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Applicants invited for education grant

Parson Latham's Educational Foundation seeks to support the further education of young people by awarding a grant to those who may be beginning an apprenticeship, vocational training or starting university/college.

Applicants must be resident in the parish of Oundle and must have attended a state school in Oundle for no less than two years. For more information visit www.parsonlathamscharity.org.uk

Village Tidy Up Day

Little Addington recently held its annual Village Tidy Up Day when residents of all ages came together for 1½ hours to litter pick. They accumulated 13 bin bags of rubbish, the majority of which was collected on the Irthlingborough Road – a distance of less than one mile.

Motorists and walkers are reminded to dispose of their rubbish responsibly. Please either use the litter bins provided in the village or take your rubbish home.

Long-established shoe businesses lace up deal

Two businesses with a combined history of almost 300 years have completed a takeover deal.

Cottons of Oundle – a family shoe firm dating back to 1871 – has been bought by Lincolnshire-based North Shoes,

whose own roots go back to 1876. Cottons, based at 7 Market Place, Oundle, will trade as North Shoes from the end of July and all six full

and part-time members of staff have been taken on as part of the deal.

Managing Director Anne Cotton, the fourth generation at the head of R C Cotton and Sons Ltd, said: "I will be sad to see the business go out of the family but my father, Stuart, and I recognise this is the right time for it to happen.

"We are a stand-alone independent shoe shop in a small but vibrant market town with a thriving business, amazing staff and hugely loyal customers. James North approached me about buying the business — we wouldn't have sold to just anybody.

"It feels right to hand it over to someone like James, whom I have known for some time. I know he shares my ideas about business.

"We could have kept running the shop and then one day closed, but this way the town is going to be assured of a good quality independent shoe shop for many years to come.

"It's amazing that two such

old-established independent shoe shops should be coming together in this way."

James North, the fifth generation at the helm of Bourne-based North Shoes, said: "I am absolutely delighted to have acquired Cottons of Oundle. We have looked at it for some time. It is the right fit for us – a lovely, independent, long-established shoe business in a lovely market town.

"We want to carry on offering what they have been offering as a quality family concern, including the links with Oundle School. We will continue to sell all of the brands they have offered and maintain the same high quality level of service, bringing the Society of Shoe Fitters expertise to the business."

The deal increases the North Shoes stable to five shops, with stores also in Peterborough, Stamford, Bourne and Cambridge, and James revealed: "We're always looking for more shops – so, if the right fit comes along..."



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Wildlife news

Moving house is one of the most stressful experiences affecting our lives, and recent personal experience has shown that if the change also involves returning to the area of your birth the whole thing can be even more dramatic. Nothing ever looks quite the same as we remember, and if there has been any major development in the area it can look almost like a foreign country. The same must be true of wildlife when any form of upset occurs, which is why we try to avoid, for example, disturbing birds on nests in case they should move out, leaving behind eggs or even, in the worst case, young ones.

Among the many changes in our area in the past quarter of a century or so, one of the most significant for the plants and animals was the extraction of materials such as gravel and iron ore. Green fields disappeared under the impact of heavy machinery, and valuable and important land could have vanished as

more building risked driving away even more wildlife. But the river Nene came to the rescue, helped by a number of volunteers, and the geology of the land presented a series of holes which filled with water to leave a chain of lakes along what historically was seen as a 'highway' for waterfowl heading cross-country, often leading towards the estuary of the river Severn, where the wildfowl refuge was created by the late Sir Peter Scott. This chain has now become known as the 'Nene Wetlands', with some sections also being a series of 'Lakes and Meadows', where before it was primarily just meadows, and then not always of the best quality for livestock. We have been left with a wonderful range of wildlife 'on our doorstep'. Our 'own' river Nene is giving us a chance to broaden our knowledge of a whole range of species, a chance not always available so close at hand.

Roy Burrell

Genealogy jottings

How's the research going? Have you started yet? Living with my Gran from the day that I was born and having her spark my interest, I cannot remember a time when I was not following it. However, what has – or will – pique your curiosity?

The nice thing about researching your family history is that you don't have to know a great deal to get started. A certain amount of nosiness... erm... curiosity does help, though! I was assisting someone in the Oundle Library the other day (I am there between 8:30am and 10:30am on the first Wednesday each month) and we were looking for a chap in Normanton, Yorkshire at the turn of the century. He had been in the army during the Boer War and had an address from his attestation papers. Before I knew where we were, as well as finding the address on the 1901 census, I had delved into Google maps and found where the house had once stood. Although no longer there, the houses on the other side of the road were still standing and gave us a good

By Jan Pearson
Genealogy Specialists, Tracing Our Past, Discovering Our Genes (TOP DOG)
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idea of the type of accommodation in which the chap and his family once lived.

If you are new to research, you might wish to consider taking a local college course to develop your skills – there are also online courses available. One of the most useful that I have discovered is provided by The National Archives on palaeography and is available as an online tutorial. This is excellent for helping you to understand handwriting from the 1500s to the 1800s. Family History magazines are also very useful for helping you to discover what other resources are available to you. They don't just offer advice as to how to go about your research but also have interesting articles covering social history. It all helps to 'put flesh on the bones' of your research!

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Editor's notes

As we move into the peak summer holiday period there is usually a reduction in the number of items submitted to the Nene Valley News, and there is still time for that tailing off to occur, but this edition is as full as ever.

Our article on the Nene Valley Festival illustrates that there are plenty of attractions still to come in the District and in his regular article East Northants Council Leader Steven North continues to highlight the fact that we have a great many 'hidden gems' locally which are worth exploring. So, if you're not going away on holiday there is plenty to do in this area.

On the retail front, a range of outlets are to open at the Rushden Lakes development this weekend and, on a somewhat smaller scale, it's good to see that Oundle's own shoe shop is to continue to

trade with largely the same delightful staff albeit under different ownership.

Visits to various locations around the District continue to illustrate the debt we owe to the huge number of volunteers doing great things for the benefit of local communities. Some take it upon themselves to do things which really shouldn't need to be done, at least not to such a great extent, like those in Little Addington who went out to collect litter. Others take the opportunity to improve things for their fellow parishioners; in this latter category, we can count the folk in Kings Cliffe who have got themselves a remarkable sports facility with plans for more still to come. Elsewhere, the festivals and entertainment events that have become commonplace wouldn't happen without the efforts of the army of volunteers who organise and manage them. Then there are those

who contribute on a daily or weekly basis throughout the year, running clubs and societies or supporting the community in some other way. A big "thank you" to all of you.

At Nene Valley News we like to think that we are doing our bit to support communication within the District and providing opportunities for local people and organisations to get their messages across to those who need to know. In pursuit of this aim, we are looking in particular for contributors who organise sporting activities. It can be any sport but we would prefer to hear from those who run leagues or other competitions, thus allowing us to print more general interest articles rather than ones relating to a specific club or team. If you believe you have something of interest to offer and want our readers to hear about it, then do get in touch.

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Northamptonshire County Schools Challenge 2017: great ideas, brilliant presentations

A huge congratulations to the Northamptonshire County Schools Challenge (NCSC) team from Huxlow Science College who finished second in this year's competition.

