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On 4th May you can vote on your Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) for Chelveston-cum-Caldecott parish, some three and a half years after the work first started. The NDP will be voted on by the electors at a referendum. Polling will take place in the Village Hall between 7am and 10pm. The NDP policies include the controlling of housing development, designation of Local Green Spaces, and protection of Assets of Community Value. For more information, visit www.ndp.chelveston.org.uk

May Day event

GROW will be holding their annual May Day event on Parsons Green in Irthlingborough on 1st May at 1pm-4pm. Come and see the crowning of the May queen, the Morris men, jugglers, Punch and Judy, singers and dancers. There will also be an assortment of stalls, ice cream and refreshments. Come and join in the fun and revelry at this traditional event to welcome in the new season.

Groups, charities and individuals receive donations

Northamptonshire Community Foundation awards £1.2 million to groups across the county in their most successful year to date.

This financial year (April 2016 to March 2017), Northamptonshire Community Foundation has awarded up to £1.2 million to 299

groups, charities and individuals on behalf of a range of donors across Northamptonshire. Grants Director and Deputy CEO of the Foundation, Rachel

McGrath said "I am delighted that the Foundation has had its most successful year yet in awarding grants to local community groups and charities on behalf of a range of donors. The impact that small groups have on our communities is absolutely huge and vital tackling a range of issues and improving the lives of local people. We'd like to say a huge thank you to our generous donors for their kind support."

Funding from the Foundation has helped to support a variety of community projects across the county, this year, including those tackling issues such as poverty, social isolation, domestic violence and unemployment in the county.

Phoenix Community Cinema was awarded £9,500 to provide affordable cinema screenings to rural areas in Northamptonshire, bringing isolated communities together for an evening of film.

Home Start Wellingborough and District were awarded £8,765 to develop their WISH project enabling fragile families to improve their sense of wellbeing, decrease

isolation, increase self-esteem and improve health.

Great Oxendon Village Hall was awarded £1,760 to provide maintenance work to the village hall to produce a good community space for all group activities.

Citizens Advice Services Corby and Kettering (CASCK) were awarded £10,000 to provide a Personal Independence Payment Support service to disabled people who are applying for personal independence Payments (formally Disability Living Allowance).

Sikh Community Centre and Youth Club were awarded £19,850 to develop their Mind, Body and Soul programme improving the emotional, physical and social wellbeing of vulnerable and isolated individuals in the community.

Singing for Breathing, a singing group set up to help people diagnosed with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), were awarded £3,000 to provide a transport service for their members during the winter.



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Manor Learning Trust seeking new governors

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The Manor Learning Trust is now looking to recruit additional Governors at Primary School and Secondary School level, and is particularly interested in seeking Governors who have a background or skills in at least one of the following areas:

- Legal Expertise
- Human Resources
- Marketing/Promotion/PR
- Financial/Business Management
- Prior experience of a Primary or Secondary

School setting
However, for the schools, the main advantage of having members of the public join their Governing Body is the expertise and experience they can bring to the role. Developing and enhancing the range of skills within the Governing Body will not only have a positive impact on its effectiveness but also on the educational outcomes for the Trust's pupils and students.

The Manor Learning Trust would like to invite the public to a Governors' recruitment event on Wednesday 3rd May from 6-7pm at Manor School Sports College, Mountbatten Way, Raunds. Email governor@manorschool.northants.sch.uk to register your interest or contact the clerk Emma Morehen on 01933 627075. Please also contact the clerk to find out more about becoming a Governor.

Genealogy jottings

I have been writing this column for a few years now and it occurred to me that, as people come and go, and move in and out of the area, some of you might only be starting with this hobby (obsession!). Therefore, I thought that I would cover some perils and pitfalls that can sneak into our good intentions, sending us off onto the wrong path!

Never believe all that you are told! Those of us who have been lucky enough to have relatives who remember happenings from way back and listen to some of their stories with glee – always get a second opinion! Memories can become mangled over the years, stories embellished, especially if they are passed from person to person – remember Chinese whispers? Maybe you have great expectations as a result of these tales. What is your reason for wanting to trace your family history? If it is because you are hoping that you are related to famous people in the past – or even have royal connections – then chances are that most of us will not

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

be. There is a greater likelihood that we will find line upon line of agricultural labourers – the 1851 census records 1,460,896 people working in that field (pardon the pun!) – the largest single occupational group. By 1871, the largest group of employees were working as domestic servants.

You may find that your research uncovers a name that is 'famous' and that you would love to find a connection. If you stumble upon such a link during your research, that would certainly be a fantastic find but... beware of trying to find a connection where none exists. Remember: family history should be more than just a list of names and dates. Try to find out as much as possible about the individuals – put some flesh on those skeletons!

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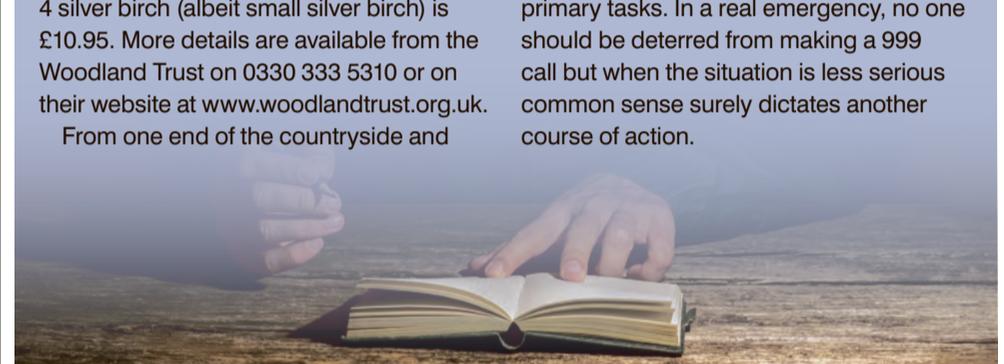
We can't ignore the news that we are set to have another general election on 8th June, especially now that MPs have voted in favour of the Prime Minister's surprise move. Many of us will be feeling politically fatigued even before this announcement so perhaps the best aspect of the impending process is that it will take only 7 weeks to complete! The outcome might also serve to calm those whose nerves are frayed by the tedious BREXIT debate.

Our article on the collaboration between the Oundle Rotary Club & Barnwell Country Park over tree planting leads to wider aspects of the initiative from the Woodland Trust which is seeking to plant 64 million trees across the country over a 10-year period. The Trust is offering free tree packs for schools and communities and individuals can buy them at what seem like bargain prices, for instance a pack of 4 silver birch (albeit small silver birch) is £10.95. More details are available from the Woodland Trust on 0330 333 5310 or on their website at www.woodlandtrust.org.uk.

From one end of the countryside and

environmental scale to the other; our piece on the individual fined for fly tipping reflects great credit on the East Northamptonshire Council's (ENC) waste officers; their persistence in tracking down the culprit paid off in the end and at least he seems to have accepted that he was at fault. Don't forget that you can dispose of most of your waste without charge at your local Household Waste and Recycling Centre and please do use the contacts listed in the article to report individual instances of fly tipping.

Another area of support provided by those serving the public, the emergency services, is also highlighted in this edition. Some of the reasons listed for making erroneous calls to 999 seem to be from the script a farce but as the General Manager for our local Emergency Operations Centres points out, this is a serious issue which is distracting call handlers from their primary tasks. In a real emergency, no one should be deterred from making a 999 call but when the situation is less serious common sense surely dictates another course of action.



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The importance of training

Home Instead Senior Care East Northants, which provides care to people in their own homes, prides itself on the variety of training and development opportunities within the company.

When caregivers are hired, they participate in a quality induction training scheme, which lasts four days. Refresher training opportunities are regularly for employees and offer new specialised training so caregivers are well equipped to work with clients, each having individual needs.

Louise Russell-Boyne, Networker and part-time trainer for Home Instead commented: "Here at our Wellingborough office, we offer a varied range of training opportunities for staff. For example, our caregivers can be trained in working with clients that have dementia, epilepsy, Parkinson's, motor neurone disease

and diabetes. We also offer a manual handling training course, a medication refresher course, using a stoma and many others.

"All of our caregivers receive training on handling medication, manual handling, dementia and first aid/resuscitation and there are refresher courses around these vital areas at all times."

Home Instead employs one full-time trainer, Margaret Brown (a fully qualified assessor trainer) and one part-time trainer, Louise Russell-Boyne (A qualified lecturer with her Cert Ed). Both women are always looking at training opportunities that would benefit the clients that

they care for.

Mark Darnell, owner of Home Instead Senior Care East Northants said: "We pride ourselves on how much training we offer at Home Instead. It is important for our staff to have opportunities to develop their skills, and we also ensure that we are well equipped to manage all of the needs of our clients.

"Just last week, Louise carried out a three-hour Epilepsy Training Course for new and long standing caregivers. The aim of

the course was to look at the specific needs of our clients who live with epilepsy, in order to best manage the requirements of each individual client.

"The feedback from the training session was very positive and everyone was pleased in earning their certificate at the end of the course. We will continue to deliver quality, ongoing refresher courses and new training to our caregivers to ensure we maintain the high standards that we constantly strive for."



