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Successful season

Thrapston Ladies FC have completed a Double this season winning the Northamptonshire Women's League and League Cup. The league Cup final was preceded by a minute's applause for Thrapston Junior Ben Walker who tragically passed away playing for his club and the players wore shirts bearing his name and number in his memory. The club welcomes any enquiries from potential new players aged 16 and above.

Motorcyclist injured

A motorcyclist sustained serious injuries during a collision on the A45 between Raunds and the A14 on Sunday, 28th May. The collision took place at about 3pm and involved the motorcyclist and two cars. The motorcyclist was taken to hospital with serious injuries. Nobody else was injured. Officers would like to speak to anyone who may have witnessed this collision or who may have any information regarding it, and are asked to call the Drivewatch Hotline on 0800 174615.

Music in the Park 2017 at Barnwell Country Park, Oundle

The Friends of Barnwell Country Park are hosting another Brass Band Festival on Sunday 16th July. Starting at around 10.30am to early evening, Music in the Park is now bigger with five bands each playing a 50 minute selection of music from light to classical.

Last year's Massed Bands performance is back and will close

the event. With five bands playing, the sound should be thrilling!

There is a new piece of music especially for the Massed Bands, composed



by a locally born rising star, Christian Overhead. This has been generously underwritten by Steve Driver. Steve said, "When I was asked to help I couldn't resist. I've always loved brass music. I'm proud to get involved." Christian's work will immortalise him. It's called Driver's Walk! Before it's played, Christian will say what it's like composing. Also, for those interested, there will be an "introduce the instruments" section.

The visiting bands are Raunds, Rushden, Stamford, Thrapston and Yarwell & Nassington. There will be activities for all ages: bungee, climbing

wall, BBQ, artisan stalls, face painting and plenty of liquid refreshment – with the welcome return of Digfield Ales as well as a Pimms tent to celebrate summer.

The Friends sincerely thank The Roe Group for committing to be a sponsor and Persimmon has generously joined in. This list will grow!

In keeping with the Friends' Access for All and Embracing Our Community, they have adopted this year Peterborough Special Olympics Swimming Group. PSOSG strives to create a better world by fostering the acceptance and inclusion of all people.

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Dear Editor,
Rushden Park is a disgrace. The paths are cracked and potentially dangerous while patches of grass have been turned into a muddy lump by heavy duty vehicles. But worst of all is the litter. Everywhere you look there are pizza cartons, empty crisp packets, squashed cigarettes, crumpled cans, sweet wrappers, used tissues and plastic bottles. Debris is scattered over what's left of the grass or dumped less than a few inches from the nearest bin.

Laziness may be one explanation for this

anti-social behaviour but there is another factor too: the failure to understand the nature and meaning of the term 'public space'.

So what's to be done? The council seem unconcerned about the matter. They are reluctant to erect signs reminding people to dispose of their assorted jumble in a bin because it will spoil the look of the park. That's right. To them litter is a more attractive feature than a container to put it in. Unbelievable. It makes you wonder why they don't take down those notices reminding dog owners to pick up after their pooch. One of the criteria for Green Flag status, which Rushden Park has mysteriously managed to retain, is 'a good level of management in all areas'. In the matter of refuse, it is failing miserably.

We owe it to each other, to our children and to nature herself.

Genealogy jottings

All you need is a notebook, a pencil and a computer. Yes? Not quite... There is nothing more infuriating than knowing that you have written something down about an ancestor called James Brown but it is somewhere in the middle of your notebook that has Smith, Jones, Abercrombie, Cowling, Webb and goodness knows what other names surrounding it. Handy hint: have a different notebook for each surname that you are researching. Okay, I know that it can end up as more notebooks than you can shake a stick at, but at least you will have a better idea of how to lay your hands on that important piece of information!

Do you work at the dining room table or do you have a dedicated area? Although tempting to leave paperwork out as you know just where you have got to when the starving spouse or children start clamouring for food, it really is best to clear it away – in an orderly manner, of course! It also saves sticky fingers handling documents and ruining them for ever.

Sources. It is so inviting that, once on

By Jan Pearson
Genealogy Specialists, Tracing Our Past, Discovering Our Genes (TOP DOG)
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the trail of something or someone that you forget to note where you found that snippet of information. I must admit that, when I first started recording my family's history, I was not as diligent as I could have been. Oh how I regret that now! Don't just write "1871 census" but record the piece, folio and page numbers. That way, it will be easier to find the elusive ancestor in the years to come.

What do you do with all the stuff that you have in your notebooks? Transfer it to folders – ring-binders and plastic inserts is the easiest way. I have different colour folders for each branch of my family – the colours then are in different shades for each generation or two. But that's just how I work. You could try a card index system or even an electronic database, the latter making searching your records a lot easier. Just don't forget to make a back-up!

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Editor's notes

By the time you read this, the general election will almost be upon us and you will have the opportunity to exercise your right to choose who is going to represent you in Parliament, hopefully for the next 5 years. Obviously, the results will impact a wide range of issues and, despite the more Presidential flavour which campaigning has brought to this election, the consequences will be felt at all levels of society. While choosing not to vote is also a democratic right, it hardly carries the same weight as a cross against the name of a candidate on a ballot paper; the likely 30 or 40% of the electorate who don't vote will be only an afterthought in the post-election debates. So do make the effort, get to the polling stations on 8th June and make a positive contribution to the election.

Perhaps because of

the Bank Holiday and the schools' half term break we have not exactly been inundated with copy for this edition. So, we start with a plea to get your news to us to help us keep your local communities up to date, or take the opportunity to let off steam, and perhaps encourage debate, about a perceived problem. One contributor has raised the question of rubbish being left in Rushden Park and we would welcome comment from the local Council about their views on how best to combat this problem.

The bridge over the Willow Brook at Fotheringhay was finally opened again last week bringing relief to local residents and businesses. Our thanks go to those who have joined our efforts to hasten the repairs, notably the local MP Tom Pursglove and the Chair of the County Council Heather Smith. Doubtless,

those of you living elsewhere in the district will be relieved at not having to endure our ongoing comments about the state of the repair work.

We welcome Councillor Colin Wright to the Chair of the District Council and look forward to receiving his comments about the Council's work and his own activities over the coming year. Our thanks go to the outgoing Chairman, Councillor Rupert Reichhold, for his contributions over the past year.

Finally, there is an opportunity to do your own good deed in this edition by enlisting with the Nene Valley Community Action group who are appealing for volunteers to help them with their "Befriending Service". Your contribution need be as little as 2 hours each week and all the necessary training is provided as well as travel expenses.

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FutureDJs x Ferrers Academy

The Ferrers School was delighted to welcome FutureDJs - A revolutionary new DJ tutoring service to perform from a 'pop-up' DJ booth to excited students during their lunchtime on Friday 12th May.

