adapt to that change. Following the financial settlement in the autumn and more recently the spending review, we have seen our grants reduced and opportunities to raise income limited.

"Despite this, we are in a reasonably sound position, and have still managed to use part of the New Homes Bonus as intended, that is rewarding areas that have received growth. By the end of this financial year, we will have put

nearly a million pounds back into the community with the Community Facilities Fund and the Member Empowerment Fund. Supporting our communities in this way is very important.

"These are exciting times for East Northamptonshire with the building of Rushden Lakes, the development of Rushden East, supporting the new Garden Village at Deenethorpe, putting in place a new District Plan, championing Neighbourhood Plans and overseeing a new leisure contract for the district that will see the development of more outreach work, enabling people to participate in healthier and more active lifestyles."

Acknowledging the support and confidence of those around him, Steven added: "None of this can be achieved without the hard work and dedication from staff and members, so thank you all. And thank you for your support."

In Brief

Huxlow students knit blankets for Special Care Unit

Year 7 students from Huxlow Science College in Irthlingborough have spent some of their tutor time recently learning to knit. They are starting with squares which will be sewn together to make baby blankets. These will be donated to the Special Care Baby Unit at Kettering General Hospital by Mrs E Wright, Pastoral Leader for Year 7, who has been encouraging the whole school community to contribute to this cause close to her heart.

Oundle pair win Marie Curie bridge tournament

Mrs Carolyn Henshilwood and Mrs Sheila Ward from Oundle have won a national charity Bridge competition. Their prizes of engraved claret jugs were presented to them by the Lord Lieutenant of Northamptonshire, Mr David Laing. The winners got the top score in the country in the Chicago section of the competition, which overall raised more than £ 65,000.

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Editor's notes

At the risk of boring you, this is your final reminder, from us at least, that the closing date for registering to vote in the EU Referendum is midnight on Tuesday 7th June; looking on the bright side, we only have to endure another three weeks of claim and counter-claim about the benefits of staying or leaving. After the event, whatever the result, we shall doubtless be treated to a deal of breast-beating about the damage the whole affair has inflicted on the Tory party!

In our last edition we carried an article about ENC's support for the compulsory display of food hygiene ratings in which the Council Leader Steven North said that displaying this information would enable potential customers to "make informed choices about the level of compliance." Now you can think what you will about the need for these inspections and whether or not the process is money well spent but it seems that as long as the inspections are being done the results should

be readily available. They are available via the ENC website and the latest set of results, covering the period from late January to the end of March and involving 150 premises, show that a high proportion are achieving five star ratings with almost all rated satisfactory or better. The sites visited range from mobile caterers to pubs and from butchers to schools; those getting it right deserve congratulations and should certainly be happy to display the results. Disconcertingly, though, two places were considered in need of improvement, scoring only one and two marks apiece. We support the ENC initiative to have these results displayed on the premises involved so that customers have easy access to this essential information; few of us will bother to interrogate the ENC website before choosing where we eat and the "passing trade" won't have that option. So, come on food outlet owners, let us see your inspection results.

Genealogy jottings

Some stories that have come down through families might be remembered differently by people who are still with us, but remain invaluable all the same as starting points. My Grandad was born in 1894 and died in 1945, a couple of months after peace was declared at the end of WW2. However, I have a photograph of him in his Army uniform, with his platoon, as a member of the Home Guard and I am still finding out about his time undertaking these duties. The stories that I was told by my Mum and Gran, although having an element of truth, differ slightly from the facts that I am discovering!

Known as Local Defence Volunteers, the operational records, such as those relating to regimental histories and awards of medals for members of the Home Guard, may be found at the National Archives. However, as WW2 recedes further into history, more local interest is being taken in what was happening at that time and so more online information is becoming available.

The Ministry of Defence holds the personnel records and enrolment forms (service histories) and, for a fee of £30, you may request those of your ancestor. Visit

By Jan Pearson
Genealogy Specialists, Tracing Our Past, Discovering Our Genes (TOP DOG)
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www.gov.uk/ and put Home Guard in the search box to find out more.

Northamptonshire had 15 Home Guard Battalions and the Rushden Research Group have a terrific website at <http://www.rushdenheritage.co.uk/> that gives very comprehensive details of what was happening locally. This includes the names of Officers and has photographs of the men both parading and sitting for the camera. Maybe your ancestor was amongst them!

The Battalions were broken down into Companies and the 3rd (Oundle & Thrapston District) Battalion even had a Company at Oundle School! The total strength of this Battalion was about 2,000 men, made up of those who, like my Grandfather, were in reserved occupations or who were too old to be sent to fight the war but were still valuable on the Home Front. Maybe your ancestors were amongst them.

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How to help a loved one who is being abused

If you know or suspect that a family member, friend or work colleague is experiencing domestic abuse, it may be difficult to know what to do. It can be very upsetting that someone is hurting a person you care about. There are things you can do to help make them safer.

There are many local and national organisations working within East Northamptonshire that can offer help and support to both those being abused as well as their families. Many organisations also work with the abuser to try and break the cycle of abuse and stop further harm from happening.

- Northamptonshire Police: 101. Always call 999 in an emergency.
- Wellingborough and East Northamptonshire Women's Aid: 01933 224943
- Northamptonshire Sunflower Centre: 01604 888211 (offers non-judgmental support to high risk victims of domestic abuse in Northamptonshire)
- Northamptonshire Voice: 0300 303 1965 / info@voicenorthants.org (support and advice for victims and witnesses of crime)
- National Women's Aid helpline: 0808 2000 247
- Mankind: 01823 334244 (advice and support for men in abusive relationships)
- Men's Advice Line: 0808 801 0327 / info@mensadvice.org.uk (confidential helpline for men experiencing domestic abuse)
- Respect phone line: 0808 802 4040 / info@



respectphoneline.org.uk (confidential helpline offering advice, information and support to help people stop being violent and abusive to their partners)

- Midland Heart Housing Options Team: 0345 600 5050 / homelessness@midlandheart.org.uk (housing advice, access to the Housing Register and assistance in relation to homelessness prevention)
- Community Law Service: 01933 313020 / enquiries@communitylawservice.org.uk (local service offering help and advice with debt, housing and benefits)

For more information, please visit www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/domesticabuse or call 01832 742204.

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New Chairman elected at East Northamptonshire Council

East Northamptonshire Council recently welcomed a new Chairman for the next Civic Year.



Cllr Rupert Reichhold



Cllr Marika Hillson

On 18th May Cllr Rupert Reichhold, a district councillor for Oundle, took over from outgoing chairman, Cllr Marika Hillson, at the Annual Meeting of the Council for 2016/17.

Cllr Reichhold has lived in Oundle since 1998 and has been a district councillor for 17 years. For 12 years he also served as a Northamptonshire County Councillor.

He is looking forward to representing the district and the work of the council at many events over the next 12 months. His consort is Nicolette Reichhold, his wife.

District councillor for Rushden Pemberton Ward, Cllr Colin Wright, was named as Vice-Chairman for this year.

Cllr Reichhold said: "I would like to thank my colleagues for electing me as Chairman for the forthcoming year, I promise to do my best for our district. I pay tribute to Cllr Hillson for

her outstanding work as our Chairman and I am looking forward to working with our new Vice Chairman, Cllr Wright."

Events already planned for the year include a civic

church service in Oundle, a fish and chip supper and a civic dinner to raise money for the Chairman's charities –

The National Autistic Society, The Royal Anglian Regiment Benevolent Charity and The Gurkha Welfare Trust.

To view the Chairman's calendar, visit www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/chairmansdiary

East Northants Tennis Report

In the East Northants Ladies Division, Oundle began their campaign with two difficult home matches against Thrapston and Corby B respectively. Both opponents are almost certain to be title contenders at the end of the season and Oundle were always fighting an uphill battle. Against Thrapston, Jo Porter / Emma Marshall gained a well earned 7-6, 6-2 victory over Kate Jones / Rachel Wildman but lost out 6-2, 7-6 to Hilary Baseley / Vanessa Woodhead. Lou Maroon / Lucy Alcom lost heavily to both Thrapston pairs to leave the visitors 6-2 winners.

There was little joy in their second match against Corby B. Helen Marriott / Judith

Canvin cruised to a comfortable maximum while Lorraine Aldritt / Runghua Gregory defeated Becky Smith / Lisa Jinks 6-2, 6-2 but had to settle for a 6-4, 1-6 half with Marshall / Claire Spencer.

The Corby team claimed their second victory of the season in a much closer affair against Ferrers & Rushden. Julie / Helen Marriott were the mainstays for Corby, beating Tracey / Miriam O'Reilly 6-3, 6-4 and Val Horrell / Denise Sayer 6-3, 6-3. The O'Reilly duo fought back to defeat Aldritt / Marilyn Knibb 6-2, 7-5 and with the final rubber between Aldritt / Knibb and Horrell / Sayer being halved the Corby side just managed to edge home 5-3.

