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New chapter begins for Oundle CE Primary School

The Bishop of Peterborough has officially reopened Oundle CE Primary School following a move from Milton Road to its new Cotterstock Road site in the town.

The Right Reverend Donald Allister led a short service of thanksgiving in front of the

school's 450 pupils, their teachers and specially invited guests including local dignitaries, headteachers

from nearby schools, senior education leaders as well as the builders who refurbished the school's new premises.



Bishop Donald then took a tour of the school's new state-of-the-art facilities, and talked with pupils and staff before planting a plum tree in front of the school's main entrance to commemorate the occasion.

"We are thrilled that the Bishop could be with us to re-open this school which we're all so proud of," said the school's Headteacher Mrs Janet McMurdo. "It was lovely that our friends from the building contractors Jeakins Weir could also join us as we celebrate a new chapter in our school's history."

The builders undertook the intricate operation of re-ordering the school while lessons continued in neighbouring classrooms. Extensive interior refurbishment was carried out including the installation of cutting-edge cookery and

library facilities. Exterior work involved the construction of new fencing and playgrounds.

The school, which is rated as outstanding by both Ofsted and church inspectors, finally closed its Milton Road premises last summer in order to move to Cotterstock Road following the reorganisation of local education, involving the ending of the middle school tier.

Mrs Murdo said: "It's been an exciting journey for everyone connected with the school but it's especially good to feel that the school is now more settled on one site and that will help improve the children's education even more."

To contact the school
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or email admin@oundleceprimary.co.uk

In Brief

Windmill Primary School supports Safer Internet Day

Windmill Primary School, Raunds joined the global Safer Internet Day campaign on Tuesday 7th February to promote the safe and responsible use of technology with the theme 'Be the change: Unite for a better internet'.

Celebrated in over 100 countries, Safer Internet Day saw Windmill Primary join hundreds of organisations right across the UK and globally to 'be the change' and help create a better internet.

Food hygiene above average

A new study has revealed that food hygiene standards at takeaways and sandwich shops in the East Northamptonshire area are well above the national average. The average percentage of businesses rated either good (4) or very good (5) for the 355 UK council districts included in the study, was 71.9%. East Northamptonshire were significantly higher, at 85%. Read at <https://www.lovelyvouchers.co.uk/lifestyle/takeaway-food-hygiene-study/>

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Genealogy jottings

I love churches and their architecture. I was lucky enough to grow up in St Albans in Hertfordshire, where our parish church was the Abbey! I would be fascinated by the history of the place and wondered how many babies had been baptised in the font with its ornate cover.

Have you ever visited the churches in the parishes where your ancestors once lived? If you get the chance, do so and stand a moment, thinking back to how it looked when your forefathers used it. Go back a couple of hundred years and it could have looked a lot different! Some churches have had pews removed to make room for other activities more suited to the needs of the day, others have had restoration work completed on missing stonework – even the damage caused over the centuries tells stories. The lectern in St Peter's in Oundle once had golden claws. You can still see the marks where a sword cut them off. It may be that the church has had extra building work added to accommodate social gatherings that once took place in the

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

main nave. Perhaps your church suffered bomb damage and, during renovations, advantage was taken at the time for updating the building. They have not always had toilets available in them – and some still do not! By taking time to look at parish records, you may find what has happened and when. It is not only baptisms, banns, marriages and burials recorded in there – a wealth of other information can also be available.

It is rare to find a church that has not undergone changes, showing that they are not stuck in the past but have moved forward to meet the needs of the parishioners. But, with a bit of imagination – and perhaps a rummage in parish records – you will be able to picture what life was like in church for your ancestors.

Brigstock B&B on the world map!

Local Bed & Breakfast comes 5th in TripAdvisor's Top B&Bs in the world!

The Swallows Rest B&B, Brigstock has triumphed over its international counterparts to claim fifth position in the world's ten best B&Bs, according to travel giant TripAdvisor.

A spokesperson for Visit England said: "It is fantastic news that five of England's B&Bs are rated by travellers in the top 10 globally. This continues the upward trend we've seen in recent years demonstrating that our tourism, accommodation and service is not only exceeding customer expectations but up there

competing with the world's very best."

The Swallows Rest B&B has been reviewed 264 times on TripAdvisor, with 264 excellent reviews, resulting in its dominant position in TripAdvisor's 2017 Travellers Choice awards list.

Owner Sam Read says: "We are absolutely delighted to have received this globally recognised accolade and would like to thank all of our guests who have so kindly

completed reviews. Our philosophy has always been 'we don't do ordinary' so it is wonderful for this to be recognised."

TripAdvisor spokeswoman Hayley Coleman said the awards, now in their 15th year, are "unlike other hospitality awards. The awards are based on feedback from actual guests over the past year, which is what makes them so prized within the industry," she said.

See the BBC website for two national features:
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-38721641>
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Editor's notes

The subject of tipping, particularly in restaurants, has been in the national news recently with some employers attempting to defend the seemingly indefensible. Tips for waiting staff, as with many other service providers, are a recognition of excellent service. Surely simply good service should be the minimum acceptable level. It's also the case that all staff should be paid the National Living Wage, which for all working people aged 25 and over is currently set at £7.20 per hour and by April 2017 will go up to £7.50. The level of any tip is also a matter for debate, with some added

to the bill at 13% and more; a curmudgeonly view suggests that 5% at most is quite high enough for delivering a plate of food from the kitchen to a table, "silver service" might attract rather more.