The idea behind the event was to gauge the level of interest of students who would like to learn DJ and Music Production skills. These skills will be delivered by FutureDJs as a 12 module peripatetic course, something the school are very excited about getting on board with as they continue to extend their varied and exciting instrumental lesson opportunities to all students.

Future DJs, established by two sets of brothers, Shaun & Joe Marsden and Austen & Scott Smart aim to deliver a national program of service. Professional DJs Austen and Scott Smart have previously had Radio 1 'Essential New Tune', licensed music to Sony UK and performed at iconic nightclubs such as fabric (London), The Warehouse Project (Manchester) and Space (Ibiza).

Co-founder, Austen Smart, said, "With over

120 students at The Ferrers registering an interest to apply for the course on the day the response has been overwhelming but not surprising, this has been needed for a long time".

Mr Chris Gammon, subject lead for Music at The Ferrers stated, "As we now enter a digital age in all aspects of life, supporting students to explore new skills such as DJing and electronic music production is paramount in developing and nurturing their ability to tap into their personal expression, which grows self confidence and social skills. We need to encourage all students to embrace any interest they have in music whether it be with contemporary or modern tools for both creation and performance. FutureDJs provides this additional exposure to any student who wishes to learn a new skill".

Head of Performing Arts, Mrs Lindsey Atkins, said, "We are delighted to have welcomed the FutureDJs roadshow launch in line with AQA. We are very much looking forward to watching our students hone and develop their skills on the turntables - who knows what new talents will emerge from the school!"

If your child is enrolled at The Ferrers, or will be coming to the school in September, contact Mr Gammon for more information. Alternatively, find out more about DJing and/or music production lessons at www.futuredjs.org



Benefield Summer Fête and Flower Festival

On Sunday 11th June 2017, the grounds of Benefield House and St Mary's Church will be holding their Summer Fête and Flower Festival.

The Summer Fête is filled with fun and enjoyment for all the family. There will be Children's Fancy Dress (at 2.15pm), many games to play together with a handsome barbeque, Pimms, beer, soft drinks and ice cream on the lawn of Benefield House. Furthermore, there are several stalls to visit selling a variety of home grown or cooked preserves, jams, cakes and more.

A raffle will be drawn at 4.30pm.

The Flower Festival is to be held in the adjacent St Mary's where you can admire our beautiful parish church, look at the flowers, and take cream teas in its enjoyable surroundings.

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Northamptonshire County Schools Challenge 2017: Huxlow prepare for semi-finals



The Northamptonshire County Schools Challenge (NCSC) is an annual competition in which students across the county are asked to develop an enterprising idea which will help other young people who are struggling with a specific social issue. This year's theme is Drugs and Psychoactive Substances.

All Year 8 students have participated. Each form voted for a winning group to represent them in the Huxlow final,

held on Wednesday 24th May 2017. The groups pitched their ideas in a "Dragon's Den" style to a judging panel and their peers. The entries were of an outstanding quality and were skilfully presented. Congratulations to the winning group, 8LHB, who will also be assisted by the runners-up in refining their presentation over the coming weeks. The group will represent the College at the semi-finals to be held in June, and hopefully progress to the finals as last year's Huxlow team did.

Families invited to get on their bikes for the Tour Ride Northamptonshire!

The OVO Energy Tour Ride Northamptonshire returns to the county this summer and families are being invited to sign up for the 10-mile fun ride.

The Tour Ride is a community cycling event inspired by the OVO Energy Women's Tour race, which returns to Northamptonshire next month for the fourth consecutive year.

The Tour Ride, the official sportive of the race, takes place on Sunday 18th June and aims to encourage more people to get active and take up cycling.

Offering a choice of 10, 40 and 80-mile routes, the Tour Ride has been created with both amateur cyclists and families in mind. The gentle 10-mile fun ride is ideal for families, starting and finishing at Delapre Abbey and taking riders alongside the canal path on quiet, marshalled and well-signposted cycle lanes.

The ride is suitable for riders aged seven and above, or five and above on a trailer or a tag along, and costs £5 per adult to enter and children under 16 ride for free.

Cllr Matthew Golby, deputy leader of Northamptonshire County Council, which is responsible for bringing the OVO Energy Women's Tour and Tour Ride back to the county this year, said: "The Tour Ride is a fantastic, fun event for both families and more committed cyclists.

"I took part with my own family last year and it was a great event. The atmosphere was incredible and the fun ride route was very well marshalled and signposted, making it safe and easy to follow for young and inexperienced riders.

"I shall certainly be signing up again this year and can't wait to get back on the saddle!"

To enter, visit www.tourride.co.uk or just come along on the day.

Volunteer Befrienders needed

Nene Valley Community Action is appealing for volunteers to help them with their "Befriending Service". NVCA are looking for people to visit elderly and frail adults in their own homes who may be isolated from the community.

Volunteers would need to have a sympathetic ear and a caring nature, be able to maintain client confidentiality and

be reliable. The minimum commitment would be approximately 2 hours per week. NVCA would provide initial training for the volunteer, ongoing back up and travel expenses.

Anyone who is interested in supporting this much needed programme should contact NVCA to arrange a one to one informal chat about the opportunity by telephoning 01933 396382/313526.

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"Our customers love our food and come back time and time again, often bringing friends and relatives with them. What are you waiting for? Come and try the best fish and chips in the county!"



Legendary hip hop stars to headline local festival

Hip Hop act The Sugarhill Gang will be joined by Reverend and the Makers and Stereo MCs at the Green Meadows Festival in August.

The Sugarhill Gang penned the first Hip-hop hit Rappers Delight and they will be joined on stage by rapper Melle Mel who wrote two of the most influential records of the 1980s – White Lines and The Message.

The festival takes place near Elton between 11-13th August and features a wide range of live acts and DJs across four stages including Radio 1 legend Danny Rampling and million selling act The Stanton Warriors.

During the festival there are plenty of free activities for children including animal encounters with Bugtopia The Zoo! and live science experiments as well as inflatables and circus skills.

Hungry festival goers can enjoy award winning food and there are also cocktail and real ale bars.

Festival founder Ollie Sharp said: "We are delighted to have secured the best line up in the festival's history. We are really excited to have The

Sugarhill Gang and Melle Mel – it is a chance to see artists who changed the history of music close up.

"The event is going from strength to strength after last year's sell out and as we say – kids play in the day – adults at night!"

The festival has been held annually since 2012 and supports Teenage Cancer Trust. Weekend tickets start at £10 for kids and £70 for adults. For more information visit www.greenmeadowsfestival.org.

For press passes, further interviews with artists etc please contact ollie@greenmeadowsfestival.org 07904099757

New Chairman elected at East Northamptonshire Council

East Northamptonshire Council (ENC) welcomed a new Chairman for the next Civic Year.

On 17th May Cllr Colin Wright, a district councillor for Rushden, took over from outgoing chairman, Cllr Rupert Reichhold, at the Annual Meeting of the Council for 2017/18.