For more information about Home Instead and the services it provides, please call 01933 678775 or visit <http://www.homeinstead.co.uk/eastnorthants>

A new venture for Little Staughton

Open Gardens, Sunday 18th June

Residents of Little Staughton, a pretty village on the Beds/Cambs border not far from Kimbolton and St Neots are opening their gardens for the first time this summer in aid of charity.

The organiser, Mrs Brenda Foster says: "I wanted to do something to help an amazing charity, Malawi Education Link (MEL), my own village (improving the village hall facilities) and which would include the very generous people who live in Little Staughton. With such a wide variety of properties and gardens in the village, and being a keen gardener myself, it seemed logical to plan an open gardens day."

Thirteen gardens throughout the village will be open from 1-5pm on Sunday 18th June. In addition there will be teas, stalls and toilets available at the village hall and a raffle with some amazing prizes!

Founder of Malawi Education Link, Mrs Caroline Hansford, who has taught in schools in Bedford and Cambs as well as Malawi and has taken many school students to Malawi each summer to work on projects for MEL, said: "I was thrilled to hear of this new fundraising venture for MEL. If it goes well, the results will have a big impact on the lives of so many people, either children in schools in Malawi or providing a village with a water pump."

Details of the Open Gardens can be found on the village website: <http://www.littlestaughtonparishcouncil.bedsparishes.gov.uk> or the Facebook page: Little Staughton Village Group or contact Brenda Foster on 07799100984.




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Oundle Golf Club

Oundle Golf Club has been a part of the Oundle community since 1893 and we plan to be a part of it for a long time to come. The club is open to all and is a family friendly place to come and play golf, make new friends and learn new skills. We welcome new as well as experienced players to the club and run taster days and lessons to help get you started or get back into it after a break.

We have a strong and growing ladies

section including the club's first lady Chairman, Veronica Lyon. It a fantastic course for juniors, who can gain experience playing on an undulating and beautiful course. With regular friendly competitions for members, society days, practice putting greens and a chipping area you can come down any time and there'll be something for all to do.

So please feel welcome to come and see us, we'll be happy to show you around and as an added incentive we have provided a

voucher on the back page for a round of golf and a meal in our bar for just £20!

We look forward to meeting you all soon.

Tandee Nursery

Tandee Nursery is a family run nursery and plant centre. Established for over 30 years, we grow and sell direct to the public at trade prices, as well as supplying garden designers, landscapers and developers.

Everything you see at Tandee Nursery is grown and sold on site. It's the perfect plot for growing top quality plants but we also take pride in providing a customer friendly, garden centre set up so it's really easy for you to find what you are looking for. All areas are clearly signposted from fruit trees to perennials with trolleys provided for your convenience.

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Our established Oundle office employs 18 people from trainees to dedicated long-serving members. Recently we congratulated Samuel Fox, a young graduate who joined our training scheme, on the completion of his ACCA examinations. Not resting on his laurels, Samuel is now studying for specialist Taxation examinations. We also congratulate apprentices Gina Stevenson and Nicole Belliveau on completing their AAT qualification.

We take great pride in our loyal team, and we will shortly be congratulating Allison

Davies on becoming the fifth member of the Oundle team to complete 25 years' service with us.

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Oundle Bowling Club Open Weekend

Oundle Bowling Club is once again this year running an 'Open Weekend' on 13th & 14th May, when the opportunity to try Lawn Bowls is completely free to anyone who wants to 'have a go' at this very popular sport.

Oundle Bowling Club continues to offer a healthy way of enjoying your spare time and meeting new friendly people. The Club has an active social scene with many and varied events throughout the year.

Last year was our 100th anniversary year and we were pleased to welcome in July the Bowls England team to our club for a celebration match. Although we lost the match by a small margin we were complimented on our club facilities by the Bowls England Chief Executive Tony Allcock, who made a surprise visit.

If you fancy trying something different, why not visit our club on either of the above dates from 10am onwards, you will find a warm welcome and friendly instructors who will introduce you to the sport of lawn bowls. There is a large car park and refreshments will be available all day.

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Courts fine man hundreds for fly tipping

A London man who fly tipped in East Northants has been fined £717 at Northampton Magistrates' Court.

In October 2016, East Northamptonshire Council's (ENC) waste officers found bags of builders' waste left in a layby on the A427, just outside Upper Benefield.

Evidence was discovered relating to a shop refurbishment in Leicester where it was traced to a building company in London who employed a

subcontractor to carry out the works including the disposal of the waste.

Contact was made with the subcontractor, Fabio Fortuna of London, who responded to a Section 108 notice stating that he was responsible for fly tipping in order to clean out his work van for the next day.

On 28th March, Fortuna pleaded guilty to the offence

and was ordered to pay a £237 fine, costs of £450 and a £30 victim surcharge.

ENC's Waste Manager, Charlotte Tompkins, said: "Our laybys and roads are not for cleaning out litter and rubbish from our vehicles.

"If you have waste from your work vehicle and you do not dispose of it properly then you are committing an offence. Any waste material, whether that is the wrapping from your lunch or the materials or rubbish left over from a job must be disposed of properly. Please make sure you take it back to your

office, workshop or depot and dispose of the material in the correct containers provided by your employers.

"Local Authorities spend vast sums of money picking up the litter that the public drop and these resources could be used for critical services if everyone remembered that our countryside is not a dumping ground."

Trade waste can be taken to Rushden Household Waste and Recycling Centre on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 10am-6pm. Alternatively

ENC offers a trade waste collection service for non-hazardous small items, for more information on this service please call the waste helpline number on 01832 742026.

If you see somebody fly tipping, please report it online www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/flytipping or by phone 01832 742026. The more information you can give, the better chance ENC has of prosecuting so, if you can, please include:

- The time and date of the incident

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

For more information about ENC's waste service, please visit www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/waste

A double celebration for Thrapston and District U3A!

On Saturday 6th May, Thrapston and District University of the Third Age are celebrating their 5th Birthday with an Open Day at The Plaza in Thrapston from 10am-2pm. The event is free and an invitation is extended to any readers who would like to know more about the U3A and how it could enhance their lives.

As well as celebrating five years of serving Thrapston and the surrounding villages, the organisation is delighted to have received the Town Council's 'Contribution to the Community Award' which will be presented on 18th April at the council meeting.

So what is the U3A and how has this organisation served Thrapston and the surrounding community for the past five years?

Currently, there are approximately 1,000 U3As across the UK. The Thrapston and District branch was launched in 2012 with an essential membership of 69. At the time, there was already a branch in Oundle, but many of the interest groups were full and

not all Thrapston residents could get there, so it was proposed to set up a local branch. Subsequently, a group of volunteers, under the guidance of the national governing body, set to the task, leading to the first AGM and the election of the first formal committee.

The U3A is for anyone who is no longer in full-time employment; it is an organisation where you make friends, learn new things and have fun! Don't be confused by the name; you don't need any qualifications to become a member and there are no exams, essays or assignments! The original meaning of 'university' is 'a collective of people devoted to learning', or 'joining together for a common purpose' and this is what the U3A is all about.

Thrapston U3A offers its members the opportunity to share in educational, creative and leisure pursuits. Many of the activities take place through interest groups which meet regularly, often in members' homes, and usually in during daylight hours.

Currently, there are 39 interest groups ranging from photography to military history and from walking to theatre visits, there really is something for everyone. A full list of groups can be seen online at www.thrapstonu3a.co.uk

There are also opportunities for the whole membership to 'get together'. Members Meetings are held at The Plaza, Cosy Nook, Thrapston, NN14 4PS, from 10am-12noon on the third Friday of every month (except in August when there is a members' only

social event.) A guest speaker is usually invited to the meeting and the presentations cover a wide variety of interesting topics. Visitors are always welcome to join.

If you would like more information, join U3A for one of their Open Days. You will be most welcome. Thrapston and District U3A is looking forward to many more exciting years of serving our local community.

Easter celebrations at Kettering Day Nursery

Easter has well and truly hatched at Windermere Day Nursery in Kettering. The children have enjoyed Easter themed activities throughout the nursery including making handcrafted Easter cards, chocolate nests and Easter Egg hunts.

The Easter celebrations will culminate with an Easter Bonnet Parade, which all of the children have been involved with at the 'Outstanding' day nursery.

Nursery Manager, Jacky Bufton said: "Easter is lots of fun at Windermere Day Nursery and children have had a great time engaging in an array of themed activities. The children have worked hard on creating bonnets especially for the parade this week and everyone is very excited to be taking part."



