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Local air forces charity strikes up the band

The Rushden & District branch of the Royal Air Forces Association (RAFA) has recently announced the welcome return of the Royal Air Force Wyton Voluntary Band. The veterans' charity is hosting the band for its sixth annual Wings Appeal Band Concert on Saturday 25th March at 7.30pm at Park Road Baptist Church in Rushden.



The concert, which is open to the public, forms part of the organisation's Wings Appeal fundraising that takes place every year to support the charitable

work of the Association. The RAFA receives no government funding and depends entirely on the generosity of the general public.

Bernard Lines, the chairman of Rushden branch of RAFA, said: "We are delighted to welcome the Wyton band back to the town and we're looking forward to a great evening of music."

"The concert is certainly a calendar highlight for our members and supporters, as well as being vital to our fundraising efforts as a charity."

Tickets for the concert cost just £12 per head including refreshments and more information can be found at rafa.org.uk/rushden-district/concerts

In Brief

Stanwick are Dodgeball champs

A Stanwick Primary School Year 4 team have been crowned Dodgeball champions for Wellingborough and East Northants at this year's Pacesetter Sports Dodgeball tournament. The team went undefeated throughout the competition and now move on to the County finals in July.

Volunteers wanted

Raunds Town Council are looking for volunteers to help at various events in the town, doing a variety of activities. If you have a few hours you could spare and would like to get involved then please contact the council by telephone on 01933 622087 or email info@raunds-tc.gov.uk

World Book Day

It's World Book Day on 2nd March and the Beanstalk literacy charity is seeking enthusiastic people to inspire children to love reading. Volunteers receive training and support and the sessions involve playing games and sharing stories. For more information call 01604 720969, or visit www.beanstalkcharity.org.uk

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Dear Editor,
We are a small registered animal charity in raunds, Northants that rescues all animals from cows, horses, pigs and sheep to dogs, cats and small animals including wildlife.

We have been given the opportunity to purchase an additional three acres next door to our sanctuary. This would mean that

we could rescue more animals that need our help.

We have started an appeal to raise the rest of the money needed to purchase the land. Would you consider helping us publicise this appeal please?

You can find more information on our website and facebook.com /brookfarm2005 www.brook-farm.org.uk.

Any help would be greatly appreciated, thank you.

Kindest regards,
Roseanna Richardson
(owner of Brook Farm Animal Sanctuary)

Genealogy jottings

So, you have been beaver away, gathering all this lovely information about your ancestors but have you created a family tree at all? I mean a chart that shows who is related to whom and how? Especially if they followed traditional naming patterns, you could end up with several generations of people with the same name, which can be most confusing, to say the least!

By having a tree – or trees – laid out, it helps you to organise yourself and work out what information might be missing. If you have four generations of Frederick Smith, for instance, by setting them out in a tree it will enable you to check if you have all the right birth, marriage and death dates – it would not be the first time that a marriage date has been put against someone after they had died.

What information you have on your tree chart is entirely up to you. It may be that you just have birth, marriage and death years – or you could add full dates and

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locations. If you have genealogy software, you may even be able to generate trees that have photographs attached. I created one of these for my father one year. He was delighted to see pictures of all of his grandparents and the dates that were significant to them.

If you have a fair number of people in your tree a piece of A4 paper will not go very far. However, have a rummage in the loft or down the shed and see if you have some leftover wallpaper lying around. The plain side is ideal for mapping out several generations. If no wallpaper can be found, a roll of lining paper works just as well and may be bought very cheaply!

Map those ancestors and it will give structure to your tree.

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Editor's notes

Advances in technology are usually life enhancing but many rely on at least some interpretation if not intervention by the humans using them. One such is the advent of self-dipping headlights on modern cars. It seems that more people driving in the dark are relying on this device to ensure that those coming from the opposite direction are not dazzled but self-dipping is not sufficiently sensitive to anticipate what's ahead and one encounters more and more instances of being confronted by main beam lights. Perhaps this analysis is generous and drivers are failing to make the manual adjustment themselves. While on the subject of driving in the dark, would drivers stopped at the side of the road please remember to turn off their headlights; this is at least a courtesy to other drivers but if

a vehicle is stationary on the same side of the road as oncoming traffic, and facing it, leaving headlights on is positively dangerous.

There's more good news in this article about the availability of housing in Rushden, with the former Grenson building being converted into apartments. This building was at the centre of Northamptonshire's famous shoemaking industry for over a century, supplying the armed forces in both world wars and employing around 500 people at its height in the 1940s. However, since Grenson moved to a purpose-built modern factory in 2013, the premises in Upper Queen Street have been empty. Now, what appears to be a sympathetic and high quality refurbishment will provide much needed housing for young couples and those on low

incomes.

A little more information about gas failure compensation payments for Oundle residents. The following is from one supplier, and it's through suppliers (British Gas etc) that the payments are to be channelled: "The timeframe for the payment depends on National Grid, but it is quite a lengthy process. National Grid have to investigate you being off supply, they then send the information to us in bulk at the end of each month. We then have to manually add the payments to the affected customers' accounts. As soon as we have the information from National Grid we will add the money to your account, and the updated balance will show on your account. If you wish to chase this up and get a more accurate timeframe, I would recommend contacting National Grid."



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An Evening with Matt Dickinson, award-winning writer and filmmaker

Saturday 11th March at 7.30pm, The Great Hall, Oundle School, New Street, Oundle

Matt Dickinson is a filmmaker and writer who is best known for his award-winning novels and his documentary work for National Geographic Television, Discovery Channel, Channel 4 and the BBC.

Specialising in adventure documentaries, Matt Dickinson's credits include ITV's Voyager, BBC1's Classic Adventure and several hour-long films such as Channel 4's Encounters, Equinox and ITV's Network First.

Matt was one of the climbers caught in the 1996 Mount Everest disaster. In the pre-monsoon Everest season of 1996, amid the worst weather conditions on record, Dickinson made a successful ascent of Mount Everest's notorious North Face, with Alan Hinkes, Britain's foremost high-altitude climber. This route is one of the most technically demanding climbs on the world's highest peak, beating hurricane-force winds and temperatures of minus 70 degrees Celsius. Three of the eight deaths on Everest that day were on the North Face.

He became one of the first British filmmakers to film on the summit and return alive, and his film called Summit Fever has

now been seen by more than 20 million people worldwide. It is acclaimed as a compelling story of human triumph and disaster. His written account of the same expedition, The Death Zone, has been published to critical acclaim in more than 15 different countries. Matt has visited schools across the UK to show students his achievements in his life, including being part of the first camera crew to summit Mount Everest.

His programmes have been broadcast in more than 35 countries and have won awards at film festivals such as the Graz Mountain Film Festival, The Trento Mountain Film Festival and the Napa/Sonoma Film Festival.

Recently Matt has started writing fiction for teenage readers. His debut thriller series Mortal Chaos was well received by critics and readers alike. Matt has followed this up with The Everest Files, a dramatic and popular trilogy set on the world's highest mountain. Lie Kill Walk Away is his latest teen thriller. When he's not writing, Matt tours the UK, speaking at schools and colleges and inspiring a new generation of adventurers.

www.matt Dickinson.com

Tickets £8 (£6), £1 off early bird tickets bought before 4th March, available from the Oundle Box Office, 4 New Street, Oundle. Open hours: 10am-4pm Mon to Fri: Tel: 01832 274734, online at www.oundlefestival.org.uk. Any queries call Helen on 07743988181 or email oundlelitfestival@hotmail.co.uk

New homes in historic Rushden building

A Grade II listed building, once a cornerstone of Northamptonshire's shoemaking industry, is being converted to 14 apartments for affordable rent by local housing provider Grand Union Housing Group (GUHG).

Standing on the corner of Upper Queen Street and Cromwell Road, the building formed the factory base for Grenson the shoemakers from 1895 until 2013, when the company moved to new premises. The four storey building has stood empty and unused since then so its conversion to two bed roomed apartments will be welcomed by the local community.

Dave Lakin, GUHG's Head of New Business and Development, said: "We have been looking to expand our areas where we can build affordable homes so we're delighted to be working in East Northants,

a new area for us, and on such an iconic building too. We're pleased that Rockingham Forest Housing, GUHG's newest member, will manage these homes on our behalf.

"We're also looking forward to working with Westleigh Partnerships who are dedicated to ensuring that the materials used are sympathetic to the architecture of the original building, whilst at the same time giving it a new lease of life."

Gary Turner, Head of Partnerships and Investment at Westleigh, said: "This project is an opportunity to provide much-needed new affordable housing in Rushden, whilst also regenerating an important piece of the town's heritage and preserving it for future generations.

"We look forward to working with GUHG and the local authority to bring the project to fruition."

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North Northamptonshire JPU nominated for prestigious planning industry award

A strategy that protects a Northamptonshire nature site of European importance while allowing for future housing growth has been shortlisted for a prestigious national award.