Cllr Wright has been a district councillor since 2002 and is currently the Ward Member for Rushden Pemberton Ward.

He is looking forward to representing the district and the work of the Council at events over the next 12 months, meeting as many people as possible from the towns and parishes in East Northants. His consort is his wife, Mrs Linda Wright.

Cllr Wright said: "I am pleased to have been nominated and elected Chairman for the forthcoming year and want to

thank Members for their confidence and support.

"My aim is for people to see me as the representative of ENC, representing those that work within the organisation as being contactable and committed to enhancing the lives of those that live within the district.

"East Northamptonshire is the hidden dream and I want all residents to know more about what it has to offer and I hope my time as Chairman will achieve this."

Events already planned for the year include a hog roast and an evening with an ABBA tribute band to raise money for the Chairman's charities - the Swivel Club and Dogs Trust.

District councillor for Thrapston Lakes Ward, Cllr Councillor Wendy Brackenbury, was named as Vice-Chairman for this year.

To find out what the Chairman is up to, please visit www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/chairmansdiary and/or follow him on Twitter @ENCChairman

Oundle Town v Rushden & Diamonds Walking Football

Rushden & Diamonds WF are pleased to announce they will be playing at Oundle Town on the evening of 23rd June.

Walking Football has become a major sport in the UK in recent years. Over 50's have found the sport accessible and a great way of enjoying both the game and the social interaction.

R&DWF with the support of Rushden &

Diamonds Football Club, have become a well established team over the past 3 years, with 30+ players registered. Oundle Town are in their formative stages having only commenced playing early this year. R&D have a number of invite games planned through the summer against Bedford, Stamford, Bedworth and now Oundle.

'We see these games as a great way of reaching

out to the Community and attracting interest from others interested in playing Walking Football' says Mark Rogers, Committee member at R&DWF, 'the sport is open to all over 50's, and is the perfect excuse for fat old men to get off the settee. It would be great to see new faces at Oundle on the 23rd'

The game is scheduled to kick off at 6pm on the 23rd.

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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:

Apethorpe

17/00936/FUL (17/06/2017) (Info) Detached timber barn at Bluefield Farm Nassington Rd Apethorpe PE8 5DW

Benefield

17/01027/FUL (24/06/2017) (LB/CA) Single storey side extension to provide new toilets and disabled toilet facilities and ramped entrance, additional hall space and internal remodelling of existing hall to provide better changing, kitchen and bar facilities for the village. Creation of associated parking and play area. At Benefield Cricket Club Main St Upper Benefield PE8 5AN

Glaphorn

17/00929/FUL (17/06/2017) (Info) Erection of new retirement dormer bungalow within applicants garden for applicant at Highfield Lodge Main St Glaphorn PE8 5BT

Great Addington

17/00958/FUL (17/06/2017) (Info) Proposed single storey rear extension incorporating flat roof, plus Juliet balcony to first floor bedroom at The Spinneys Woodford Rd Great Addington NN14 4BS

Hargrave

17/00992/VAR (17/06/2017) (Info) Variation of condition 7 - to allow integrated solar pv panels on south side of barn and two new windows pursuant to application number 16/02254/FUL - Conversion of existing stone barn into two accommodation units to provide Bed and Breakfast accommodation and erection of a new four bay detached timber framed garage with games room above at Top Farm Church St Hargrave NN9 6BW

Higham Ferrers

17/00953/ADV (24/06/2017) (LB/CA) 1 X fascia only logo illuminated 1 X internally illuminated projector 2 X non illuminated wall mounted aluminium panels at 26 High St Higham Ferrers NN10

Irthlingborough

17/00836/FUL (17/06/2017) (Info) New build dormer bungalow including access at land adjacent 11 Manor Drive Irthlingborough

17/00865/FUL (17/06/2017) (Info) Build new store to side of property forward of existing garage. Convert existing garage into new kitchen. Build open porch and re position front door with two side windows and clad in stone. Change two front downstairs windows to bow at 9 Manor Drive Irthlingborough

Little Addington

17/00946/FUL (17/06/2017) (Info) Retrospective: Change of use of land to residential garden at The Beeches High St Little Addington NN14 4BD

Oundle

17/00912/FUL and 17/00913/LBC (24/06/2017) (LB/CA)(LBRegs) Removal of old conservatory from rear wall of the house and re-facing of that wall together with installation of a casement door at 51 North St Oundle
17/00918/FUL (17/06/2017) (Info) Removal of existing single storey garage to side of the existing house and replace with two storey extension. New stand alone single storey garage to front of house at 20 Ashton Rd Oundle PE8 4HP

17/00955/FUL (17/06/2017) (Info) Single storey extension to the side and rear of dwelling and conversion of garage to Study/Bedroom at 10 Millfields Oundle PE8 4LF

17/00974/FUL (17/06/2017) (Info) Erection of gates to driveway at 4 Riverside Close Oundle PE8

17/00975/FUL (17/06/2017) (Info) Proposed demolition of existing single storey extension and erection of two storey rear extension at 62 Glaphorn Rd Oundle PE8 4PT
17/00988/LBC (24/06/2017) (LBRegs) Replacement single door and adjacent windows on ground floor rear elevation of property at 44 West St Oundle PE8 4EF

Pilton

17/00940/FUL (17/06/2017) (Info) Single storey rear extension at 1 Pilton Lodge Cottages Lodge Rd Pilton PE8 5TD

Raunds

17/00906/FUL (17/06/2017) (Info) To demolish hall and garage and construct a bungalow at St John

Ambulance Hall High St Raunds NN9 6HT

17/00921/FUL (17/06/2017) (Info) Demolition of utility room, construction of new kitchen and utility room, roof alterations at Bilsdale Chelveston Rd Raunds NN9 6DA

Rushden

17/00616/FUL (24/06/2017) (Art8) Part demolition part retention and conversion of former print works with additional new houses and flats to create fourteen new residential dwellings at Printing Workshop Midland Rd Rushden NN10 9UJ

17/00873/FUL (24/06/2017) (LB/CA) Change of use from shop (A1) to restaurant (A3) and new signage at 110 High Street Rushden NN10 0PQ

17/00938/FUL (17/06/2017) (Info) Two storey side extension at 4 Kenilworth Close Rushden NN10 0QH

17/00952/ADV (17/06/2017) (Info) 9No fascia signs consisting of 1No illuminated rectangular sign and eight No round signs for the purpose of advertising a business at 49 Duck St Rushden NN10 9YD

17/00954/FUL (17/06/2017) (Info) Proposed double garage at 184 Avenue Rd Rushden NN10 0SW
17/00956/FUL (17/06/2017) (Info) The installation of 2 no. two storey Portakabin buildings for use as office facilities at Quotient Bioresearch (Rushden) Ltd Pegasus Way Rushden NN10 6ER