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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:

Ashton

17/00719/LBC (13/05/2017) (LBRegs) Reconfiguration of stud walls to split first floor bathroom into two en suites. Reinstate previous landing opening at 1 Mill Cottages Oundle Rd Ashton PE8 5LB

Collyweston

17/00601/FUL (13/05/2017) (LB/CA) Build a three bay garage between two existing barns at 11 High St Collyweston PE9 3PW

17/00670/FUL (06/05/2017) (Info) To erect a white PVCU conservatory to the side of the property at 25 Westonville Collyweston PE9 3PT

Hargrave

17/00664/OHL (06/05/2017) (Info) Proposed new 11kv overhead electricity line installation at Hargrave at Brook St Hargrave

Irthlingborough

17/00629/FUL (13/05/2017) (LB/CA) Demolition of former Public House including ancillary buildings and residential development consisting of 3No 3-bedroom dwellings, 3No 2-bedroom dwellings and 2No 2-bedroom apartments (8 residential units in total) with associated access, parking and amenity space at The Horseshoe 67 High St Irthlingborough NN9 5PU

Nassington

17/00720/FUL (06/05/2017) (Info) Rear two storey extension and to convert garage into utility room at 5 Parkway Close Nassington PE8 6QF

Oundle

17/00566/VAR (06/05/2017) (Info) Variation of condition 7 and 9 pursuant to planning permission 11/00562/FUL dated 3611 - Erection of a detached dwelling following demolition of existing garages (Amended scheme following 08/01799/FUL) at Garages Adjacent 103 Glapthorn Rd Oundle PE8

17/00673/FUL (06/05/2017) (Info) Single storey rear extension at 28 Hillfield Rd Oundle PE8 4QP

Pilton

17/00618/FUL (13/05/2017) (LB/CA) (LBRegs) Minor repairs to the east window, replacement of 6 quarries in the north aisle north facing window, and for the installation of externally ventilated glazing to the major east creation window, 3 x Chancel windows and the south aisle east window at St Mary And All Saints Church Main St Pilton PE8 5SN

Polebrook

17/00541/FUL (13/05/2017) (LB/CA) Replacement soffits/ fascias/ gutters/ downpipes in cream and replacement windows/ french doors front and backdoor in chartwell green at Winspit House Main St Polebrook PE8 5LN

Raunds

17/00696/FUL (06/05/2017) (Info) Demolition of existing garage and erection of two storey side and single storey rear extensions at 4 De Ferneus Drive Raunds NN9 6SU

Rushden

17/00531/FUL (06/05/2017) (Info) Erection of detached two bedroom house at land adjacent 4 St James Close Rushden

17/00643/FUL (06/05/2017) (Info) Two storey extension to front, side and rear and rear single storey extension at 18 Wymington Rd Rushden NN10 9JX

17/00644/ADV (06/05/2017) (Info) Fascia sign - stainless steel fret cut logo on opal acrylic led internally illuminated core, fixed to stainless steel cross rail rear sign - vinyl flex face sign retained within back illuminated light box housing at Unit 14 South Terrace Rushden Lakes Rushden NN10 6FS

17/00656/ADV (06/05/2017) (Info) Individual illuminated mounted lettering at Unit 1C South Terrace Rushden Lakes Rushden NN10 6FS

17/00659/ADV (06/05/2017) (Info) Individual internally illuminated lettering to front of retail unit A3 at Unit 3 South Terrace Rushden Lakes Rushden NN10 6FS

17/00660/FUL (06/05/2017) (Info) Single storey rear and side extension, and repositioning of boundary fence at 27 Barnwell Drive Rushden NN10 9HP

17/00675/FUL (13/05/2017) (LB/CA) Change of use of premises from retail (A1) to taxi booking office (sui generis) at 113 High St Rushden NN10 0NZ

17/00700/FUL (06/05/2017) (Info) Removal of rear conservatory and side car port and erection of single storey rear extension and two storey side extension (Resubmission of 16/01045/FUL) at 322 Newton Rd Rushden NN10 0SY

17/00715/ADV (06/05/2017) (Info) 2 x fascia signs internally illuminated with individual lettering at Unit 4 Northwalk Rushden Lakes Rushden NN10 6FG

17/00730/ADV (06/05/2017) (Info) Illuminated fascia panel to shopfront at Unit 2 Southwalk Rushden Lakes Rushden NN10 6FH

Thurning

17/00082/FUL (13/05/2017) (Art8) Renovation of existing dwelling house and change of use and alterations to attached barns (to include demolition of existing pole barn and replacement with timber framed structure) to form extension to dwelling house at Thurning Lodge Winwick Rd Thurning PE8

Titchmarsh

17/00692/FUL (13/05/2017) (LB/CA) Demolition of the existing farm buildings and conversion of the remaining traditional barns to five residential units including landscaping, parking and access at Village Farm North Street

17/00714/FUL (13/05/2017) (LB/CA) Two storey rear extension and first floor extension over existing single storey rear element at 49 High St Titchmarsh NN14 3DF

Twywell

17/00565/FUL (13/05/2017) (LB/CA) (Art8) Conversion of agricultural building to residential dwelling at agricultural building and silos High Street Twywell

Warmington

17/00623/FUL (06/05/2017) (Info) Two storey extension to side and loft conversion (Resubmission of

16/02320/FUL) at 32 Big Green Warmington PE8 6TU

17/00667/FUL (06/05/2017) (Info) Single floor extension to the rear of the property to be built in matching materials with sloped roof at rear (Resubmission of 17/00242/FUL) at 22 Orchard Close Warmington PE8 6TX

The reason for applications being advertised is as follows:

Part 3 - Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 2015.

Part 16 - 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 22 April 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 April, wearing my Chairman's chain, I was photographed at the Nene Centre, Thrapston, with the Leader of the Council, Steven North, representatives of Freedom Leisure (the new contractors) and visitors at an informal press conference to mark the start of the new sport and leisure contract.

Chairman of ENC, Cllr Rupert Reichold at the Nene Centre, Thrapston for the launch of the new healthy and active contract with Freedom Leisure



The Nene Centre, built by East Northamptonshire Council some years ago, provides a wide range of gym and swimming facilities. We look forward to a happy association with Freedom Leisure in this work – and in the wider opportunities for encouraging keeping fit and healthy living generally. I enjoyed the informal talk with our contractor's staff and visitors to the centre.

On 23rd April, I look forward to Cllr Jim Harker's (the Chairman of Northamptonshire County Council) civic service at All Saints Church, Northampton and afterwards at The Judges' Lodgings, next to County Hall. All Saints Church is a very impressive building which I remember well from the 12 years I served as a county as well as a district councillor. The Judges' Lodgings, where we held some meetings, are also impressive heritage buildings and I look forward to reminiscing with former County Council colleagues about old times.

Cllr Harker, after many years service, is stepping down from county councillorship.

Northampton has an interesting history. Highlights include the Treaty of Northampton, when the young King Edward III's ministers made peace with Scotland – a good peace. Perhaps the Scottish plenipotentiaries, after spirited debates, enjoyed the Northampton cuisine and reminiscing with the English ambassadors, former adversaries, of past battles lost and won!

Northampton is our county 'capital'. It may look far away from the eastern side of the Nene Valley but is reachable in about 45 minutes by car. Northamptonshire County Council, as we know it, evolved from the medieval Shire Court, where decisions for Northamptonshire as a whole were reached, to the Quarter Sessions which did that work and magistrates' jurisdiction and to the separation of these duties, towards the end of the 19th century, when county councils came into being. You can have your say on who represents where you live in the NCC elections on 4th May. To find out more, visit www.northamptonshire.gov.uk

Cllr Rupert Reichold
Cllr & Chairman of East
Northamptonshire Council

Calling an ambulance for a sick cat? Make the right call

A sick cat, dandruff and someone who wanted us to do their shopping are just some of the inappropriate 999 calls our emergency call handlers have taken in the last month.

We answer over 2,000 999 calls a day from people requiring emergency medical assistance for cardiac arrests, strokes, breathing difficulties and serious injuries.

Sadly, some of the 999 calls are not for emergency situations and when one of our call handlers is on the phone to these inappropriate calls, they are not able to help someone in a real emergency.

This month, inappropriate calls have included a man who was kicked out of a club after a night out but had no money to get home, and someone who had been waiting in A&E for an hour and a half and called 999 rather than speak to the hospital reception.

Simon Tomlinson, General Manager for our Emergency Operations Centres, would like to remind people to only dial 999 in the event of a serious emergency and remember the other options available, such as calling NHS 111, contact their GP or a pharmacist, or visit an NHS Walk in Centre.

He said: "When you call 999 because someone is unconscious, not breathing, having chest pains or has the symptoms of a stroke, you are making the right call.

Our emergency call handlers are trained to deliver life-saving instructions over the phone and we will get help to you as quickly as possible.

"Every 999 call is assessed so that the

right help is provided to the right people, so you could receive the right treatment for you more quickly by contacting an alternative NHS service, particularly if your call is not a serious emergency."

Of the 66,621 999 calls we received in March, 6,450 of them were 'unknown' calls. These are often calls made by people who are not near the patient and so do not know what is wrong with them but are calling to report 'something they think they have seen'.

When our emergency call handlers are dealing with these calls, they cannot speak to

someone in a real emergency.

In March, our emergency call handlers were able to help many people in a genuine emergency, including 765 calls for people in cardiac or respiratory arrest, 5,417 calls for people with chest pain, 1,756 calls to report a stroke, and 5,498 calls for assistance with breathing difficulties.

Make the right call. Be #999wise.

10 inappropriate 999 calls received by East Midlands Ambulance Service in March:

1. A dead cat
2. Dandruff
3. Wants us to go shopping for her
4. Took dressing off blister on foot and now hurts to walk
5. Man called to say bitten by dog – but the incident was two months ago
6. Angry man kicked out of a club and has no money to get home as he spent all his money on night out
7. Bitten by hamster– Minor injury and plaster needed.
8. Sore on nose and waiting for GP to call back
9. Waiting in A&E for 1.5 hours so called 999
10. Man called for ambulance for his cat

Stage is set as Raunds Music Festival returns for sixteenth year

Where can you see or participate in the following all in one weekend?