Drawn up by the North Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit (NNJPU) the approach will mitigate the impact of development on the Upper Valley Gravel Pits SPA (Special Protection Area), which stretches along the River Nene between Northampton and Thrapston.

This part of the county is key in delivering housing development in the North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy. And while housing will not actually be built on the site of natural significance, the proximity of development could potentially be a threat to wildlife through increased recreational use, such

as dog walking.

The unique approach of the strategy, which meant the area could be protected whilst allowing its continued use, helped it to reach the finals in the category for Excellence in Planning for the Natural Environment at the Royal Town Planning Institute's (RTPI) Awards for Planning Excellence 2017.

The strategy was prepared by a group including East Northamptonshire Council, which has adopted the strategy as policy, the North Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit, Natural England, Northamptonshire County Council and the Borough Council of Wellingborough.

Head of NNJPU, Andrew Longley says: "This really was a team effort and we are very proud that our excellent work has been recognised through being shortlisted as finalists for these awards.

"The NNJPU regularly delivers complex projects in partnership with private and public stakeholders with the aim of making North Northamptonshire a great place to live, work and invest in."

The strategy includes introducing measures such as increased fencing and screening and the re-routing of some paths. On-site wardens also offer increased protection to wildlife.

The RTPI Awards are the most established and respected awards in the UK planning industry. Running for 40 years, they celebrate exceptional examples of planning and the contribution planners make to society.

Ross Holdgate, Natural England

Planning and Conservation Adviser said: "It has been fantastic to work collaboratively with partners on this project, and really pleasing that Natural England's contribution has helped deliver a piece of work that has gained the recognition of an RTPI award nomination."

Stephen Wilkinson, President of the Royal Town Planning Institute said: "The finalists represent some outstanding contributions to planning which are making a positive impact for the community and environment. The judges will find it difficult choosing the winners given the high calibre of entries this year."

This year saw a nearly 40% increase in entrants and the judges have shortlisted 90 finalists across 14 categories with an overall winner awarded the Silver Jubilee Cup. The winners will be announced during a ceremony held at Milton Court at The Barbican, London on 15th June 2017.

24-hour charity walk for Male Cancer Awareness

Over the February half-term Oundle School pupils Hughie Brooks (17), Euan Wardrop (17) and Charlie Fernandes (18) together with Head of Politics, Matt King and Geography teacher, Phil Pitcher, undertook a 24-hour non-stop walk from Oundle heading towards the North Norfolk coast.

Bright and early at 6am on Saturday 11th February, the group set off from Oundle, aiming to get as far along their

planned route as possible before finishing at 6am on the Sunday morning. Their route took them through Peterborough, Yaxley,

Whittlesey and March, finishing 56 miles away at Wiggshall St Mary the Virgin; a tiny village five miles south of Kings Lynn.

The boys said: "Our aim is to raise awareness and reduce embarrassment about male cancer. It was frosty, dark and windy at 6am as we set off and I don't think at this stage any of us really understood quite how much of a challenge it was going to be! Within two hours we had hit a blizzard and were starting to realise this was not going to be easy – particularly given the

weather. Spirits were still high however and we were delighted to see the Roberts family, who brought us supplies and walked with us for half an hour."

Various members of staff met the group with supplies of soup and sandwiches as they continued on their travels throughout the day and into the night.

Matt King said: "The early hours of the morning proved difficult, although we were determined to complete the challenge. Our spirits were lifted when at 2am we were met with further supplies – in the knowledge that we were on the home straight with only four hours to go.

"It was probably one of the most difficult things all of us have done. The highest the temperature got to was 4C, it was windy and we had our fair share of sleet. However, despite the conditions we managed to complete 56.48 miles, an amazing effort. The boys demonstrated such spirit and determination. They kept each other and the staff going; it was a real team effort. In addition we must offer thanks to all the staff who helped us out – they kept us going in some really difficult times, with the motivation often being to get to the next staff stop."

The group have raised over £4,000 for the Male Cancer Awareness Campaign and can be sponsored at: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Laundimer24-hoursponsoredwalk>

Unprovoked street assault in Raunds

A woman was left badly shaken after she was assaulted by a man who had concealed his face.

The victim reported that the assault happened in Butts Road, Raunds, sometime between 3.45am and 4am on Sunday 5th February.

She was knocked to the floor and dragged by the hair but then hit the offender with a pair of shoes in order to

break free. She was left very shaken, but escaped with relatively minor injuries.

A 20-year-old man has been arrested in connection with the incident and has been bailed pending further inquiries.

Detectives are asking that witnesses, or anyone with information, should contact police on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 111 555.

Appeal following thefts of number plates in Rushden

Several car number plates have been stolen in Rushden and anyone who has information about it is asked to contact the police or Crimestoppers.

Between 5.30pm on Wednesday 15th February and 5.45pm on Thursday 16th February, three number plates were taken from cars in Crabb Street, Grafton Road and Walmer Close.

The two offenders are described as 17 to 19-year-old boys with short dark hair, wearing dark tracksuits and carrying drawstring bags.

Witnesses or anyone with information about this incident can contact police on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 111 555.

WDAC sets off

On 19th February, Wellingborough & District Athletic Club set off from the grounds of Castle Ashby on their first ever trail race.

The runners (and dogs) had one goal: to complete the 10K or Half Marathon, and get the green medal as well as a jacket potato.

With over 200 runners lined up on the start line, the event was a huge

success.

Many runners commented on the friendly atmosphere. Sarah said: "Brilliant event. Great, friendly marshals. It was a tough, hilly mudfest which made for a satisfying morning."

WDAC's members came away with some great wins, with first place for Greg Spellman and Kelly Barnett coming first for ladies in the

Half, and Julian Blackwell coming first in the 10K.

Race Directors Gary and Kevin explained what makes such a race successful: "It was a fantastic event that has taken many months to plan and it's also thanks to those who volunteered to marshal – without them the event would not run smoothly. We look forward to next year's race."

Run for your life!

Claire Short is a Registered Osteopath, and runs The Ashgrove Clinic in Higham Ferrers. Send your questions to claire@ashgrovehealth.co.uk or Tweet to @AshgroveClinic

Hello marathon runners! And hello triathletes! We know you're out there – Northamptonshire is bursting with both newbie runners and serious top level competitors. And at this time of year you're ready to increase the training.

So what can you do to enhance your training or prevent injuries?

Sports Therapist Jay Sheridan and I put our heads together to give you these tips:

- Eat correctly for the training you're doing. Don't take protein drinks if all you've done is sit in the Jacuzzi. Excess protein

is turned into fat, not muscle. I've got a limited word count in this article so don't make me say that again.

- Find a running style that suits you. Barefoot, Vibran Five Fingers, Pose technique (midfoot running) and Heel Strike running are all different. The style that suits you will depend on how you're put together. The bones of your foot are at particular angles, personal to you. You're not going to be able to change them. If one style doesn't work for you try another one.

- You're more likely to injure yourself if you're tired, so if you've not slept well, or you're exhausted from work, shorten, or rethink, your training time.
- If you're a serious runner get a gait analysis. A computerised gait scan will show how your foot moves. Problems with foot movement mean you might need specific trainers or orthotics (insoles). A scan might also show that changing the way you run will help you.
- Doing long distances? Remember to stay hydrated before, during and after.

- Build up your distances gradually. New to running? Think about a walk-run programme.
- Get injuries treated. If you continue to run on a sprained ankle or badly pulled muscle it will take longer to heal.
- OK, you forced me, I'll say it again: excess protein is turned into fat, not muscle. Top Tip: It's easy to give up when you're running alone. Find a group near you – they'll keep you motivated!

Have a happy, running week!

Claire

Revised plans for Rushden Lakes unanimously approved

Councillors on the Planning Management committee of East Northamptonshire Council have unanimously approved an amended application for Rushden Lakes that means more jobs, more cinema screens, more restaurants and more parking.

Revised plans for the new retail and leisure site currently being built next to the A45 include two further cinema screens bringing the total to 14, three more restaurants (18 in total), three more retail units and an indoor trampoline facility and climbing wall. Councillors also approved an extra 461 parking spaces.

Speakers at the meeting included the developers LXB and representatives of local councils who presented their opinions to the

committee. Members of the committee then discussed the revised plans before voting unanimously in favour of the amendments.

Leader of East Northamptonshire Council, Steven North, said: "I welcome the decision of the planning management committee as these revisions will provide an even better offer at Rushden Lakes, including an extra 1,200 jobs which is great news.

"We're very excited to see the site unfolding and can't wait to have the park open and enjoyed by all."

Following the approval and owing to the scale of the proposed development, the matter will now be referred to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, Sajid Javid, to consider whether to 'call in' the application.

Trippium – Oundle pupils embark upon multiple Trivium Trips!