17/00986/ADV (17/06/2017) (Info) Internally illuminated fascia sign at Unit 1D South Terrace Rushden Lakes Rushden NN10 6FS

17/00997/ADV (17/06/2017) (Info) 1 off single sided illuminated fascia sign at Unit 1 Northwalk Rushden Lakes Rushden NN10 6FG

17/01001/FUL (17/06/2017) (Info) Single storey rear extension and raised decking at 2 Yelden Close Rushden

Stanwick

17/00964/FUL (17/06/2017) (Info) Conversion of garage to wet room, remove garage door, install window with brick surround, tile floor and walls, install shower, disabled toilet and basin at 16 Courtman Rd Stanwick NN9 6TG

Thorpe Achurch

17/00933/FUL (17/06/2017) (Info) Proposed triple garage and games room over at Fourways Cottage Oundle Rd Lilford PE8 5SG

Thrapston

17/00999/FUL (17/06/2017) (Info) Removal of existing wall acting as boundary and replacing it with new wall and railings to enclose property at 31 Springfield Avenue Thrapston NN14 4TL

The reason for applications being advertised is as follows:

Part3 - Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 2015.
Part16 - Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 2015.
Info - Non-statutory - included for information only.
LB/CA - Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas Act 1990.
LBRegs - Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990.

Paul Bland, Head Of Planning Services
Dated 3 June 2017

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

From the Chairman

I'm delighted to have been nominated and elected as the Chairman of East Northamptonshire Council for 2017/18 and am really looking forward to getting out in the district and meeting as many of you as possible.

I've been a councillor since 2000 starting with Rushden Town Council and being elected to ENC in 2002 where I'm Ward Member for Rushden Pemberton Ward.

As well as my council duties, I'm also Chairman of the Swivel Club Charity which helps local people by fundraising with live music and many top groups performing on a monthly basis. Find out more at www.swivelclub.org.uk and come along to one of our events, you'll have a great time.

I love talking to people and I want to meet as many of you as I can within the district, from Rushden to Easton on the Hill, Oundle to Stanwick, Raunds to Kings Cliffe and all the parishes in between. If you're planning a public or community event and would like me to attend, please drop me a line with some details and we'll see what can be arranged:

- twitter @ENCChairman
- email chairman@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk
- phone 01832 742198
- write to ENC Chairman,

Cedar Drive, Thrapston, NN14 4LZ

I also want to meet those of you who have dogs because one of my chosen charities for the year (as well as the Swivel Club) is The Dogs Trust. So I look forward to meeting you and your best friend as I visit various parts of the district. I'd also love you to tweet photos of you and your pooch to my new twitter account @ENCChairman. I'm new to social media so do bear with me but I understand that many of you love it

and I'm really quite excited about seeing your dog photos appear on my timeline. And do share any stores about dogs that have gone beyond the duty of being man's best friend as The Dog's Trust would love to hear them too.

Nene Valley News remains important to the people of East Northamptonshire and I plan to share my adventures with you via a regular column (subject to the editor's approval). I hope you enjoy reading about my visits and the people I have met. My aim is for people to see me as the representative of East Northamptonshire Council and to advocate the work we do as well as feed back any concerns the public may have so please do



come and talk to me.

I'm very proud of our district and believe that East Northamptonshire is the hidden dream. I will do all I can to promote the

district and the special qualities it has to offer and I look forward to sharing my year with you all.

ENC Chairman
Clr Colin Wright

Titchmarsh Church of England Primary School Ofsted Report

The pupils, staff and governors of Titchmarsh Church of England Primary School are delighted to announce the outcome of their recent Ofsted inspection on March 28th 2017.

This school continues to be good'. The report outlines the successes of the school in maintaining the 'good quality of education' since its last inspection five years ago, stating that 'parents and staff value the school's positive and encouraging culture. Their pride, in being part of the Titchmarsh Primary School community, is striking.'

The report also looks at the leadership of the school, saying 'high ambition characterises leadership at all levels' with the new Executive Headteacher, Mr Ed Carlyle 'wisely continuing to work through the leadership and management systems that have served the school

successfully in recent years' whilst using his 'own skills and experience to bring fresh impetus to the school's drive for continuous improvement' and noting 'the rigour with which you check on the effectiveness of additional support being provided for pupils'.

The report notes the 'range of expertise' of the governing body and the impact of their contribution was noted as 'governors are scrupulous in carrying out their responsibilities' and have 'an accurate understanding of (the school's) strengths and relative weaknesses.' Safeguarding was also highlighted as being effective.

Titchmarsh's close links

with Warmington School were described as being 'an important factor in improving the quality of leadership and teaching

throughout Titchmarsh' and that the school 'values the opportunities the Unity provides for sharing best practice.'

Mr Carlyle paid tribute to the staff and pupils at the school - 'The staff at Titchmarsh are a highly-skilled and dedicated team who always strive for the very best for our children and I am delighted that the report reflects their hard work so clearly. Our pupils made the inspector very welcome and

were keen to share how much they love their school with him and he was clearly impressed by their enthusiasm and love of learning.'

The school's report is now available on the Ofsted website and its next Open Week for prospective parents is the week commencing June 26th.

Rangers Cadets have exciting time

The Ranger Cadets entertained the Mayor of Rushden, Councillor Tracey Smith and Consort Councillor Paul Harley, at their Open evening at Highfield Community Baptist Hall, Rushden, on the evening of Thursday 4th May. The Mayor was an immediate hit when the Rangers learnt the Mayor was a former cadet and knew how to wear a beret properly!

This event was followed on Saturday 6th May, by a tour of Northamptonshire Police Control Room at Wootton

Hall and in the afternoon, by a visit to Wellingborough Museum for the WW1 Trench Experience, when they were joined by cadets from Training Ship Collingwood, based in Raunds. Future events include a coach trip to HMS Belfast in July and a weekend camp in September.

The Ranger Cadets meet each Thursday evening at Rushden's Highfield Road Community Baptist

Hall NN9 9QD, from 6.30-8.30pm. Membership is open to all young people, Juniors 6-8 years, Cadets 9-17 years.

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Longhurst Group and Axiom Housing Association announce exciting new partnership

A housing association which owns and manages over 4,000 homes across Northamptonshire has announced an exciting new partnership. The

agreement will see Longhurst Group, which includes Spire Homes, merge with the Peterborough-based Axiom Housing Association. The

partnership will help deliver 700 new homes and maintain the provision of comprehensive care and support services.

Longhurst Group currently owns and

manages over 19,000 properties across the Midlands and the East of England, while Axiom has more than 2,200 homes across Peterborough, Cambridgeshire and Lincolnshire and provides housing and services to over 5,500 people.

Longhurst Group Chief Executive, Julie Doyle, said: "The most satisfying aspect of this partnership is that it will help us to deliver exactly what the country needs. We believe that it is integral for housing associations to not only build more homes, but to ensure that people have access to the best quality care."