Dancing, including a ceilidh and other traditional dancing on a market square. Watch Europe's number one Western Swing Band, the Swing Commanders.

See internationally acclaimed acts perform in concert, featuring Steve Tilston and Jez Lowe, the Askew Sisters and Fred's House.

Listen to local music groups including a Community Choir, a Ukulele Orchestra, cajun music supplied by Doughboy Zydecajun, the Wellingborough Folk Band, local musician Jessica Affia and a prize winning brass band.

Perform with other musicians at a Song'n'Tune session. Enjoy Comedy Corner with Les Barker and Sweet FA. Find out

about John Clare with Robin Hillman. Take part in musical activities for young children.

All of these are at the Raunds Music Festival, 27th–30th April 2017.

With this range of acts and activities it is not surprising that in this, their 16th year, they have been named by the independent travel site Travelmag as one of the best 10 festivals in the Midlands.

Spokesman Bob Fisher said: "We all love music, and have used our own experience to make contacts with acts who are up and coming, and to invite established artists. We like the fact that here at the Saxon Hall, the audience can see and hear the artists in a more intimate setting."

The energetic Swing Commanders hope that their Saturday Night Special, supported

by Doughboy Zydecajun, will have the Saxon Hall bouncing. The Sunday evening concert this year features Steve Tilston and Jez Lowe, two of the UK acoustic/folk scene's finest songwriters. They are supported by the Askew Sisters.

If you have not been to the Festival before why not try a session or two this year? Look for the detailed programme and book your tickets soon!

For all events buy tickets from local sellers in Raunds: Raunds Hardware & Pet Supplies, 83-85 Brook Street or Brook St Newsagents, 27 Brook Street or tickets can be booked online www.raundsfestival.com or ring the Festival Hotline: 07756 015615.



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Big happenings in Cotterstock

This summer the people of Cotterstock, a little village near Oundle, are celebrating the completion of an exciting project to refurbish the bells and bell frames in their church.

This has been possible due to fundraising by and generous donations from villagers, a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund and the Peterborough Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers.

Two of the bells were cast by Henry Penn of Peterborough in 1708, the other three by John Taylor Bell Foundry of Loughborough in 1878 who are refurbishing them and casting a new WW1 Memorial Bell as well. This new bell, to be known as the 'Rita Bond' bell, is in memory of a villager and has been generously funded by her family and friends.

The bells were taken down in June 2016 and many people enjoyed seeing them before they were trundled through the

churchyard in a manner reminiscent of when they arrived over three centuries ago. They are returning in June of this year and can be viewed in the base of the tower on the weekend of the 3rd–4th June from 12noon to 4pm alongside a display by the artist Angela Wright who works with wool. A recent exhibition of Angela's was held in January in Southwark Cathedral, London when their newly recast bells were dedicated, baptised and blessed by the Bishop of Southwark: her work can be viewed at www.angelawright.co.uk

People interested and involved in the project, including some of Rita's family and friends journeyed to the bell foundry on Thursday 6th April to see the new bell cast and Reverend Bond blessed the

molten metal. He can be seen in the picture stirring the molten metal to ensure that air bubbles don't ruin the cast.

To mark the completion of Cotterstock's project there will be a celebratory weekend on the 17th–18th June this year from 12noon to 4pm. The church, dating from 1330, will be decorated with floral displays, organ recitals will take place, flowerpot people will be in evidence throughout the village, gardens will be open, and homemade teas will be served in the village hall.

Also on Sunday 18th June at 6pm the bells will be rung for the first time and the Bishop of Peterborough will rededicate them in a special service to which everyone is welcome.



Local authors event with Jane Isaac, Helen Claire Gould and Peter Morrell

Friday 5th May at 7.30pm St Peter's Church, Oundle

The Festival of Literature is pleased to support and promote several very talented local authors. We have a very rich and varied group of authors in this area so please come along and find out more about them and their books; perhaps you will be inspired to read a new book, or motivated to put pen to paper yourself!

Jane Isaac: The Lies Within

Jane Isaac is an established crime author. Her first novel, *An Unfamiliar Murder*, published in the US, was nominated for Best Mystery in the eFestival of Words Best of the Independent eBook Awards (2013). *The Truth Will Out*, the second in the DCI Helen Lavery series, was nominated as 'Thriller of the Month - April 2014' by E-thriller.com and winner of Noveltunity book club selection in May 2014.

The Lies Within is the third novel in Jane's second series featuring DI Will Jackman and is set in Stratford upon Avon. Grace Bannister is distraught after her daughter's body is found in a Leicestershire country lane. With her family falling apart and the investigation going nowhere, Grace's only solace is the re-emergence of Faye, an old friend

who seems to understand her loss. DI Will Jackman delves into the case, until a family tragedy and a figure from his past threatens to derail him. When the police discover another victim, the spotlight falls on Grace. Can Jackman find the killer, before Grace is convicted of a crime she didn't commit?

Helen Claire Gould: Floodtide

Floodtide is set on icy Naxada, the Shiranu farm in lava tubes under a dormant volcano, avoiding hunter tribe the Sargussi. But the mutually-hostile tribes' world will soon be torn apart by natural forces. Planetary geologist and astronomer Jordas Krata, part of a team observing an incoming asteroid, becomes telepathically linked with Yado, a Sargussi man, as he cements a relationship with the lovely Shiranu female runaway Soolkah. Jordas enters this precarious balance of nature to rescue both tribes from the destruction about to rain down on them and help resettle them on a safer planet.

Helen is currently working on her second novel, *The Zarduth Imperative Discovery*, which she hopes will be ready for publication later this year. Helen also runs

Peterborough Fiction Fix on (usually) the first Sunday in the month at The Draper's Arms on Cowgate, Peterborough.

Peter Morrell: The Honourable Member

Peter qualified first as a solicitor and then as a barrister. He practised at the Bar until 1992, when he was appointed a circuit judge, trying criminal and civil cases in London and the East Midlands. Peter retired from the Circuit Bench in 2009, but continued to preside over Mental Health Tribunals until 2014.

Peter has been an observant Christian since childhood and, in 2008, was ordained a deacon of the Church of England; and a year later, a priest. He currently ministers in country parishes near his home where he has lived for over 40 years.

Peter's three novels are set in the village of Pepynbridge in North East Northamptonshire, a typically bucolic, middle-class rural community, peopled by a cross-section of folk, with St Aidan's Abbey as its parish church. Into this setting he introduces challenging and controversial issues and observes the reactions

to them within what reviewers have acknowledged are absorbing narratives.

In Peter's third novel *Ralph Waters QC*, gay, in his 50s, and a rich and successful commercial barrister, is The Honourable Member for the constituency of Pepynbridge Forest. Ralph asks Herbie Onion, the rector, to marry him and his partner Pascal in St Aidan's Abbey. When Herbie points out that it would be against the law, Ralph announces he is piloting a Private Members' Bill through the House of Commons to force the Church of England to recognise and conduct same gender marriages. Ralph's request is discussed by a deeply divided Parochial Church Council.



Tickets £5 available from the Oundle Box Office, 4 New Street, Oundle. Opening 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

Auction for Titchmarsh School

The Friends of Titchmarsh School auction has already raised well over £1,000 and is still running until 11pm on 29th April.

A variety of brand new designer items have been kindly donated by a parent, including a £850 Jimmy Choo black

leather handbag and various watches and jewellery. Many fun family activities are also up for auction, including a family pass to Woburn Safari Pass and another to Silverstone. If you would like to take part, check out the auction website at www.jumblebee.co.uk/fots_auction

People with allotments urged to be vigilant following break-ins

Officers are offering advice and appealing for witnesses following the break-in of sheds at an allotment site in Irthlingborough.

Four locked sheds were broken into at the site on Addington Road, between 4pm on Tuesday 11th April and 6am on Wednesday 12th April. While nothing was stolen, officers would like to make people aware so they can be vigilant and take action

to prevent this type of crime. PC Matt Hart said: "This is the time of the year many people start to attend their allotments, as a result a lot of tools and machinery are left in the sheds, often in a remote area. Unfortunately, criminals are also aware

that this is also the time of year that they can find sheds that are not secure with expensive items within and are targeting allotments.

"I would urge people not

To report suspicious activity contact the Police on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 111 555.

to leave expensive items and machinery inside sheds and to take expensive equipment home. Allotment associations could consider buying one lock-up such as a secondhand steel container, which can be secured very effectively to make entry extremely difficult."



Oundle Rotary Club & Barnwell Country Park planting for the future

Over the next 10 years the Woodland Trust is aiming to plant 64 million trees. They are giving out trees to anyone interested in planting them; whatever you want to plant, whether it's one tree in your garden or a whole wood. Oundle Rotary Club decided to take on the challenge.

Every sapling provided is UK sourced and grown to minimise the risk of importing and spreading tree pests and diseases. After partnering with Barnwell Country Park, Oundle Rotary applied for

their free tree pack, which has now arrived.

Senior Ranger, Matt Harrel, was given the choice of different tree packs and chose 'year round colour' consisting of 105 mixed trees of rowan, hawthorn, hazel, silver birch, dogwood and wild cherry which will give blossom from April to May and bright berries from July to November, with the leaves changing from vivid greens through to golden hues and gorgeous russet tones.