This is an annual competition in which Year 8 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 was Drugs and Psychoactive Substances.

"Well done team, you were amazing, and so close to winning. Great support from staff

too. A great night to see young people at their very best. Some great ideas brilliantly presented. Well done to all schools who took part," said one Huxlow parent who attended the Grand Final at the Lighthouse Theatre in Kettering on Monday 10th July. The Huxlow team narrowly lost out on the title to Kingswood Academy.

"Well done to all eight teams this evening, you all performed superbly and should be proud of yourselves – you are a credit to your schools," said a representative for the NCSC after the final.



Community Facilities Fund opens for applications

A fund to support the development of public facilities throughout the district is now open for the fifth year!

The Community Facilities Fund (CFF) was set up by East Northamptonshire Council (ENC) using money it receives from central government as new homes are created in the district. This 'New Homes Bonus' is based on the number of properties added to the Council Tax base each year, including new builds and empty properties being brought back into use.

Constituted community groups, including voluntary organisations and charities, as well as town and parish councils can bid for grants of up to £50,000 for capital projects which aim to enhance the district and benefit the whole community.

Previous projects have included building and construction work (such as Benefield Cricket Club, who received £18,900 to improve their facilities), as well as purchasing large items of equipment (like Raunds Town Council, granted £20,000 for a bandstand).

Councillor Steven North, Leader of East Northamptonshire Council, said: "As new homes are built, the demand on community facilities often increases, so it makes sense to use some of the money we get from central government to help develop these projects.

"Last year 12 community groups benefited from this fund, including Rockingham Forest

Trust and Denford Church. Over the next couple of years, we will see new facilities take shape and hope that all of them will make an important contribution to local people's health and wellbeing, with an increase in active recreation.

"Now another round of funding is open and we're looking forward to seeing what our local communities bid for to help make East Northants an even better place to live, work and play in."

In the last round, Bulwick Village Centre was awarded £4,500 for improvements to the Centre. Colin Deans, who helped lead the project, is very pleased with the new facilities:

"The project is now completed and has gone extremely well. Villagers are very impressed with the outcome. The funding has made a significant difference to the Village Centre. New young families are now using the Centre, with baby changing facilities for parties."

For details about the process and eligibility, visit www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/cff

All applications must have a minimum of 25% match funding. Please read the terms and conditions carefully before applying.

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Council agrees Rushden East master-planning vision

The vision for a new Sustainable Urban Extension that will provide good quality housing and employment within high quality and well-connected environments has been approved by East Northamptonshire Council.

Councillors endorsed the broad master-planning vision and objectives that will help create 'new and distinctive neighbourhoods that will offer a high quality of life for all'.

Located to the east of Rushden and Higham Ferrers, beyond the A6 Liberty Way, the Rushden East Sustainable Urban Extension forms part of the council's planning strategy and is included in the North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy

(JCS), which was adopted in July 2016.

The Sustainable Urban Extension will 'enhance the image of Rushden and Higham Ferrers and will be well-connected to and integrated with both towns. It will contain around 2,500 new homes along with new employment, social and community facilities, and a high quality landscape setting that enhances biodiversity.'

The purpose of the development is to achieve sustainable development to meet

rising population pressure which also helps to protect rural areas from over-development.

Steven North, leader of ENC explains: "The eastern expansion of Rushden will build upon the existing strong sense of local community, and will help form a distinctive place, whilst ensuring that it appropriately integrates and connects with the existing towns of Rushden and Higham Ferrers.

"Rushden East will be a mixed-use development which offers a good balance of jobs, homes and local facilities that can be accessed by all. Good transport links, connections with Rushden and Higham along with high quality green space and infrastructure will make this a very desirable place to live, work and play."

Rushden East will provide affordable and starter homes, homes for older people, larger executive homes, and opportunities for custom and self-build homes in an area where demand is high.

Councillors, officers and developers are working on a master-plan which will go out for consultation where the local community and stakeholders will have the chance to comment. The master-plan will describe how the new development will look and provide a structured approach to creating a clear and consistent framework for development.

The development is likely to be completed in the early 2030s and is currently being promoted by a development consortium which includes the Duchy of Lancaster, Barratts and Taylor Wimpey.

Spotlight on weddings

Raunds Town Hall



If you're planning to get married in East Northamptonshire then Raunds Town Council may have the perfect venue for you! The Hall, Thorpe Street, Raunds is now an approved wedding venue.

The Council Chamber was restored to its former Victorian glory during 2015 and can now host wedding ceremonies for up to 50 guests. The wedding party have exclusive use of the Council Chamber and newly refurbished Mayors Parlour for their celebrations. After the ceremony drinks can be served either in the Council Chamber or in the Town Hall gardens.

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Saxon Hall has very recently been enhanced with the addition of a terrace where your guests can relax and enjoy the gardens.

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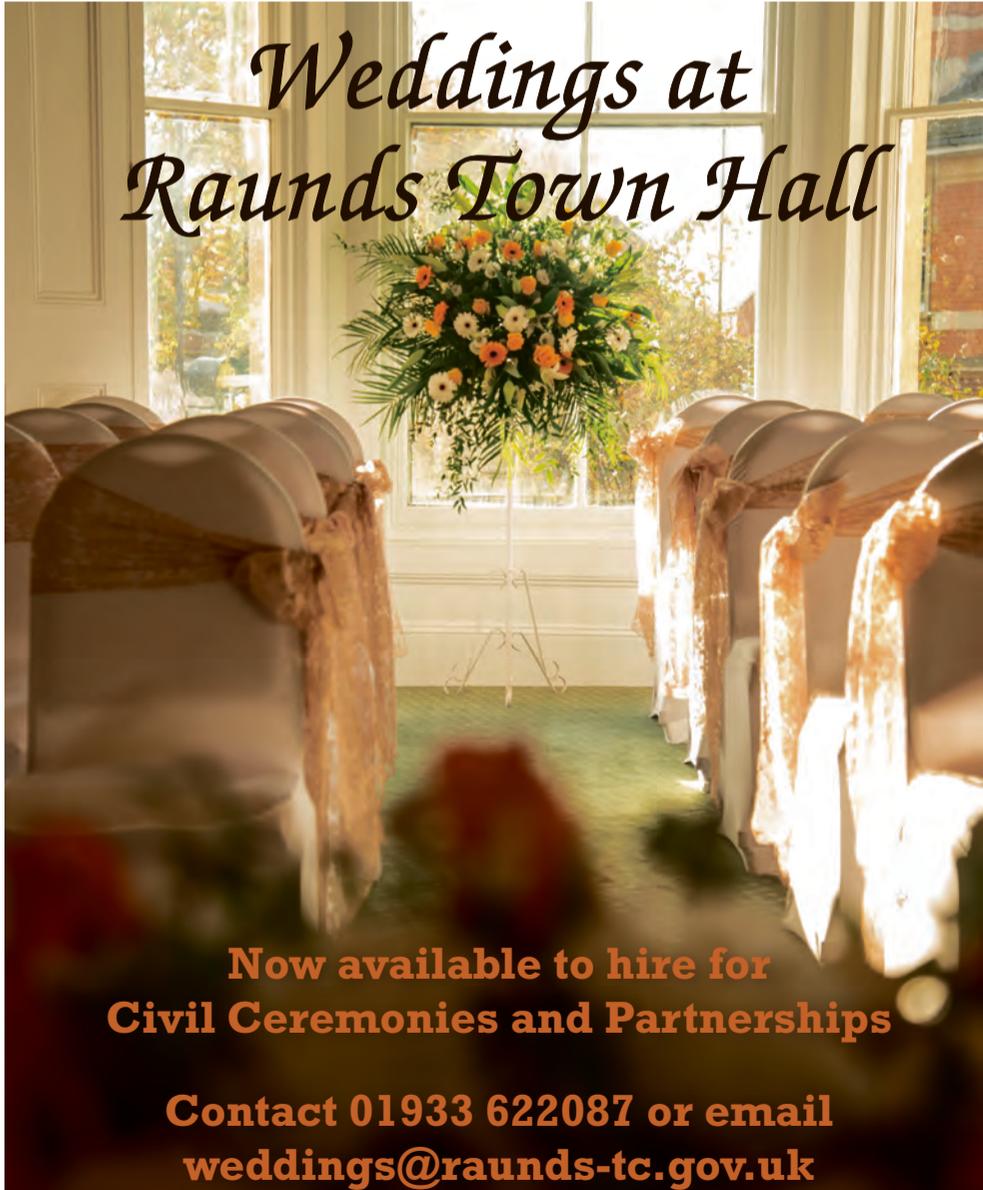
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The garden advice for summer you must read