For Oundle residents, now may be the time to begin to question National Grid about compensation payments for the recent loss of gas mentioned in the last notes. The process is expected to be automatic but in the absence of money in your account it might be worth pestering the company.

The piece in this issue from the police about home security probably needs a little more detail. If you have

access to a computer, the Northants Police website offers further details about protecting your home, go to: <http://www.northants.police.uk/page/protecting-me-and-my-home>. If you can't connect that way, the police suggest a call to 101, not the 999 emergency number, or a visit to your local police post. Looking out for your neighbours is probably the best advice available.

The article in this edition about working with Prince William School offers a great opportunity for some individuals to call on their experiences to help the school and its pupils. Contact details for the school are in the article.

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From the ENC Chairman

On 19th January gas supply had to be stopped to all properties in Oundle because National Grid had to identify and repair a fracture in the mains. National Grid worked very well in effecting the necessary repairs; bringing in many engineers from other parts of the country to reinforce their regional personnel.



All concerned applied themselves with outstanding commitment and professionalism, a number sleeping overnights in their vans, with the result that properties could switch on their gas supplies again within a few days. Both East Northamptonshire Council (ENC) and Oundle Town Council cooperated with National Grid: work included visiting residents who might be vulnerable and offering them the use of electric cookers and heaters. Kier, ENC's contractors very helpfully reinforced ENC's staff in this work. Individual people in the Oundle community made a point of visiting neighbours with a view to offering support. I record my appreciation of the good community spirit shown.

On 23rd January I chaired a meeting of ENC. The business of the meeting was mostly house-keeping, receiving reports from our Committees and Working Parties, where much of the more detailed

council work is done. We also approved recommendations by the Monitoring Officer for some clarifications to our council's Constitution.

On 27th January my wife and I hosted my Chairman's dinner at the Chequered Skipper, Ashton. Guests included the Lord Lieutenant, Mrs Laing, the Chairman of Northamptonshire County Council and Mrs Harker and the Mayor of Oundle. We enjoyed a good dinner. The event was 'ticketed' and profits from the sales of tickets have been sent to the three charities I nominated for my Chairman's year: the National Autistic Society; the

Royal Anglian Regiment Benevolent Charity; and the Gurkha Welfare Trust.

On 2nd February I visited Oundle Church of England Primary School for the formal reopening of the school at their new premises at the former Middle School site in Cotterstock Road.

On 11th February, as the guest of the Vice Chancellor and as an ex-officio of the University Court, I attended the University of Northampton Graduation Ceremonies.

*Rupert Reichhold
Cllr and Chairman of East
Northamptonshire Council*

AEG home appliance cookery demonstration

Peter Crisp Kitchen, Bedroom and Bathroom Design Studio, Church Street, Rushden will be hosting an AEG cookery demonstration on Saturday 18th March.

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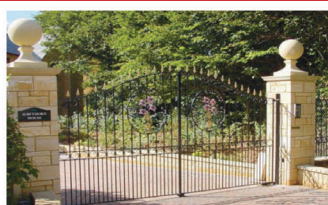
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"Our athletes include Nordic walkers, ultra marathon runners, triathletes and dog walkers," says sports therapist Jay Sheridan. "The thing they have in common is pain. Our aim is to stop the pain so they can get back to their favourite activity, or improve their performance and win the race. Sure, we love the normal sprained ankles and the knee injuries, but we also give conditioning and rehab exercise routines to help athletes get better results."

Jay works closely with osteopath and gait

analysis specialist Steven Bruce and with osteopath Brooke Robinson who previously worked with the Northampton Saints. Between them they have treated top level athletes of all varieties, and many a dog walker's Achilles tendon too.

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And the team doesn't just treat adults, in fact the clinic sponsors the AFC Rushden and Diamonds Under 14s team and treats plenty of children too.

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The Ashgrove Clinic's patients include: a world kickboxing champion,

GB's Working Equitation team, national and international music celebrities, and hypnotherapy treatments for TV stars including Tamera Foster from the X-Factor. The team is made up of specialist osteopaths, sports therapists, acupuncturists, counsellors, dyslexia/autism consultants a podiatrist and the nationally known hypnotherapist, Christian Baker.

At the clinic you find easy parking, an individually-tailored treatment, evening appointments to fit with your many commitments, friendly and experienced practitioners, and good coffee for the relatives who bring you when you're in too much pain to drive.

Let's hope their efforts pay off and Higham sees some champions this year!

First new homes for RFH

Grand Union Housing Group (GUHG) is about to deliver the first new homes for Rockingham Forest Housing (RFH) since they joined the Group in November last year.

Local housing provider RFH will manage the schemes in Ringstead and Braybrooke when they

are completed towards the end of February. Cherry Street, Ringstead is made up of four two

bedroom maisonettes on a former factory site and all are for affordable rent, while the site at Church

End Road, Braybrooke is made up of four three bedroom homes on a former school site. These are all available for Shared Ownership.

Isabel Thonger, Head of Operations, RFH, said: "It's fantastic that we are already seeing new homes being delivered only a few

months after we joined the Group.

"It's really important that we continue to provide affordable housing for people in our area and as part of GUHG we can do just that."

Both sites are parts of larger schemes of 14 homes, with Cherry Street

being built by SMDL Homes, while Church End Road is being constructed with Lodge Park Limited.

A number of other developments which will be built by GUHG and managed by RFH are underway and will become available throughout the year.

BBC Radio Northampton visits Higham Ferrers

On Saturday 28th January, BBC Radio Northampton and Three Counties featured the Craft & Vintage Fair at the Working Men's Club on the Treasure Quest Show.