Planting took place on Wednesday 5th April at Barnwell Country Park.

Stanwick Bowls Club

Looking for a new interest, hobby or pastime? Then join Stanwick Bowls Club. It is not an expensive one.

An open evening is being arranged for Friday 19th May from 6pm onwards when any member of the public will be welcome to go along and have a go at Lawn Bowls. Initially the club will provide the required equipment but all those attempting to play will be expected to wear flat soled footwear.

The bowling green can be found within the recreation ground, which has a vehicular access and parking area towards the top end of Aris Lane in Stanwick.

Perhaps there are many residents of Raunds, Stanwick and the immediate surrounding area that are unaware that the public at large are entitled to use this leisure facility.

No advanced booking will be necessary – just turn up during the evening. Should anyone be interested in playing bowls during the coming summer but the above date is not a convenient one, you can go along on any subsequent Friday evening or Wednesday afternoon when there will be a number of the club members having roll-ups and they will be pleased to meet you.

Stroke awareness event in Oundle

High blood pressure causes over half of all strokes and over seven million people across the UK don't even know that they have the condition.

Oundle Rotary and the Stroke Association are joining forces to invite residents in Oundle and surrounding villages to take a moment to have a free blood pressure test, one of the biggest modifiable risk factors for stroke. Representatives will be on hand to offer advice and support on Saturday 13th May from 10am at 1 St

Osyths Lane, Oundle PE8 4BG.

Rotary is proud to work with the Stroke Association delivering blood pressure checking events. Stroke strikes every five minutes in the UK, but with events like these, it is hoped that this will change. A blood pressure test is quick and painless, and it could save your life.

Alexis Wieroniey, Deputy

Director of Policy at the Stroke Association, said: "There are over nine and a half million people in the UK with high blood pressure and seven million remain undiagnosed. It only takes a moment to check your blood pressure and maintaining a healthy blood pressure is one of the most important things you can do to reduce your risk of a stroke."

In addition to the event taking place in Oundle there will be blood pressure checks at community events throughout the year. To find your nearest blood pressure event, you can visit www.stroke.org.uk/kybp.

Three boilers worth nearly £3,000 stolen from homes on new Northamptonshire housing estate

Burglars using ladders stole boilers worth almost £3,000 from three houses on a new housing estate in Northamptonshire.

The thefts in Well Spring Close, Finedon, happened between 6pm on Thursday 13th April and 8am on Good Friday.

After removing the boilers, the thieves exited the homes via the front door and left the site, causing significant damage to the

kitchens of the three properties.

The boilers are white Worcester Greenstar combi-boilers and the offenders must have used a van to transport the stolen property in and out of the site which leads to Thrapston Road.

Anyone with information can call Northamptonshire Police on 101 or Crimestoppers, in confidence on 0800 555111.



PUBLIC EXHIBITION AT RUSHDEN HALL

FROM 29TH MARCH – 2ND MAY 2017
10am-4pm (MONDAY TO FRIDAY)

The Rushden Plan is a Neighbourhood Plan being prepared and progressed by Rushden Town Council under the provision of the Localism Act 2011.

This plan is Rushden's opportunity to influence what type of place it wants to be for future generations. The Neighbourhood Plan covers a range of topics including housing, employment, open space and leisure, connectivity, the town centre and design and conservation.

We have already undertaken town wide consultation in the form of an initial Communications and Participation Strategy and a Main Issues Consultation, both of which were delivered to every home in Rushden. We have also undertaken numerous public exhibitions at events within the town and have visited many groups and organisations.

After taking all comments and suggestions on board, we have now produced a final draft Neighbourhood Plan.

The draft plan will also be available for viewing on the Rushden Town Council website along with a questionnaire. We hope you will take the opportunity to view the plan and feedback any comments.

Following the close of the consultation, the Town Council will collate and review all of the responses received and carefully consider any amendments to be made to the Plan before it is formally submitted to East Northamptonshire Council. Following consultation with ENC, the Plan will be published for a further period of formal consultation before it can be submitted for examination by an independent Examiner and then finally to proceed to a referendum vote later this year.



East Northants Snooker League

The ENSL Winter season came to an official end on Monday 10th April. The finals of the two pinnacle tournaments took place; the Handicap Singles and the Scratch Singles.

These are the tournaments that all players would love to win, to put their name on the trophy, to win the cash prize, but, most importantly, to feel that overwhelming

sense of pride. Both finals were played as 'Best of 7 Frames' and took place at the Windmill Snooker Club in Rushden on adjacent tables.

The matches were refereed by the ENSL Committee and all four finalists were dressed smartly for the occasion. In addition to the players, the tables also looked fantastic, thank you to the Windmill staff. It was great to see

so many league members turning up as spectators for these matches and to support their fellow players.

The Scratch Singles Final, sponsored by the Pie Place Rushden, was played between Matt Barcock of Windmill Mecca and Michael Dicks of Windmill Warriors. Barcock was the favourite going into the match as the highest ranked player from last year as well as helping his team Mecca

win the overall league this year. Not surprisingly, Barcock quickly went 2-0 up, albeit in a rather scrappy exchange. But Michael Dicks fought hard to win the next frame to get back to 2-1, letting out a loud roar as he potted an important black. Despite Michael's efforts, Barcock won the next two frames with breaks of 30 and 40, and he won the match 4-1 quite comfortably

in the end. Michael commented afterwards that he was disappointed that he couldn't produce a better standard on the night. Congratulations to Matt Barcock, once more proving that he is the strongest player in the league.

On the other table, Marc Brett of Windmill C and James Docherty of Islip WMC contested the Handicap Singles Final. This was sponsored by Mastercue Finedon. Whilst Marc Brett was the higher ranked of the two players, due to the handicap, a 28 point headstart in favour of James, it was impossible to pick a winner. As expected, the first frame was rather tense, but Marc managed to clear the colours to go 1-0 up. Marc struggled with his long potting in the next frame and James

managed to win the second, to go 1-1. Docherty carried on this momentum in the next frame to go 2-1. Marc rattled in a 45 break in the next frame to go 2-2. They shared the next two frames to put it to a final frame decider. Marc appeared to raise his game considerably, playing excellent pots and safety shots. He finished up with a fine break of 55 putting the frame and match beyond the reach of Docherty. A great final, well done to both players.

We are now preparing for the presentation evening on Saturday 13th May at the Windmill Snooker Club in Rushden. All the winners and runners-up will receive their well-deserved trophies and prizes. This promises to be an enjoyable evening for all the members and league sponsors.



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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Wow! What hard work you have all put in. Amazing.
Thank you!! – R. W., Yaxley
Lovely – even more tempting! – T. B., Barton Seagrave
Better than ever!! – J.C., Felmersham
First visit – won't be my last – S. R., Sawby

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 6th May - With Special Guest Demonstrator DAWN BIBBY!!

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.

DAWN BIBBY!

We are delighted to confirm that TV Craft Superstar Dawn Bibby will be joining us on Saturday 6th May.

Dawn will demonstrate her exciting new "Dawn Bibby Creations" range of products (stamps, dies and embellishments) for Craft Buddy.



FOCUS ON FELTING

Work by Clare Bullock



This month we have all aspects of 'Felting' covered by our two popular demonstrators Kayt Iles (showing all aspects of 'Needle Felting') & Clare Bullock (who will introduce us to the basics of 'Wet Felting').



Tuesday 25th April
Arts & Crafts – Paint a Fantasy Garden on a Wooden Mirror
 Ringstead Village Social Club
 10am-4pm, £30 booking essential
 01933 460676
 Includes wooden mirror and painting project book to take home and paint more projects.

Higham Ferrers Footpath Group
 Saffron Road car park, Higham Ferrers for car sharing
 9.25am
 01933 387991
 9 mile walk from Harrold.

Nightingale walk
 Glaphorn Cow Pastures
 Meet in Green Lane opposite reserve
 8pm
 Keith Alvey 01832 272666
 Walk to hear nightingales in reserve. Location on road to Benefield from Glaphorn.

Thursday 27th April
Arts & Crafts – First time painting for watercolourists: Deserted Beach
 Ringstead Village Social Club
 10am-1.30pm, £17 booking essential
 01933 460676
 Always wanted to paint using watercolours? This is so simple, ensuring you achieve an excellent result.

Rushden Flower Arrangement Club
 Full Gospel Church Hall, Bedford Road, Rushden
 Demonstration 7pm for 7.30pm start. New member and visitors welcome, membership £30, visitors £6
 Jo Poulter – ‘All Shapes & Sizes’. Raffle of designs and refreshments. For more information please contact us via our Facebook page The Rushden Flower Arrangement Club.

Raunds Music Festival
 The Globe, Raunds
 8pm-11pm, free
www.raundsfestival.com or call the Festival Hotline 07756 015615.
 Song ‘n’ Tune Session hosted by members of Tautas Roks and Ock’n’Dough.

Friday 28th April
How to Read Water: An Evening with Tristan Gooley, The Natural Navigator
 St Peter’s Church, Oundle PE8 4AL
 7.45pm-8.45pm
 Tickets £8 (£6), available from the Oundle Box Office, 01832 274734
 Helen 07743988181 for any queries. Tristan shares knowledge, skills, tips and useful observations to reveal the secrets of ponds, puddles, oceans and more to help you enjoy the landscape and help you understand the water around you.