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Tue 21 Melton Mowbray
Sat 25 Woburn Abbey Garden Show
Sun 26 London Museums
Sun 26 London Free Time
Mon 27 Wroxham & Mississippi Paddle Boat

July

Sat 2 Southend
Sun 3 Osborne House
Sun 10 Hunstanton
Sat 16 Canterbury
Sat 16 Whitstable
Sun 17 Cromer
Fri 22 Southwold
Sat 23 Skegness
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Sun 24 Windsor Castle
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This year has been significant for me and for my home town, as I was the first Irthlingborough district councillor in the 43-year history of East Northamptonshire Council (ENC) to be elected to the honourable position of Chairman for 2015/16.

My fiancée, Tony, was nominated as my official consort and I also expressed my wish to share some of my civic duties with residents of Irthlingborough, as a thank you to those who selflessly make a difference to our community.

In my chairman's year I've had the pleasure of attending, with Tony and various guests from Irthlingborough, over 120 civic events. These have included The Queen's garden party at Buckingham Palace. We have travelled as far as Wisbech, Grantham, Lincoln, Rutland and Peterborough.

I know God has many mansions (John 14:2) as we have had the pleasure of visiting many of them in the last year to attend civic services in cathedrals and many beautiful churches over the district and beyond.

We have danced at many civic balls, cut ribbons at grand openings, met many VIPs, celebrated significant anniversaries and birthdays and attended various charity

events, RAF functions and dances at Alconbury.

My civic duties have been too numerous to report in their entirety but I have written over 30 features in my year for a variety of local publications on the many events we have attended and on the charity events I have organised and also supported.

I held five major charity events:

The 75th Anniversary of the Battle of Britain event

Held at the Frontier centre, Irthlingborough, a memorable night with the Thrapston Brass band playing traditional military anthems and 1940 songs, dancing and fish and chip supper. A great atmosphere and turnout.

Syrian refugee church service

The tragic scenes of a Syrian baby washed up on a beach moved Fr John Hall and myself to hold a church service at St Peter's Church,

Irthlingborough along with the support of five church leaders to raise aid for the Syrian refugees.

The Charity District Talent Contest

What an amazing night! Five towns battled it out to see which of their acts would be top of the district. Rev Richard Coles compered the event at Huxlow School and also did a surprise act with Jonathan Reynolds, a West End singer. The raffle consisted of 30 celebrity prizes from stars such as Michael Caine, Tom Jones and Harry Potter's Daniel Radcliffe. Tristan Knott from Rushden took the first prize, with Tracey Barker taking second.

The Christmas Civic Service and Community Awards

My civic service was the highlight of my year. I was deeply touched at the huge community support that was given and proud to invite many dignitaries to our church and town in Irthlingborough. Ten Community Awards were presented at the service.

The Charity Valentine's Dinner and Dance

Another great night, which raised a lot of money for my charities. The Mid Soul Sensation soul band, DJ Rob Hunter plus great food and an amazing raffle (with a first prize of a champagne hamper from Prince Charles' estate) were the right ingredients for a Valentine's night to remember.

I have been very fortunate and grateful throughout my year to have had the support of



my fiancée Tony, our families, friends, county, district and town councillors, local residents, members of I-Grow, the Chairman's PA Louise Tyers, Fr John Hall and many sponsors and dignitaries that supported my events.

Every year, I strive to raise funds to make a difference. This year has been a personal best for me:

- Royal British Legion: £1,000
- Syrian Refugees: £1,073 and a transit van full of much needed supplies
- Sky Lark Children's Ward, Kettering General Hospital for a photo therapy unit: £3,100
- Crow Hill Community Centre: £9,627
- Irthlingborough Cricket Club: £38,000
- A local organisation details to be released later: £9,316

It has been an honour and a pleasure to serve the people of East Northamptonshire.

*My best wishes to you all,
Cllr Marika Hillson*

East Northamptonshire Council honours four past members

Four former councillors have been recognised for their service to East Northamptonshire and become Honorary Aldermen of the district at a special ceremony.

The prestigious honour was awarded to John Richardson MBE, Albert Campbell, Clive Wood and Pauline Bradberry JP at the full council meeting on 18th May.

Steven North, Leader of East Northamptonshire Council, explains: "With more than 100 years of service combined, these former councillors have contributed so much to the work of the council through their caring personalities, wisdom, knowledge and vast experience.

"They have served the council and people of East Northamptonshire with enormous dedication and the council agreed that they each be honoured by the conferring of the title of Honorary Alderman."

John Richardson MBE has been a councillor, chairman and leader of East

Northamptonshire Council and was instrumental in the transference of council housing stock to ensure local people enjoyed good quality homes. Having worked with local schools, charities and voluntary groups, John has been a pillar of the community for many years and is highly respected for his dedication to the local area.

As well as serving on Raunds Town Council and East Northamptonshire Council, Albert Campbell has worked tirelessly in Raunds Fire Service and as a volunteer in many Raunds organisations and community events. He has also enjoyed 60 years as a member of Raunds Royal British Legion.

Having spent 35 years on East Northamptonshire Council, Clive Wood is one of the few councillors

to have been chairman twice. He was also chair of the Environmental Service committee, which introduced the dog warden service to the district. His passion for East Northamptonshire has shone through in his work with the Campaign to Protect Rural England, with East Midlands Museum Service and as a governor at three schools.

Born and bred in Easton-On-The-Hill, Pauline Bradberry JP was commended for her years of service to the district council, as a parish councillor, as a school governor and in many community projects. She served on 10 district council committees over the years and enjoyed a year as Chairman 2006-7 representing the district at many events. Pauline was unable to attend the service so Cllr Glenvil Greenwood-Smith accepted the award on her behalf.

The newly elected chairman, Rupert Reichold, presented each Honorary Alderman with their ceremonial medal and certificate.

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

Aldwincle

16/00902/FUL (18/06/2016) (Info) Single storey rear extension linking existing property to existing outbuildings at 84 Main Street Aldwincle NN14 3EP

Ashton

16/00899/FUL (25/06/2016) (Art8) General purpose agricultural building consisting of grain store and lean-to at Barns At Elmington Top Lodge Ashton Wold Ashton

16/00918/OUT (25/06/2016) (Art8) Outline: Erection of 16 residential properties and associated site works with a mix of 60/40 social/general housing (all matters reserved) at land Adj Cricket Ground Ashton Wold Ashton

Clopton

16/00940/FUL (18/06/2016) (Info) Two storey side and single storey rear extension at 8 Main Street Clopton NN14 3DZ

Higham Ferrers

16/00896/VAR (25/06/2016) (LB/CA) Single storey dwelling with garage (Resubmission of 15/01214/FUL) at 2 Cemetery Lane Higham Ferrers NN10 8DR

16/00909/FUL (25/06/2016) (LB/CA) Change of use from D1 - A3 Restaurant to open a speciality coffee and wood-fired pizza restaurant. The business will open for the majority of the day every day at 5 Wood Street Higham Ferrers

16/00916/FUL (18/06/2016) (Info) Partial conversion of double garage for home office use at 7 Fitzwilliam Leys Higham Ferrers NN10 8LY

16/00923/FUL (18/06/2016) (Info) Pitched roof over front of garage and porch at 6 Keats Way Higham Ferrers NN10 8DQ

Little Addington

16/00921/FUL (18/06/2016) (Info) Demolition of remains of existing fire damaged single storey dwelling and erection of a replacement single storey dwelling at 3 Evergreen Drive Little Addington

Lutton

16/00858/FUL (18/06/2016) (Info) Demolition and rebuilding of existing ancillary residential annexe The Coach House including a single storey extension at The Old Rectory Main Street Lutton Peterborough

Newton Bromswold

16/00929/FUL (18/06/2016) (Info) Change of use of part of paddock to incorporate all-weather manege 40m x 20m for the purpose of exercising horses at land rear of Newton Farmhouse 12 Church Lane Newton Bromswold

Oundle

16/00904/LBC (25/06/2016) (LB/CA) Installation of acoustic insulation and destratification fans to internal roof structure to both the Grade II Great Hall and the East Wing. Upgrade of lighting and upgrade to interior finish. Install fixed theatre seating, floor repair and improvement to balcony seating area and associated works at The Great Hall New Street Oundle PE8 4EA

16/00920/FUL (25/06/2016) (LB/CA) New detached two bedroom dwelling at land between The Ship Inn and 90 South Road Oundle

16/00933/FUL (18/06/2016) (Info) Demolition of existing garage, erection of new attached double garage, reduce depth of north elevation ground floor window, alterations to existing front elevation dormer including new pitched roof and new pitched roof over part of single storey lounge to rear at 27 St Peters Road Oundle PE8 4NU

Raunds

16/00894/FUL (18/06/2016) (Info) Two storey side and single storey rear extension (amended scheme to 12/02035/FUL) (part retrospective) at 40 London Road Raunds NN9 6EJ