We were delighted to be visited by Jules after listeners cracked the clue 'A single sex destination with stalls to browse'. It was great publicity to have our events on the radio and we hope lots of listeners who listen to the show will come to visit us very soon. We hold a Craft & Vintage Fair on the last Saturday of each month 9am-1pm, at the same time as the Farmers' Market. We are usually at the Working Men's Club but on 25th February we will be using the downstairs of the Band Club on Wharf Road, opposite the Junior School.

We always have a great selection of stalls and refreshments on sale and

seeing as it's free entry, why not come along and check it out for yourself? This month we will have vintage cake stands, milestone frames, fudge, handmade jewellery, vintage and upcycled furniture, crochet, wood carvings, handmade cards, fabric and knitted items among others. Check out the Facebook page and website for more details. At the Band Club, we will also be using a room as an extra gift room, featuring extra stalls including Scentsy and Forever Living. I'll look forward to seeing you!

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Wellingborough Amateur Operatic Society presents Cole Porter's Anything Goes

Castle Theatre, Wellingborough, 7th-11th March

After a very successful Singin' In The Rain sadly Castle Theatre went into administration and we lost all our ticket sales money. Now, after a great deal of fundraising Anything Goes will be on stage 7th to 11th March at the Castle Theatre, Wellingborough.

Anything Goes is set on the liner SS American. We think of it as Cole Porter's show - he wrote both the music and lyrics - yet the show's original quartet book rights also include another literary eminence, PG Wodehouse. We associate Wodehouse

with Jeeves and Bertie Wooster, but in 1934 all that was yet to come. At that point, Wodehouse had a string of musicals to his name, written with various collaborators and only published his first comic novel that same year. Anything Goes was his last work for the musical stage.

Ethel Merman created the role of Reno Sweeney on Broadway - Johanna Beech takes on this role for Wellingborough.

The story concerns madcap antics on the liner bound from New York to London. Billy Crocker is

in love with heiress Hope Harcourt, who is engaged to Lord Evelyn Oakleigh. Night Club singer Reno Sweeney and Public Enemy 13 Moonface Martin, aid Billy in his quest to win Hope.

Come and see where the antics lead! The musical's songs include 'You're The Top', 'I Get A Kick Out Of You', 'Anything Goes' and more. A great musical comedy - don't miss it!

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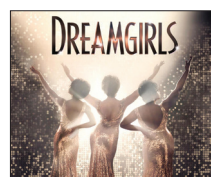
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Notice of planning applications received

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

Barnwell

17/00173/FUL (04/03/2017) (LB/CA) First floor extension to existing bungalow to add a first floor, two-storey side extension and two storey front extension to existing dwelling; Alterations to fenestration; Alteration of front boundary wall at a existing access point at Carinya Main Street Barnwell

Benefield

17/00071/LBC (04/03/2017) (LB/CA) (LBRegs) Replace 5 no. painted timber windows, inclusion of 10mm Conservation glazed units at 27 Main Street Upper Benefield PE8 5AN

Brigstock

17/00107/FUL (25/02/2017) (Info) Argicultural lean-to built onto existing building at OP2964 SP9583 Sudborough Road Brigstock

Bulwick

17/00044/FUL (25/02/2017) (Info) Two storey side extension to dwelling at 1 Millies Lane Bulwick NN17 3EA

Collyweston

17/00128/FUL (04/03/2017) (LB/CA) Removal of existing white UPVC double glazed windows and rear door, replacement with coloured (Olive Grey) UPVC double glazed units at 86 Main Road Collyweston

Denford

17/00068/FUL (04/03/2017) (LB/CA) The replacement of four windows and one door at Manor House Old Manor Farm Ringstead Road Denford NN14 4EL
17/00069/LBC (04/03/2017) (LBRegs) The replacement of 4 no. windows, replacement of 1 door, demolition of a conservatory, re-rendering walls that are pebbledashed and a new entrance canopy at Manor House Old Manor Farm Ringstead Road Denford NN14 4EL

Duddington With Fineshade

17/00120/FUL and 17/00121/LBC (04/03/2017) (LB/CA)

(LBRegs) Alterations and rebuilding of existing wall and new gates and gate piers at The Manor High Street Duddington PE9 3QE

Harringworth

17/00191/FUL and 17/00192/LBC (04/03/2017) (LB/CA) (LBRegs) Single storey side extension at 27 Seaton Road Harringworth NN17 3AF

Higham Ferrers

17/00105/FUL (25/02/2017) (Info) Convert double garage and knock through to current kitchen to make open plan kitchen diner at 45 Windermere Drive Higham Ferrers NN10 8NN
17/00134/LBC (04/03/2017) (LBRegs) Additional external flue, lanterns, alterations to garden room, internal alterations on the second floor and replacement windows to the dormers at 9 High Street Higham Ferrers NN10 8BW

Oundle

17/00130/FUL (25/02/2017) (Info) Demolition of detached garage; Demolition of utility room, toilet and chimney erection of single story rear extension; Erection of three storey side extension and conversion of attic with the insertion of a rear dormer window; Replacement of conservatory with single storey rear extension at 38 Glaphthorn Road Oundle PE8 4JQ