Raunds Music Festival Ceilidh
 Saxon Hall, Raunds
 8pm-11pm, adult £10, child £1.
www.raundsfestival.com or ring the Festival Hotline: 07756 015615.
 Ceilidh with music from Tautas Roks and the Raunds Ukulele Orchestra.

Saturday 29th April
Arts & Crafts – Folk Art Floral Circle on Wood
 Stanwick Lakes
 10.15am-2.45pm, £23 booking essential
 01933 460676

Come and paint this stunning easy one stroke flower painting on a wooden circle.

Eileen Wade Duck Dash
 Upper Dean Bridge, Upper Dean PE28 0ND
 11am, free
 07740450897
 Get your wellies ready to chase your duck to the finish line! Family fun.

The Swivel Club Charity presents The Jets with full supporting disco
 Rushden Bowls Club, Northampton Road NN10 6AN
 8pm till late, tickets £15 are available at www.swivelclub.org.uk or hotline 07738080470, also available at Rushden Bowls Club 01933 312680
 The Jets return by popular demand, local Northampton band as seen on several TV shows.

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 more.

Craft & Vintage Fair
 Working Men’s Club, Westfields Terrace
 Higham Ferrers
 9am-1pm, free
 Louise - rainbowcraftevents@yahoo.co.uk
 Twenty stalls selling handmade and vintage items. Wartime cookery demo 11am and sweet rationing. Refreshments.

Baby and Kids Nearly New Sale
 The Pemberton Centre, Rushden
 10am-12noon, entrance £1, kids free.
 Lots of preloved items (Toys, Clothes, DVDs, Maternity clothes and equipment) at a fraction of the high street cost! Refreshments available. To book a stall £10 please email karen_aves@hotmail.co.uk

Meditation and Mindfulness Course: Positivity Boost
 Oundle Suite, Fletton House, Oundle PE8 4JA
 10.30am-1pm, £15
www.drolmacentre.org.uk/oundle.html or info@drolmacentre.org.uk
 01733 755444
 Boost positive mental energy by training in meditation and bring peace of mind and contentment.

Raunds Music Festival Musical Crafts
 Library, Raunds.
 11am-12noon, free
www.raundsfestival.com or ring the Festival Hotline 07756 015615.
 Musical Crafts for Young Children.

Raunds Music Festival Dancing on the Square
 Town Square, Raunds
 10am-12noon, free
www.raundsfestival.com or ring the Festival Hotline: 07756 015615.
 Dancing on the Square with Moulton Morris and Irchester Morris.

Raunds Music Festival Evening Concert
 Saxon Hall, Raunds
 8pm-11pm, adult £18, child £1
www.raundsfestival.com or ring the Festival Hotline 07756 015615.
 Evening Concert featuring The

Swing Commanders and Doughboy Zydecacjun.
Raunds Music Festival Afternoon Concert
 Saxon Hall, Raunds
 2pm-5pm, adult £8, child £1
www.raundsfestival.com or ring the Festival Hotline 07756 015615.
 Afternoon Concert featuring Fred’s House, Toby Noble, Jessica Afia and Wellingborough Folk Band.

Saturday 29th & Sunday 30th April
Art Exhibition –Tamsin Edwards & Marlene Snee
 Chichele College, College St, Higham Ferrers NN10 8DX
 Sat 9am-5pm & Sun 10am-4pm
 Free admission to the college, exhibition and medieval garden.

Sunday 30th April
Raunds Music Festival Luncheon Song’n’tune Session
 Check venue on website
 12noon-3pm, free
www.raundsfestival.com or ring the Festival Hotline 07756 015615
 Song ‘n’ Tune Session hosted by members of Ock’n’Dough.

Raunds Music Festival Evening Folk Concert
 Saxon Hall, Raunds
 8pm-11pm, adult £18, child £2
www.raundsfestival.com or ring the Festival Hotline 07756 015615
 Evening Folk Concert: Jez Lowe and Steve Tilston, The Askew Sisters and Jessica Afia.

Raunds Music Festival, John Clare
 Saxon Hall, Raunds
 5.30pm-6.30pm, adult £5, child £1
www.raundsfestival.com or ring the Festival Hotline 07756 015615
 Robin Hillman as John Clare, the famous poet.

Raunds Music Festival Comedy Corner
 Saxon Hall, Raunds
 3pm-5pm, adult £8, child £1.
www.raundsfestival.com or ring the Festival Hotline 07756 015615.
 Comedy Corner with Les Barker and Sweet FA.

Raunds Music Festival Concert – Raunds Temperance Band
 Saxon Hall, Raunds
 1pm-2pm, adult £5, child £1 or Combo ticket with Community Choir Band £6
www.raundsfestival.com or ring the Festival Hotline 07756 015615.

Raunds Music Festival, Raunds Community Choir
 Saxon Hall, Raunds.
 11am-12noon, adult £5, child £1 or Combo ticket with Temperance Band £6
www.raundsfestival.com or ring the Festival Hotline 07756 015615.

Higham Ferrers Footpath Group
 Saffron Road car park, Higham Ferrers for car sharing
 9.15am
 01933 359237
 6 mile walk from Wilstead.

Sunday 30th April & Monday 1st May
Short Wood Open Days
 Short Wood Nature Reserve on the Oundle to Southwick road
 10am-4pm both days
 Free, donations welcomed
 Keith Alvey 01832 272666
 Guided walks around Bluebell Wood at 11am and 2.30pm. Teas in Glaphorn village hall both days.

Wednesday 3rd May
What Goes on in ‘The Garden’ – Insight into the RHS magazine
 Methodist Hall, Drummingwell Lane, Oundle PE8 4AA
 7.45pm, £2 patrons £3 visitors
 01832 272623
 An Oundle Horticultural Society illustrated talk, free light refreshments, all welcome.

Thursday 4th May
Nightingale walk in Glaphorn Cow Pastures
 Glaphorn reserve on road to Benefield
 8pm
 Keith Alvey 01832 72666
 A walk to hear Nightingales in reserve. Reserve is on road to Benefield from Glaphorn.

Friday 5th May
Film: Trumbo (15)
 Ringstead Village Hall, High Street
 Doors open 7pm, film starts 7.30pm, tickets £5
 01933 460373
 The true story of a major screenwriter’s career devastated by anti-communism in 1950s Hollywood.

Saturday 6th May
Thrapston and District U3A Open Day
 The Plaza, Cosy Nook, Thrapston NN14 4PS
 10am-2pm, free
 Ann Carter 07542775603
 Come and celebrate our 5th Birthday with us. Visitors are most welcome.

Coffee Morning with Table Top Sale
 St Peters Catholic Church Hall, Hayway, Rushden NN10 6AG
 11am-1pm
 Please call to book a table for £6.

Sunday 7th May
Higham Ferrers Footpath Group
 Saffron Road car park, Higham Ferrers for car sharing
 9.30am
 01933 387991
 6 mile walk from Islip.

By Appointment
Counselling & Listening Service
 No 1 St Osyth’s Lane, Oundle, Northants PE8 4BG
 These services are free
 Marilyn 07936015965

Housing, benefits and employment advice
 No 1 St Osyth’s Lane, Oundle, Northants PE8 4BG
 01832 770010/
office@oundlebaptist.org.uk

Half-Term
All-age Touch Typing Club
 9.30am-10.30am Mon-Fri
 Diane Gifford 07432 123 438
 Learn or Refresh your skill £15 course intro with coffee.

Every Monday
Islip Ladies Choir
 Thrapston Church Hall
 2pm-3.30pm
 Barbara 01536 394431

Yoga Classes
 Denford Village Hall
 9am-10am, £4 per session
 Anita Hackney 01832 733274

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

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

Spanish Tuition
 The Old Town Hall, Market Place, Oundle
 9am-8pm, £25 per class
 01832 776336/
info@antlerlanguages.co.uk

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
 Barbara Finch 01832 733154

Phoenix Gaming Club (Age 12+)
 The Rushden Scouts Hall, Brooke Close behind Orbit Tyres (Skinners Lane, Rushden NN10 0XH)
 7pm-11pm, membership £5 pa
 Aron 07739563657/
aron.phoenix@virginmedia.com

Art Classes (10 weeks)
 Knuston Hall, Knuston
 7-9pm, 10 Lessons £100
 Jamie 07899 676769

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

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
Music & Movement for over-55's.