In early February, 197 eager Oundle School third formers set off at dawn on 20 different Trivium Trips – Trippium – around the country. Designed to place learning for its own sake at the heart of the curriculum, Trivium is a course based purely on 'interestingness'. It complements the school's extensive Voluntary programme and Extended Project Qualifications (EPQs), encouraging pupils to extend their learning beyond subjects for academic assessment.

Among destinations far afield, pupils explored the portraiture, architectural history and social traditions of London; the libraries, colleges and ancient printing presses of Oxford; the fine art and Georgian glories of Northamptonshire and Lincolnshire and the medieval stronghold, war damage and resurrection of Coventry. Other groups munched their way through the food history of Birmingham and the controversies of first-hand conservation near High Wycombe. The history and trivia of Olympic London was dissected by another group, while a similarly sporting venture closer to home looked at the psychology of winning in situ. Leicester was also a focus for several groups this year, with 'Triv' sets variously exploring the discovery

and burial of King Richard III, the soaring cathedral and the technological delights of the Space Museum. Another scientific excursion saw pupils head to London, where they acted as willing guinea pigs for the Museum of Science's new extension show. One group even ended up in prison near Oundle, after exciting sessions with police dogs and firearms – all part of a planned stop, of course!

Languages teacher and Head of Trivium and Quadrivium (for older years), William Gunson said: "Trippium is the annual day trip for all Trivium sets, where each group of 10 pupils and their teacher goes somewhere different, with carte blanche to explore something interesting or esoteric in the UK, linked to their current extension topic.

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

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

Stanwick Races 2017

On Easter Monday 17th April the village of Stanwick will be holding their annual 10K Road Race for senior lady and gentleman runners and also a 2K Fun Run for children under 15.

The main race starts in the High Street at 10.30am close to Stanwick Club. The 2K Fun Run starts from the same place about five minutes after the big race and winds its way around the village and back to the Start/Finish area.

All competitors that finish receive a medal and there are trophies for the winners.

After the races any excess funds are distributed between local good causes such as Stanwick Rovers Football Club and Friends of Stanwick School. This

usually amounts to around £2,000.

As this event is organised by a small group of people they are always glad of some volunteers to assist in setting up first thing in the morning and also with marshalling the races.

Anyone who is interested in either competing or assisting in any way can go to: www.stanwickraces.co.uk for further information.

Note: A road closure order will be in place for High Street and Higham Road Stanwick during the races.

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17/00224/FUL and 17/00225/LBC (18/03/2017) (LB/CA) (LBRegs) Alterations to two outbuildings at Green Farm 21 The Green Ashton PE8 5LD
17/00227/FUL and 17/00228/LBC (18/03/2017)(LB/CA) (LBRegs) Conversion of garage to form annexe accommodation at Green Farm 21 The Green Ashton PE8 5LD

Brigstock

17/00147/LBC (18/03/2017) (LBRegs) Removal of old pointing to front (east) elevation and side (gable end, south elevation) and re-pointing with lime based mortar. Renewing pointing where existing mortar has perished at 16 Park Walk Brigstock NN14 3HH
17/00175/FUL (18/03/2017) (LB/CA) Single storey side extension and replacement windows at 9 Sudborough Road Brigstock NN14 3HP

Denford

17/00235/FUL (11/03/2017) (Info) Erection of four bedroom detached family house with double garage and associated site works at land adjacent 3 Freemans Lane Denford
17/00271/VAR (18/03/2017) (LBRegs) Variation of Condition pursuant to 16/00759/FUL. Date of Decision: 28/06/2016 Condition 13 Plans at Hill House Chapel Lane Denford NN14 4EA

Duddington With Fineshade

17/00291/LBC (18/03/2017) (LBRegs) Removal of bay window and construction of single storey extension at Home Farm High Street Duddington PE9 3QE

Easton-on-the-Hill

17/00129/FUL (18/03/2017) (LB/CA) Conversion of outbuilding into habitable accommodation, variation to extant planning approval EN/10/01482FUL at 17 High Street Easton On The Hill PE9 3LN
17/00193/FUL (18/03/2017) (LB/CA) To replace sash windows on first floor, rear elevation with double glazed timber, casement windows at Walnut Tree Farmhouse Church Street Easton On The Hill PE9 3LL

Higham Ferrers

17/00229/FUL (11/03/2017) (Info) Two storey side extension and internal alterations at 5 Byron Crescent Higham Ferrers NN10 8DG
17/00250/FUL (11/03/2017) (Info) Single storey extension to existing end of terrace two storey dwelling at 62 Linden Avenue Higham Ferrers NN10 8EU
17/00253/FUL (11/03/2017) (Info) First Floor Bedroom extension at 10 Stanwick Road Higham Ferrers NN10 8LE

Lowick And Slipton

17/00204/FUL (11/03/2017) (Info) Retention of temporary mobile home for agricultural occupancy for a further three years (retrospective) at Mobile Home Vanish Point Farm Slipton Lane Slipton NN14

Luddington

17/00255/FUL (11/03/2017) (Info) Addition of Clock Tower feature to existing Stable Block (Retrospective) at Ashtree Cottage Luddington In The Brook PE8 5QU
17/00256/FUL (11/03/2017) (Info) Single Storey Rear Extension (Retrospective) at Ashtree Cottage Luddington In The Brook PE8 5QU

Nassington

17/00287/FUL (11/03/2017) (Info) Alterations to the main house with an extension at first floor level (over existing ground floor extension) and a single storey garden room extension to form a new entrance area at New Sulehay Lodge, Apethorpe Road, Nassington PE8 6QT

Oundle

16/02185/REM (18/03/2017) (Art8) (LB/CA) Reserved Matters proposal for access, layout, scale, appearance, and landscaping pursuant to outline planning permission 14/00875/OUT for the demolition of existing swimming pool building and the erection of a new sports centre (to include 50m swimming pool, sports hall and associated facilities), a new internal access road to allow coaches for the sports centre and cricket pavilion to enter via Milton Road and exit onto Pavilion Drive, alterations to the Milton Road access, together with external works comprising of the provision of 6 new netball courts and retention of 6 existing netball/tennis courts, car parking, 5 on-site coach parking bays, cycle parking, together with other hard and soft landscaping and other associated infrastructure works at Sports Hall Milton Road

17/00197/FUL (11/03/2017) (Info) Attached garage to side elevation at 53 Gordon Road Oundle PE8 4LD
17/00243/FUL (11/03/2017) (Info) Two storey rear extension and internal alterations at 53 Benefield Road Oundle PE8 4EU
17/00283/FUL (11/03/2017) (Info) Proposed addition of first floor study to existing detached garage at 28 Clifton Drive Oundle PE8 4EP
17/00284/FUL (11/03/2017) (Info) Proposed new dormer windows, porch and roof lights at 28 Clifton Drive Oundle PE8 4EP
17/00298/LBC (18/03/2017) (LBRegs) To take out centre section of kitchen window and walling below and replace with door at 69 Benefield Road Oundle PE8 4EU

Polebrook

17/00260/VAR (11/03/2017) (Info) Variation to existing application to reinstate timber double garage to front of property - 14/00837/FUL dated 17.10.14 - Erection of 1.5 storey dwelling following the demolition of existing garage at Orchard View Kings Arms Lane Polebrook

Raunds

17/00176/LBC (18/03/2017) (LBRegs) Repairs to structural cracking in stone wall at 38 Grove Street Raunds NN9 6DS
17/00222/FUL (11/03/2017) (Info) First floor extension above existing garage and kitchen at Temperance Hall 12 Marshalls Road Raunds NN9 6ET

Ringstead

17/00157/FUL (11/03/2017) (Info) Conservatory to side of the dwelling at 18 Carlow Road Ringstead

Rushden

17/00112/FUL (11/03/2017) (Info) Installation of two Cabrio roof lights to rear elevation and dormer window to side/front elevation at 316A Newton Road Rushden NN10 0SY
17/00203/FUL (11/03/2017) (Info) Change of use from offices (B1) to mixed use (Sui Generis) sports therapy, holistic therapy, beauty therapy and counselling at 67 Wellingborough Road Rushden NN10
17/00233/ADV (11/03/2017) (Info) 1x powder tray sign in Costa red at the east elevation. 1x powder tray sign in Costa red at the south elevation. 1x powder tray sign in

Costa red at the west elevation. 1x double sided height barrier. 2x key seller menu signs. 1x triple menu sign. 1x 8m pole sign at Drive Thru Southwalk Rushden Lakes Rushden NN10 6FH

Southwick

17/00212/FUL (18/03/2017) (LB/CA) Conversion of internal garage to habitable rooms including the addition of an open porch and construction of attached double garage at Green Valley Main Street Southwick