The agreement, which has been formally signed

off by shareholders, will see Axiom join the Group on 3rd July 2017. The partnership brings together two organisations recognised for high levels of performance and governance and is expected to grow the Group's turnover to over £160m within five years and result in a healthy 30 per cent operating margin.

The partnership means that Longhurst Group, which currently comprises L&H Homes, Friendship Care and Housing (FCH), Spire Homes and Keystone – the organisation's commercial development arm, will be responsible for over 22,000 properties

across almost 50 local authorities. The Group currently has 4,073 homes in Northamptonshire and by working in partnership with other organisations and developers they will help to combat the UK housing crisis. In Northamptonshire, the average house price is eight times the average salary and the average cost of private rent is £630 a month.

According to National Housing Federation research, an increasing number of people are being priced out of home ownership and turning to the more affordable options provided by housing associations like Longhurst Group.



Alan Lewin and Julie Doyle

Popular food festival returns to Kelmarsh Hall, Northamptonshire

The Great British Food Festival is back at the stunning Kelmarsh Hall this summer! The popular event is back on the 8th and 9th July.

The festival is even bigger and better this year, featuring new additions such as plant your own area for kids and cooking in a camper demonstrations.

The recipe for the weekend? Well take over 60 top artisan producers, a big serving of stunning hot food, real ale and wine bars, add a dash of craft and gift stalls, lots of activities for the kids, top chef demonstrations from the likes of Great British Bake Off finalist Luis Troyano and Howard Middleton, stir in a cake competition and the popular Men V's Food, with lashings of excellent live music and mix

together to make a lovely foodie family day out.

The main chef demonstration area hosts great local and tv chefs, all demonstrations are free to enter so everyone can pick up top foodie tips. There are also regular Artisan Foodie talks and the popular Great British Cake off and Men V's Food for you to get involved with! The Great British Food Festival has attracted lots of producers showcasing the best in local, seasonal and specialty food and drink. It's a great opportunity to get a real taste of the best of Northamptonshire and Great British produce

– sample, enjoy and buy. With Great Britain's amazing mix of cultures and cuisines we thought it would be a shame to overlook some more exotic elements – so you can try Thai, Mexican, Asian as well as pulled pork, prime steak, and the best local burgers and sausages, for those with more traditional tastes! After you've done your foodie shopping, sit out enjoying tasty hot food, a refreshing drink (or two), with great live music in the stunning surroundings of Kelmarsh Hall

The perfect recipe for a fun, foodie day out for the whole family.

Swim in aid of WaterAid

On Sunday 21st May, pupils from Oundle School's Sidney Boys' Boarding House took part in a relay swim, with the goal of swimming the width of the channel in support of WaterAid.

Forty-four pupils in total, drawn from every year group, swam over the course of the event, and together they achieved a remarkable total of 850 lengths or 25.2 miles.

WaterAid is a global charity, with teams in over thirty countries working to provide clean, safe water to those in need. It has the highest percentage of donations going directly to its cause of any large charity,

and can make a huge difference with a small amount of money: £15 donated to WaterAid will provide someone with safe drinking water for a year; long enough to seek education and employment, and break the cycle of poverty.

Pupil organiser, Will Johnson (17) commented, "This was made possible by the efforts of some pupils who swam extra lengths in addition to the number they had signed up and special mention must go to Tom Riegels (16), Sam To (16), Linus Lam (17), Egan Pashley (18) and Ruben Sector (16), all of whom swam over a mile."



With Gift Aid, the boys have raised just over £1,600. To sponsor the boys please visit: uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-web/fundraiser/showFundraiserProfilePage.action?userUrl=SidneySwim2017

Nene Valley Business News

Welcome to my June 2017 business column. Every month I will be visiting a wide diverse range of businesses across the district. I will be in a different town every month featuring a different business with a view to promoting and giving a boost to our local hard working industries.



successful Captains of New Zealand cricket. I bet that has surprised our readers, come to Irthlingborough and you might bump into a sporting legend!

A lifetime passion

Robert was introduced to cricket at a young age by his grandfather who took him to matches and it became a lifetime passion for Robert who played cricket and football at school.

Robert's dreams were fulfilled when he played cricket three times at Lords, Marylebone Cricket Club or the MCC to you and me, which is the world's most active cricket club and founded in 1787. MCC has 18,000 full members and 5,000 associate members who own all the grounds and MCC assets including the most famous of which is the Ashes Urn. Robert is currently the Vice Chairman of the Northamptonshire League at NCC and has travelled the world as a player and is also area manager for the MCC, a busy man!

Robert Pack Cricket has a central location in Irthlingborough and Robert has manufactured cricket bats for national and international cricket players which include clients from Canada, Dubai, New Zealand, Australia and Austria. Originally a carpenter by trade, Robert had an apprenticeship with Marriott's where he went onto train as a master bat maker and was mentored by Bernie Facer from BB Bats, who was famous for the quality of his bats in the cricketing world.

Manufacturing & custom made specials

Cricket bats are made from English willow which is a light weight wood that doesn't splinter and can be pressed. The trunk of the tree is used which is getting harder to source. Robert's extensive



experience can tell at a glance if the wood is going to produce a good bat as every piece of willow wood is different. A top grade piece of wood can give a great sweet spot which is the area the ball hits the bat.

Sometimes Robert is commissioned to make a specially designed cricket bat.

Recently he crafted a bat with a diamond set into it for George Fox who is a designer and developer, which when finished was

valued at £15,000. Wow!

That's something you don't see every day.

The business also has a shop on site which supplies cricket equipment to professionals and amateurs along with expert advice needed to assist you in finding the best equipment

to suit your cricketing needs

Next month I will be visiting a business which involves a lot of healing and relaxing which is located in Rushden. Until then best wishes to all our readers from your local business champion Marika Hillson.

Marika Hillson

If you wish to contact or visit Robert Pack Cricket, contact details are as follows: Robert Pack Cricket, 103 High Street, Irthlingborough NN9 5PU, Tel: 01933 650484, Web: www.robertpackcricket.co.uk. Opening hours: Mon-Fri: 10am-5.30pm, late night Wed & Thu: 10am-7pm, Sat: 9am-2pm.

This month I am back in my home town of Irthlingborough visiting a specialist business tucked away off the High Street with a celebrity sporting connection. In fact this month's featured business ties up very well with a grant I was successful in recently landing to upgrade Irthlingborough's Cricket Club to a Premier League Standard. I was met by the owner, Mr Robert Pack who offers a bespoke service and who hand crafts the cricket bats in his onsite workshop.

A specialised niche business

Established since 2003, Robert Pack is a master bat maker and he also repairs and refurbishes cricket bats and offers a knocking in service. This is a cricket term meaning he compresses the fibres of the willow wood used to make a cricket bat to knit them together, so they become tough enough to withstand the impact of a cricket ball.