Every Tuesday (term time) Toddlers' Drop In
No 1 St Osyth's Lane, Oundle
9.15am-11.30am, free
01832 770010/
office@oundlebaptist.org.uk

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

1st Tuesday of every month Great Companions (singles 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

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

Higham Ferrers Guided Tour
Groups of 6 minimum. Trained guides. Tea & cakes, optional.
01933 411191

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

50+ Adventure Club
For further information
01536 505548/www.fiftyplus
northantsadventureclub.org.uk

Every Tuesday & Thursday Health Walks Stanwick Lakes
10am-11am, free, car park charges
01933 625522/
www.stanwicklakes.org.uk

Every Tuesday, Thursday & Friday Whist Drive
Rushden Bowls Club
Northampton Road, Rushden

7.30pm, £2
01933 313714

Every Tuesday & Saturday Coffee Mornings
St James Church, Thrapston
10am-12noon
01832 730019

Every Wednesday Ladies Archery Pemberton Maid Marions
The Pemberton Centre, H E Bates
Way NN10 9YP
Diane 01933 314032 or
Nicki 01933 395913

Short Mat Bowls
Islip Village Hall
2pm-4pm, £3
01832 733154

Tai Chi
Chelveston Village Hall
2pm-3pm, £5

Dog Training and Socialisation and Ringcraft
Halefield, Woodnewton, nr Oundle
Classes from 6.45pm
01832 293432/oundledogs@aol.com/www.oundledogs.co.uk

Rainbow Cafe for Tots
Stanwick Lakes
10.30am-12noon and 1.30pm
(term time only), £2.50 per child –
car park charges apply.
01933 625522/
www.stanwicklakes.org.uk

Club Night
Apthorpe Tennis Club
From 6pm

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

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

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

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The Old Town Hall,

Market Place, Oundle
9.30am-12.30pm, £25 per week
01832 776336/
info@antlerlanguages.co.uk

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

Ringstead's Beat Bugs
Ringstead Shared Church
NN14 4DA
2pm-2.45pm, £21/6-week session
(£3.50 per week)
Angela 01933 622316/
rbc-rsc@angeladavis.net

Jelly Babes Toddler Group
Rushden Independent
Wesleyan Church
9.15am

Yoga Class
Masonic Hall, Rushden
9.30am-10.30am, £5 per session.
Pay as you come.
07873743256/
carole.wyatt@virginmedia.com
Starting soon. Suitable for
beginners, all ages and abilities.

Every Wednesday (term time) Community ICT Classes
Needham Building, Oundle School
SciTec, Glapthorn Road, Oundle
2.30pm-4pm
01832 277267 to enrol

Tiny Tots
Oundle Cof E Primary School,
Glapthorn Road
1.45pm

660 Club (Age 60+)
Two Acre Club, off Milton Road
2.15pm-3.45pm
Afternoon tea and entertainment
hosted by Oundle pupils.

Allegra Singers – Three-part ladies choir
Music room, Sports Pavilion, Islip
7.30-9.30pm, £3 per session
Veronica 01832 732611/
07753 472225

Every alternate Wednesday Psychic & Spiritual Awareness Development Group
Rushden
1pm-3pm or 7.30pm-9.30pm,
£7 per session
Renalta Hall 07712 740495

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

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

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

2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month Northants Model Makers
Windmill Primary School,
Raunds NN9 6LA
Main meeting starts 7.30ish
First couple of meetings free
Bob Humpage 07960 054405/
modelmaker@tiscali.co.uk

NWR – linking lively minded women
Dovedale, 1 Herne Park,
East Road, Oundle

7.30pm-7.45pm
Carol 01832 270061

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

Higham and Rushden U3A
Pemberton Centre, Rushden
2pm, visitors always welcome to
attend (£3 charge)
www.highamandrushdenu3a.org.uk

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

Wednesday & Thursday Free Counselling
No.1 St. Osyth's Lane Oundle
By appointment 0793 6015965

Wednesday & Saturday East Northants Athletics Club – 'Getting Kids Into Athletics'
The Ferrers School, Higham Ferrers
Wed 6-7pm, Sat 9-10am, £4 per
session or Wed & Sat £7
Graham Bufton 07788 698883/
grahambufton.ena@gmail.com

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

The Silver Fox Woodturning Club
Dale End Scout Headquarters,
Croyland Rd, Wellingborough
10am-1pm, £2 all members
Mick Webb 01933 682517

Move to Health
No 1 St Osyth's Lane, Oundle
2.15pm-3pm
office@oundlebaptist.org.uk/
01832 770010

Thursday Drop-In
No 1 St Osyth's Lane, Oundle
10am-2pm
01832 770010/
office@oundlebaptist.org.uk

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

Short Mat Bowls
Wymington Memorial Hall
1.45pm-4pm, £2 admission
Mrs Smith 01933 355960

Olde and Sequence Dancing
Woodford Sports and Social Club
7.30pm-9.30pm, £2
Dorothy 01832 732534 or
Keith 01832 731896

Every Thursday (term time) Music Makers
Titchmarsh Pavilion
9.30am-10.15am, £4 per child,
£2 for siblings
Naomi Cooper on
musicmakersnorthants@gmail.com

Music Makers
Joan Strong Centre, Oundle
11.15am-12noon, £4 per child,
£2 for siblings
Naomi Cooper on
musicmakersnorthants@gmail.com

Little Treasures Tots Group
St Laurence's Church, Stanwick

9.30am-11am,
donations to cover costs
Nicki 01933 625658

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

Community Art Classes
Oundle School Art Department
7.30pm-8.30pm, free classes for
people with a disability.

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

Adult & Child Swim Sessions
Oundle School Swimming Pool,
Milton Road Oundle
9.15-9.45am, booked in advance
as a block (£4.75 per lesson)
01832 277208/277195

1st Thursday of the month Raunds District History Society
Saxon Hall, Raunds
7.30pm-9.30pm
£3 each, includes refreshments
Secretary 01933 461480

3rd Thursday of the month Painting Class with Nick Baldwin
Chelveston Village Hall,
10am-4pm, £17 per session
Janet Lowe 01933 389647.

Ise & Nene Valley Turners
Counties Community Centre,
Hertford Rd, Kettering NN15 6LG
7pm, members free, visitors £7
Peter Bond 01933 741835/
peterbond@btinternet.com

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

Every Friday Walk and Chat
Rushden Hall Park, under flag
pole
10am
Sue Mckay 07739 327022/
sue.mckay@groundwork.org.uk

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

French Beginners
The Old Town Hall,
Market Place, Oundle
6pm-7.30pm, £25 per class
01832 776336/info@
antlerlanguages.co.uk

Every Friday (term time) Over 60s FREE swim
Oundle School Swimming Pool,
Milton Road, Oundle
3pm-3.45pm
01832 277208/277195

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

Most Fridays Local Focus 'explorations'
Various East Northants locations
9.30am-12.30pm/2.30pm
£3 per re-usable map
01933 461480

1st Friday of the month (Check before travelling) Craft Cafe

Stanwick Lakes
10.30am-1pm, modest charge for
some materials – car park
charges
01933 625522/
www.stanwicklakes.org.uk

Oundle Evergreen Club
2.30pm in the Victoria Hall for tea
and cakes plus entertainment.
01832 273826/272340

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

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

Former Carers Group
No 1 St Osyth's Lane,
Oundle PE8 4BG
2pm-3.30pm, free
01832 770010/
office@oundlebaptist.org.uk

3rd Friday of the month (Check before travelling) Stanwick Stitches
Stanwick Lakes
10.30am, free, car park charges.
01933 625522 or Pauline on
01933 229817/
www.stanwicklakes.org.uk

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

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

2nd Saturday of the month It's All Greek to Me – Greek cookery classes
Fletton House, Oundle
9am-3pm
Andreas Panos 01832 720043

Coffee 'n' Cakes
Oundle Methodist Church,
Drummingwell Lane
(behind the Talbot Hotel)
10am-12noon
John Hewitson 01832 272209

WE Watch
Stanwick Lakes
01933 625522/
wewatchstanwick@hotmail.co.uk

Oundle Farmers' Market
Market Place, Oundle
8am-1.30pm
Oundle Town Council
01832 272055

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

Phoenix Group
Stanwick Lakes
01933 625522/
wewatchstanwick@hotmail.co.uk

Messy Church
Rushden Salvation Army,
Church Street, Rushden
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George Ellitson 01933 313106



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 Barton Seagrave 7.45 - 8.45pm starts 2nd May

Wednesday
 Personal Training 10.30 - 11.30am
 Yelden 6 - 7pm starts 31st May
 Yelden 7.15 - 8.15pm starts 31st May

Thursday
 Oundle 9.30 - 10.30am starts 11th May
 Rushden 1.30 - 2.30pm starts 15th Jun
 Rushden 6.15 - 7.15pm starts 15th Jun
 Rushden 7.30 - 8.30pm starts 15th Jun

Friday
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David Hamblin
BSC HMI

You may well ask why I want to be a county councillor. There is no doubt that the budget for the County Council is well over £800,000,000 to provide the services you need, ie: police, education, highways etc.

Instead of grumbling on the sidelines, I want to be there to try to make a difference on your behalf. Also, the power of the County Council gives it a direct conversation with Central Government.

Besides the principles of the party, I have very personal objectives which are:

- 1) I will push nationally for an immediate 10% increase on the state pension as a one-off to compensate for the three reductions that pensioners had to take, plus the continuing suggestion that old age pensioners are too well off.
- 2) I shall fight for the triple lock for pensioners.
- 3) The NHS is sacred and should stop being used as a political football.
- 4) I will ask the awkward questions and fight to get the answers for you.
- 5) I will support improvements in our environment through properly planned developments that would be an advantage to our county.
- 6) To support all and any measures to protect our way of life in this green and pleasant land.

I've enjoyed an active business life and although now retired, I take a tremendous interest as a councillor on Higham Ferrers Town Council in local affairs.

Sincerely,
R.D. Hamblin

P.S. please give me the vote to fight for you and this country.