Raunds

17/00065/VAR (04/03/2017) (Art8) Variation of Condition 7 (Approved Plans) to allow for alterations to pedestrian access pursuant to 13/01149/REM Reserved matters: Erection of 58 dwellings with associated landscaping and open space dated 14/11/13 at Former RPC Site Grove Street Raunds
17/00104/FUL (25/02/2017) (Info) Two storey side extension. Alterations to Planning Permission 16-00723/FUL at 7 Windmill Avenue Raunds NN9 6JX
17/00111/FUL (25/02/2017) (Info) Subdivision of land, demolition of garage and the building of a new dwelling. at 21 Oakleigh Close Raunds NN9 6HL
17/00163/ADV (25/02/2017) (Info) Installation of freestanding pole sign with 24 hour appendage at McDonalds London Road Raunds NN9 6EQ

Ringstead

16/02225/FUL (25/02/2017) (Info) Conversion of existing double garage into a music room and living accomodation and the erection of single storey rear extension to garage building (part retrospective) at 3 Bonsor Gardens Ringstead NN14 4QW
17/00131/FUL (25/02/2017) (Info) Single storey rear extension at 32 Carlow Road Ringstead NN14 4DW

Rushden

17/00084/FUL (25/02/2017) (Info) Rear extension to bungalow at 111 St Margarets Avenue Rushden NN10 9PW
17/00135/FUL (25/02/2017) (Info) Single storey front extension at Jack And Jill Nursery Moor Road Rushden NN10

Stanwick

16/02309/FUL (25/02/2017) (Info) Two storey extension at The Woodhouse 29 Grange Road Stanwick NN9 6PZ

Thrapston

17/00019/ADV (25/02/2017) (Info) To place 2 signs on the north and south elevations of the building and 2 ground based signs at the two main site entrances at Unit 1B Haldens Parkway Thrapston NN14 4FR
17/00060/FUL (25/02/2017) (Info) To upgrade the current equipment at Mercury 95226 rear of 178 Oundle Road Thrapston NN14 4PQ
17/00148/FUL (04/03/2017) (LB/CA) Installation of Bank of Ireland ATM with Reflective Advertising Collar surround. ATM to be installed through shopfront window to the RHS of the entrance to the PO, in an ATC at 10 High Street Thrapston NN14 4JH
17/00149/ADV (04/03/2017) (LB/CA) Advertising Collar to surround the ATM. The core material for this will be 19mm foamcare PVC at 10 High Street Thrapston NN14 4JH

Titchmarsh

16/02438/FUL (04/03/2017) (LB/CA) Installation of oil tank and base at the rear of property at 26 North Street Titchmarsh NN14 3DH

Wakerley

17/00117/FUL (25/02/2017) (Info) Erection of single storey rear extension at 4 Wakerley Court Wakerley

Yarwell

16/02464/LDE (25/02/2017) (Info) Existing: Off road vehicle use at Andrews Quarry Sulehay Road Yarwell PE8 6PW

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.

Paul Bland, Head Of Planning Services

Dated 11 February 2017

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

Would you like to help young people flourish?

Prince William School in Oundle, which serves Thrapston, Oundle and the surrounding communities, is looking for two new community governors to help young people flourish and achieve their best at the school. The new governors will join an existing group of parents, staff and community governors to influence and guide the school during a time of improvement and development.

People with knowledge and experience in local businesses, finance and grant application expertise, PR and communications, and facilities management skills are particularly being sought, but anyone with skills which they think could help are very welcome to apply.

Applicants do not need to have children at the school, (or indeed any children!) but more important is a desire

to help young talent flourish in East Northamptonshire.

Local Governing Bodies (LGBs) act as a 'critical friend' to schools, providing support and challenge to the school and its management.

Dr Jane Doughty, Chair of the Governors said: "Prince William School is a rapidly developing school and I'm excited by the improvements made already. We want to add to the skilled and enthusiastic

governing body we already have."

Managing Director of EMLC Academy Trust, Duncan Mills, commented: "LGBs have an important and integral role to play

in guiding schools. We at EMLC Academy Trust highly value the local knowledge and expertise they can bring and fully support the work of the LGB at PWS."

For an informal discussion on becoming a volunteer community governor please ring Duncan Mills on 01234 880166. More information on becoming a governor is here: <http://inspiringgovernance.org/>

To apply to become a governor please contact Ruhena Mahmood – ruhena.mahmood@emlcacademytrust.co.uk

Advice issued following spate of burglaries

People are being reminded to make sure their home is as secure as possible following a number of burglaries in the county in the last week.

Officers are providing some crime prevention tips to people in a bid to make the lives of offenders as difficult as possible.

Detective Inspector Wayne Preece, from CID, said: "We have seen offenders break into properties across the county in the last week, and so felt it would be worthwhile offering some useful crime prevention tips.

"We want offenders to think twice before breaking into a property and doing some simple things like locking doors and windows and tidying valuable items away from view can be enough to prevent your home being targeted.

"Being aware of where you live, who your neighbours are and noticing if people are acting suspiciously can also help to prevent incidents from taking place.

East Northants Snooker League



What a season it has been so far, and now there are just five games remaining. Windmill Mecca have now moved to an incredible 12 points clear, which must be a new record for the East Northants Snooker League.

What's Mecca's secret? They are simply scoring more heavily than all other teams; on average, 100 points more overall per match. Windmill G have regained 2nd spot in the league table, mainly thanks to their rival teams suffering some bad results. They are now two points clear of the rest of the bunch. Unbelievably, there are now three teams sitting in joint 3rd place; Coopers A and Coopers Ball Bashers and Windmill Warriors.