With summer in full swing, we're sharing the advice of local garden nursery, Olive Grove Oundle, who are on hand to impart their gardening wisdom, so that we can all have an outside space to enjoy this year.

Maintain potted plants

July is the month that plants look their best, particularly those in pots, so you'll need to stay on top of caring for them as the weather gets warmer (we hope!) and the rain stops. Stick to a regular watering schedule, especially in drier spells, and feed your plants as required.

If flowers, such as roses, need

deadheading then do this regularly to encourage new growth – short stems just need the flower head removing, while you can remove the entire stem on longer stemmed plants.

Take care of your grass

As the mercury continues to rise, your grass can begin to look a little worse for

wear.

Rather than use a sprinkler, use the water from your water butt and ensure that you have the sprinkler head on your watering can for an even distribution of water.

Brown patches can also occur if the grass has been cut too short and the soil dries out, so raise your lawnmower blade by around 1cm to keep the grass longer.

Add a Mediterranean Touch

If you can't get away on holiday, then bring the Mediterranean to your garden with some European plants.

Olive trees make a great addition and focal point to an outside space and can be purchased in a variety of sizes and styles.

Position your tree in the sunniest spot in your garden, which also has shelter from wind as during the winter cold, chilly winds can do damage to an olive tree.

Olive trees are relatively self-sufficient, and require little feeding and or watering as they are extremely drought tolerant.

Hedge maintenance

Now is the time to prune trees and hedges in your garden in order to maintain their growth.

As general advice, we recommend that you examine the tree or hedge you need to trim, to ensure you know where each cut needs to be made to achieve an even cut. When cutting, make sure you step back regularly to assess where you need to go over again.

If you need to cut to a specific design, then you can create a guide out of cardboard or wood and move this along as you make each cut.

Accessorise

Summer is the chance to enjoy your garden and all the hard work that you put into maintain it all year round, so make it a place that you can relax and spend time in with a few garden accessories.

Solar powered lights will ensure that you can entertain once the sun has gone down, and can be hung across fence panels, wrapped around tree trunks or used to highlight certain areas of the garden.

Add outside cushions to furniture for a cosy touch, and blankets draped over the side if the weather turns chilly.

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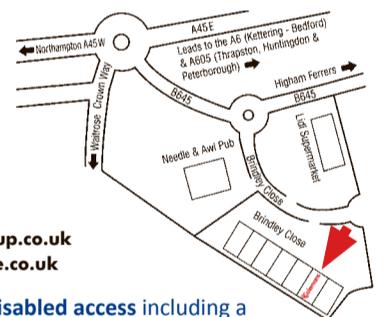
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Nikky Hall

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Aldwincle

17/01266/FUL (26/08/2017) (Info) Double storey side extension over existing garage. Extended rear dormer. Gates and fence to existing access and front boundary at 8 Cross Lane, Aldwincle

17/01351/VAR (26/08/2017) (Info) Variation of condition 5 to allow Larch Boarding, an amended ground floor storage area and an enclosed first floor storage area pursuant to application reference number: 15/02077/FUL dated 05/01/2016 – Proposed two bay open fronted garage with storage space above at 4 Lowick Lane, Aldwincle NN14 3EE

Ashton

17/01369/FUL (02/09/2017) (Info) (LB/CA) Change of agricultural field to equestrian paddock land and access at Green Farm 21, The Green, Ashton PE8 5LD

Benefield

17/01327/LBC (02/09/2017) (LBRegs) Replacement of five existing windows for similar with double glazed units. Minor alterations to 1st floor stud walls and proposed new bathroom at 27-28 Main Street, Upper Benefield PE8 5AN

Brigstock

17/01383/FUL (26/08/2017) (Info) Agricultural barn extension at Springwood Farm Barns, Benefield Road, Brigstock

Bulwick

17/01339/FUL (02/09/2017) (LB/CA) Construction of new single storey car port at The Old Rectory, Church Lane, Bulwick NN17 3ET

17/01340/LBC (02/09/2017) (LBRegs) Construction of new single storey car port at The Old Rectory Church Lane Bulwick NN17 3ET
17/01428/FUL (02/09/2017) (Info), 17/01429/LBC (02/09/2017) (LBRegs) Demolition of existing Munition Dumps and construction of new single storey store at The Old Rectory, Church Lane, Bulwick NN17 3ET

Deenethorpe

17/01435/FUL (26/08/2017) (Info) To erect

PVCU conservatory to the rear of the property at 67 Deenethorpe NN17

Easton-on-the-Hill

17/01289/FUL (02/09/2017) (Info) (LB/CA) Landscaping of the graveyard extension to include a labyrinth, a demeter walk and a garden; a new stone wall along the northern boundary and removal of the wall separating the graveyards at All Saints Church, Church Street, Easton On The Hill PE9 3LL

17/01302/FUL (02/09/2017) (LB/CA) New extension with glazed link and new dormer to existing roof at 13 High Street, Easton On The Hill, Stamford PE9 3LN

17/01400/FUL (02/09/2017) (LB/CA) Side extension and alteration to front elevation including relocated front door and new porch at 35 Church Street, Easton On The Hill, Stamford PE9 3LL

Glaphthorn

17/01358/FUL (26/08/2017) (Info) Proposed first floor side and front extensions at Ali Ed Main Street Glaphthorn PE8 5BE

Hargrave

17/01224/FUL (26/08/2017) (Info) Two-storey Side and Single-storey Rear Extensions and Detached Vehicle and Garden Store at Orchard House Nags Head Lane Hargrave NN9 6BJ

Harringworth

17/01292/FUL (26/08/2017) (Info) Single storey extension at 27 Seaton Road Harringworth NN17 3AF