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THE EAST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL
(19 CARNEGIE STREET, RUSHDEN)
COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER 2016

The Housing Act 1985
And the Acquisition of Land Act 1981

- Notice is hereby given that the East Northamptonshire District Council, in exercise of the powers of the confirming authority under the above Acts, on 14th March 2017 confirmed the East Northamptonshire District Council (19 CARNEGIE STREET, RUSHDEN) Compulsory Purchase Order 2016 made by it. No objections to the order were received within the permitted period and consequently notification was given by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government that the power to confirm the order may be exercised by the acquiring authority in accordance with section 14A of the Acquisition of Land Act 1981.
 - The order as confirmed provides for the purchase for the purposes of the provision of housing accommodation on the land as described in the Schedule hereto.
 - A copy of the order as confirmed by the East Northamptonshire District Council and of the map referred to therein have been deposited at East Northamptonshire District Council's offices at Cedar Drive, Thrapston, Northamptonshire NN14 4LZ and may be seen at all reasonable hours.
 - The order as confirmed becomes operative on the date on which this notice is first published. A person aggrieved by the order may, by application to the High Court within 6 weeks from that date, challenge its validity under section 23 of the Acquisition of Land Act 1981. The grounds for challenge can be that the authorisation granted by the order is not empowered to be granted or that there has been a failure to comply with any relevant statutory requirement relating to the order.
- The grounds for challenge can be that the authorisation granted by the order is not empowered to be granted or that there has been a failure to comply with any relevant statutory requirement relating to the order.
- Once the order has become operative, East Northamptonshire District Council may acquire any of the land described in Schedule 1 below by executing a general vesting declaration under section 4 of the Compulsory Purchase (Vesting Declarations) Act 1981. A statement on the effect of Parts II and III of that Act is set out in Schedule 2 below.
 - Every person who, if a general vesting declaration were executed under section 4 of that Act in respect of the land comprised in the order (other than land in respect of which notice to treat has been given), would be entitled to claim compensation in respect of any such land, is invited to give information to the East Northamptonshire District Council at Cedar Drive, Thrapston, Northamptonshire NN14 4LZ about the person's name, address and interest in land, using a prescribed form. The relevant prescribed form is set out in Schedule 3 below.

SCHEDULE 1
LAND COMPRISED IN THE ORDER AS CONFIRMED

19 Carnegie Street, Rushden, Northamptonshire, having an approximate area of 129m2 (part of which is registered at the Land Registry with title number NN141885)

SCHEDULE 2
FORM OF STATEMENT OF EFFECT OF PARTS II AND III OF THE COMPULSORY PURCHASE (VESTING DECLARATIONS) ACT 1981

Power to make General Vesting Declaration

- Once the East Northamptonshire District Council (19 Carnegie Street, Rushden) Order 25016 has become operative the East Northamptonshire District Council (hereinafter called "the Council") may acquire any of the land described in Schedule 1 above by executing a General Vesting Declaration under section 4 of the Compulsory Purchase (Vesting Declarations) Act 1981 ("the Act"). This has the effect, subject to paragraphs 3 and 5 below, of vesting the land in the Council at the end of the period mentioned in paragraph 2 below.

Notices concerning General Vesting Declaration

- As soon as may be after the Council make a General Vesting Declaration, they must serve notice of it on every occupier of any of the land specified in the Declaration (except land where there is one of the tenancies described in paragraph 4) and on every person who gives them information relating to the land in pursuance of the invitation contained in the confirmation notice of the order. When the service of notices of the General Vesting Declaration is completed, a period specified in the declaration, of not less than three months, will begin to run. On the first day after the end of this period the land described in the Declaration will, subject to what is said in paragraph 3 and 5, vest in the Council together with the right to enter on the land and take possession of it. Every person on whom the Council could have served a notice to treat in respect of his interest in the land (other than a tenant under one of the tenancies described in paragraph 4) will be entitled to claim compensation for the acquisition of his interest in the land, with interest on the compensation from the vesting date.
- The "vesting date" for any land specified in a declaration will be the first day after the end of the period mentioned in paragraph 2 above, unless a counter-notice is served under Schedule A1 to the Act within that period. In such circumstances, the vesting date for the land which is the subject of the counter-notice will be determined in accordance with Schedule A1.

Modifications with respect to certain tenancies

- In the case of certain tenancies, the position stated above is subject to modifications. The modifications apply where the tenancy is either a "minor tenancy", ie a tenancy for a year of a yearly tenancy of a lesser interest, or "a long tenancy which is about to expire". The latter expression means a tenancy granted for an interest greater than a minor tenancy but having on the vesting date a period still to run which is not more than the period specified in the declaration for this purpose (which must be more than a year). In calculating how long a tenancy has still to run, where any option to renew or to terminate it is available to either party, it shall be assumed that the landlord will take every opportunity open to him to terminate the tenancy while the tenant will use every opportunity to retain or renew his interest.
- The modifications are that the Council may not exercise the right of entry referred to in paragraph 2 in respect of land subject to a tenancy described in paragraph 4 unless they first serve notice to treat in respect of the tenancy and then serve every occupier of the land with a notice of their intention to enter and take possession after the period (not less than three months from the service of the notice) specified in the notice. The right of entry will be exercisable at the end of that period. The vesting of the land will be subject to the tenancy until the end of that period or until the tenancy comes to an end, whichever happens first.

SCHEDULE 3
THE EAST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL
(19 CARNEGIE STREET, RUSHDEN)
COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER 2016

To: East Northamptonshire District Council, Cedar Drive, Thrapston, East Northamptonshire, NN14 4LZ

[I] [We] being [a person] [persons] who, if a General Vesting Declaration were made under Section 4 of the Compulsory Purchase (Vesting Declarations) Act 1981 in respect of all the land comprised in the Compulsory Purchase Order cited above in respect of which Notice to Treat has not yet been given, would be entitled to claim compensation in respect of [all] [part of] that land, give you the following information, pursuant to the provisions of Section 15 of, or paragraph 6 of Schedule 1, to the Acquisition of Land Act 1981.

- Name and address of informant[s] (i)
 - Land in which an interest is held by informant[s] (ii)
 - Nature of interest (iii)
- Signed [on behalf of] Date.....

- In the case of a joint interest insert the names and addresses of all the informants.
- The land should be described concisely.
- If the interest is leasehold, the date of commencement and length of term should be given. If the land is subject to a mortgage or other incumbrance, details should be given, eg name of Building Society and Roll Number.

DATED this 22nd day of April 2017

David Oliver, Chief Executive
East Northamptonshire District Council,
Cedar Drive, Thrapston Northamptonshire NN14 4LZ

Chess Corner



By Derrick Sims

Silver King League

All the games have now been concluded in the Silver King League II. As reported previously the honours went to Oundle School, who ended up with a seven point lead over runners-up, Rushden B. Rushden C played their final game at home against Chess Mates D on 3rd April. Their previous encounter earlier in the season resulted in a convincing win for the Northampton side, so Rushden needed an outstanding performance to avoid defeat again.

James Wicks proved to be the comeback kid. At three pawns down against Roberto, the situation was looking decidedly dodgy. In a final throw of the dice James decided to launch

an attack against his opponent's King. In what proved to be a brilliant endgame, Roberto resigned in the face of a certain checkmate.

Sarah Collins meanwhile was engaged in a tough battle against Mick Buswell. This was finally decided when Sarah gained a Rook advantage, leaving Mick with no path to victory. With losses for Eddie Francolini and myself the outcome of the match now rested with the result on board 2. Tom Murts was in a challenging game against the much higher

graded Nigel Turner but acquitted himself well, leaving the game and the match drawn.

Silver King League II

Monday 3rd April

Rushden C 2½ - 2½ Chess Mates D

Bd1: James Wicks (79) 1-0

Roberto Sanchez-Martinez (U)

Bd2: Tom Murts (61) ½ Nigel Turner (113)

Bd3: Sarah Collins (63) 1-0

Mick Buswell (89)

Bd4: Derrick Sims (47) 0-1 Tim Broad (88)
Bd5: Eddie Francolini (34) 0-1 Andy Reed (83)

Board 1 Game

SKL 16-17 Rushden C v Chess Mates D, Bd1
White: J.Wicks (79, Rush C) v Black:

R.Sanchez-Martinez (U, CMD)

ECO: A56 Benoni: 2...c5 3.e3 g6

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 c5 3. e3 g6 4. d5 Bg7 5. Nf3 O-O 6. Be2 d6 7. O-O Bd7 8. Nc3 Na6 9. a3 Rb8 10. Re1 Ng4 11. h3 Ne5 12. Nh2 f5 13. e4 Qc8 14. f3 fxe4 15. Nxe4 Bxh3 16. f4 Bxg2 17. Kxg2 Nd7 18. Ng5 Nc7 19. Bg4 Qe8 20. Rh1 Nf6 21. Be6+ Nxe6 22. Nxe6 Rf7 23. Qe2 Nh5 24. Nf3 Rf5 25. Nh4 Rf7 26. Be3 Bh6 27. Raf1 Kh8 28. b3 Qg8 29. Nf3 Bxf4 30. Bxf4 Nxf4+ 31. Nxf4 Rxf4 32. Ng5 Qf8 33. Rxh7+ Kg8 34. Rx4 Qxf4 35. Qe6+ Black resigns.

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