Effective "knocking-in" will dramatically improve performance and increase the lifespan of the bat;

I bet you didn't know that!

Robert has 28 years' experience covering all areas of manufacturing through to customer service in the industry. He has worked with many famous brand names such as Kookaburra, Alfred Readers and presently Blueroom and has 11 years of experience working for Puma UK as their production manager.

Irthlingborough has had many famous cricketing clients visiting Robert Pack Cricket or RPC over the years which include famous cricketers such as giant of English Cricket, presenter and broadcaster Andrew "Freddy" Flintoff, Australian Legend, Adam Gilchrist, who is regarded as the greatest wicketkeeper and batsman of all time and former New Zealand International cricketer, Brendan "Baz" McCullum, who is considered to be one of the most



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Man sentenced for drug offences

A man has been sent to prison for two and a half years after an investigation was launched by Operation Worcester, a police drive to tackle gang related offences.

Russell Danes, 40, of Rushden was sentenced at Northampton Crown Court on Friday, 12th May, after pleading guilty to Possession with Intent to Supply Class A and Possession of Criminal Property.

Danes was arrested after a drugs warrant was executed at the Wheatsheaf Public House, High

Street South, Rushden, on 19th February 2016.

Detective Inspector Lee McBride from Operation Worcester, said:

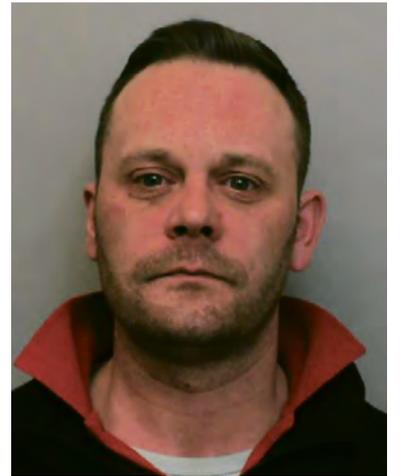
"We continue to pursue those people who deal drugs in our towns and there was very clear evidence that Russell Danes was supplying high purity cocaine when we arrested him.

"We are working hard to disrupt those people who are involved in drug and violence offences and securing convictions against people such as Danes takes us another step towards a safer Northamptonshire."

Officers from Operation Worcester are committed to tackling those people involved in

gang-related crime. If you have any information about people responsible for dealing drugs or committing acts of violence, please call police on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 111 555.

If you're concerned about someone you know, who you believe may be involved in a gang, you can find out what support is available here or by calling 101.



Art exhibition in Higham Ferrers

Over the weekend of 24th and 25th of June 2017 Finedon Creative Art Studio will be holding their first art exhibition, showcasing their watercolour paintings, collage work and beaded jewellery.

The studio members are Melanie, Jill, Sheree and Stephanie who meet regularly in Finedon to paint, create and each explore their own unique watercolour style. From landscapes to flowers, wildlife and imaginative fantasy pictures to finely

crafted beaded jewellery and 3D collage there is bound to be something to suit all visitors tastes.

Melanie Henson who started the group is an art teacher specialising in watercolour painting and drawing. She runs classes from Finedon and workshops at Colemans Stationers in Wellingborough. She and other members of the group will be there to talk to visitors, answer questions about their work and creative process and to encourage would be artists to take the

plunge and pick up the paintbrush!

The backdrop to this art will be the beautiful medieval Chichele College and its gardens in Higham Ferrers, Northamptonshire. Admission is free to

the exhibition and gardens. Free parking is available in nearby car parks and on street parking at the rear of the college in Saffron Road. Disabled access is limited to the ground floor and gardens.

The exhibition will be open on Saturday and Sunday from 10am-4pm. Chichele College is on College Street, Higham Ferrers, NN10 8DX. There will also be a Farmers' Market on the Saturday morning in the town square. For more information please contact Melanie, melaniehensonart@outlook.com, www.abrushwithpaper.co.uk.



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Sunday 4th June
Morning Service
 Thrapston Baptist Church
 10:30am
 Preacher: Mat Hussain
 Theme - Knowing Jesus:
 Demolishing Strongholds

Monday 5th June
Flower Wreath on a black cotton shopping bag
 Ringstead Village Social Club
 10am to 1.30pm
 £20 booking essential
 01933 460676
 For beginners paint a circle of flowers onto a black shopping bag makes a lovely present.

Thursday 8th June
Tiddlers Group for 0-3 year olds
 Thrapston Baptist Church
 9:30am to 11:30am
 NO TIDDLERS this week due to the church being used as a Polling Station.

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

Friday 9th June
Fusion for 7-11 year olds
 Thrapston Baptist Church
 6.30pm-8pm
 Lively and fun group with games, songs and bible based illustrations.

The Toll
 The Stahl
 7.45pm
 £12 Adults, £10 Concessions.
 After winning Fringe First, Luke Wright is back with a stunning new spoken word show.

Saturday 10th June
Church Fete in Church Grounds
 Rushden St.Mary's Church
 2-4pm Admission
 £1 per adult children free
 Contact Edna Wadsworth
 01933357253

Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th June
Twywell Festival
 Twywell
 10am-5pm
 Activities and entertainment for all ages including stalls, games, food, beer, BBQ and music.

Art Exhibition
 Chichele College,
 Higham Ferrers
 10am-4pm, free admission.
 Jacqui Tomlin FFPAA and Jean Daker FFPAA
 After popular request will be holding another exhibition of their latest works in oil, acrylic, pastel and watercolour.
 Our subjects, which are varied to suit everyone, are landscapes, seascapes, wildlife and flora. These are framed professionally, using the best frames available to suit the paintings. Viewing under no obligation, not to be missed.

Sunday 11th June
Communion Service
 Thrapston Baptist Church
 10.30am
 Preacher: Mat Hussain
 Theme - Knowing Jesus:
 Battle for our minds

Monday 12th June
Oundle U3A Monthly Meeting
 Queen Victoria Hall,
 West Street, Oundle
 Doors open 2pm, members £1,

non-members £2
 Contact 01832 275933
 Tracing our Past with Jan Pearson

Tuesday 13th June
Spring Flowers with Butterfly in acrylics
 Ringstead Village Social Club
 11am-3pm, £19 booking essential
 01933 460676
 A lovely painting of Spring flowers with Butterfly an easy first time painting for complete beginners.

Wednesday 14th June
Walking Group
 Leader Keith Dixon (01823 275532)
 Walk starts at Oundle Long Stay car park East Rd. at 6.30pm grid ref 045/884 map Explorer 227 distance 4 miles

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 Fletton Way, Oundle
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 A talk by Angela Malin, Vice-Chairman of Northamptonshire Family History Society

Thursday 15th June
Tiddlers Group for 0-3 year olds
 Thrapston Baptist Church
 9.30am-11.30am
 Friendly and welcoming with lots of toys and play equipment for the little ones to enjoy. £1 per carer – as many toddlers as you like!