Coopers A moved up thanks to a convincing 5-1 defeat over Coopers C and the Ball Bashers moved up thanks to a 4-2 win over Windmill G. At the other end of the table, Islip have slipped to joint bottom spot alongside Windmill B based on three losses in a row, although they do still have a game in hand. Windmill B now look poised to climb the table following some much better results of late, including a 4-2 win over Windmill C this week. It looks like Windmill C might have missed their star player, Marc Brett?

Martyn Hatton produced a shock defeat over an on-form Craig Back, cruising past him with a 2-0 victory to win the match for the Ball Bashers. The Windmill Weapons

denied Windmill Warriors a shout at 2nd spot after punishing them 4-2 this week. Ben Pacan got the Weapons off to a good start with a 37 break against Richard Wright. Captain Neil Darling beat Michael Dicks 2-0, and Sean Britchford potted a sensational final black to seal the win for the Weapons.

Whilst Mecca are currently enjoying a winning streak, having won eight matches in a row, last year's player stats winner Matt Barcock is currently going through a tough patch having only won one frame from a possible six in the last three weeks. However Mecca teammate Darren Fenner is on fire, winning 2-0 once again, putting him at an astonishing 85% in the player stats in number 1 spot, with Wayne Gardner right behind him in 2nd spot on 75%.

In the high break table this week, recognition goes to the following few: Steve Neighbour of Coopers A knocked in a 31 break having recently recovered from an injury. Darren Fenner potted a 49 break in his win over Ben Purdy, and Wayne Gardner added to his impressive tally with another 38 break.

Results for week 13:

Coopers C 1-5 Coopers A

Windmill B 4-2 Windmill C

Islip WMC 2-4 Windmill Mecca

Windmill Warriors 2-4 Windmill Weapons

Windmill G 2-4 Coopers Ball Bashers

East Northants Snooker League - Sponsored by The Pumphouse Café, Wellingborough

Position	Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points
1	Windmill Mecca	13	10	2	1	54
2	Windmill G	13	4	5	4	42
3	Windmill Warriors	13	6	2	5	40
4	Coopers A	13	6	2	5	40
5	Coopers Ball Bashers	13	4	6	3	40
6	Windmill Weapons	13	4	5	4	39
7	Coopers C	13	4	3	6	36
8	Windmill C	12	2	6	4	33
9	Windmill B	13	4	2	7	30
10	Islip WMC	12	2	3	7	30

High Breaks 2016/17 - Sponsored by HCB Plumbing, Wellingborough

Position	Player Name	Team	High Breaks (30+)
1	Matt Barcock	Windmill Mecca	63, 40, 37, 33, 31, 31
2	Colin Hinds	Coopers C	63, 38, 36, 35, 34, 33, 31, 30
3	Marc Brett	Windmill C	57, 40, 39
4	Darren Fenner	Windmill Mecca	52, 49, 32, 31
5	Wayne Gardner	Windmill Mecca	49, 47, 42, 39, 38, 38
6	Jay Thomas	Windmill G	47, 40, 38
7	James Docherty	Islip WMC	41
8	Steve Biggs	Coopers A	40
9	Michael Dicks	Windmill Warriors	38
10	Martyn Hatton	Coopers Ball Bashers	38
11	Craig Back	Windmill G	37, 33
12	Ben Pacan	Windmill Weapons	37, 30
13	Justin Gaggini	Coopers A	34, 33
14	Paul Lewis	Windmill Warriors	32, 31
15	Colin Buckby	Windmill Mecca	32
16	Richard Wright	Windmill Warriors	31
17	Alan Jupp	Windmill B	31
18	Steve Neighbour	Coopers A	31

If you are interested in joining the League, you can find us via Facebook – East Northants Snooker League. We would welcome more teams.



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Oundle successfully renews Fairtrade status

Oundle has renewed its Fairtrade Town status for two years, following its ongoing commitment to promoting Fairtrade principles.

The town's Fairtrade Steering Group revealed its plans to promote Fairtrade to more community groups and businesses in the area by taking part in campaigns, including the UK-wide Fairtrade Fortnight at the end of February.

The theme of Fairtrade Fortnight this year (27th February – 12th March) is 'It's time to put Fairtrade in your break', and the hope is that local schools, cafes, restaurants and businesses will do just that, enjoying the wide range of Fairtrade snacks, chocolate bars, biscuits, fruit, tea and coffee that is now available.

Oundle was first awarded Fairtrade Town status in 2007 in recognition of the strong support for

Fairtrade within the town, and the achievement of five qualifying goals, such as a wide availability of Fairtrade products in local shops and catering outlets, high levels of support from local people, businesses, the council, faith groups and schools.

Spokesperson for the Fairtrade Town Steering Group, Eleanor Rayden, said: "It is good to know that Oundle's commitment to Fairtrade over the last 10 years has been recognised. Our popular annual Fairtrade/Eco Markets each November have helped to spread the message of Fairtrade. All the town's churches are now Fairtrade churches, and Oundle Primary School has gained Fairtrade School status.

We plan to celebrate our tenth anniversary in May, by which time we hope that new signs will be in place on the main approach roads to the town stating that Oundle is a Fairtrade Town."

Adam Gardner, Communities Campaigns Manager at the Fairtrade Foundation, said: "We're very pleased that Oundle has renewed [its] Fairtrade status and laid out clear exciting goals to take Fairtrade further.

"Thanks to the ongoing support of the public and campaigners, an increasing number of farmers in developing countries are now selling their products on Fairtrade terms, bringing them a stable income, and the chance to trade their way

out of poverty."

Fairtrade helps small-scale farmers ensure they earn stable incomes and have long-term contracts with companies. In addition, they earn

the Fairtrade Premium, which they invest as the farmer-owned co-operative democratically chooses, in projects that will benefit their business or community.