Sudborough

17/00221/LBC (18/03/2017) (LB/CA) (LBRegs) To repair the three front elevations of roof and restore it to full working order by removing all collyweston slates, repairing them, installing insulation to the roof cavity and relaying the repaired slates at Sudborough Manor Main Street Sudborough NN14
17/00281/LBC (18/03/2017) (LB/CA) (LBRegs) Addition of rear porch at Manor Farmhouse Newton Lane Sudborough NN14 3BF

Thrapston

17/00001/FUL (11/03/2017) (Info) Retrospective installation of ATM to the left of the Convenience Shop glazed shop front as a through white painted brickwork installation at A14 Service Station Huntingdon Road Thrapston
17/00002/ADV (11/03/2017) (Info) Illuminated polycarbonate white and yellow surround signage with illuminated red lettering free cash withdrawals and grey lettering "cashzone" Halo illumination to polycarbonate surround. Illuminated signage to ATM fascia. Yellow acrylic sign with black lettering "cashzone" and accepted card logos at A14 Service Station Huntingdon Road Thrapston
17/00174/FUL (11/03/2017) (Info) To convert approximately two thirds of attached garage into habitable room, the front third will be kept as storage and up-and-over door retained at 15 Barnwell Close Thrapston NN14 4UY
17/00218/FUL (18/03/2017) (LB/CA) Construction of dormer loft extension to rear and installation of single roof light to front at 35 Midland Road, Thrapston NN14 4JS
Thurning
17/00280/LBC (18/03/2017) (LBRegs) Conversion of barn to residential dwelling: internal works (as per details set out in Design and Access Statement dated 14/2/17), insertion of rooflights, replacement of windows and doors and installation of new flue pipe at The Old Rectory, Winwick Road, Thurning PE8

Titchmarsh

17/00156/FUL (11/03/2017) (Info) Construction of detached dwelling and detached double garage at 35 Polopit Titchmarsh NN14 3DL
17/00257/LBC (18/03/2017) (LBRegs) Remove existing lath and plaster stud wall to under-cloak of staircase. Remove quarry tile on earth floor to hall and understairs cupboard and replace with insulated concrete slab (relay quarry tiles). Remove rotten suspended timber floor to both reception rooms and replace like for like. Install 8 no. cast iron airbricks to front elevation. Remove artex finish to first floor ceilings, first floor bathroom and one first floor bedroom and overboard. Open up existing fireplaces to reception rooms, install concrete lintel with timber face, install stone hearths and new wood burning stoves. Install 2 no. external cast iron vents to ventilate new stoves. Install 2 no. beige mid tecanti-down draught cowl to chimney pots. Replace 3 no lintels to ground

floor front elevation, install concrete lintel with hardwood face at 26 North Street, Titchmarsh NN14 3DH

Twywell

17/00196/FUL (11/03/2017) (Info) Single storey rear extension and first floor extension over existing single storey rear extension; loft conversion with associated rear dormer window at 1 Woodwell Cottages, Twywell NN14 3AN

Warmington

17/00208/FUL (11/03/2017) (Info) Single storey extension to existing bungalow at 1 Broadgate Way Warmington PE8 6UH
17/00242/FUL (11/03/2017) (Info) to build a 2 storey extension to the rear of the property, to provide downstairs garden room/dining room and to extend the upstairs bedrooms. Roof to be flat, materials will match the house at 22 Orchard Close, Warmington PE8 6TX

Woodnewton

17/00122/FUL (18/03/2017) (LB/CA) Demolition of existing garage store building; Single storey side extension with link to main dwelling; First floor extensions to garage block and associated tower structure; Single storey extension to garage block with roof terrace area over; Alterations to boundary wall to give altered vehicular access; Alterations to garden walls at Homestead 25 Main Street, Woodnewton
17/00123/LBC (18/03/2017) (LBRegs) Demolition of existing garage store building; Single storey side extension with link to main dwelling; Alterations to boundary wall to give altered vehicular access at Homestead 25 Main Street, Woodnewton PE8 5EB

The reason for applications being advertised is as follows:

Part3 - Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 2015.
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Info - Non-statutory - included for information only.
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LBRegs - Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990.

Paul Bland, Head Of Planning Services
Dated 25 February 2017



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

From the East Northants Council Chairman

On 1st March East Northamptonshire Council (ENC) will be setting its Budget for the coming financial year, starting 1st April.

As readers appreciate, our Council Tax statements include, in addition to ENC's decisions on Council Tax for its expenditure, the precepts set by

Northamptonshire County Council, our town or parish councils, and the Northamptonshire Police and Crime Commissioner for their services for us. ENC collects the precepts for

all precepting authorities so that we Council Tax payers receive only one statement and not several. ENC's Council Tax pays towards ENC's services, such as waste collection, housing services and the determination of applications for planning permissions.

Councils are a vital element of our democracy: within the framework of laws councils, led by councillors, elected every four

years by voters in our communities and accessible to their constituents, take the decisions for the delivery of their councils' services. In present times, when there are constraints and pressures on public expenditure, national and local, councils' decisions on their annual budgets call for careful thought.

Cllr Rupert Reichhold
Councillor and Chairman of
East Northamptonshire Council



East Northants Snooker League

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

Unbelievably, Mecca lost their first game in 13 weeks. With only three matches left to play, Mecca's huge 12 point lead over 2nd place Windmill G has been reduced to just nine. Everyone is still expecting Mecca to become champions in three weeks' time. Perhaps this week was just a blip? They were level pegging going in to the final match between Warren Gardner and Neil Darling, but Darling pulled out a cool 2-0 win over Gardner to take the Weapons to a 4-2 overall win.

Consecutive wins for Windmill G now puts them 4 points clear of third place and closing in on Mecca. This week's performance must give them some belief that they can close down the gap, with Craig Back firing in a 34 break during his 2-0 win over Roy Barlow. Windmill G are looking increasingly good for the runner-up position, but there are four other teams vying that spot: Ball Bashers, Coopers A, Windmill Warriors and Weapons all still have a chance. Coopers A have moved up to joint 3rd swapping places with Windmill Warriors based on a 4-2 win and 2-4 loss respectively.

The real highlight throughout this week's matches came from Islip WMC in their match against Ball Bashers. They commanded a 4-2 win against Ball Bashers who had been enjoying a small winning streak. Captain James Docherty came up against one of the highest ranked players, Martyn Hatton. Martyn won the first frame comfortably but it was over to James in the second. A lucky pot on a red let Docherty in for an early opportunity. He managed to accumulate a fantastic break of 60 to win the frame. Warren Sanger dominated in his match

against Bashers' Captain Steve Ridgewell winning 2-0 and sealing the win for Islip.

The Winter Tournaments are also coming on nicely. In the Doubles, sponsored by ADP Electrical, there are already two pairings through to the semi-finals: Martyn Hatton & Lee Bunker and Ben Pacan & Steve Williams. We find out this weekend who they will be up against. In the Scratch Singles, sponsored by The Pie Place Rushden, we had Jay Thomas conquer the seemingly indestructible Wayne Gardner in the 2nd Round. Matt Barcock commanded a win over Steve Biggs and Darren Fenner kept up his winning streak with a victory over Paul Lewis. Michael Dicks is already through to the semi-finals with a win over Justin Wynne, along with Martyn Hatton who managed to beat Richard Wright. In the Handicap Singles, sponsored by Mastercue, Michael Dicks won against Justin Gaggini. Wayne Gardner is through after disposing of Neil Darling and Martin Hatton defeated Richard Wright (once again). But the most impressive win came from Anthony Pinard, a 2-1 triumph against Darren Fenner. Mark Brett and Justin Wynne are also through to the quarter-finals. Overall, the tournaments have been very exciting and we look forward to the quarter-final and semi-final fixtures.