Higham Ferrers

17/01330/FUL (26/08/2017) (Info) Part conversion of garage area to form habitable area at 11 Ullswater Close Higham Ferrers Rushden NN10 8NP

17/01395/FUL (26/08/2017) (Info) Erection of a single storey front extension; Erection of a single storey rear extension (behind the existing garage); Conversion of garage to habitable accommodation; Conversion of loft to habitable accommodation; Substitution of monopitched roof over the garage with new dual pitched roof; New roof to dwelling to create front and rear (instead of side) gables; Installation of flat roof dormer extension across rear roof slope at 44 Saffron Road, Higham Ferrers

17/01448/FUL (26/08/2017) (Info) Single-storey Rear Extension at 108 Wharf Road, Higham Ferrers, Rushden NN10

Irthlingborough

17/01370/FUL (02/09/2017) (LB/CA) Change of Use of Public House (A4) to Residential (C3) (including some demolition to rear) to create 2No dwellings, and erection of 5No dwellings including amenity areas and parking at The Horseshoe, 67 High Street, Irthlingborough NN9 5PU

Newton Bromswold

17/01328/FUL (02/09/2017) (Art8) Erection of 10No poultry buildings and associated infrastructure (as set out in Table 1 of Design and Access Statement May 2017) – application accompanied by Environmental Statement (EIA) at Land North East Of Westwood, AD Plant, Bedford Road, Rushden

Oundle

17/01445/FUL (26/08/2017) (Info) Proposed dormer bungalow (re-submission of application 17/00533/FUL) at Land Adjacent 8 Cotterstock Road, Oundle

17/01333/LBC (02/09/2017) (LBRegs)

Replacement of Collyweston Roof Finishes to entire roof of Trent House, including new underlay and battens and ventilation as well as improved insulation to loft voids at Trent House Riverside, Maltings, Oundle

17/01338/VAR (02/09/2017) (Info) (Art8) Variation of condition 12 of application 16/02185/REM to permit a minor material amendment to the approved scheme through moving the footprint of the sports hall and swimming pool by 4m to the south, increasing the building height by 500mm, introducing a stone spine feature wall adjacent to the main entrance into the building, extending the rear balcony to the north elevation and associated landscape alterations 14/00875/OUT for the demolition of existing swimming pool building and the erection of a new sports centre and other associated infrastructure works at Sports Hall, Milton Road, Oundle

17/01359/FUL (26/08/2017) (Info) Two storey side extension, single storey rear extension and front porch at 33 Rock Road, Oundle
17/01373/FUL (26/08/2017) (Info) Single storey side extension at 11 Kings Road, Oundle, Peterborough PE8 4AX

17/01417/FUL (02/09/2017) (LB/CA) 17/01418/LBC (02/09/2017) (LBRegs) Demolish existing flat roofed single storey kitchen and lean to extension, construct 2 storey extension with ground floor kitchen access as existing and first floor bathroom accessed through gable from master bedroom at 4 Mill Road, Oundle, Peterborough PE8 4BW

Ringstead

17/01422/FUL (26/08/2017) (Info) Two storey extension to front elevation with side and rear extension to existing dwelling at Cotton Farm House Station Road Ringstead NN14 4DT

Rushden

17/01211/FUL (26/08/2017) (Info) Raised decking area 5.4metres from rear of property (retrospective) at 43 Balmoral Avenue Rushden NN10 0BE

17/01288/FUL (26/08/2017) (Info)

Demolition of detached garage and workshop and existing single storey rear extension. Construction of single storey side and rear extension; loft conversion to include gable extension to existing hipped roof; Construction of dormer window to front elevation; Installation of two Sky Pod and six Velux rooflights; Installation of solar panels to rear roof slope; Installation of new windows to rear elevation; Creation of two parking spaces to front garden, bike store and alterations to boundary treatments at 65 Prospect Avenue, Rushden NN10 6DQ

17/01342/FUL (26/08/2017) (Info) Single storey rear extension at 62 Coltsfoot Road, Rushden NN10 0GE

17/01346/FUL (26/08/2017) (Info) Erection of two storey side extension with 2No car garage to ground floor at 67 Gloucester Crescent, Rushden NN10 0BW

17/01378/OUT (26/08/2017) (Info) Outline Planning Application for the demolition of the existing garage and erection of a one bedroomed dwelling at 27 Bradfield Close, Rushden NN10 0EP

17/01396/FUL (26/08/2017) (Info) Single storey rear/side conservatory extension at 100 Avenue Road, Rushden NN10 0SJ

17/01430/FUL (26/08/2017) (Info) Replacement Conservatory to the rear at 35 Prospect Avenue, Rushden NN10

Stoke Doyle

17/01332/FUL (26/08/2017) (Info) Proposed alterations and widening of existing access to dwelling at The Mill House, Wadenhoe Road, Stoke, Doyle PE8 5TG

Sudborough

17/01393/FUL (02/09/2017) (LB/CA) Replace existing soft wood windows with timber effect UPVC double glazing without Georgian Bars. Replace large bay window soft wood windows with timber effect UPVC double glazing without Georgian Bars and drop the height of the stone bay supporting the UPVC bay at Rose Barn, Main Street, Sudborough NN14 3BX

Thrapston

17/01399/FUL (26/08/2017) (Info) Removal of the front projecting bay windows and flat roofed canopy and making good with new window openings to the front elevation at 20 Bridge Street, Thrapston NN14 4JP

Wadenhoe

17/01444/FUL (02/09/2017) (Info) (LB/CA) Change of use into a single dwelling C3 from ancillary accommodation part of wedding and conference centre C1 and part agricultural at North Lodge, Pilton Road, Wadenhoe

Woodford

17/01311/LBC (02/09/2017) (LBRegs) Installation of new lightning conductors. Replace and repair of stone steps to rear of property at The Old Rectory, 4 Church Street, Woodford, Kettering NN14 4EX

The reason for applications being advertised is as follows :

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Paul Bland, Head Of Planning Services

Dated 29 August 2017

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



Guess where I am in the district?

From the ENC Chairman

May I firstly thank people who have contacted me, either by Twitter (@ENCChairman), email, or the old fashioned way of writing a letter to tell me where you thought my last picture in East Northamptonshire was located. It was taken in Lowick, which is off the A6116 between Stanion and Islip.

Lowick appears in the Domesday Book as Luhwik, and later as Lofwyk and in 1167 as Luffewich. The name derives from the old English 'Luhha's' or 'Luffa's' dwelling place. At the time of the 2011 census, the parish's population was 298 people.

In my continued aim to highlight the beauty of East Northamptonshire where was I when this picture (see left) was taken?

Along with other Civic Dignitaries I was delighted to attend the American Air Base at Alconbury to celebrate their 4th July Celebration. A warm welcome

is always given and a keenness to highlight their relationship between our two countries.

I attended a reception of the Chairman of Fenland District Council and the Service on the Occasion of Mayoral & Charity for the Mayors of Northampton, Milton Keynes and Peterborough where an opportunity is taken for me to highlight to other towns and counties the beauty of the district we live in.