The Fairtrade Mark independently certifies that products meet economic, social and environmental standards. As such, it is the most widely recognised ethical mark worldwide.

For more information about the Fairtrade Mark and how to apply for Fairtrade status, visit www.fairtrade.org.uk. To get involved in the Fairtrade campaign in Oundle, email eleanorrayden@hotmail.com

Vincit Pro Fitness launches bespoke service in Oundle

Vincit Pro Fitness was co-founded by Stefan Taylor and Rachel Banks and opened the doors of its fitness facility in January of this year.

Their small team of industry experts deliver bespoke fitness services for individuals and athletes of all levels. Whether you need to simply test your Functional Threshold Power (FTP) as a cyclist; have your Lactate Profile analysed as an endurance athlete; require the treatment of an injury or would like to take away the guesswork from your weight loss plan through accurate metabolic profiling – Vincit Pro Fitness will provide the science behind the success.

Vincit Pro Fitness

is situated in the new development at Oundle Wharf, Northamptonshire, which has seen several new and dynamic businesses take up residence. Oundle Wharf, Oundle PE8 4DE 01832 274440.

Services offered include single test/data analysis for such tests as VO2, Lactate Profiling and Blood Biomarker Analysis, to packages that will ensure your training is staying on the right track over a season, combining nutrition, injury rehabilitation and exercise physiology tests.

However it's not all about the athlete; for too long people have been using rudamental information to calculate calorie intake for weight loss – not any more, Vincit Pro Fitness will

determine your metabolic profile to accurately guide you through calorie requirements for weight loss.

They provide an appointment service Monday to Saturday and offer out of hours consultations to ensure you are looked after.

Vincit was set up knowing that this type of service has long been available to the professional athletes and now it's available for individuals of all levels who appreciate that nutrition, training and recovery is about doing it correctly and without the guesswork.

Interestingly the word Vincit is a Latin word meaning 'to win or to conquer', quite apt for this business passionate about all things fitness.



Rushden Swimming Club crowned champions of the Leicester Autumn Swimming League 2016

After battling through three rounds of tough competitions commencing in October 2016, 10th December saw Rushden Swimming Club's A team storm through the round 3 finals gala at Braunstone Leisure Centre with a two point win, earning themselves the title of the Leicester Autumn Swimming League Champions 2016.

Twenty-seven teams throughout Northants and Leicestershire competed in the annual competition, which sees teams drawn to compete against each other

on three occasions throughout October to December. Rushden's B team also debuted in last year's Autumn League and finished 1st in their round 3 gala drawn at Wigston.

For details on Rushden Swimming Club training sessions please visit our website www.rushdenswimmingclub.co.uk or Facebook page. Regular training sessions are held at Splash Leisure Pool, Station Road, Rushden.

New venue for Ringstead Cinema

Ringstead Cinema has a new venue, a new large screen and new screening time. The cinema will now be in Ringstead Village Hall in the High Street. Doors will open at 7pm and the films will start at 7.30pm. There will be five film nights before the summer break.

The first film is Bridge of Spies (12A). This gripping drama is based on the true

story of the exchange during the Cold War of a Russian spy in return for the release of captured American U2 pilot Gary Powers. Tom Hanks stars as the lawyer charged with the delicate negotiations.

Tea and coffee and ice creams will be available. For further information contact 01933 460373.



Monday 13th February
Oundle U3A Monthly Meeting
 Queen Victoria Hall, West Street, Oundle
 Doors open 2pm
 Members £1, non-members £2
 01832 275933
 David Bell: 'Trust me, I'm a Plague Doctor', a unique presentation on life as it was 350 years ago.

13th – 17th February
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 9.30am-12.30pm daily
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Wednesday 15th February
dOCs+ Versus: The Life and Films of Ken Loach
 Fletton House, Fletton Way, Glapthorn Road, Oundle PE8 4JA
 £8/or £25 for all five dOCs+ films
 7.45pm
 Tel 01832 274734,
www.oundlefestival.org.uk,
information@oundlefestival.org.uk
 Tribute to the director who has just turned 80, celebrating 50 years of filmmaking and release of I, Daniel Blake.

Thursday 16th February
Thrapston District Historical Society
 'A Local Perspective on Pubs and Ale Houses' with Eric Franklin
 St James' Church Hall, Thrapston
 7.30pm
 Visitors £2.50
 01832 732950
 An illustrated guide to the many 'locals' in the area over the last 200 years.

Basic Brushstrokes & One-Stroke Painting
 Ringstead Village Social Club
 12.30pm-4pm
 £17 Booking essential
 01933 460676
 Come and learn how easy it is to paint leaves, daisies, buds and a cute teddy bear.

Friday 17th February
AGM & Talk: Why are Birds Changing? by Ian Thomas
 Oundle Methodist Church, Drummingwell Lane, Oundle
 7.30pm
 £2
 Keith Alvey at 01832 272666

RSPB Mid-Nene Local Group Indoor Meeting
 Saxon Hall, Raunds
 7.30pm
 Admission £3 including tea or coffee. Children free.
 Penny 01933 350404
 There will be an illustrated talk on Birding the Silk Road by Steve Rooke.

Introduction to Colour Mixing
Ringstead Village Social Club
 10am-2pm
 £19 Booking essential
 01933 460676
 Learn how to colour mix using either acrylics or watercolours to improve your skills in painting.