Results for week 15:

Windmill Mecca 2-4 Windmill Weapons
Windmill Warriors 2-4 Coopers A
Windmill G 4-2 Windmill B
Coopers C 3-3 Windmill C
Islip WMC 4-2 Coopers Ball Bashers

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

Position	Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points
1	Windmill Mecca	15	10	3	2	59
2	Windmill G	15	6	5	4	50
3	Coopers Ball Bashers	15	5	6	4	46
4	Coopers A	15	7	2	6	46
5	Windmill Warriors	15	6	2	7	44
6	Windmill Weapons	15	5	5	5	44
7	Coopers C	15	4	5	6	42
8	Windmill C	14	2	8	4	39
9	Islip WMC	14	4	3	7	39
10	Windmill B	15	4	3	8	35

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

Position	Player Name	Team	High Breaks (30+)
1	Wayne Gardner	Windmill Mecca	70, 49, 47, 42, 39, 38, 38
2	Matt Barcock	Windmill Mecca	63, 47, 40, 37, 33, 31, 31
3	Colin Hinds	Coopers C	63, 41, 38, 36, 35, 34, 33, 31, 31, 30
4	James Docherty	Islip WMC	60, 41
5	Marc Brett	Windmill C	57, 40, 39
6	Darren Fenner	Windmill Mecca	52, 49, 32, 31
7	Jay Thomas	Windmill G	47, 40, 38
8	Craig Back	Windmill G	40, 37, 34, 33
9	Steve Biggs	Coopers A	40
10	Michael Dicks	Windmill Warriors	38

Player Statistics 2016/17 - Sponsored by Citrus Training Group, Wellingborough

Pos	Player Name	Current h/cap	Team	Played	Won	Lost	% won
1	Darren Fenner	14	Windmill Mecca	30	23	7	77%
2	James Rawlins	35	Windmill C	8	6	2	75%
3	Bob Darling	28	Windmill Weapons	4	3	1	75%
4	Wayne Gardner	0	Windmill Mecca	28	20	8	71%
5	Martyn Hatton	28	Coopers Ball Bashers	24	17	7	71%
6	Richard Symons	35	Coopers Ball Bashers	18	12	6	67%
7	Craig Back	14	Windmill G	30	20	10	67%
8	Jay Thomas	14	Windmill G	30	19	11	63%
9	Colin Hinds	0	Coopers C	26	16	10	62%
10	Steve Biggs	14	Coopers A	28	17	11	61%

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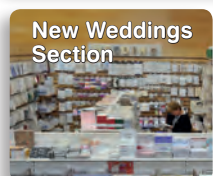
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Colemans Craft Warehouse has re-opened, completely re-furbished with a new mezzanine floor for Workshops & Demonstrations, a brand new Café area & wonderful new displays to show off all your favourite craft & haberdashery supplies! Also, we now **OPEN 6 DAYS A WEEK!**

Although the layout has changed we are pleased to report that we still have the same team of dedicated & knowledgeable crafters to give you inspiration & advice.

Our Next Big Craft Day Is On Saturday 4th March - FREE EVENT!

On the **first Saturday of each month** we hold one of our famous **Big Craft Days**. We have simultaneous craft demonstrations by professional demonstrators which are continuous between 10.00am and 4.00pm. There are lots of **special offers** and **free refreshments**. We open for shopping at 8.30am. Demonstrations start at 10.00am. Our next Big Craft Day will feature the following demonstrations:-

Paul Church from **Clarity** is all things 'Groovy'. Paul will show us the latest ranges of Parchment plates and how to get the best results in your card making.

Michelle Johnson from **Stix 2** will be bringing us their latest innovative products to make our crafting lives easier.

Cheryl Clayton from **Crafters Companion** is demonstrating the Spectrum Noir range of colouring media. See how easy it is to achieve the professional results you desire.

Sharon Bramley creates beautiful stylish cards. She will be using all the latest dies and stamps from our most popular selections.

Craft workshops

Our Craft Workshops are great value at £7.50 to £30.00 per session!

Unless otherwise stated, this includes refreshments plus all the equipment and materials required for your chosen project.

There are over 50 Workshops to choose from & all are held at the Craft Warehouse in an informal, fun atmosphere.



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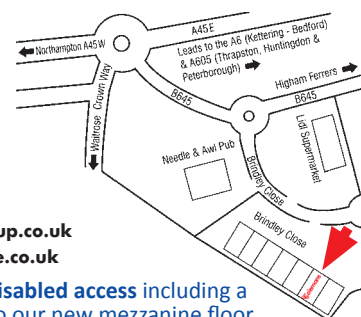
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Innovative employability initiative shortlisted for national award

For more information on Spire Homes visit spirehomes.org.uk/

Spire Homes' Kick-start scheme, which helped three young people into work, has been recognised by tenant engagement experts Tpas.

The Kick-start programme gave hands-on experience to eight 16 to 18 year-olds from Northamptonshire, with three going on to earn apprenticeships.

The project has now been shortlisted alongside Futures Housing Group's Gateways initiative in the central finals of the Tpas awards. Tpas is a national organisation

that specialises in tenant engagement.

After they dedicated five weeks of their summer holidays to a work placement with a Spire Homes contractor, three young people were awarded apprenticeships, including Charley Smith (17) who started a plumbing apprenticeship with Aaron Services.

"The course really boosted my confidence," said Charley.

"I don't think I'd be where I am now without it. I probably would've gone to college but the hands-on experience you gain through an apprenticeship is much better.

"In a nutshell, I'm getting real-life experience in the industry rather than learning from a textbook.

"I'd really like to thank Spire Homes for all their help. I can't begin to tell you how much I'm enjoying it and I'm really grateful for the opportunity."

Spire Homes, a member of Longhurst Group, will find out whether the project has been successful at an awards ceremony taking place in Solihull on Friday 3rd March 2017. Central winners will then qualify for the national Tpas award finals.

Sharon Boot, Resident and Community Involvement Officer at Spire Homes,

said: "We are delighted that the Kick-start initiative has been recognised with this shortlisting. The project doesn't just focus on finding jobs for young people; it also encourages them to think about what they might do for a career and to find something they enjoy.

"We have followed the progress of the three apprentices since they started work and it has given us great satisfaction to hear positive feedback about the way they have applied themselves.

"We are really keen to offer similar opportunities again in the future and will work together with our contractors to provide more apprenticeships for young people living in the communities we serve."

The other young people who gained apprenticeships through the Kick-start initiative were David Warren, who was awarded a plumbing apprenticeship with Keepmoat Property Services, and Nathan Brown, who started an apprenticeship in horticulture at Burleys.

Returning artists to exhibit at Chichele College

Artists Marlene Snee and Tamsin Edwards believe that art and historic architecture are a winning combination, which is why they are returning to medieval Chichele College again this year to exhibit their latest work. Over the weekend of 29th–30th April, the ancient stone walls of the grand hall will be the perfect backdrop to their paintings.

Both artists have put together an eclectic portfolio of art, ranging from Marlene's experimental paintings, delicate Chinese work, pastel drawings and traditional watercolours, through to Tamsin's quirky illustrations, atmospheric scenes and imaginative fantasy pictures. There is something to suit all visitors' tastes.

These artistic ladies will be demonstrating over the weekend and will be very happy to discuss their work and creative inspirations, as well as to encourage would be artists to "take up the paintbrush".

Recently retired art tutor Marlene is greatly enjoying having the time now to pursue experimenting with new mediums and styles, whilst Tamsin is currently creating a series of whimsical ink drawings to accompany a soon to be published poetry book.

The historic college and medieval garden will be open free of charge between 9am-5pm on the Saturday and 10am-4pm on Sunday. All visitors are most welcome. Disabled access is limited to the ground floor and gardens, though there is no onsite parking. There are however nearby free car parks and on-street spaces to the rear of the college in Saffron Road. As an added attraction to the town, Higham Ferrers will be enjoying a large Farmers' Market on the Saturday morning, complementing the many interesting independent shops, as well as a popular monthly Craft & Vintage Fair in the Working Men's Club, Westfield Terrace.



For examples of their artwork, please visit www.texart.co.uk and www.marlenesnee.co.uk

Thespians celebrate 20 years

It is 20 years since Denford Thespians wrote and produced their first show, Cinderella, in February 1997. During those 20 years amateur actors from Denford and surrounding villages have entertained audiences every spring in the village hall turned theatre.

This dedicated team has consisted of players aged from 7 to 70, each one showing remarkable individual talent, brought together by experienced directors, and with clever casting, as well as ingenious script writing, the results have always meant that every audience has been amazed by the high quality of entertainment provided.

To mark this anniversary, authors Will Adams and Peter Fairweather have

revisited the story, and come up with The Cinderbrella Story, taking the traditional tale but craftily turning it on its head.

In the northern industrial town of Smogchester in the 19th century, where the air is full of ash and cinders from the many factory chimneys, an inventor comes up with a fireproof umbrella to keep the smuts off the fine gowns and suits of the townspeople – the wonderful Cinderbrella, which proves a huge success.

Sadly he dies and his widow remarries an unscrupulous businessman, who has two sons of his own. The inventor's son, Frank, expects to run his father's business himself, but his wicked stepfather and stepbrothers have other ideas, and propose

selling the business to Miss Charming of fabric design company Charming Prints, sacking all the loyal staff, stripping the assets and making a quick exit with the proceeds.

Can Frank regain control of the Cinderbrella Company and persuade Miss Charming that asset-stripping and mass sackings are not the way to do business – and that loyalty and hard work should be rewarded, not exploited?

Will Charming Prints buy the sail-makers, the four-poster-bed-makers or the undertakers instead?

What are Aunt Gardenia Angell's special powers?

All these intrigues and tangles are unravelled in this hilariously original new pantomime. For tickets, call 01832 733677.

Community clear-up

Raunds Town Council is backing a campaign to get half a million people out and about cleaning up their local communities in March 2017.

As part of its support for the country's biggest-ever community clear up Raunds Town Council is seeking volunteers to take part in an organised litter-pick on Saturday 11th March from 10am, meeting at Saxon Hall.