I was pleased to welcome and host the final of the East Northamptonshire Schools Business Dragons event, whereupon the youth of various schools had an opportunity of showing their new inventions for the future to local businessmen/women.

It is important that young minds are encouraged to develop their ideas and acquire business skills and knowledge that could lead them to being successful in their lives.

Innovation is a key element of economic development for us to sustain our local economy and from what I witnessed at this event, we need to continue to assist our youngsters where we can in the development of their vision since they may become our future entrepreneurs.

Within the northern part of the district it was a pleasure to attend the opening of the King's Cliffe Active's new tennis/netball courts. ENC had contributed financially to assisting the community in this area and sport can play an important part in a person's life in helping to improve health and fitness. It was a joy to see so many people enjoying the facilities. Something I would like to see expanded on within our district.

Councillor Colin Wright
Chairman of East
Northamptonshire Council



Opening of the King's Cliffe Active's new tennis/netball courts

Young business brains take on the dragons

The district's finest young business brains put their skills to the test recently at the final of the 11th Business Dragons event, hosted by East Northamptonshire Council (ENC).

The competition, organised by The East Northamptonshire College, saw teams of entrepreneurs from four local schools (Rushden Academy, The Ferrers School, Huxlow Science College and Manor School) pitch their ideas and business plans to a panel of local Business Dragons.

The 'Dragons' included Peter Waddup (Director of The Leprosy Mission), Lorna Wiltshire (Personal and Interior Stylist), Mark Carrington (Director of King Vehicle Engineering Limited) and Nikki Roberts (Manager of The Pavilion Youth Club).

The final, which was held in the Council Chamber on 14th July, gave the young people the opportunity to present their original business ideas to the panel, having considered the design of the product, finance, staffing, manufacture, competition and profitability.

The Dragons then tested the knowledge and professionalism of each team with rigorous questioning about the benefit and effectiveness of their ideas.

The winning team trophy (supplied by ENC and presented by the Chairman) went to Life Line from Rushden Academy. Their idea is to produce an app for smartphones that can instantly contact the emergency services if you are in trouble and it automatically gives them your location. It's aimed at being an ideal solution for getting help if you are in an urgent situation and can't ring for help.

The best presentation trophy (supplied by King Vehicle Engineering Limited) was awarded to Easy-Peel-y from Huxlow Science College, for their pitch of having an easy-to-use complete hair removal device for men and women. The device not only has razors but also an aloe vera cream that

will dry and peel off pain-free to remove even the tiniest of hairs.

Spready Stick from Manor School, won the most original idea trophy (supplied by The East Northants College). Their idea is for an on the go device that easily spreads your favourite preserves/spreads for bread,

waffles and croissants. Working like a Pritt Stick, you just twist and spread and you can purchase refills for it too.

Chairman of East Northamptonshire Council, Councillor Colin Wright, said: "Welcoming the schools to the event was a privilege. With an average age of 14 years, the pupils had the opportunity to showcase their new inventions for the future. The teams all gave very impressive performances and it wasn't easy for the Dragons to pick the winners.

Well done to each and every student who took part, you should be very proud of yourselves.

"Innovation is a key element of economic development for us to sustain our local economy and from what I witnessed at this event, we need to continue to assist where we can in the development of our future entrepreneurs. We need to continue to support the creative ideas of our younger generation, since their creative minds are the future of our society."

Rushden Academy wins Business Dragons final

On 14th July Rushden Academy Y10 students lifted the East Northants Business Dragons winner's trophy. The final, held in the East Northants District Council Chambers, saw seven teams of competitors from Rushden Academy, Huxlow, Ferrers & Manor vying for the prize.

The competition was very tight and all teams worked very hard, but there can only be one winner. Jake, Darren and Thuso created and developed the Life Line app to call the emergency services in the event of a crisis.

The inspiration for the App came from recent terror attacks in Manchester and London as well as the Grenfell Tower fire. The app was designed to send your current location and a request for emergency help if you were in a situation where you cannot talk, breathe or are seriously ill.

The students faced a tough grilling from the Business Dragons selling and defended their product well enough to become the overall winners of the competition. Well done to the Life Line team from all the staff and students at the Academy.

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Fri 18	Blackpool
Sat 19	Hunstanton
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Fri 25	Clacton Airshow, London Museums
Fri 25	Whitstable, Canterbury
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Sun 27	Great Yarmouth
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September

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Girlguiding Division Event funded by the National Lottery Awards for All!



On Saturday 10th June 140 girls from Oundle and Thrapston Girlguiding Division arrived to spend a fun filled weekend at the Frontier Centre in Irthlingborough. The event was nearly entirely funded by the National Lottery Awards for All.

Along with support from Waitrose Community Matters, Oundle Town Council, The Foundation Account, Oundle G&S Society and Judith Day Opticians the weekend was a great opportunity for Rainbows, Brownies, and Guides from Oundle, Polebrook, Thrapston, Kings Cliffe and Woodford to come together to have new adventures, make friends and to gain confidence and

independence.

On Saturday the girls went off in groups to work their way round a carousel of activities including: circus skills, street dance, adventure pits, survival skills and inflatables.

After dinner the girls all gathered for a traditional campfire, although some of the old songs were given a modern twist!

Most girls were up at first light busy packing up their

kit and getting ready for the day. Once they'd been fuelled by a full English breakfast they set off to try canoeing, archery or high ropes. There was also time for some quieter craft activities and for all the girls to make their Kindness Pledge.

The Kindness Pledge is a promise to do something to help their community. The girls understand that being part of Girlguiding means

being part of something bigger and that they should play an active and positive role in their community.

The National Lottery Awards for All enabled us to provide a fantastic opportunity for girls to develop themselves, and to think about how they can serve their community. Both key elements of the promise all girls make when they join the Guiding community.

Clanfield Pirates Party

Clanfield Residential Home in Islip held a pirate themed day on Friday 14th July which involved residents and non-resident users of the Home, plus staff and visitors. The party arrangements were headed by Entertainments Manager, Jamie McCarthy. Good weather enabled the staff to serve lunch and tea in the garden; a range of events was organised with everyone getting involved and thoroughly enjoying themselves. To the casual visitor it was striking that all the residents stressed how much they enjoy being at the Home.

Clanfield is in Islip, right next to the ancient market town of Thrapston, and has been sympathetically

converted and extended yet retains many of the original features and a warm, homely atmosphere. The house is surrounded by large landscaped gardens enabling residents to enjoy being outdoors on sunny afternoons, many of the residents' bedrooms have

a view of the gardens and there is a large conservatory, from which views of the grounds can be enjoyed during the colder weather. Clanfield takes pride in its staff who are fully trained and dedicated to providing 24-hour care in a professional, respectful manner.



Popular festival returns to the Nene Valley this autumn

A festival which celebrates the unique heritage, wildlife and culture of the Nene Valley is back for its fourth year this autumn.

From 16th-24th September, the Nene Valley Festival will present an eclectic programme of outdoor family events, guided tours, water pursuits, concerts, cycle rides, local walks, foodie events and much more!

Featuring over 75 events at key locations along the Nene Valley, from Northampton to Peterborough, the festival is a must for wildlife and culture lovers of all ages looking for inspiration, tranquillity and new experiences.