16/00913/FUL (18/06/2016) (Info) Installation of an Early Years Outdoor Learning Area at Raunds Windmill Primary School Windmill Lane Raunds NN9 6LA

16/00914/FUL (18/06/2016) (Info) Change of use of beauty salon to a centre for cosmetic, aesthetic and health care at 9A High Street Raunds NN9 6HT

16/00919/FUL (18/06/2016) (Info) Construction of four three bedroom semi detached houses and two one bedroom flats at Amenity Area Smithfield Court Smithfield Place Raunds

16/00957/FUL (18/06/2016) (Info) Subdivision of dwelling to create two dwellings at 12-14 Park Road Raunds NN9 6JL

16/00958/FUL (18/06/2016) (Info) Residential development of four dwellings including new access drive at 12-14 Park Road Raunds NN9 6JL

16/00988/VAR (18/06/2016) (Info) Variation of condition 27 - no more than four deliveries should be made between the hours of 22:00 hours and 7.00 on any one night pursuant to planning permission 15/02095/FUL dated 17.5.16 - Development of foodstore with access, service area, car parking, petrol filling station, and landscaping at land off A45 London Road Raunds NN9 6EG

Rushden

16/00911/REM (18/06/2016) (Info) Approval of Reserved matters - access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale pursuant to planning permission 13/02168/OUT - A pair of semi-detached houses - each house 4 habitable rooms and access off Palm Road (all matters reserved) at 353 Wellingborough

Road Rushden

16/00943/FUL (18/06/2016) (Info) Proposed single storey side extension. Demolition of existing outbuildings. Proposed triple garage with workshop over at Yeomans Hayway Rushden NN10 6AQ

16/00956/FUL (18/06/2016) (Info) First floor extension above garage at 10 Martin Close Rushden NN10 6YZ

16/00963/FUL (18/06/2016) (Info) Proposed single storey extension to rear of existing single storey semi detached dwelling at 77 St Margarets Avenue Rushden NN10 9YQ

16/00969/FUL (18/06/2016) (Info) Two storey rear extension to dwelling at 46 Prospect Avenue Rushden NN10 6DH

16/00998/FUL (25/06/2016) (LB/CA) Erection of single storey rear extension at 7 York Road Rushden NN10 0LB

Southwick

16/00900/FUL (18/06/2016) (Info) New roof dormer windows to front elevation at The Old Vicarage Main Street Southwick PE8 5BL

Sudborough

16/00809/FUL (25/06/2016) (LB/CA) Single storey rear extension at 4 Brewery Yard Sudborough NN14 3BT

Warmington

16/00970/FUL (18/06/2016) (Info) Retrospective: Conversion of existing garage in part to form new study. New window to be added to side elevation and new doors added to front of garage at 1 Bevan Close Warmington Peterborough PE8 6WJ

Woodford

16/00971/FUL (25/06/2016) (LB/CA) (LB/CA) To remove the overgrown leylandi hedge bordering the front garden and replace with wooden fence of comparable height at The Priory 4 Club Lane Woodford

The reason for applications being advertised is as follows:

Part3 - Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 2015.

Part16 - Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 2015.

Info - Non-statutory - included for information only.

LB/CA - Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas Act 1990.

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

Significant applications

All "significant" applications are highlighted in green. These are defined in the 2006 Statement of Community Involvement as those for:

- 100 dwellings and over
- residential development of 3ha or over if number of dwellings not known
- 1000 square metres of floor space or over
- commercial/industrial development of 1ha or over if floor area not known
- would, in the council's opinion, alter the overall character of the locality by means of scale, use or visual appearance
- would, in the council's opinion, be sensitive due to substantial demolition in a conservation area
- would, in the council's opinion, be sensitive due to development next to a listed building

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

Paul Bland, Head Of Planning Services
Dated 4 June 2016

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

Indulgent summer fruit and frangipane tart



By Catherine
Burbage



Smart enough for a special occasion, simple enough to make for a casual supper treat, this tart makes the most of seasonal, local fruit. Serve with a glass of chilled, orange scented dessert wine for absolute perfection!

Ingredients – serves 8

- 375g of sweet dessert pastry – if making your own, replace some of the flour with ground almonds
- Baking parchment & beans for blind baking
- Frangipane
- 100g butter – softened at room temperature
- 75g caster sugar
- 125g ground almonds
- 1 large egg
- Generous dash of almond

or orange liqueur

- Topping
- 500g mascarpone
- 25g icing sugar
- Zest and juice of a small or half an orange
- 750g or more of seasonal fruit
- Pouring cream to serve

Method

Grease a loose-bottomed 22cm flan tin and line with the pastry. Leave to chill in the fridge. Make the frangipane mixture by combining all the ingredients in a food processor. Remove the pastry from the fridge and blind bake at 200C/ 180C fan for 20 mins. Then remove the baking parchment and beans, prick pastry all over with a fork and return to the

oven for a further 10 minutes or until lightly coloured.

Spread the frangipane over the pastry base and return to the oven for 15 minutes or so until firm but not too brown.

Allow the tart to cool completely. Mix the mascarpone, icing sugar, zest and juice together and spread over the base. Prepare fruit and arrange on top.

For an even easier dessert, just layer the mascarpone mixture and fruit in individual glass dishes and finish by drizzling a little orange liqueur over each portion.

For news and views on food and eating, follow me on Twitter @nenevalleyfood

The EU Referendum is coming – are you registered to vote?

Don't miss your chance to have your say in the EU Referendum on 23rd June 2016.

To take part you must be registered to vote and the deadline to register is Tuesday 7th June.

Not everyone who was eligible to vote at the elections on 5th May will also be eligible to vote in the EU Referendum. Go to aboutmyvote.co.uk to check if you can vote in the referendum.

You should also register to vote every time you move house.

If you are already registered to vote you should have received your poll card – these were delivered around 25th May. If you lose your poll card, you don't need it to vote.

Registering to vote is quick and easy at gov.uk/register-to-vote

You'll just need your National Insurance number, date of birth and address to hand.

You can apply to vote by post until 5pm, Wednesday 8th June. If you would like



to vote by post you must already be registered, or have submitted your application to register. If you're not already registered to vote, you must register by Tuesday 7th June.

Can't vote in person for the EU Referendum on 23rd June?

You can vote by post or appoint a proxy – someone you trust to vote on your behalf. Proxy vote applications must be received by 5pm on Wednesday 15th June. But you and your proxy must have already registered to vote.

Download an application form at aboutmyvote.co.uk

- The postal vote application deadline is Wednesday 8th June.
- The proxy vote application deadline is Wednesday 15th June.

How do I fill in the ballot paper for the EU referendum?

You show your choice by putting a cross (X) in either the 'Remain a member of the European Union' or the 'Leave the European Union' box on your ballot paper.

Put a cross in only one box or your vote may not be counted.

For more information, go to aboutmyvote.co.uk or call 0800 3 280 280.

Rushden & District History Society 25th Anniversary

The question was put to the audience gathered in the Toc H Meeting Hall on the evening of April 12th 1991: "Do you want a History Society in Rushden?" The unanimous reply from the audience was, "Yes Please!"

That question and answer those 25 years ago was all that was needed to set the wheels in motion for the two married couples who put their own enthusiasm to the test, forming The Rushden & District Historical Society.

These local history fanatics were Jean and Eric

Fowell, who with Pat and Eric Jenkins took up the cudgel and held the very first meeting there and then.

Rather than the expected 20 or so interested people they thought would turn up, the cry to arms had attracted over 50 fellow enthusiasts who, with standing room only, were entertained by Eric Fowell who showed slides of the whole gamut of the Rushden shops run by the Co-operative Society.

Because of the initial response, the newly formed Society hired Rushden Hall where, to a full house, Eric

Jenkins was the speaker followed by Frank Dymont, as the first Guest speaker, giving a talk on the Queen Eleanor Crosses.

Very soon after formation, the Committee decided that a newsletter, in the form of a quarterly journal, would be ideal to keep members in touch with the Town's history. The journal was born in the autumn of 1991 and was named The Risdene Echo, the production of which has continued throughout the 25 years. A 24-page Anniversary edition will be available

at the Society meeting on 17th June and includes eight pages of colour photographs. The speaker

at that meeting will be Gary Schaeffer, talking about The Cooper Collection, a fascinating selection

of photographs from the UK's largest and oldest privately held photographic collection.

Thrapston Charter Fair

Thrapston Charter Fair is to be held on 25th June. This is the most prestigious event of the year for the town, when the shops come out with their wares. The High Street will be filled with stalls selling everything from jam to plants and shrubs and there will be entertainment for all, including fairground rides and a kiddies' play area by the library.

The theme of this year's event is the Wild, Wild West in honour of a very well-known member of the Community and Charter Fair Committee, Gilbert Lee, who sadly died last autumn. Gilbert was a great

Country and Western enthusiast, hence the choice of theme. Gilbert's daughter Ann Loveridge has been asked to open the Fair as a fitting tribute to her Dad.