Thrapston & District U3A February meeting
 The Plaza, Cosy Nook, Thrapston NN144PS
 £2 for visitors (Free to members)
 Publicity Secretary 07542 775

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 Topic: Life with my father, Eric Morecambe with Mrs Gail Stuart.

18th and 19th February
Snowdrop Weekend
 St John's Church, Chelveston
 Saturday 10am-4pm, Sunday 11am-4pm
 Free admission
 John Ellred: john@ellred.co.uk or 07929 328827
 Wonderful natural displays of snowdrops. Teas, cakes, soup and many stalls. Chelveston Chorus Sunday afternoon.

Sunday 19th February
Higham Ferrers Footpath Group
 Saffron Road car park Higham Ferrers for car sharing
 9.45am
 01933 355986
 9 mile figure of eight walk (5+4) from Stanwick Lakes.

Ringstead Shared Church
 NN14 4DA
 10.30am Morning Service and children's groups – Revd David Shaw
 6pm, Communion Service – Revd Peter Strong
www.ringsteadsharedchurch.org.uk
 Everyone is welcome to share with us.

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.

Rushden & Higham Ferrers Churches Together in Prayer and Praise
 Highfield Community Baptist Church, Highfield Road, Rushden
 7.30pm
 Andrew Presland 01933 316927
 An informal time of prayer and praise.

Monday 20th February
Higham Ferrers WI Meeting
 Adult School, Westfield Terrace Higham Ferrers
 2.15pm
 Jill Waller 01933 387073
 Our speaker is Douglas Pope & Ginny, to talk on the Sharnbrook Theatre.

Lecture by Dave Eagle, FRAS 'Pluto: Out of the Darkness'
 Chelveston Village Hall, Caldecott Road Chelveston NN9 6AT
 8pm
 Visitors and Members welcome. £3 per person including tea/coffee and biscuits.
 Steve Williams 01933 650331 or chilternastro@yahoo.co.uk – or Mrs Peta Jellis on 01933 356914 or pej@petaj26.me.uk
 Look at Pluto, its moons and the outstanding 2015 New Horizons probe.

Pink House Craft Club
 Oundle Library
 2pm-4pm
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pinkhousearts@me.com
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Wednesday 22nd February
Watercolour Landscape – Sunrise Reflected
 Ringstead Village Social Club

10am-1.30pm
 £17 Booking essential
 01933 460676
 A lovely sunrise coming up over a lake and trees easy watercolour for beginners.

Thursday 23rd February
Daffodils in Acrylics
 Ringstead Village Social Club
 10am-3pm
 £22 Booking essential
 01933 460676
 A beautiful composition of daffodils using acrylics perfect for first time beginners trying acrylics.

Friday 24th February
Rushden & District History Society
 South End Junior School, Wymington Road, Rushden NN10 9JU
 7.30pm
 Members £1.50, non-members £2.50
 01933 350038
 Roger Drage: 'The story of Weetabix, Parades and Fairs'.

Film: Bridge of Spies (12A)
 Ringstead Village Hall
 7.30pm
 Tickets £5
 01933 460373
 Spy-thriller. Based on U2 pilot Gary Powers release during the Cold War. Stars Tom Hanks.

Landscape in Acrylics
 The Barn, Ringstead Village Social Club
 10am-2pm
 £19 Booking essential
 01933 460676
 Lovely setting of a barn in a snowy wintry scene no drawing skills needed.



Saturday 25th February
Higham Ferrers Farmers Market
 Market Square, Higham Ferrers
 9am-1pm
 Danielle@highamferrers-tc.gov.uk or 01933 312075
 Good quality local produce including organic meat, poultry and eggs, vegetables, plants, olives, preserves and much, much more.

A Quiz & Ploughmans' Supper
 St Mary's Church Hall, Rushden
 7pm for 7.30pm
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 01933 315383 or 418399
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The Swivel Club presents Sing Baby Sing: A Tribute to The Stylistics
 Rushden Bowls Club, Northampton Road NN10 6AN
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 Tickets £15 available at www.swivelclub.org.uk or 07738080470 or Bowls Club 01933 312680
 Great songs include 'You Make Me Feel Brand New' and 'Betcha By Golly Wow'.

Baby and Kids Nearly New Sale
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 10am-12noon
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Craft & Vintage Fair
 Band Club, Wharf Road, Higham Ferrers
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www.facebook.com/rainbowcraftevents
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Sunday 26th February
Ringstead Shared Church
 NN14 4DA
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 6pm, Evening Meeting – Revd David Shaw
www.ringsteadsharedchurch.org.uk

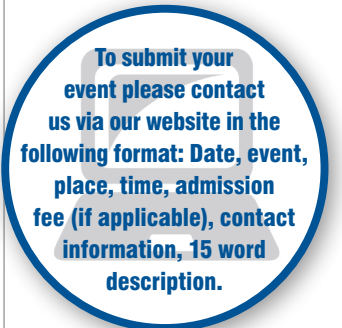
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PUBLIC NOTICES

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14

THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (SHIRLEY ROAD, RUSHDEN)

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

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 Shirley Road, Rushden as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Shirley Road, Rushden from Higham Road to North Street.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during gas main replacement works.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 27th February 2017 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 2016.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted until 10th March 2017.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use North Street, Peck Way and Higham Road.