The Nene Valley Festival is being organised through the Destination Nene Valley (DNV) project, which is a key priority within East Northamptonshire

Council's new Enterprising East Northants initiative, the Council's economic development plan for the district. DNV aims to promote the Nene Valley as a competitive, sustainable destination offering wildlife and heritage to a mixture of local, national and international audiences.

East Northamptonshire Councillor and Board Member for the Destination Nene Valley project, Sarah Peacock, said: "Our programme has a strong active and outdoors focus for 2017. We want to inspire more people to connect with the wildlife and heritage of the Nene Valley and we hope that our residents and visitors will enjoy all the activities

on offer this autumn."

The Festival is one of the key projects within the Nenescape Landscape Partnership scheme, a heritage lottery funded scheme that works in partnership with organisations stretching along the River Nene, to conserve and protect its natural and built history.

Amanda Johnson, Nenescape Project Development Manager, said: "The Nene Valley Festival is a wonderful celebration of everything that makes this beautiful stretch of countryside extraordinary. The Nenescape Landscape Partnership is thrilled to be supporting Destination Nene Valley with this annual event."

Visit www.nenevalley.net and follow @_nenevalley #nenevalley2017 on Twitter for up to date information on the festival programme.

'Brassed Off'? Let's hope not!

Rushden Town Band are putting on a concert to celebrate 21 years since the film 'Brassed Off' was made. The film, featuring Pete Postlethwaite, tells the story of the Grimley Colliery Band during the time of the mining strikes and its preparation and performance at the National Finals at the Albert Hall.

Rushden Town Band, like Grimley, has also experienced success recently in the world of banding competitions. Since 2011, the band has risen from the Fourth Section to the First Section. At the Area Contest in March, the band achieved an amazing second and earned a place at the National Brass Band Championships in Cheltenham

in September (the fifth time in seven years).

The concert – on 7th October – will feature music from the film including 'Danny Boy', 'Jerusalem', 'William Tell' and many more. In addition, the band is delighted to announce that Thomas Fountain, who has come through the Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust and who is now studying at the Royal Academy of Music, will be making a guest solo appearance.

The concert will be held at St Peter's Church, Oundle on Saturday 7th October at 7.30pm. Tickets will be on sale from Stitches of Oundle (01832 274433) and are priced at £7.50 (Concessions: £5.50).

Nene Valley Business News

Welcome to my monthly business column. Each month I will be visiting one of the diverse range of businesses across the district with a view to promoting and giving a boost to our local hard working industries. This month I visited the Ashgrove Clinic in Higham Ferrers and discovered a local business with some surprising celebrity links.

The clinic is tucked away just off the Kimbolton Road in a very nice period detached house set in its own gardens on Lancaster Street. I was welcomed by Claire Short who established the clinic with her husband Steven Bruce 11 years ago. They met each other when they were studying in London and were both students in the same class. Her husband Steven was a Lieutenant Colonel in the Royal Marines for 28 years which is a dramatic career change for anyone. Steven is also the local Community First Aid Responder and runs First Aid courses. This is perfectly natural for Steven as Royal Marines are trained to rescue people, so it makes sense.

It has taken some time to establish the practice as the clinic is not located on the High Street but after a lot of hard work it has earned an excellent reputation, which has been endorsed by many satisfied customers. Both Claire and Steven are qualified Osteopaths, of which there are seven at the clinic along with 12 other types of specialist.

For three years the clinic had an NHS contract until funding was stopped last year, which is not good news for those affected and their families who struggle to cope with these conditions and end up on long waiting lists as I have personally witnessed.

Some of the treatments on offer at Ashgrove include:

- Osteopathy
 - Podiatry
 - Chiropody
 - Hypnotherapy
 - Counselling
 - Acupuncture
 - Food intolerance testing
 - Sports therapy
 - Specialist treatment for post-traumatic stress
 - Human Givens Counselling
- As you can see the clinic

is a multidisciplinary practice which treats a wide range of physical and emotional disorders with a holistic approach.

There are two specialists who work with Autism, ADHD and Asperger's. The clinic works with schools and employers making assessments and diagnoses followed up by treatments.

Claire also treats animals, the smallest being a gecko and the largest a camel in Egypt which she came across in her travels, and also a buffalo, very brave if you ask me!

Here's the celebrity bit I promised you earlier – based at the clinic is well known hypnotherapist, Christian Baker who has been practising for 15 years and has treated well-known celebrities on the TV circuit both at Ashgrove and in Harley Street. He has treated well-known hosts and contestants from the mega famous TV show X Factor and Blue Peter, and the very brave late Jade Goodey before she died, to name but a few.

Public speaking can be quite daunting and hypnotherapy can boost performance and confidence for those who struggle with public speaking but I expect Simon Cowell would not have needed Christian's services.

I have to say hypnotherapy is a fascinating subject which can successfully influence weight loss, quitting smoking, confidence, self-esteem, anxiety and surprisingly sexual dysfunction and insomnia which supports the statement "it's all in the mind" literally!

Claire and Steven have also treated the sporting elite and have cured sports injuries for competing horse riders, athletes and rugby players well known in the sporting world.

Claire stated they were also very lucky to have Ann Exton who practises podiatry and has vast experience as she formerly worked for Northampton Hospital which closed its podiatry services also due to cutbacks.

I asked Claire, which was her most successful outcome in treating a patient.

With her years of experience we could have sat there all day but a couple of clients came to mind which were most memorable. The first was a young man who was a boxer in his early 20s who had low back pain even when walking. He made a full recovery after Claire's expert treatment and he invited her to a charity boxing match. Claire sat at the ringside watching the nailbiting fight match which he won with no ill effects, a tribute to her expertise.

Her second story which was also inspiring was of a young woman who wanted to run the London marathon in memory of her father who had died of cancer and she wanted to raise much needed funding. She had come to see Steven three months before the race was due to start with foot and shin pain and she feared not being able to compete. Steven analysed her walking and running gait which was remedied by insoles inserted into her shoes and she went onto run the race, and raised the funds in memory of her much loved father.

Sharon Hansford practises acupuncture at the clinic and has had tremendous success with infertility with couples who have struggled to conceive and who have gone on to make babies after treatment, remarkable!

Jason Sheridan is their sports therapist and has also treated many top local athletes, including ultra-marathon runners, Iron Man



competitors and tri-athletes.

The business also supports a healthy lifestyle in the local area making sure people are aware how important exercise is to a healthy life.

The conditions and disorders that can be treated at Ashgrove are endless and it's well worth looking at their website: www.theashgroveclinic.co.uk.

As usual I will end with a

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Email: info@theashgroveclinic.co.uk

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The staff are wonderfully welcoming, give them a call if you wish to discuss a condition with them.

Next month I will be visiting another business which will help you brighten up your home, until then best wishes to all our readers from your local business champion Marika Hillson.

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the address below. This will ensure that should an emergency arise the ambulance service will have more locations to provide.

community.responder@emas.nhs.uk

If a defibrillator is used and effective CPR is performed within 3-5 minutes of cardiac arrest, survival chances increase from

6% to 74%. With the installation of the defibrillator at RRE Electrical Services they hope to be part of the campaign to increase the survival rates. RRE Electrical Services think that it is surprising that there is no current legislation around Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) in the workplace.