Mayor of Raunds, Cllr Helen Howell said: "The Great British Spring Clean is about everyone working together to clean up

the litter that blights our landscape and communities and we're delighted to be taking part and bringing people together to tackle an issue that many people care passionately about."

Volunteers are asked to come along to the Saxon Hall on Saturday 11th March from 10am. All equipment will be provided on the day. For more information please call 01933 622087 or email info@raunds-tc.gov.uk

Oundle Museum's 2017 exhibition: From medieval gold to an overmantle of old and how Oundle in the 1940s is told

This year's exhibition will house local treasure finds consisting of a medieval gold brooch found in Benefield and post-medieval silver cufflink discovered in Titchmarsh.

The brooch, complete with its pin, is highly decorated and inscribed with letters, that when translated read 'Thou are mighty forever O Lord – words at the time were

regarded as a powerful charm against fever.

Also on view will be a 17th century carved oak overmantle from a house in Oundle together with a themed exhibition 'Oundle in the 1940s' which will make for a very interesting visit this year. Entry is free but donations are welcome. Open weekends from 4th March to 29th October. Also Wed, Thu and Fri, from 26th July throughout.

Council proud to be part of team effort to get Oundle warm again

East Northamptonshire Council officers joined forces with National Grid to provide help and support to Oundle residents who were without gas during the recent cold snap.

Over 3,000 properties experienced a loss of gas supply on Thursday 19th January due to a fault on a piece of equipment which regulates the gas pressures to the town. National Grid, the organisation responsible for the gas distribution network in this area, were joined on site by colleagues from Western Power and East Northamptonshire Council

to ensure that residents were kept up to date on latest developments as well as provided with heaters and hotplates where necessary.

Leader of East Northamptonshire Council, Steven North said: "This was very much a team effort response with our officers working alongside National Grid and Western Power to ensure that our residents were made as

comfortable as possible during this difficult time.

"We re-assigned some of the Kier waste collection staff to help deliver heaters and hotplates to the most vulnerable in the town and council staff provided support at the customer centre located at Fletton House and at the operations centre set up at the rugby club.

"And the community stepped up too as

managers at Abbott House care home welcomed vulnerable residents affected by the situation and were happy to provide heat and company to those who needed it."

Chairman of East Northamptonshire Council, Rupert Reichhold, added: "I

would like to thank all those involved who worked so hard to restore the town's gas supply and those who worked equally hard in caring for our residents and businesses throughout this difficult period.

"This was an unusual situation for the town

and it was heartening to see residents, business owners, the town council, East Northamptonshire Council and the energy companies working tirelessly together to resolve the problem and get the people of Oundle warm again."

Man who dumped fridge full of rotting food caught after warrant issued

A man from Peterborough is paying the price after being found guilty of fly tipping a freezer full of rotting food in East Northamptonshire.

During a house clearance in Warmington in March 2015, Nicholas Smith removed a freezer full of putrid food from the property but instead of disposing of it legally, he chose to dump it on the verge of the road between Warmington and Fotheringhay.

Following a tip-off from an eagle-eyed witness, the vehicle was traced by East Northamptonshire Council's waste team through the DVLA and Nicholas Smith was contacted as the registered owner.

At an Interview under Caution, Smith admitted fly tipping the freezer which he described as "radioactive" and so nauseating that he had to condemn the van that it was carried in. When asked by ENC officers what he thought would happen to the dumped fridge, he responded, "I just thought someone would come and get it. I knew I shouldn't have done it."

Smith then failed to attend court twice and so a warrant was issued for his arrest. East Northamptonshire Council

was informed in December 2016 that Smith is currently remanded in custody pending trial for other serious matters. He was presented in court in January 2017 where he pleaded guilty to fly tipping via video link. The District Judge was limited as to what penalty and costs he could impose as it would be unlikely costs would be recovered. He therefore, sentenced him to a further seven days custody, stating "this was the best outcome in the circumstances."

Leader of East Northamptonshire Council, Steven North, said: "We will, and do, pursue those who fly tip in our district. Our waste enforcement team works tirelessly in an effort to bring these illegal dumpers before the courts. They must not be allowed to have such total disregard for the environment and the communities where we live. We see it as a very serious offence and so do the courts, as demonstrated through this tough sentence, which I hope acts as a severe warning to anyone tempted to fly tip in the future."

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Kettering Citadel Salvation Army Band

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Raunds Parks Infants celebrate trophy win

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This success was followed by the football team winning the Key Stage 1 Manor Cluster Football tournament.

Pupils at Raunds Park Infants have plenty of sporting opportunities. They can participate in after school clubs for football, gymnastics and dance. A group of dancers will be performing at the Lighthouse Theatre at the end of the school year.



Group appoints new Chief Executive

Grand Union Housing Group (GUHG) is delighted to announce that Aileen Evans is to become its new Chief Executive.

on the tremendous legacy of Alan Humphreys, when he retires in June."

The announcement comes at the end of a standout 12 months for the Group in which it took on a new subsidiary, Rockingham Forest Housing, and doubled its development programme.

Aileen, who has a career spanning over 30 years in housing and has been with the Group since 1999, will make the step up from her current role as Operations Director at GUHG in June.

GUHG began looking for a new Chief Executive after current incumbent, Alan Humphreys, announced he will be retiring after 18 years in the role.

Mark Webster, Group Chairman, said: "Aileen is passionate about providing affordable homes and services for those people in our communities who are in need and I'm sure that Grand Union Housing Group will continue to grow and be successful under

her leadership.

"Both I and the boards are looking forward to working with Aileen to build



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Monday 27th February
Arts & Crafts – Rosebud Wreath on Cotton Shopping Bag
 Stanwick Lakes
 10.15am-2.45pm, £20 booking essential
 01933 460676
 A rosebud wreath design easily painted onto a large cotton shopping bag could make an ideal present.

Wednesday 1st March
Daffodils for Growing and Showing
 Methodist Hall, Drummingwell Lane, Oundle PE8 4AA
 7.45pm, £2 patrons, £3 visitors
 01832 272623
 Oundle Horticultural Society presents an illustrated talk by John Gibson, free light refreshments, all welcome.

Thursday 2nd March
Beautiful Place – Landscape in Acrylics
 Ringstead Village Social Club
 10am-1.30pm, £17 booking essential
 01933 460676
 An easy beginner's acrylic class painting a tranquil landscape setting with lots of pink spring blossom.

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!

Lunchtime Concert – Strings' Chamber Music
 St Peter's Church, Oundle
 1.15pm, admission free/lunch can be purchased
 Concerts in this beautiful church setting in Oundle. Lunch is provided for £3.50.

Friday 3rd March
Fusion for 7-11 year olds
 Thrapston Baptist Church
 6.30pm-8pm
 Lively and fun group with games, songs and bible based illustrations.

Arts & Crafts – Tulips in Acrylics
 Ringstead Village Social Club
 10am-1.30pm, £17 booking essential
 01933 460676
 Come and paint some lovely tulips using acrylics on a canvas board 10in x 12in.

Whitefriars Church Retireds' Group: The story of John Newton and Amazing Grace
 The Bridge Community Office at Whitefriars Junior School, Boughton Drive, Rushden NN10 9HX
 1.30pm-3pm
 John & Celia Underwood
 01933 676989
 A friendly group to which all of retirement age are welcome.

AFC Rushden & Diamonds Quiz Night
 Rushden Bowls Club, Northampton Road, Rushden NN10 6AN
 7.30pm, £2
 To book a table contact Glenis 07870 332606
 Raffle, retiring bucket collection for Cransley Hospice.

Saturday 4th March
Rummage Sale
 Rushden St Mary's Church Hall
 10am-12noon, admission 50p
 Variety of goods on sale plus refreshments.

Oundle Strollers – Free Guided Walk
 Leave the Hub, Fletton House, Glapthorne Road, Oundle
 12.30pm
 Walk starts Benefield Church 1pm
 Leader David Wills 01832 273899
 Grid Ref 991/886. Map Explorer 224
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Festival by Kettering Salvation Army Band
 Rushden Salvation Army, Church St, Rushden
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Men's Breakfast
 Thrapston Baptist Church
 7.30am-9am
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Saturdays 4th, 11th & 18th March
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 The Oaks, Fotheringhay PE8 5HX
 2pm-4pm, £19 per person.
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 Caroline Kisby 01832 226268
 pinkhousearts@me.com
 Silk fibre gifts for birthdays, Mother's Day and weddings.

Sunday 5th March
Morning Service
 Thrapston Baptist Church
 10.30am
 Preacher: Mat Hussain
 Theme: Knowing Jesus: Who am I really?

Higham Ferrers Footpath Group
 Saffron Road car park Higham
 Ferrers for car sharing
 9.40am, free
 01933 624387
 3 shires 6 mile walk from Hargrave.

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.