There will be a parade from the Bridge Hotel commencing at 1.50pm, which everyone is welcome to join. So come on, dig out your cowboy boots, jeans and checked shirts and mosey on down.

Everyone is encouraged to dress up, children and adults alike and shops and businesses are encouraged to dress like a Wild West Town. How about building a stagecoach or covered wagon? Prizes will be awarded to the best.

East Northamptonshire Council becomes Dementia Friendly

Staff and councillors at East Northamptonshire Council are showing their support for people living with dementia having signed up to become a dementia friendly council ready for Dementia Awareness Week, which this year took place between 15th and 21st May.

The Dementia Friends programme, an Alzheimer's Society initiative, is the biggest ever initiative to change people's perceptions of dementia. It aims to transform the way the nation thinks, talks and acts about the condition.

Leader of East Northamptonshire Council, Steven North, says: "Dementia is a major concern, with one in 14 people over 65 years of age living with dementia.

"Everyday tasks that we often take for granted can be daunting for people living with dementia. They often avoid shopping or visiting public places as they can feel anxious about the situations that they might face. To help, we are encouraging all of our staff and councillors to become Dementia Friends to ensure that we're able to provide understanding and help to those affected by the condition. A little patience and kindness can go a long

way."

Through videos and workshops, staff and councillors will find out more about dementia and how they can best support those affected.

Steven North adds: "I believe that this scheme will make East Northamptonshire Council a more friendly environment for those with dementia to visit and that we can build on this success and extend our Dementia Friendly Community across the district. We're ideally placed to lead the way in recruiting volunteers and we hope this will encourage other local organisations to get on board too."

Dementia Awareness Week encourages people who are worried about dementia to confront their worries by addressing dementia directly and going to Alzheimer's Society for information and support.

If you are worried about dementia, call the Alzheimer's Society National Dementia Helpline on 0300 222 1122 or email helpline@alzheimers.org.uk

Please visit www.alzheimers.org.uk/ for more information about Dementia Friends.

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Citizens Advice clears up the pension jargon that is baffling consumers

“Flexi-access drawdown”, “open market option” and “safeguarded benefits” are just some of the pension terms most confusing for consumers, reveals Central and East Northants Citizens Advice.

The local charity, which delivers face to face Pension Wise appointments across Northamptonshire and the Bedford area, says people would find it easier to understand their pensions if the industry used simple, standard language to describe their products.

Some people are also unclear about terms which appear to be more straightforward, putting them at risk of missing out on the best pension options for them.

To help people get to grips with their pension, staff at Central and East Northants Citizens Advice have identified the pensions jargon which people find most perplexing and have explained them in simple terms including:

- **Open market option:** This is the right you have to shop around to find an annuity that suits your needs. You don't have to stay with your current pension provider. The rates you are offered by different annuity providers can vary dramatically and once you have made your choice, it can be extremely difficult and often impossible to go back on your decision.
- **Safeguarded benefits:** These are special features attached to your pension pot that guarantee certain payments. Safeguarded benefits are usually defined benefit pensions (for example, a final salary pension, guaranteed minimum pension, or guaranteed deferred annuity). Some defined contribution pensions have features attached which make them safeguarded, which includes a guarantee from your pension provider about the rate of pension

to be provided when you retire (for example, a guaranteed annuity rate).

- **Uncrystallised funds pension lump sum (UFPLS) or ‘taking cash in chunks’:** This option became available through the new pension freedoms. It allows you to take multiple withdrawals (cash lump sums) from your pension. For each withdrawal, 25 per cent is tax-free and the other 75 per cent is taxed at your marginal tax rate for that tax year. The remainder of your pension pot remains invested.

Recent research from national Citizens Advice shows more than a quarter (27 per cent) of people with defined contribution pensions feel that they don't understand their pension plan, while fewer than one in five (19 per cent) feel very confident.

John Stimpson, a Pension Wise Guidance Specialist at Central and East Northants Citizens Advice said: “Pension decisions can be hard enough without having to translate tricky wording.

“Many people coming to visit us are mystified by the jargon being used and our staff are here to help clear up the confusing language.

“Having a better understanding of what the terms mean puts consumers on a better path to choosing a retirement option which suits them.”

To book a free face to face or telephone Pension Wise appointment, call 0800 138 8292 or visit www.pensionwise.gov.uk.



Swivel Club donations

The Swivel Club to date have donated over £82,000 to local people and good causes in and around the Rushden and Higham Ferrers area. Recent donations have been given to a local lady with terminal illness, to help her get some much needed therapy, to enable her to cope with her deteriorating health. Also, an Irthlingborough day care facility has had new window blinds.

The next event takes the Swivel Club international, with Linda Gail Lewis from the USA. She is on a short tour to the UK, so this is a rare opportunity to see her perform. She is the sister of Jerry Lee Lewis and

worked with him for about 15 years and has also recorded and performed with Van Morrison and other big names.

Her style covers Boogie-Woogie, Rockabilly and Rock n' Roll. She will be supported by Glenn Darren and the KrewKatz at Rushden Towns Bowls Club on 18th June. Swivel Club is a registered charity and the committee members are all volunteers.

To view what they do visit www.swivelclub.org.uk for newsletters, pictures, bookings and much more.

What a ‘cop’ for Oundle Museum!

After retirement in 1996 and a long association working in Oundle Courthouse, former Police Sergeant Don Campbell has returned to his old beat. He has recently become a member of the Oundle Museum Committee, working in surroundings with which he is very familiar.

The Courthouse was erected in 1877 on the site of the Old Bridewell at the top of Mill Road.

100 years later in Don's day, circa 1976, the Courthouse also housed the police station which encompassed a house at Stoke Hill (upper end), where Police Sergeant Clamping lived at that time.

Don has fond memories of working in the Courthouse. Some Oundle locals might also remember. For example, when Police Inspector Beaver lived in the Courthouse, which later became the Register Office, his daughter was born and later was married in the same room!

Naturally, Don dealt with the local felons, and occasionally locked them up in the

Remand Cell, which was located upstairs in the Courthouse. The felons were held there pending their attendance at the Magistrates' Court downstairs and the walls of the Remand Cell are littered with the felons graffiti – some of which are local names scratched on the walls for perpetuity.

However, the Remand Cell now holds a ‘Museum Curiosity’, something not to be missed when visiting the Museum nowadays. Given his past, Don should have no trouble keeping the Committee in order without resorting to the lock up, or will he?

Be sure to visit Oundle Museum in the Courthouse soon, to check out the Remand Cell for yourself. Oundle Museum is open Saturdays from 11am to 5pm and on Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays from 2pm to 5pm.

This year's exhibition, ‘What's in Store’ is a chance to see items donated or loaned to the Museum over the past 20 years, many on display for the first time.

Fond Farewell To Oundle Primary School's Milton Road Site

After more than a century of educating the young people of Oundle, the town's primary school site at Milton Road is to close at the end of this summer term.

But as the end of an era approaches, the closure of the school buildings will be marked by a major celebration to which everyone associated with the school – past, present and future – are invited.

The school, which is rated as ‘Outstanding’ by both Ofsted and Church inspectors, was recently expanded to include Year 5 and Year 6 pupils following the closure of the Middle School last year.

“We are so excited that the whole school family, from Reception through to the Year 6 children, will be united at our new home

on Cotterstock Road,” commented the school's headteacher Mrs Janet McMurdo, “but we want to recognise this milestone by holding the best party we can before the Milton Road site closes at the end of this academic year.”

Family and friends involved with Oundle's Church of England Primary School are invited to a celebration at the Milton Road site on Sunday 26th June starting at 10.30am with a church service followed by a bring-your-own picnic lunch starting around noon. Hot and cold drinks plus ice creams will all be available to

purchase and everyone who comes along on the day will be presented with a small souvenir. People are also encouraged to bring along picnic rugs and chairs for extra comfort.

Visitors can reminisce, enjoy good company and take a nostalgic tour of the school. They are also invited to bring along photos or other reminders they may have of their time at the school and these will be displayed in a ‘pop-up museum’. All items should be clearly named and will be safely looked after before being returned.

In the event of bad weather, a notice will be displayed at the Milton Road site – and on both the Oundle Primary School and St Peter's Church websites – outlining the alternative arrangements.

Harringworth church to host special exhibition on the history of the Viaduct this month

An exhibition focusing on the History of Harringworth Viaduct will be on display at St John the Baptist Church from Saturday 4th June until Sunday 26th June.

This is a rare opportunity to visit the exhibition put together by Harringworth's resident historian from the village archive. It was last seen nearly 10 years ago.

The exhibition traces the initial surveying of the valley, with copies of the original maps together with details of the Midland railway board, the Navvies with an idea of the impact and conditions these individuals made on the area with photographs. The first brick was laid in March 1876, the first arch completed in June 1877 and the whole viaduct finished in July 1878, just over two years in total – almost impossible to contemplate in today's world.

When the viaduct opened on 1st October 1880, eight trains per day were scheduled, four in each direction. By 1903 the line was carrying over a dozen express and stopping

trains each way daily.