Dated this 11th day of February 2017
QUENTIN BAKER
Director of Law & Governance
PKG/T17/065

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

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14

THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (PUBLIC FOOTPATH MY1 (PART) - PARISH OF FOTHERINGHAY)

(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above Order made by Northamptonshire County Council on 11th August 2016 and which came into effect on 15th August 2016 has been extended until the works to which it relates have been completed or until midnight on 15th February 2018 whichever is sooner by the Secretary of State for Transport. Private access to land or premises adjacent to the said footpath is unaffected.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required as the bridge is unsuitable for public use in its current condition.

Dated this 11th day of February 2017
QUENTIN BAKER
Director of Law & Governance
PKG/ROW/222

To view the map for this Order please visit www.northamptonshire.gov.uk and enter "Temporary Traffic Regulations Orders" in the search box. If you require any further information please contact Katie Angel on 01604 883400.

SCHEDULE

(Length of footpath to be closed)

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

ALTERNATIVE ROUTE:

There is no suitable alternative route.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14

THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (A5028 STATION ROAD, HIGHAM FERRERS)

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

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 the A5028 Station Road, Higham Ferrers as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of A5028 Station Road, Higham Ferrers from A45/A6 to Nightingale Way.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during trial holes in connection to A45/A6 roundabout improvement scheme.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 3rd March 2017 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 2016.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted until 13th March 2017 overnight only.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Kimbolton Road, A6 and A45.

Dated this 11th day of February 2017
QUENTIN BAKER
Director of Law & Governance
PKG/T17/070

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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (LOWER BENEFIELD / LOWICK / STANWICK) (30 MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council propose to make an Order under Sections 82 and 83 and Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ("the Act") to prohibit any motor vehicle from travelling at a speed exceeding 30 mph along those lengths of roads as specified in the Schedule below.

A COPY of the proposed Order, together with plans showing the exact lengths of roads to which it relates and a statement of the Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order, may be inspected at Raunds, Thrapston or Oundle Libraries during their normal opening times or at Riverside House, Riverside Way, Bedford Road, Northampton during normal office hours.

OBJECTIONS to the proposed Order, stating the grounds on which they are made should be sent in writing to the Traffic Orders Section, Riverside House, Riverside Way, Bedford Road, Northampton NN1 5NX by 4th March 2017.

Dated this 11th day of February 2017

QUENTIN BAKER,
Director of Law and Governance
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SCHEDULE

1. **Causin Way, Lower Benefield** – between a point 395 metres west of its junction with the A427 and a point 458 metres west of that junction.
2. **Main Street, Lowick** – between its junction with Aldwinckle Road and a point 105 metres south of that junction.
3. **Higham Road, Stanwick** – between a point 120 metres south of its junction with High Street and a point 215 metres south of that junction.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14

THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (CHURCH STREET, RINGSTEAD)

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of Church Street, Ringstead as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Church Street, Ringstead from High Street to Middlefield Close.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during mains replacement works.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 20th February 2017 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 2016.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted until 26th March 2017.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use High Street and Carlow Road.

Dated this 11th day of February 2017
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Chess Corner

Silver King League II

Rushden's B and C teams played their first league match of 2017. Fortuitously no travelling was entailed by either team, as they were playing each other. This is the second time in the season that the two teams have clashed. Their last meeting was in September when Rushden C narrowly lost by a single point.

Time has moved on and Rushden B's fortunes have turned a corner, with the team currently holding second place in the League below high flying Oundle School. Conversely Rushden C are having a poor season, currently languishing at the bottom of the table, ironically their one victory of the season was against Oundle School!

The only surprise of the evening was Eddie Francolini's draw against Jeff Owen; Eddie managed to overcome a 66 point grade deficit forcing Jeff to concede a

draw. My game against James Wicks went quite well after I sacrificed a Bishop in order to help a kingside attack. This allowed a combined Rook and Queen assault on his King. Unfortunately this failed when I became over confident and made a fatal error in the endgame. James told me afterwards he was on the point of resigning and was mighty relieved by my mistake.

Monday 23rd January

Rushden B 4½ - ½ Rushden C

Bd1: Richard Ellis (129) 1-0 Tom Murts (60)
Bd2: Keith Bristow (113) 1-0 Sarah Collins (63)
Bd3: Bob Ellam (108) 1-0 Nigel Wren (U)

Bd4: Jeff Owen (105) ½ Eddie Francolini (39)
Bd5: James Wicks (72) 1-0 Derrick Sims (45)

John Robinson Knockout Competition

Rushden's B & C teams were in action in the competition. Rushden B faced Chess Mates A and Rushden C competed against Kettering B. The matches lived up to all expectations with both teams being totally annihilated. It would be crass to say that this is a totally accurate summary of the situation as within the results there were some truly heroic performances by heavily outgunned Rushden players. Rushden's men performed well and surprised their much higher graded opponents.



By Derrick Sims

Monday 30th January

Rushden B 0-5 Chess Mates A

Bd1: Keith Bristow (110) 0-1 Chris Ross (205)
Bd2: Bob Ellam (108) 0-1 Scratsimir Kossov (U)
Bd3: Jeff Owen (106) 0-1 Timothy Lawson (157)
Bd4: Tom Murts (61) 0-1 Shane Ashley (134)
Bd5: James Wicks (79) 0-1 Eva Ressel (139)

Monday 30th January

Rushden C 0-5 Kettering B

Bd1: Peter Hann (106) 0-1 James Brutus (144)
Bd2: Derrick Sims (47) 0-1 Romilly Ileric (154)
Bd3: Nigel Wren (44) 0-1 Graham Arch (142)
Bd4: Eddie Francolini (34)
0-1 Steve Walpole (123)
Bd5: Peter Hallifax (U) 0-1 Keith Ball (125)

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>

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