East Midlands Ambulance service will be providing training to staff at RRE Electrical Services and other local businesses.

RRE Electrical Services are also keen supporters of the British Heart Foundation charity and recently held a plant sale at their premises in Rushden raising £264.68 for the charity.

Patisserie Valerie opens new café

Patisserie Valerie, which operates over 140 stores across the UK, opened its first café in Rushden, Northamptonshire on Friday 28th July.

The renowned bakery and continental cake shop has moved into a unit within Rushden Lakes Retail Park and has created approximately 20 jobs.

This new store will offer the brand's famous range of scrumptious, handcrafted gateaux and patisserie, which customers will be able to indulge in whilst they enjoy handcrafted coffee

made by trained baristas, and also a range of loose leaf teas. The café will offer a delicious menu of hot food, perfect for customers looking for a light lunch.

The new Rushden store will also be a site for customers to enjoy the brand's take on the traditional Afternoon Tea. This indulgent treat involves a mouth-watering selection of finger sandwiches, plain and fruit scones with clotted cream and jam, as well as a range of mini patisserie bites.

Customers will also be

able to order and collect celebration cakes fit for any occasion from this store. They can either choose from Valerie's famous range of gateaux and wedding cakes or use the company's interactive create-a-cake tool, to invent the perfect celebration cake. Patisserie Valerie also offers a bespoke cake service for birthday, wedding and other special occasion cakes which can be discussed with a member of staff in store.

Customers can sign up to Patisserie Valerie's Cake

Club to receive exclusive offers and promotions, and hear all of the latest news at: www.pvcakeclub.co.uk

Paul May, CEO of Patisserie Holdings PLC, the group that owns Patisserie Valerie, commented on the new opening: "The opening of our new Rushden store is very exciting. We have had countless requests from customers asking us to come to this area for a while, and we're pleased to finally be opening here. We hope the people of Rushden enjoy their new store!"

WIN WIN WIN!

Win an Afternoon Tea treat for two or a 4 Slice Treatbox. All you need to do is answer the question below and send it to Nene Valley News, 9 Checkpoint Court, Sadler Road, Lincoln LN6 3PW or email your answer to news@nenevalleynews.co.uk. The deadline is Monday 14th August.

In which town is the new Patisserie Valerie store opening?

T's & C's

Afternoon Tea Voucher: Expires 12 months from date of purchase. Must be used in one single transaction. No cash value. Must present voucher to member of staff on arrival. Only valid for one standard Afternoon Tea for Two. Excludes prosecco option. Any additional items you may order will be added to the bill, and must be paid for accordingly. Subject to availability. Valid at any Patisserie Valerie branch that offers Afternoon Tea – please check website for your local store. Cannot be used in conjunction with any other promotion. Please treat this card like cash as lost or stolen cards cannot be replaced. Not valid in Selfridges concessions.

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Sunday 30th July

All Age Service
Thrapston Baptist Church
10.30am
Preacher: Mat Hussain
Ordinary People, Extraordinary
God – Daniel.

Tuesday 1st August

Higham Ferrers Footpath Group
Podington, junction of High Street
and Gold Street
6.45pm
01933 387991
3.5 mile evening walk from
Podington.

Thursday 3rd August

**Tiddlers Group for
0 to 3 year olds**
Thrapston Baptist Church
NO Tiddlers this week – Summer
break.

Friday 4th August

Fusion for 7 to 11 year olds
Thrapston Baptist Church
NO Fusion this week – Summer
break.

Sunday 6th August

Morning Service
Thrapston Baptist Church
10.30am
Preacher: Allan Pope.

Cream Teas

In Parson Latham's Chapel Hall,
Church Hill, Barnwell.
2.30pm-5pm, £3.50 per head
Pat Rutterford 01832 272496.
Enjoy a relaxing afternoon in our
Chapel Hall and Garden with family
and friends.

Higham Ferrers Footpath Group

Saffron Road car park Higham
Ferrers for car sharing
9.30am
07952 350540
6 mile walk from Ringstead

Wednesday 9th August

Brusho Workshop
Ringstead Village Social Club
10am-3pm, £25 booking essential
01933 460676
If you have never used Brusho
before this is the workshop with
mixed media for complete
beginners.

Thursday 10th August

**Tiddlers Group for
0 to 3 year olds**
Thrapston Baptist Church
NO Tiddlers this week – Summer
break.

Friday 11th August

Fusion for 7 to 11 year olds
Thrapston Baptist Church
NO Fusion this week – Summer
break.

Saturday 12th August

**20th Annual Teddy Bear
Parachute Jump and
Summer Fete**
St Laurence Church,
Stanwick NN9 6AZ
2pm
Peter 01933 623590 for further
information. Rushden Mission
Band, raffle, tombola local and
national charities, refreshments,
homemade cakes and preserves.

Sunday 13th August

Communion Service
Thrapston Baptist Church
10.30am
Preacher: Stan Short
Theme – Love before service.

Cream Teas

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2.30pm-5pm
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Cream Teas

Rushden Station, Station Approach,
Rushden NN10 0AW
01933 353111
Adults £8.50 Children £5
[https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/
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By Appointment

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Oundle, Northants PE8 4BG
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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, learn or
refresh your skills, £15 course intro
with coffee.
Diane Gifford 07432 123 438

Every Monday

Baggy pants Yoga Class
Masonic Hall, Wellingborough
Road, Rushden
8.30am-9.30am, £5 per class
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
1.30-2.45pm, 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 3.55-6.10pm,
Fri 3.55-6.10pm, Sat 8.30am-
12noon, block booked in

advance (£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 OXH)
7pm-11pm, membership £5 pa
Aron 07739563657/
aron.phoenix@virginmedia.com



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

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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

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Oundle School Swimming Pool,
Milton Road Oundle
5-6pm (May vary during school
holidays), £3 adult & £2.25 child
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The Old Town Hall,
Market Place, Oundle
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01832 776336/
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French Tuition

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

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

British Korean Veterans
 The Old Grammarians Club
 Oxford Street, Wellingborough
 11.45am
 Mary Morby 01933 312476 or
 e.m.m@btinternet.com

Raunds & Dist' British Legion
 Conservative Club, Raunds
 8pm
 01933 625333 for more details
 You do NOT have to be ex-services.

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 & Sunday
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

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@anterlanguages.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, block
 book in advance (£6.75 per lesson)
 01832 277208/277195

Most Fridays
Local Focus 'explorations'
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 9.30am-12.30pm/2.30pm
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 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 Stitchers
 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



Park Road, Rushden NN10 ORG
 10.30am

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

Ringstead Shared Church
 10.30am
 Mike Freeman 01933 389796/
 rbc-rsc@angeladavis.net
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 Rutland Water's Osprey Project.