There will also be photographs of the stations of Harringworth, Gretton, Seaton, and Uppingham available, together with more up to date images of the ongoing maintenance work carried out over the years by Network Rail.

The exhibition also features brief details about the work of Reverend D.W. Barrett, the vicar of Nassington who published 'Life and Work among the Navvies'. Reverend Barrett was to supply a record of a special undertaking in railway work, record the manners and customs of the Navvies and describe the work of the Church amongst them.

You can read more about the Viaduct and Railway by visiting the Harringworth village website at www.harringworthvillage.org under the heading 'Harringworth & Shotley History'.

The exhibition, which is free to visitors,

will open on Saturday 4th June, the same morning that the Flying Scotsman is due to 'steam' over the Harringworth Viaduct around 10am. Parking will be available in a field off

Seaton Road on the outskirts of the village (NN17 3AF) with refreshments including coffee and bacon baps available from 9am. Everyone will be welcome to visit the Church and see the exhibition whilst in the area. The exhibition will remain open until 26th June and visitors are welcome from 9.30am–5pm every day.

Classic Car Show to return

The Rotary Club of Rushden Chichele is holding its Third Classic Car Show in The Castle Fields, Kimbolton Road, Higham Ferrers on Sunday 7th August.

Following the success of the previous two shows this year's event has attracted support from 190 Classic Car owners, with many booking early to secure a space at the Show, which has rapidly become a very popular event. The Show will be open to visitors between 11am and 4pm and the Mayor will present a trophy to the owner of 'The Car of the Show' as nominated by the

visitors.

The Classic Cars on display will date from the 1920s but a variety of unusual vehicles and more modern supercars will also be attending. The owners of the cars will be pleased to talk about their cherished vehicles and answer questions from visitors.

An increased number of Car Clubs will be present including for the first time, The Three Shires Ferrari Club, The Northants Morris Minor Club and The Kettering Area Motor Club. Each will have a variety of their members' cars on show.

As well as the Classic and Supercars on display there will be a variety of stalls, food outlets (including a Hog Roast) and a bouncy castle for younger visitors to enjoy.

The Show's principal sponsor Winslow Ford will have a number of new cars on their stand for visitors to inspect and their staff will be on hand to answer enquiries about the vehicles.

As a special attraction this year, the RAF Battle of Britain Memorial Flight are sending a Dakota and a Spitfire to carry out flypasts during the day (if weather and operational conditions are suitable).

A message from space

Pupils at Earls Barton Infant School were extremely excited when they heard they had a message from Tim Peake asking for their help.

The children are taking part in an exciting experiment that will contribute to our knowledge of growing plants in space. Two kilograms of rocket seeds were launched on Soyuz 44S on 2nd September 2015 with European Space Agency astronaut Andreas Mogensen and his crew. They arrived on the International Space Station two days later. After being held in microgravity with Tim Peake for six months, they came back to Earth with astronaut Scott Kelly in March.

One hundred of these space seeds have now arrived at Earls Barton Infant school and have been planted along with 100 seeds that have remained on Earth. The school received a blue pack and a red pack

and do not know which pack has been to space and which hasn't. The children will observe and monitor the growth of the seeds, predicting which they think have been to space. They will measure the height, the leaf count and record all of this information on a special measurement chart provided by the Royal Horticultural Society. The experiment will last for six weeks and at the end, the results from the children's measurement chart will be entered into an online database in June. A very exciting, specially recorded video in which Tim Peake reveals the true identity of the space seeds will be released before the end of term.

The children are extremely excited by this experiment, and are already making their predictions. It is a fantastic opportunity to develop their scientific thinking and reasoning.

Lottery grant for volunteer training

Oundle Volunteer Action has been awarded £3,581 by The Big Lottery Fund, to recruit and train volunteers.

The manager of Volunteer Action, Carol Underwood says: "Recruitment and training of volunteers is essential to ensure continuation of services in the local area. Although we have a large number of volunteers, demand for our service continues to grow, so recruitment is vital. The grant will help us meet the costs of a focused recruitment and

training drive for the next 12 months.

"Our highly valued volunteers have many and varied skills. We would like to build on these to ensure we continue to deliver high quality services. Training enables personal development and safety awareness and helps our volunteers to make informed decisions. We are so happy to have been awarded this grant by The

Big Lottery Fund."

Last year volunteers donated over 14,500 hours of their time delivering valued services to the local community by providing:

- Community Transport – essential for medical appointments, access to social activities and shopping etc,
- A Befriending Service – supporting individuals who may otherwise feel isolated.

For further information about our services please call 01832 275433, email admin@volunteeractionundle.org.uk or go to our website www.volunteeraction.org.uk



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Cotterstock PCC receive grant

Cotterstock PCC has received £49,300 from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) for a very exciting project to refurbish the bells and bell frame in St Andrew's Church, Cotterstock, to augment the ring to six bells and to create a permanent memorial to those who laid down their lives in the service of their country.



The project, which will run from June 2016 to December 2017, will involve villagers, local schools, the Peterborough Diocesan Guild of Bell Ringers, Oundle Museum, Oundle Historical Society and the local branch of the Royal British Legion.

St Andrew's is a significant church as it is the site of the earliest of the five collegiate establishments founded in Northamptonshire in the Middle Ages. It was originally built around 1330 and whilst the domestic buildings of the college have gone the chancel of the present church was constructed as the chapel of the college and is a particularly fine example of the architecture of the period.

The remedial work to the frame, retuning of the bells and the casting of an

additional bell as a WW1 memorial bell is planned at a cost of over £64,000. A very generous grant of £4,550 was received from the Peterborough Diocesan Guild of Bell Ringers and additional funds have been secured through donations and fundraising to make this project possible.

Reverend Anne Hindle said: "We are extremely privileged and grateful to have received the generous grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund. We are also delighted that, with the renewed emphasis on ringing the bells at St Andrew's Church, Cotterstock, the rejuvenation of the spiritual life of our church community will follow."

The PCC are thrilled that it will be an opportunity for local people to engage with the heritage of St

Andrew's by learning new skills in caring for the bells and taking part in the ancient art of bell ringing. It will also save the bells of this pretty village church for future generations.

Cotterstock PCC has

the responsibility for promoting the mission for the church in its parish and in the provision of regular church services. Legally it is responsible for the financial affairs of the church and the care

and maintenance of the church building and its contents.

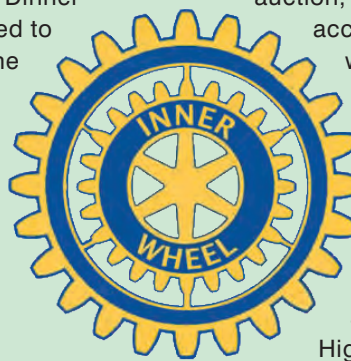
From the archaeology under our feet to the historic parks and buildings we love, from precious memories and

collections to rare wildlife, the Heritage Lottery Fund use National Lottery players' money to help people across the UK explore, enjoy and protect the heritage they care about.

Inner Wheel Club of Rushden

TV celebrity Charlie Ross of 'Flog it!' fame helped the Inner Wheel Club of Rushden raise in excess of £8,000 at a Charity Auction and Dinner recently, with the proceeds being donated to The Northamptonshire Association for the Blind (NAB).

Months of hard work by the Club President Jennifer Norman and her team saw Charlie act as auctioneer, freely donating his time, with local people and businesses giving a wide selection of items for the auction. Together with help from other Inner Wheel members and their Rotarian husbands, the Scott Bader Community Hall in Wollaston was made ready for over 170 guests to sit down for their meal.



A separate Silent Auction was held during the meal, and a sell-out Raffle was also held. In the main auction, Charlie had 13 items to sell which he accomplished in his own very entertaining way, full of wit and expertise, filling the room with laughter with his slick operating technique. (Charlie even sold his tie for £50!)

The top draw in the auction was an oil painting, which raised almost £1,000 on its own, donated by Jeremy Barlow, one of the country's leading landscape artists, whose first gallery was based in Higham Ferrers.

The whole evening was a huge success both for the amount donated to NAB and the strength of the organisation that went into it.

A new commission from Fermynwoods Contemporary Art:

*I Bring my Body to This Place, to Observe
the Coming and Going of Life*

by artist Jason Singh (as featured on the BBC's Countryfile)

Experience a new sound work at Titchmarsh Nature Reserve. Historical connections between Thrapston and Washington DC are interwoven with the present day to explore the migration of humans and wildlife.