First Sunday Church featuring Sarah Grace
 Rushden Salvation Army, Church, Street, Rushden
 6pm, free and complimentary refreshments at 5pm
 Drama with honesty, humour and a touch of vulnerability.

Tuesday 7th March
Arts & Crafts – White Rose Box
 Stanwick Lakes
 10.15am-2.45pm, £25 booking essential
 01933 460676
 Could make an ideal Mother's Day present. Cost includes project painting book with many projects to do.

Tuesday 7th-Saturday 11th March
Cole Porter's Anything Goes – Comedy Musical
 Castle Theatre, Wellingborough
 7.30pm Evening Performance, 2.30pm Sat Matinee
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Wednesday 8th March
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 D Humpherson 01832 270061
 A talk by David Humpherson.

Thursday 9th March
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
 7.30pm, £4
 Mary Harber 01933 624271
 A talk by Laura Vowden 'Not So Posh Posh' about being a Footballer's Wife.

Lunchtime Concert – Pianists
 St Peter's Church, Oundle
 1.15pm, free/lunch can be purchased
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Friday 10th March
Fusion for 7-11 year olds
 Thrapston Baptist Church
 6.30pm-8pm
 Lively and fun group with games, songs and bible based illustrations.

Saturday 11th March
An Author Event with Miriam Halahmy: The Emergency Zoo
 The Great Hall, New Street, Oundle, PE8 4GH
 2.30pm-3.30pm, tickets £5
 available from the Oundle Box Office, www.oundlefestival.org.uk
 Contact Helen 07743988181 for further details
 The Emergency Zoo is a warm and touching story of friendship and courage as children try to protect their pets during the Second World War.
 Recommended for 7-12 year olds.

An Evening with Matt Dickinson, award-winning writer and filmmaker
 The Great Hall, New Street, Oundle PE8 4GH
 7.30pm, tickets £8 (£6), £1 off early bird tickets bought before 4th March, available from the Oundle Box Office 01832 274734.
 Helen 07743 988181 for further details.
 Matt is best known for his award-winning novels and his documentary work for National Geographic Television, Discovery Channel, Channel 4 and the BBC.

Saturday 11th-Friday 24th March
Maxine Greer and Jane Hindmarch Draw
 Yarrow Gallery
 Admission free
 This exhibition brings together a body of work created from a mobile artist's studio travelling around Rutland and the surrounding counties.

Sunday 12th March
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 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, Rushden, Countryside Walk – 'Thorpe Malsor walk'
 Church Way in Thorpe Malsor, near the church (NN14 1JS)
 10.30am
 Andrew Presland 01933 316927
 A walk on footpaths near Thorpe Malsor village and Cransley Reservoir.

Communion Service
 Thrapston Baptist Church
 10.30am
 Preacher: Mat Hussain
 Theme: Knowing Jesus: Who am I now?

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 9am-10am
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Titchmarsh Folk Dance Club
 The Club Room, High Street, Titchmarsh NN14 3DF
 8pm-10pm, £1 inc tea/coffee
 Kev Prigmore 01536 514023/
 titchmarshfdc@gmail.com

Oundle Ladies Running Group
 Oundle pool car park
 6.45pm
 Jane Walker 01832 272898/
 janewalkercakes@icloud.com

Baggy pants Yoga
 Masonic Hall, Wellingborough
 Road, Rushden
 10am-11am
 01933 382837/07873 743256/
 carole.wyatt@virginmedia.com
 £5 per session.

Every Monday (term time) Praise and Play
 St James' Church Thrapston
 1.30pm-2.45pm,
 refreshments available
 Anita 735443

Aqua Aerobic Classes
 Oundle School Swimming Pool, Milton Road, Oundle
 8.45-9.30am, £25 for 5 sessions
 01832 277208/277195

Every Monday, Friday & Saturday (term time)
Otters Swim School Lessons
 Oundle School Swimming Pool, Milton Road Oundle



Mon 3.55pm-6.10pm, Fri 3.55pm-6.10pm, Sat 8.30am-12noon, booked in advance as a block (£5.50 per lesson)
 01832 277208/277195

1st Monday of the month
Oundle Wives
 Methodist Church, Oundle
 7.45pm, £3 refreshments/raffle
 01832 272178

Oundle & District Royal British Legion Meeting
 The Talbot Hotel, Oundle
 7pm
 Les Starks 01832 270073

Finedon Irthlingborough & District Branch Royal British Legion Branch Meeting
 Finedon Bowls Club
 7.30pm
 Peter Eames 07434328237

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 £17
 Jake Baker 07525 441267

2nd & 4th Mondays of the month
StitChat
 No 1 St Osyth's Lane, Oundle
 1.30pm-3.30pm
 01832 770010/
 office@oundlebaptist.org.uk

Monday once a month
Woodturning Club
 Hardwick Village, Near 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
Short Mat Bowls
 Islip Village Hall
 10am-12noon, £3
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Sling Walk
 11am
 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. 01933 410112

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
 01933 624545

Yoga Class
 Whitefriars Infant School, Boughton Drive, Rushden
 7.15pm-8.15pm, £5 per session
 Carole 07873743256/
 carole.wyatt@virginmedia.com

Ringstead's Jolly Good Company
 Ringstead Shared Church
 10am-11am, £4
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Every Tuesday (term time) Toddlers' Drop In
 No 1 St Osyth's Lane, Oundle
 9.15am-11.30am, free
 office@oundlebaptist.org.uk or 01832 770010

Tuesday Toddlers
 No 1 St Osyth's Lane, Oundle PE8 4BG
 9.15am, free
 Judith Brashaw on 01832 770010

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

2nd Tuesday of the month
Woodford WI Meeting
 Woodford Sports and Social Club
 7.30pm
 Lynn Sortwell 01832 732740