Lunchtime Concert – Junior Strings, Songsters and Choirs
 St Peter's Church, Oundle
 1.15pm
 Free, lunch can be purchased
 Concerts in this beautiful church setting in Oundle. Lunch is provided for £3.50

Friday 16th June
Thrapston and District U3A monthly meeting
 The Plaza, Cosy Nook,
 Thrapston N14 4PS
 10-12 noon, visitors £2, includes refreshments
 07542 775 603
 School Holiday Fiascos with Mike Rosen

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

Gentle Waterfall in acrylics
 Ringstead Village Social Club
 10am to 3pm
 £23 booking essential
 01933 460676
 A pretty landscape painting of a small waterfall an easy acrylic painting for first time painters.

Saturday 17th June
Messy Church at St Peter's Church Oundle.
 Creativity, food and fun for people of all ages in a Christian setting.

Morning Glory painting on slate using acrylics
 Ringstead Village Social Club
 10am-2pm, £20 booking essential
 Never painted on slate before this is an easy one for first timers who will produce a pleasing result.
 Children's book sale
 Oundle Library
 10am-2pm, free admission
 Come and grab yourself a bargain, large range of children's books for sale.

Islip Bowls Club
 Quiz Night with Fish & Chip

Supper
 £6
 Islip Workingmen's Club
 6.30pm for 7pm
 To Book call Barbara 01832 733154, or Gill 01832 733475
 Everyone very welcome

A family talk about the Rutland Water Ospreys
 Oundle Library, Glapthorn Road,
 PE8 4AJ
 4pm-5pm, free admission but donations to the project very welcome.
 hilary.hoyle@gmail.com
 Children's author and osprey expert, Ken Davies, talks about the amazing life of local ospreys.

Sunday 18th June
Morning Service
 Thrapston Baptist Church
 10:30am
 Preacher: Mike Elcome

Higham Ferrers Footpath Group
 Saffron Road car park Higham Ferrers for car sharing
 9.30am, free
 01933 314032
 5.7 mile walk from Yelden

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
 Mon-Fri, 9.30am-10.30am
 Diane Gifford 07432 123 438
 Learn or Refresh your skill £15 course intro with coffee.

Every Monday
Baggy pants Yoga Class
 Masonic Hall, Wellingborough Road, Rushden
 8.30am-9.30am, £5 per class perfect for all ages/abilities
 07873743256/
 carole.wyatt@virginmedia.com

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

Baggy pants 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 Irthingborough & 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-55s.

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

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

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
Apethorpe Tennis Club
From 6pm

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

Art & Craft Class
Oundle Rural Mind, 1 Herne Park,
East Road, Oundle PE8 4BZ
Irene Issitt 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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Certificate in English**
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

**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

**Wednesday evenings and
Sunday mornings
Ferrers & Rushden Tennis Club**
Higham Ferrers Recreation
Ground, off Wharf Road
10am-12noon (Sun); 6.30pm-
8.30pm (Wed). Per club session £2
adults/£1 junior (youngest aged 10)
Steve Roberts 01933 461028/
07960 846092

**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 Road, 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/
peterjbond@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
4pm
George Ellitson 01933 313106

**Last Saturday of the month
(except December)
Farmers' Market**
Market Square, Higham Ferrers
9am-1pm
danielle@highamferrers-tc.gov.uk

**Every Saturday & Sunday
Coffee & cakes/
Sunday worship**
Rushden Independent Wesleyan
Church (Entrance Queen St)
Saturday coffee & cakes
10am-11.30am, Sunday worship
10.45am with children's activities
2nd Sunday in the month 4pm.

**Every Sunday
Morning Worship
Rushden Mission Church**
Wellingborough Road
10.45am
Alan 01933 355302

Morning Church Service
Rushden Heritage Chapel Hall,
Park Road, Rushden NN10 0RG
10.30am

Church Service
The Heritage Chapel and Halls,
Park Road, Rushden NN10 0RW
10.30am
Cheryl 07969 603958/
cheze49@gmail.com

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10.30am
Mike Freeman 01933 389796/
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St Peter's Church,
Newton Bromswold
10am-11am
Helen Lines 07917001924
Bible based activities for children
aged 3 years and over.

**3rd Sunday of the month
All Age Worship**
St Laurence's Church, Stanwick
9.30am

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secretary@northamptonshireshamblers.org.uk

**4th Sunday of the month
(except December)
King's Cliffe Heritage Centre**
Bridge Street. (Hanging sign
when we're open). Open
2pm-5pm

**Last Sunday of the month
(Check before travelling)
Local Producers' and
Farmers' Market**
Stanwick Lakes
10am-2pm, free, car park charges.
01933 625522/
www.stanwicklakes.org.uk

**Ongoing
Drawing & Painting Classes**
Ecton Village Hall, Chelveston
Village Hall, Warkton Village Hall &
Kingsthorpe Community Centre
£65 per term
Derek Geater 01933 381848/
dgartweb.sharepoint.com

German Tutorials
Oundle area
Gudrun 07710 189906/
gudvolk@gmail.com

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Closing date: 9.00am Monday, 5th June 2017
Interview date: Week commencing 5th June 2017
 An application form and job description are available on our website: www.theferrers.org
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PUBLIC NOTICES

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 - SECTIONS 65 AND 66
SHARED USE CYCLEWAY / FOOTWAY
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Sections 65 and 66 of the Highways Act 1980 that Northamptonshire County Council proposes to install a shared use cycleway / footway at the locations detailed below:
LOCATIONS
 1. **RUSHDEN LAKES ACCESS ROAD, RUSHDEN - NORTH-WEST SIDE - FROM A POINT 210 METRES FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH SKEW BRIDGE ROUNDABOUT CONTINUING SOUTH-EAST TO THE PEDESTRIAN LINK AND A45 OVERBRIDGE (80 METRES IN LENGTH).**
 2. **NORTHAMPTON ROAD RUSHDEN - SOUTH & EAST SIDE - FROM A POINT 30 METRES WEST OF THE JUNCTION WITH CROWN WAY CONTINUING EAST (ALONG NEW LINK ROAD) TO THE JUNCTION WITH BRINDLEY CLOSE (220 METRES IN LENGTH).**
 3. **BRINDLEY CLOSE, RUSHDEN - BOTH SIDES - FROM THE JUNCTION WITH NORTHAMPTON ROAD CONTINUING IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION FOR A DISTANCE OF 19 METRES (19 METRES IN LENGTH).**
 4. **NORTHAMPTON ROAD, RUSHDEN - SOUTH SIDE - FROM THE JUNCTION WITH BRINDLEY CLOSE, CONTINUING EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 46 METRES (46 METRES IN LENGTH).**
 5. **NORTHAMPTON ROAD, RUSHDEN - NORTH SIDE - FROM THE EASTBOUND EXIT OF THE ROUNDABOUT WITH BRINDLEY CLOSE FOR A DISTANCE OF 76 METRES (76 METRES IN LENGTH).**
 6. **CROWN WAY, RUSHDEN - NORTH & EAST SIDE - FROM THE JUNCTION WITH NORTHAMPTON ROAD CONTINUING SOUTH-EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 198 METRES (198 METRES IN LENGTH).**
 7. **CROWN WAY, RUSHDEN - SOUTH SIDE - FROM A POINT 198 METRES SOUTH-EAST OF THE JUNCTION WITH NORTHAMPTON ROAD, CONTINUING SOUTH-EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 55 METRES (55 METRES IN LENGTH).**
 A copy of the plans showing the precise locations of the proposed cycleway / footway may be inspected at Rushden Library, Newton Road, Rushden during normal opening hours or at The Traffic Orders Section, Riverside House, Riverside Way, Bedford Road, Northampton during normal office hours.
 Any person wishing to make any comments regarding this proposal should forward them in writing, by 24th June 2017, to the Traffic Orders Section, Northamptonshire Highways, Riverside House, Riverside Way, Bedford Road, Northampton, NN1 5NX.
 Dated this 3rd day of June 2017 PKG/N-325