LOCATION

North Bird Hide (Palmer Hide), Aldwincle Lake, off the A605, near Thrapston

TIME

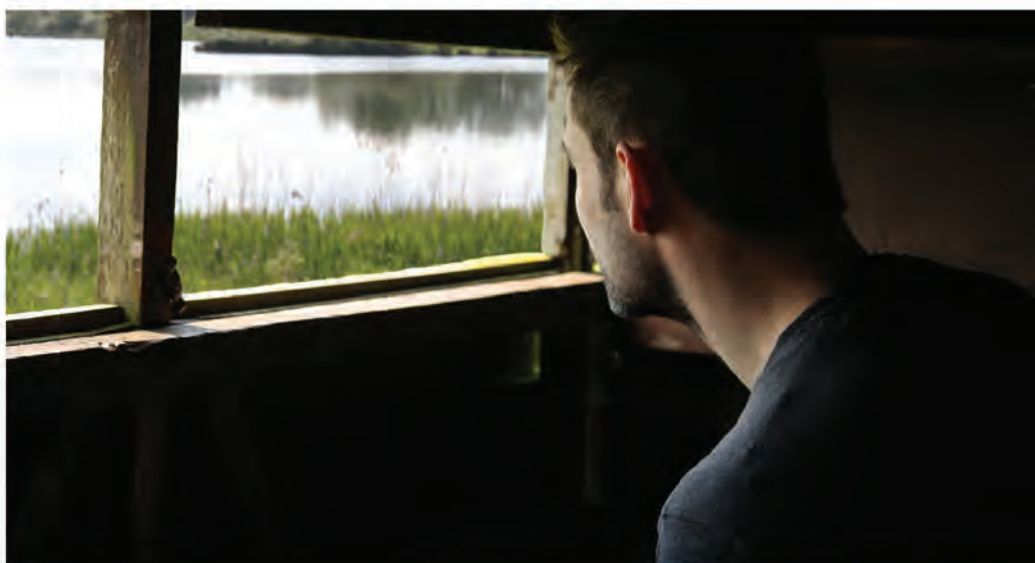
6am - 8pm, 12 June - 31 August 2016

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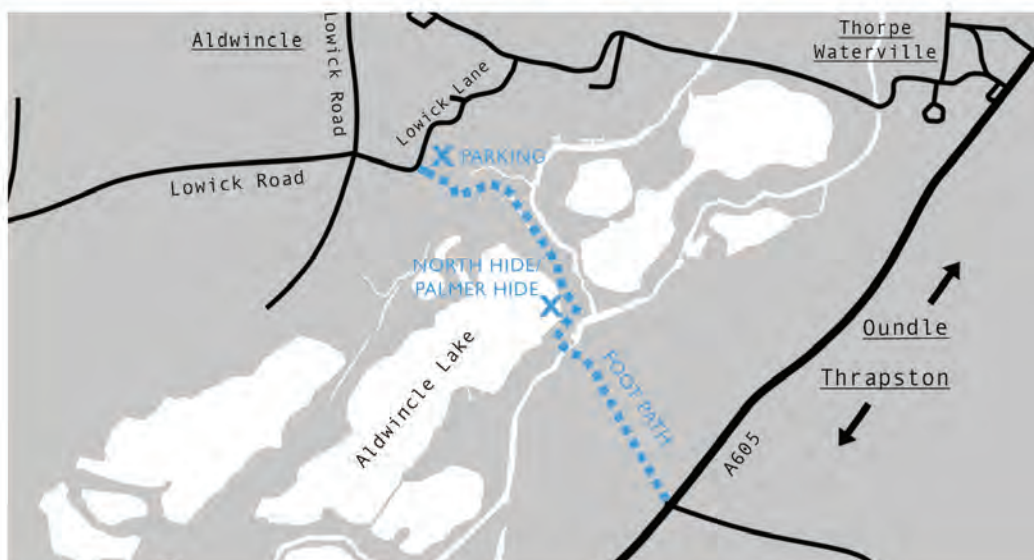
Lowick Lane, Aldwincle, NN14 3EE

01832 731 257
fermywoods.co.uk

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contemporary art



PREVIEW EVENT: 2PM - 3PM, SUNDAY 12TH JUNE,
MEET AT PARK SPOT ON LOWICK LANE



Saturday 4th June

Oundle Strollers
Leave Fletton House,
Glapthorne Road
12.30pm
Walk starts Woodnewton 1pm
PEA 5EB
Leader Dave Park
07855828251
Grid Ref. 945/038, Map
Explorer 227, Moderate 7
miles.

A Walk Through Time Stanwick Lakes

2pm-4pm
£2 for adults, £1 for children.
Please book. Car parking
charges apply
01933 625522
Join archaeologist Andy
Chapman to discover the
history of Stanwick Lakes.

Sunday 5th June

Whitefriars Church – Morning Worship

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

Family RSPB Walk

Stanwick Lakes
10am-12noon
£2 for adults, £1 for children.
Please book. Car parking
charges apply
01933 625522
Family bird walk to learn
about the birds found in and
around the nature reserve.

Morning Service

Thrapston Baptist Church
10.30am
Preacher: Mat Hussain
A lesson in history, Acts 7:1-
53.

All Age Morning Worship with Family Communion

Rushden Mission Church,
Wellingborough Road
10.45am
Alan 01933 355302
Informal service led by the
Music Group and Pastor Ian
Fall with children's activities.

First Sunday Event

Rushden Salvation Army,
Church Street, Rushden
5pm
Admission free
Contact Gill Valentine 01933
353528
Info Evening led by Lt Cols
Peter and Sylvia Dalziel
former members of The
Joystings.

Monday 6th June

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.

Wednesday 8th June

Oundle Strollers

Walk starts Long Stay Car
Park, East Road, Oundle
Leader Keith Dixon 01832
245532
Map Explorer 227, 4 miles.

Bridge of Grace Food Bank

Thrapston Baptist Church
1.30pm-2.30pm
Help for any who are in
desperate need of food.

Thursday 9th June

Tiddlers Group for 0–3 year olds

Thrapston Baptist Church
9.30am-11.30am
Friendly and welcoming
with lots of toys and play
equipment for the little ones to
enjoy. £1 per carer – as many
toddlers as you like!!

Raunds WI

The Saxon Hall, Raunds
7.30pm
£3.50 for Visitors
Members' evening with
games.

Friday 10th June

Concert by Salvo Brass

Place Rushden Salvation
Army, Church Street, Rushden
7.45pm
£5 pay at the door
Gill Valentin 01933 353528
Brass musicians from the
Midlands area.

AFC Rushden & Diamonds Quiz Night

Rushden Bowls Club,
Northampton Road, Rushden
NN10 8AN
7.30pm
£2 Maximum Table of 6
Glenis 07870 332606
All Quiz Players are most
welcome. Raffle. Bucket
collection at end of evening for
Cransley Hospice.

Local Choir Woven Chords in Concert

All Saints Church, Stamford
PE9 2AG
8pm, doors open 7.30pm
£10, £8 including
refreshments
Tickets from www.
stamfordartscentre.com

Saturday 11th June

Table Top Sale

Roman Catholic Church Hall,
Hayway, Rushden NN10 6 AG
10am-12noon
To book a table top £6
Chris 07949 694 206 or 01933
317719
Homemade cakes etc.
Refreshments.

Open Gardens

Church Stowe,
Northamptonshire.
2pm-5pm
£7.50 adult, £2 child.
Judy Ellwood 01327 349161.
Come along and enjoy
our joint fundraiser for St.
Michael's Church Repairs &
Northamptonshire Red Cross.

Saturday 11th & 12th June

Woodnewton Open Gardens & Flower Festival

Woodnewton Village & St
Mary's Church
12noon-5pm
£5, under 16s free
Visit eight countryside
gardens and floral displays
in the church portraying the
theme of musicals.

Sunday 12th June

Whitefriars Café Church

Whitefriars Junior School,
Boughton Drive, Rushden
NN10 9HX
10.15am
Admission free
Simon King 01933 356871
A chance to eat, chat, read,
reflect, create, listen and
explore the Bible together.

Whitefriars Church Silver Service

The Bridge Community Office
at Whitefriars Junior School,

Boughton Drive, Rushden
NN10 9HX
10.30am
Melvyn Hunter 01933 222910
A traditional church service
open to anyone of any age.

Whitefriars Church, Rushden, Countryside Walk – ‘Going wild near Irthlingborough’

Car park next to St Peter's
Church, Irthlingborough NN9
5SG
10.30am
Andrew Presland 01933
316927
A walk in and near the
Wildlife Trust nature reserve
on the southern edge of
Irthlingborough.

Evening Service with Communion

Rushden Mission Church,
Wellingborough Road
5.30pm
Alan 01933 355302
Traditional service with well-
known hymns with Pastor Ian
Fall.

Dog Watch Walk

Fermyn Woods Country Park,
Lyveden Road, Brigstock,
Kettering NN14 3HS
Meet at the Skylark Cafe at
2.15pm
Free admission, car park £3
Woodland Walk, 1 mile,
approx.one hour. All members
welcome.

Morning Service with Communion

Thrapston Baptist Church
10.30am
Preacher: Mat Hussain
Persecution Escalates, Acts
7:54-8:8.