<p>Tea Dance Pemberton Centre, Rushden Dancing to 'Music Box' 2pm-4pm, £3 per person including tea/coffee & cake</p>	<p>Returners to Work No.1 St. Osyth's Lane 10am-12noon 01832 770011</p>	<p>Allegra Singers – Three-part ladies choir Music room, Sports Pavilion, Islip 7.30-9.30pm, £3 per session Veronica 01832 732611/ 07753 472225</p>	<p>10am-2pm office@oundlebaptist.org.uk/ 01832 770010</p>	<p>Enjoy Yoga Whitefriars Infant School, Rushden 7pm-8.30pm, £5 per session. Gill Hughes 01933 313494/ hughes-g17@sky.com</p>	<p>12.45-1.30pm & 1.45-2.30pm, £4 per child, £2 for siblings Naomi Cooper 07815 293893/ musicmakersnorthants@gmail.com</p>	<p>01933 625522/ wewatchstanwick@hotmail.co.uk</p>
<p>Higham Ferrers Guided Tour Groups of 6 minimum. Trained guides. Tea & cakes, optional. 01933 411191</p>	<p>Art & Craft Class Oundle Rural Mind, 1 Herne Park, East Road, Oundle PE8 4BZ Irene Issitt – Manager 01832 275020</p>	<p>1st Wednesday of the month Raunds Ladies Group The Saxon Hall, Raunds 8pm-10pm, Visitors £3.50</p>	<p>Little Ducklings Pre-School Stay & Play 'Tea & Tots' Sessions 1.30pm-3pm, £1.50 per family. 01832 358085</p>	<p>Every Friday (term time) Over 60s FREE swim Oundle School Swimming Pool, Milton Road, Oundle 3pm-3.45pm 01832 277208/277195</p>	<p>Every Friday (term time) Over 60s FREE swim Oundle School Swimming Pool, Milton Road, Oundle 3pm-3.45pm 01832 277208/277195</p>	<p>Oundle Farmers' Market Market Place, Oundle 8am-1.30pm Oundle Town Council 01832 272055</p>
<p>Wildlife Trust Little Bugs Club 10am-11.30am, £1 per child (adults are free) Louise Tuffin 01604 774043/ louise.tuffin@wildlifebcn.org</p>	<p>Inflatable Fun Session Oundle School Swimming Pool, Milton Road Oundle 5-6pm (May vary during school holidays), £3 adult & £2.25 child 01832 277208/277195</p>	<p>1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month Thrapston Country Dancers St Johns Ambulance Hall 2pm-3.30pm G Hearnden 01933 622827/ ghearnden@tiscali.co.uk</p>	<p>Short Mat Bowls Wymington Memorial Hall 1.45pm-4pm, £2 admission Mrs Smith 01933 355960</p>	<p>Pre-School Swimming Lessons Oundle School Swimming Pool, Milton Road, Oundle 1.55-2.25pm & 2.30-3pm Booked in advance as a block (£6.75 per lesson) 01832 277208/277195</p>	<p>Most Fridays Local Focus 'explorations' Various East Northants locations 9.30am-12.30pm/2.30pm £3 per re-usable map 01933 461480 Informal group for everyone, for walks, cycling, bus trips.</p>	<p>3rd Saturday of the month Greek cookery classes & pop up Taverna Wadenhoe Village Hall, Church Street, Wadenhoe PE8 5ST 11am-11pm Andreas Panos 01832 720043</p>
<p>50+ Adventure Club For further information 01536 505548/www.fiftyplus northantsadventureclub.org.uk</p>	<p>Cambridge First Certificate in English The Old Town Hall, Market Place, Oundle 9.30am-12.30pm, £25 per week 01832 776336/ info@antlerlanguages.co.uk</p>	<p>2nd Wednesday of the month Coffee Morning Raunds Methodist Church 10am-12noon 01933 383378</p>	<p>Music Makers Joan Strong Centre, Oundle 11.15am-12noon, £4 per child, £2 for siblings Naomi Cooper on musicmakersnorthants@gmail.com</p>	<p>Every Thursday (term time) Music Makers Titchmarsh Pavilion 9.30am-10.15am, £4 per child, £2 for siblings Naomi Cooper on musicmakersnorthants@gmail.com</p>	<p>Phoenix Group Stanwick Lakes 01933 625522/ wewatchstanwick@hotmail.co.uk</p>	<p>Messy Church Rushden Salvation Army, Church Street, Rushden 4pm George Ellitson 01933 313106</p>
<p>Every Tuesday & Thursday Health Walks Stanwick Lakes 10am-11am, free, car park charges 01933 625522 www.stanwicklakes.org.uk</p>	<p>French Tuition The Old Town Hall, Market Place, Oundle From 6pm, £25 per week 01832 776336/ info@antlerlanguages.co.uk</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>Music Makers Joan Strong Centre, Oundle 11.15am-12noon, £4 per child, £2 for siblings Naomi Cooper on musicmakersnorthants@gmail.com</p>	<p>1st Friday of the month (Checking before travelling) Craft Cafe Stanwick Lakes 10.30am-1pm, modest charge for some materials – car park charges 01933 625522/ www.stanwicklakes.org.uk</p>	<p>Last Saturday of the month (except December) Farmers' Market Market Square, Higham Ferrers 9am-1pm danielle@highamferrers-tc.gov.uk</p>	<p>Every Saturday and Sunday Coffee and Cakes/ Sunday Worship Rushden Independent Wesleyan Church (Entrance Queen St) Saturday coffee and cakes 10am-11.30am Sunday Worship 10.45am with children's activities 2nd Sunday in the month 4pm something for all ages.</p>
<p>Every Tuesday & Saturday Coffee Mornings St James Church, Thrapston 10am-12noon 01832 730019</p>	<p>Ringstead's Beat Bugs Ringstead Shared Church NN14 4DA 2pm-2.45pm, £21/6-week session (£3.50 per week) Angela – rbc-rsc@angeladavis.net or 01933 622316 Language, confidence, social skills through music, rhymes and puppets for mums and tots (6 months to school age).</p>	<p>NWR – linking lively minded women Dovedale, 1 Herne Park, East Road, Oundle 7.30pm-7.45pm Carol 01832 270061 for more info.</p>	<p>Little Treasures Tots Group St Laurence's Church, Stanwick 9.30am-11am, donations to cover costs Nicki 01933 625658</p>	<p>Oundle Evergreen Club 2.30pm in the Victoria Hall for tea and cakes plus entertainment. 01832 273826/272340</p>	<p>3rd Friday of the month Raunds Tea Dance Saxon Hall, Raunds 2pm-4.15pm, £3 (50p for raffle) Mrs Wicks 01933 312623</p>	<p>Every Sunday Morning Worship Rushden Mission Church Wellingborough Road 10.45am Alan 01933 355302</p>
<p>Every Wednesday Short Mat Bowls Islip Village Hall 2pm-4pm, £3 01832 733154</p>	<p>Jelly Babies Toddler Group Rushden Independent Wesleyan Church 9.15am</p>	<p>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/ Secretary 01604 870275</p>	<p>Music Makers Stanwick Village Hall 2pm-2.45pm, £4 per child, £2 for siblings Naomi Cooper on musicmakersnorthants@gmail.com</p>	<p>U3A Branch Meeting The Plaza, Cosy Nook, Thrapston NN14 4PS 10am-12noon, £2 (visitors), £1 (members) includes refreshments</p>	<p>Former Carers Group No 1 St Osyth's Lane, Oundle PE8 4BG 2pm-3.30pm, free 01832 770010 or office@oundlebaptist.org.uk</p>	<p>Church Service The Heritage Chapel and Halls, Park Road, Rushden NN10 ORW 10.30am Cheryl 07969 603958/ cheze49@gmail.com</p>
<p>Tai Chi Chelveston Village Hall 2pm-3pm, £5 Tai Chi for health, fitness and self defence. All ages (18+) welcome.</p>	<p>Every Wednesday (term time) Community ICT Classes Needham Building, Oundle School SciTec, Glapthorn Road, Oundle 2.30pm-4pm 01832 277267 to enrol</p>	<p>4th Wednesday of the month Rushden Pensioners Forum St Peters Church Hall, Midland Road, Rushden 2pm-4pm Mary Morby 01933 312476/ e.m.m@btinternet.com</p>	<p>Community Art Classes Oundle School Art Department 7.30pm-8.30pm, free classes for people with a physical or learning disability.</p>	<p>Coffee/Tea and Biscuits in the Bede House St Mary's Church, Higham Ferrers 10am-12noon, no charge just a donation to cover costs.</p>	<p>3rd Friday of the month Stanwick Stitchers Stanwick Lakes 10.30am, free, car park charges. 01933 625522 or Pauline on 01933 229817/www.stanwicklakes.org.uk</p>	<p>Ringstead Shared Church 10.30am Angela Davis 01933 622316 or rbc-rsc@angeladavis.net Service for All (Communion first Sunday each month) led by Revd Robert Shehane</p>
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TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County
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That length of A5028 Station Road, Higham Ferrers from A45/A6
to Nightingale Way.**REASONS FOR RESTRICTION:** The restriction is required
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James Gardner found himself competing against Northampton's Peter Tibbert on board 2. James decided to use his tried and tested Karlsbad variation of the Queen's Gambit, this had the desired effect giving him a big material gain when he forked Peter's Queen and Rook with his Knight. Game, set and

match to James!

Saj Ganger opted for safety on board 3, playing a steady game which ended in a draw. Richard Ellis also managed a draw against Chess Mates' Dave Curran on board 4. This left the two sides tied with only board 1 left to finish. Chess Mates required a win as a draw would give the match to Rushden on board count; this is because Rushden's win on board 2 was worth more than Chess Mates' win on board 5.

The final game of the evening was unfolding on board 1 with Hugh Murphy crossing swords against Poland's Andre Sosnowski. Hugh found himself in extreme difficulty after Andre gained a two pawn advantage following Hugh's over ambitious early initiative. It took all Hugh's cunning and guile to defend his position and he finally managed to gain the

pawns back off his opponent. With both players in severe time trouble it was Hugh who managed to obtain a passed pawn advantage and with it the game. Andre was left to think what might have been as his defeat was not only a personal one but also meant that Chess Mates lost the match and were eliminated from the JRKO.

Tuesday 31st January

Chess Mates B 2-3 Rushden A

Bd1: Andre Sosnowski (171) 0-1

Hugh Murphy (189)

Bd2: Peter Tibbert (149) 0-1

James Gardner (167)

Bd3: Nigel Young (141) ½ Sajjan Ganger (134)

Bd4: Dave Curran (131) ½ Richard Ellis (130)

Bd5: Sanchez Martinez (U) 1-0 Tom Murts (61)

Silver King League I

Following victory in the John Robinson Knockout competition it was back to league chess against Kettering B. Saj was the first player to finish for Rushden with a comfortable victory against Graham Arch on board 3.

Hugh had a relatively easy time of it on board 1 when James Brutus was late and gave him a 30 minute advantage on the clock. James was less fortunate on board 2 when he made a poor opening against Romilly Ilseric and was unable to recover. A draw for Matt Bailey against Keith Ball left Rushden needing a win on board 4 for the match.

Richard's use of the Ruy Lopez opening



By Derrick Sims

on board 4 was not enough to overcome Steve Walpole. Steve made a good tactical response and belied his lower grading with a solid display that left Richard in a lost position. This was a good recovery for Kettering and they will have been relieved to tie the match. This means that Rushden A remain just above Corby at the bottom of the table.

Monday 6th February

Kettering B 2½ - 2½ Rushden A

Bd1: James Brutus (144) 0-1

Hugh Murphy (189)

Bd2: Romilly Ilseric (154) 1-0

James Gardner (167)

Bd3: Graham Arch (142) 0-1

Sajjan Ganger (134)

Bd4: Steve Walpole (123) 1-0 Richard Ellis (130)

Bd5: Keith Ball (125) ½ Matt Bailey (U)

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