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 23
PROVISION OF TOUCAN CROSSING
NORTHAMPTON ROAD, RUSHDEN
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 23 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, proposes to install a toucan crossing on the A5001 Northampton Road, Rushden as specified in the Schedule below.
 A plan showing the exact location of the proposed toucan crossing is available for inspection until 24th June 2017 at Rushden Library, Newton Road, Rushden during normal opening hours or at the offices of the Traffic Orders Section, Riverside House, Riverside Way, Bedford Road, Northampton during normal office hours.
 If you have any comments regarding the provision of the new crossing please write, by 24th June 2017, to The Traffic Orders Section, Riverside House, Riverside Way, Bedford Road, Northampton NN1 5NX.
 Dated this 3rd day of June 2017 Ref:- PKG/N/326

SCHEDULE

| Road | Location | Type of crossing |
|---------------------------------|--|------------------|
| A5001 Northampton Road, Rushden | At a point approximately 30 metres west of the junction with Crown Way | Toucan Crossing |

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (RUSHDEN LAKES, RUSHDEN)
(30 MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2017
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council propose to make an Order under Sections 82, 83, 84 and Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ("the Act") to prohibit any motor vehicle from travelling at a speed exceeding 30 mph along those lengths of roads as specified in the Schedule below.
 A COPY of the proposed Order, together with a plan showing the exact lengths of roads to which it relates and a statement of the Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order, may be inspected at Rushden Library, Newton Road, Rushden or at the offices of the Traffic Orders Section, Riverside House, Riverside Way, Bedford Road, Northampton during normal office hours.
OBJECTIONS to the proposed Order, stating the grounds on which they are made should be sent in writing to the Traffic Orders Section, Riverside House, Riverside Way, Bedford Road, Northampton NN1 5NX by 24th June 2017.
 Dated this 3rd day of June 2017
QUENTIN BAKER
 Director of Law & Governance PKG/1713

SCHEDULE
30 MPH SPEED LIMIT

Rushden:

- Northampton Road from a point 250 metres west of its junction with Hayway to a point 19 metres east of its junction with Skew Bridge roundabout.
- Northampton Road from a point 25 metres south of its junction with Skew Bridge roundabout to a point 20 metres northwest of the roundabout with Wellingborough Road.
- Northampton Road (new link road) from its entry point 40 metres southwest of the junction with Skew Bridge roundabout to its entry 50 metres southeast of its junction with Skew Bridge roundabout.
- Rushden Lakes Access Road from its junction with Skew Bridge roundabout for its entire length.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14
THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (EAST ROAD, OUNDLE)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council intend, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of East Road, Oundle as specified in the Schedule below.
REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during installation of BT ducting and manhole works.
PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 27th June 2017 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.
EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted in two sections for two days per section.
ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use South Road, Mill Road, West Street, Market Place, North Street and Station Road.
 Dated this 3rd day of June 2017
QUENTIN BAKER
 Director of Law & Governance PKG/T17/184
 If you require any further information please contact Gary Thorp on 01604 883400.

SCHEDULE
 (Lengths of roads to be closed)

 East Road, Oundle - section 1 - from St Osyths Lane to Taney Court.
 section 2 - from Station Road to Ashton Road.

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Chess Corner



By Derrick Sims

NCA Quickplay Competition

The NCA Quickplay Championship was held this year at Kingsley Park WMC, Chess Mates' venue in Northampton. The tournament was organised by Northampton Chess Supremo Greg Smith. Greg was responsible for resurrecting the competition back in 2014 after it had been allowed to lapse many years ago, making this the fourth time it has been played since then.

The format of the competition is four-man teams with each player having a flat time control of 15 minutes. 2014 saw six teams competing and last year there was a record entry with ten teams taking part. This year the numbers of entries were down to eight due to Corby being unable to field a team

and Rushden only managing to raise one team as opposed to two last year. A total of four rounds were played.

The 'inaugural' Championship held in 2014 saw Chess Mates taking the honours, 2015 proved to be Kettering's year as they defeated teams from Chess Mates and Chesspoints. Last year Rushden's A team swept the board with victory in all five rounds, they were greatly helped by a first rate performance from Nik Puryer. This year Nik was transformed 'Dr Who' style into James Gardner, who was victorious in all his games. Hugh Murphy also performed well with two victories and two draws. Despite these excellent performances Rushden could only manage sixth place on the evening. The spoils of

war went Kettering's way who claimed the top two places. It is reported that Kettering 'borrowed' a couple of players from Chess Mates on the evening and one can only congratulate the Northampton Club's generosity and selflessness in ensuring their own defeat!

Chess is a game for people of all abilities, disabilities, and life styles. Rushden Chess Club loves welcoming new members, so do come along to a meeting if you're interested in playing chess in a very friendly environment. The club opens most Monday's from 6pm for Junior players – for details please call the Club Secretary on 01933 625767, or visit the club website <http://rushdenchessclub.com>.

| Team | Won | Lost | Drew | Boards + | Boards - | Points Total |
|---------------|-----|------|------|----------|----------|--------------|
| Kettering C | 2 | 0 | 2 | 10 | 6 | 6 |
| Kettering A | 2 | 1 | 1 | 9 | 7 | 5 |
| Chess Mates A | 2 | 1 | 1 | 8½ | 7½ | 5 |
| Kettering B | 1 | 1 | 2 | 8½ | 7½ | 4 |
| Chess Mates C | 1 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 8 | 4 |
| Rushden | 1 | 2 | 1 | 7½ | 8½ | 3 |
| Northampton | 1 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 10 | 3 |
| Chess Mates B | 1 | 3 | 0 | 6½ | 9½ | 2 |



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