Monday 13th June

Monday Night Live for 7-11 year olds

Thrapston Baptist Church
6.15pm-8pm
Lively and fun group with
tuck, games, songs and bible
based illustrations.
£1 per child

Oundle U3A Monthly Meeting

Queen Victoria Hall, West
Street, Oundle
Doors open 2pm
Members £1, Non-members
£2
01832 275933
Presentation from the Institute
of Advanced Motorists.

Thursday 16th June

Tiddlers Group for 0–3 year olds

Thrapston Baptist Church
9.30am-11.30am
Friendly and welcoming
with lots of toys and play
equipment for the little ones to
enjoy. £1 per carer – as many
toddlers as you like!!

Friday 17th June

Rushden & District History Society

South End Junior School,
Wymington Road, Rushden
NN10 9JU
7.30pm
Members £1.50, non-
members £2.50
01933 350038
Gary Schaeffer “The Cooper
Collection of Photographs”.

Thrapston & District U3A

The Plaza, Cosy Nook,
Thrapston
10am-12noon
£2 non members, £1

members
Publicity Secretary
07542775603
Speaker: India on a
Motorcycle with Paul Ollett.

Saturday 18th June

The Swivel Club presents Linda Gail Lewis, sister of Jerry Lee Lewis

Rushden Bowls Club,
Northampton Road NN10
6AN
8pm till late.
Tickets £12 and can be
bought online at www.
swivelclub.org.uk or
07738080470 or Bowls Club
01933 312680.
Linda is on tour from the USA,
supported by Glen Darren and
the KrewKatz. Do not miss
her boogie-woogie Rockabilly
show.

Open Air Theatre, ‘Sense and Sensibility’

Kirby Hall, NN17 3EN
7pm
Adult £14, Child £10, Family
£42
01536 203230
An outdoor performance
whatever the weather. Please
bring your own rugs or low
backed seating.

Hemington Charity Barn Dance

Hemington Lodge Farm
PE8 5QP
7.30pm-11.30pm
Adults £12, Children (aged
5-11) £8 in advance, under
5's free
John Gibson 01832 293
620 or hemingtonchurch@
outlook.com
Great live music and dancing
in a real barn, ticket price
includes supper.

Armed Forces Day

Rushden Station, Station
Approach, Rushden,
Northants NN10 0AW
A parade through Rushden,
culminating at the Station
where displays and activities
will take place.

Saturday 18th June & Sunday 19th June

Flower Festival and Art Exhibition

St Peter's Church in Raunds
10am-5pm on Saturday and
12noon-5pm on Sunday
Admission free
01933 624384
The theme will be Memories in
Colour. Lunches and teas will
be served on both days.
On Saturday 18th there will
be a concert performed The
Raunds Community Choir
at 7.30pm, £6 including
refreshments.

Sunday 19th June

Whitefriars Church – Morning Worship

Whitefriars Church at
Whitefriars Junior School,
Rushden
10.15am
Chris Youngman 01933
551769
An informal church service
open to all.

Together in Prayer & Praise

Highfield Community Baptist
Church, Highfield Road,
Rushden NN10 9QD
10.15am
Steve Pearman 01933 395608
United churches' gathering
for prayer and praise – all are
welcome.



Morning Service

Thrapston Baptist Church
10.30am
Preacher: Allan Pope
Some things money can't
buy, Acts 8:9-25.

Higham Ferrers Footpath Group

Saffron Road car park
Higham Ferrers for car
sharing
8.45am
01933 356049
9 mile walk from Tingewick.

Father's Day

Rushden Station, Station
Approach, Rushden,
Northants NN10 0AW
Train times: 11.00; 11.45;
12.30; 13.15; 14.00; 14.45;
15.30; 16.00
Fares apply.
Treat Dad to a ride on our
steam hauled train and a gift.

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

Titchmarsh Folk Dance Club

The Club Room, High Street,
Titchmarsh NN14 3DF
8pm-10pm
£1 inc tea/coffee
Kev Prigmore 01536 514023
or email titchmarshfdc@
gmail.com

Oundle Ladies Running Group

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

Wesley Centre Art Class

Irthlingborough Methodist
Church
2pm-4pm Monday
01933 624847

Aqua Aerobic Classes (Term Time Only)

Oundle School Swimming
Pool, Milton Road, Oundle
8.45am-9.30am
Admission: £25 for 5
sessions,
Tel: 01832 277208/277195

Baggy pants Yoga

Studio 2, Pemberton Centre,
HE Bates Way, Rushden
10am-11am
Tel: 01933 382837 or
07873 743256,
carole.wyatt@virginmedia.
com
£5 per session, no block
booking commitment.

Praise and Play (during term time)

St James' Church Thrapston
1.30pm-2.45pm
Free, refreshments available
Anita 735443

Every Monday, Friday & Saturday (Term Time Only)

Otters Swim School Lessons

Oundle School Swimming
Pool, Milton Road Oundle
Mondays 3.55pm-6.10pm,
Fridays 3.55pm-6.10pm,
Saturdays 8.30am-12noon
Booked in advance as a
block (£5.50 per lesson)
Tel: 01832 277208/277195

1st Monday of the month

Oundle Wives

Methodist Church, Oundle
7.45pm
01832 272178
£3 for refreshments and raffle.

Oundle & District Royal British Legion Meeting

The Ship Inn, Oundle
7pm
Les Mallory-Starks 07745
996428

Every 2nd Monday (except January & August)

Thrapston & District Royal British Legion Branch Meeting

The Thrapston Centre,
High Street, Thrapston
7.30pm
Veronica McCurdy 01832
735206

2nd 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

3rd Monday of the month

Diabetes Support Group Type 2

Barnwell Room, Fletton
House, Fletton Way, Oundle
PE8 4JA
2.30pm
01832 274526 or
oundlediabetes@gmail.com

Alternate Mondays (2nd & 4th Mondays)

StitChat

Oundle Baptist Church
1pm-4pm
Judith Brashaw 01832 770010
or office@oundlebaptist.org.
uk
Beginners & experts welcome.
Bring your project and knit or
stich together over a cuppa.

Once a month on a Monday evening

Woodturning Club

Hardwick Village, Nr

Wellingborough NN9 5AL
7pm-10pm
Paul Lawman 01933 674260

**Every Monday & Thursday
Oundle Bridge Club**
Fletton House, Fletton Way,
Oundle PE8 4JA
7pm Start
01832 273044

**Every Tuesday
Coffee Stop**
Rushden Mission Church,
Wellingborough Road
NN10 9TA
10am-12.30pm
Alan Richardson 01933
355302

**East Northants Classic
Motorcycle Club**
New Inn Public House,
Wymington
Meet around 7.30pm
Free

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)

**Rushden Mission
Training Band**
Mission Church,
Wellingborough Road,
Rushden
7.30pm-8.45pm
Alan Richardson 01933
355302

Short Mat Bowls
Saxon Hall, Raunds
1.45pm-4pm
£3
Tel: 01933 624545

**Every Tuesday (term time)
Open House for Babies,
Toddlers and their Carers**
No. 1 St Osyth's Lane, Oundle
9am-11am

**1st Tuesday of every
month
Great Companions
(single people 55+)**
Rushden Bowls Club,
Northampton Road
7pm-9pm
Yearly Membership £6
Pat Bazeley 07931 964360

**2nd 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, optional extra
01933 411191

**Wildlife Trust Little
Bugs Club**
10am-11.30am
£1 per child (adults are free)
Louise Tuffin 01604 774043
louise.tuffin@wildlifebcn.org

50+ Adventure Club
Tel: 01536 505548 for further
information or visit:
www.fiftyplusnorthantsadventureclub.org.uk

**Every Tuesday & Thursday
Health Walks
Stanwick Lakes**
10am-11am
Free – normal car park

charges apply.
01933 625522
www.stanwicklakes.org.uk

**Tuesdays to Fridays in
June
Countryside & Town
Explorations**
Via local Bus or Coach
service. From Raunds, or
Thrapston Library.
Mornings or days out, from £2
each per trip, for the re-usable
map.
Bus pass needed, but free
travel for all, on Tuesdays.
Susan 01933 461480.
Suitable for individuals and
groups of all ages & abilities,
throughout the year.

**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

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

Club Night
Apethorpe Tennis Club
From 6pm

Returners to Work
No.1 St. Osyth's Lane
10am-12noon
01832 770011

Art & Craft Class
Oundle Rural Mind
1 Herne Park, East Road,
Oundle PE8 4BZ
Irene Issitt – Manager
01832 275020

**Inflatable Fun Session
(Times May Vary During
School Holidays)**
Oundle School Swimming
Pool, Milton Road Oundle
5pm-6pm
£3 Adult & £2.25 Child
Tel: 01832 277208/277195

**Cambridge First
Certificate in English**
The Old Town Hall,
Market Place, Oundle
9.30am-12.30pm
£25 per week
01832 776336 or
info@antlerlanguages.co.uk

French Tuition
The Old Town Hall, Market
Place, Oundle
From 6pm
Admission: £25 per week
01832 776336 or info@
antlerlanguages.co.uk

**Every Wednesday
(Term Time Only)
Community ICT Classes**
Needham Building, Oundle
School SciTec, Glapthorn
Road, Oundle
2.30pm-4pm

Yr 7 & 8 Sports Club
Sports Hall, Milton Rd, Oundle
7.45pm-8.45pm
Free admission

660 Club
Two Acre Club, off Milton
Road
2.15pm-3.45pm
Free admission

Afternoon tea with
entertainment for the over 60s
hosted by Oundle pupils.