1st Sunday of the month
Priceless – for young children
and their families
 St Laurence's Church, Stanwick
 9.30am-10.15am

Every 2nd, 4th & 5th Sunday
Pete's Pack
 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

Leisurely, Sociable Strolls
 Pub start – if not lunching do
 not use pub car park
 10am for 10.30am start.
 Guests £2 or join for year £8
 secretary@northamptonshire
 shamblers.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

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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16 Oct	Bournemouth	5	Suncliff Hotel	All Inclusive	£ 285
20 Oct	Paignton	4	Queens Hotel		£ 195
23 Oct	Hemsby	5	Seacroft HC	Half Term: adults only illuminations weekend	£ 180
27 Oct	Blackpool	3	Park House Hotel		£ 165
30 Oct	Weymouth	5	Crown Hotel	T&T	£ 270
6 Nov	Eastbourne	5	Alexandra Hotel	T&T	£ 225
13 Nov	Torquay	5	Howden Court	T&T	£ 250
24 Nov	Hayling Island	4	Mill Rythe HC	T&T	£ 195
4 Dec	Hemsby	5	Seacroft HC	T&T	£ 180
23 Dec	Bournemouth	5	Suncliff Hotel	Christmas	£ 460
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PUBLIC NOTICES

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14

THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (PUBLIC BRIDLEWAY MF2 (PART) - PARISH OF BARNWELL)
TEMPORARY CLOSURE BY NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit all pedestrians, equestrians and cyclists from proceeding along that length of Public Bridleway MF2 in Parish of Barnwell as specified below. Private access to land or premises adjacent to the said length of bridleway is unaffected.

RIGHT OF WAY TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: The existing route to be closed begins at point A at National Grid Reference (NGR) TL0481 8410. The route travels generally south east then south west for a total distance of 547 metres to point B at NGR TL0489 8362. The route is shown by a solid black line between points A - B.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required due to works to Barnwell Brook.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The Order will come into effect on 31st July 2017 and will continue in force for a period of six months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for this Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such extent as is indicated by the display of notices.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: The alternative route starts at point A at TL0481 8410. The route travels generally south east for approximately 138 metres to point C at NGR TL0485 8399. The route then travels generally north east then east for approximately 123 metres to point D at NGR TL0491 8407. The route then travels generally south for approximately 464 metres to point B at NGR TL0481 8410. The alternative route is shown by a broken black line between points A - C - D - B.

Dated this 29th day of July 2017
 QUENTIN BAKER, Director of Law & Governance
 ROW/PKG/279

If you require any further information please contact Barry Peck (JBA Bentley) on 07970 405676.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14

THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (MAIN STREET, SUDBOROUGH)
(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 Main Street, Sudborough as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Main Street, Sudborough from outside 18 Main Street.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during installation of LV pole.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 23rd August 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 for one day.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use A6116, Kettering Road, Islip Road, Main Street, Sudborough Road and Slipton Lane.

Dated this 29th day of July 2017
 QUENTIN BAKER, Director of Law & Governance
 PKG/T17/292

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

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14

THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (MAIN STREET, THORPE ACHURCH)
(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 Main Street, Thorpe Achurch as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Main Street, Thorpe Achurch from Church Lane south to parish boundary.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during installation of new water connection.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 21st August 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 for up to three days.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Pilton Road, A605, Brook Farm Road, Achurch Road and Lilford Road.

Dated this 29th day of July 2017
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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14

THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (THOMAS FLAWN ROAD, IRLTHINGBOROUGH)
(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 Thomas Flawn Road, Irlthingborough as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Thomas Flawn Road, Irlthingborough from Ebbw Vale Road to Lakeside.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during carriageway repairs and associated works.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 21st August 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 for two days.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Ebbw Vale Road, Lodge Way and Lakeside.

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East Northants Snooker League

The league moves into week 9, with just five matches left to play. There were only three games played this week due to the Windmill Warriors fixture against Coopers A having to be postponed. However the matches that did take place did not disappoint. There was plenty of drama on the green baize.

Windmill Mecca played Islip WMC which finished in a 3-3 draw, with every player winning one frame each. Matt Barcock was playing particularly well and in his first frame knocked in two breaks of 34 and a break of 28 against Jamie Edwards. Wayne Gardner played James Docherty and their first frame went down to a re-spotted black which Docherty managed to cut in to the middle pocket to win that frame.

Coopers C were at home to Windmill Weapons. Roger Hayes-Roome beat Ben Pacan 2-0 to give Coopers a headstart. Kevin Freeman of Coopers played Neil Darling in the next game. Neil won the first frame, and then Kevin had all but won the second frame as he was 20 points ahead with only pink and black on the table; two snookers required. Unbelievably, Kevin accidentally snookered Neil behind a free-ball, conceding a foul. Neil put Kevin into play again from the snookered position, and he conceded a further foul, putting Neil back in contention. Neil potted the pink but missed the black and left it pottable. Kevin cut the black into the corner pocket but, very unfortunately, the white drifted in to the pocket too, handing

the frame to Neil. The match finished in a 3-3 draw following a 1-1 result between Hinds and Britchford, including a 35 break from Hinds.

The highlight of the evening came from the match between Windmill Underdogs and Coopers Ball Bashers. The match finished 4-2 in the Underdogs favour, only their second win of the season and much needed. The match was 2-2 heading into the final game between Justin Wynne and Martyn Hatton. The first frame was a scrappy, low-scoring affair, which Justin managed to win. In the final frame of the match Martyn missed a pot leaving Justin amongst the balls. Much to Justin's surprise he then proceeded to pot nine reds and nine colours to amass a cool 71 break – the highest of the season – and put the frame beyond Hatton's reach, giving Underdogs the win.

Due to Windmill Warriors' match being postponed they have seen their lead reduce to just one point, but they have that all-important game in hand. Islip WMC did enough this week to remain in 2nd place. Windmill Weapons are just behind them in 3rd and with a four point advantage over the rest of the teams. Perhaps this gap will widen and then it becomes a three horse race? A good win for those other teams next week could see them jump right up the table.

Results for Week 9:

Windmill Underdogs 4-2 Coopers Ball Bashers
Windmill Mecca 3-3 Islip WMC
Coopers C 3-3 Windmill Weapons

East Northants Snooker League - Sponsored by Expense Reduction Analysts

Position	Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points
1	Windmill Warriors	8	6	2	0	32
2	Islip WMC	9	4	2	3	31
3	Windmill Weapons	9	4	2	3	29
4	Coopers C	9	3	3	3	25
5	Windmill Mecca	8	2	4	2	24
6	Windmill Underdogs	9	2	3	4	22
7	Coopers A	7	3	0	4	21
8	Coopers Ball Bashers	9	2	0	7	20

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Position	Player Name	Team	High Breaks (30+)
1	Justin Wynne	Windmill Underdogs	71
2	Wayne Gardner	Windmill Mecca	68, 53, 38, 34, 30, 30
3	Steve Biggs	Coopers A	40
4	Ricky Ellis	Windmill Underdogs	39, 30
5	Warren Sanger	Islip WMC	39
6	Colin Hinds	Coopers C	38, 35, 30
7	Matt Barcock	Windmill Mecca	34, 34, 32
8	Martin Dalton	Coopers A	31
9	Roger Hayes-Roome	Coopers C	31
10	Neal Vaughan	Windmill Underdogs	31
11	Michael Dicks	Windmill Warriors	30

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