Community ITC Classes
Needham Building, Oundle
School SciTec, Glapthorn
Road, Oundle
2.30pm-4pm
Free admission

**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

**1st Wednesday
of the month
Raunds Ladies Group**
The Saxon Hall, Raunds
8pm-10pm
Visitors £3.50

**1st & 3rd Wednesday
of the month
Thrapston Country
Dancers**
St Johns Ambulance Hall
2pm-3.30pm
ghearnden@tiscali.co.uk
G Hearnden 01933 622827

**2nd Wednesday
of the month
Coffee Morning**
Raunds Methodist Church
10am-12noon
01933 383378

**2nd & 4th Wednesday 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

**3rd 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

**Higham and Rushden
U3A**
Pemberton Centre, Rushden
2pm-4pm
£2 for visitors
Membership Secretary
01933 314425

**4th Wednesday
of the month
Rushden Pensioners
Forum**
St Peters Church Hall,
Midland Road, Rushden
2pm-4pm
Mary Morby 01933 312476
or e.m.m@btinternet.com

**Wednesday & Thursday
Free Counselling**
No.1 St. Osyth's Lane
Oundle
By appointment
0793 6015965 (leave message
if no answer)

**Wednesday & Saturday
East Northants Athletics
Club – 'Getting Kids Into
Athletics'**
The Ferrers School,
Higham Ferrers
Wed 6-7pm, Sat 9-10am
£4 per session or

Wednesday & Saturday £7
Graham Bufton 07788
698883, grahambufton.
enaa@gmail.com

**Every Thursday
Rushden Folk Dance Club**
St Mary's Church Hall,
Rushden
8pm-10pm
First visit free, £2 per night
thereafter
Val 01933 387327

The Silverfox Turners Club
Dale End Scout
Headquarters, Croyland
Road, Wellingborough
10am-1pm
£2 all members
Secretary Trevor Rhodes
01933 382790

**Free guided walk
around Oundle**
Oundle
11am
Admission free
oundlib@northamptonshire.
gov.uk or call 0300 126 1000

Move for Health
No. 1 St Osyth's Lane, Oundle
2pm-3pm
Free
01832 770011 mornings.

Market Drop-in
No. 1 St Osyth's Lane, Oundle
10am-2pm
Free
01832 770011

Enjoy Yoga
Whitefriars Infant School,
Rushden
7pm-8.30pm
£5 per session.
Gill Hughes 01933 313494 or
Hughes-G17@sky.com

**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

**Little Ducklings Pre-School
Stay and Play 'Tea and Tots'
Sessions**
1.30pm-3pm
£1.50 per family.
01832 358085

**Every Thursday during
school term time
Music Makers**
Titchmarsh Pavilion
9.30am-10.15am
£4 per child and £2 per
sibling.
Naomi Cooper on music
makersnorthants@gmail.com

Music Makers
Joan Strong Centre, Oundle
11.15am-12noon
£4 per child and £2 per
sibling.
Naomi Cooper on music
makersnorthants@gmail.com

**Little Treasures Tots
Group**
St Laurence's Church,
Stanwick
9.30am-11am
Donations to cover costs
Nicki 01933 625658

Music Makers
Stanwick Village Hall
2pm-2.45pm
£4 per child and £2 per sibling
Naomi Cooper on
musicmakersnorthants@
gmail.com



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

**Coffee/Tea and Biscuits in
the Bede House**
St Mary's Church, Higham
Ferrers
10am-12noon
No charge just a donation to
cover costs.

**3rd Thursday of the month
Painting Class with
Nick Baldwin**
Chelveston Village Hall,
10am-4pm
£17 per session
Kathy Gyngell 01933 389936

**Every 3rd 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
peterjbond@btinternet.com

**Thursday Market Day
Mornings
No.1 Cafe - Free Drop-In**
No.1 St, Osyth's Lane
10am-2pm
01832 770011

**Every Friday
Walk and Chat**
Rushden Hall Park,
Under Flag Pole
10am
Sue Mckay 07739 327022,
sue.mckay@groundwotrk.
org.uk

Music Makers
Nene Centre, Thrapston
12.45pm-1.30pm and
1.45pm-2.30pm
£4 per child, £2 for siblings
musicmakersnorthants@
gmail.com
Naomi Cooper 07815 293893

**Every Friday
(Term Time Only)
Over 60s FREE swim**
Oundle School Swimming
Pool, Milton Road, Oundle
3pm-3.45pm
Free admission
Tel: 01832 277208/277195

**Pre-School Swimming
Lessons**
Oundle School Swimming
Pool, Milton Road, Oundle
1.55pm-2.25pm &
2.30pm-3pm
Booked in advance as a
block (£6.75 per lesson)
Tel: 01832 277208/277195

**1st 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

**3rd Friday of the month
Raunds Tea Dance**
Saxon Hall, Raunds
2pm-4.15pm
£3 (plus 50p for Raffle)
Mrs Wicks 01933 312623

U3A Branch Meeting
The Plaza, Cosy Nook,
Thrapston NN14 4PS
10am-12noon
£2 (Visitors) £1 (Members)
includes refreshments

**3rd Friday of the month
(recommend checking
before travelling)
Stanwick Stitchers**
Stanwick Lakes
10.30am
Free entry – normal car park
charges apply.
01933 625522 or Pauline
on 01933 229817
www.stanwicklakes.org.uk

**1st Saturday of the month
Coffee Morning**
St Mary's Church,
Ringstead
10am-12noon
01933 624262 for details

**Thrapston Farmers'
Market**
Thrapston High Street
9am-1pm
www.thrapstonfarmersmarket.moonfruit.com

**2nd 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

**2nd Saturday of
the month
WE Watch & Phoenix
Group**
Stanwick Lakes
For information email
wewatchstanwick@hotmail.
co.uk
01933 625522

To submit your event
please contact us via our
website in the following format:
Date, event, place, time,
admission fee (if applicable),
contact information,
15 word description.



IT'S OUR 15TH BIRTHDAY

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Chess Corner



By Derrick Sims

Rushden's C team completed its final league match at home to Chess Mates D. A draw or win was required by Rushden to maintain its position above the Northampton team in League II.

James Wicks on board 2 got off to a roaring start, slaughtering Northampton's Mick Buswell in a game that was over before it really started. Mick allowed his frustrations to show and resigned in short order, gifting James the victory. Tom Murts was the next Rushden man to finish against Chess Mates' captain, Andy Reed. There was an early frenzied exchange of pieces after Tom's Knight was pinned in front of his Queen. Tom then managed to fork Andy's Queen and Rook after Andy snaffled up a loose pawn. This was followed by another mad exchange of pieces leading to no advantage for either player with a draw being agreed.

Meanwhile on board 4 yours truly was pitting his meagre wits against the feisty

Briony Tomkins. After spotting an early opportunity to go a pawn up, I snatched her pawn with my Knight exposing Briony's 'undefended' Knight to attack by my Queen. I was stunned when she forked my Rook and Queen with the very same Knight I was just about to gobble up. Too late I realised my defensive pawn was pinned in front of the King by her Bishop – Doh! I spent the rest of the game recovering my position and battenning down the hatches. After shoring up my pieces I'm ashamed to admit that I acted in a very ungentlemanly manner and moved my Rook backwards and forwards until Briony agreed a draw out of sheer frustration and boredom.

It was then Rushden's very own Queen of the C team, Sarah Collins' turn to show what she could do against Briony's brother. After seeing the bruising that Aneurin's sister was giving her captain, Sarah decided to turn the tables. After an early exchange of pieces,

Sarah managed to pin Aneurin's Queen in front of his Rook. Aneurin never recovered from this devastating loss but gamely battled on until Sarah Checkmated him after 58 moves. This secured the match for Rushden C who avoided bottom place in their first season in League II. This was not the final act of the match as Rushden's Richard Ellis was still battling Nigel Turner on board 1. Richard may have been a tad over confident after victory in his two previous encounters against Nigel, who obviously felt it was third time lucky for him. Nigel spotted an opportunity to fork Richard's King and

Queen with his Knight by sacrificing his Queen on Richard's g pawn. Although Nigel only ended a pawn up he managed to breach Richard's castled position in the process, thus achieving a double whammy. Nigel took full advantage of his pawn advantage, leaving Richard with no option but to resign. The win was small consolation for Chess Mates D, who ended up bottom of League II.

Northants SKL Division II Match Monday 9th May

Rushden C 3-2 Chess Mates D

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