

# Nene Valley news

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#### Top 10 finish for Town Band

**C**heltenham Racecourse became a venue for other runners and riders over the weekend of 16th–17th September when the National Brass Band Championships took place. Rushden Town Band qualified at the Area contest in the First Section earlier in the year. Competing against 16 other bands, playing Tournament for Brass, the band came a respectable 10th.

The band regularly put on concerts in the area, the next one on 7th October at St Peters Church, Oundle. In conjunction with the Friends of the Parish Church, the band will be celebrating 21 years since the film 'Brassed Off' was released, playing music from the film.

Joining the band for the concert will be Thomas Fountain, a Northamptonshire lad who is now studying at the Royal Academy of Music. The concert starts at 7.30pm and tickets are available from Stitches of Oundle 01832 274433, priced £7.50 for adults and £5.50 for concessions.

# 'Dahlicious' snozzcumbers for lunch at Laxton Junior School



The children in Year Three at Laxton Junior School have had a fabulous time celebrating Roald Dahl Day. Excited pupils dressed as characters from Roald Dahl's much loved stories, arriving for school ready to celebrate what would have been the author's 100th birthday.

**R**oald Dahl Day is celebrated annually giving the children the opportunity to get really creative, donning impressive costumes, which this year included Willy Wonka, Charlie Bucket, Matilda, Fantastic Mr Fox, the Twits, and there was even a visit from the BFG. The children were delighted with a celebratory lunch of snozzcumbers, chicken liver donuts and a variety of cakes' with some even daring to drink George's marvellous medicine!

The children spoke about their favorite Roald Dahl stories and learned the history of this

children's literary hero. One Year Three pupil said: "My favourite bit was lunchtime, the food was 'Dahlicious'!"

Head Mr Robertson commented: "It has been the most incredible day of Roald Dahl themed learning in our Year Three forms; the children, led by our wonderfully creative staff, have been immersed in a spectacular array of activities that have encouraged a deeper understanding of Dahl's stories whilst celebrating the sense of fun and wonder that weave so beautifully through the pages of his books."



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The aim of the nationwide scheme is to increase the health and well-being of the older generation by reducing social isolation, introducing new activities, meeting new people and staying active and involved in their communities.

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**By Jan Pearson**  
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You would then be able to liaise with them on the design of your arms and crest. This could be based upon your occupation, your hobbies, your county of birth – anything that is relevant to you and your life. Mine would probably consist of a (family) tree with books for the roots.

There are some companies that try to sell you your 'family crest' on mugs, T-shirts and the like. Whilst they might make an interesting talking point over the family dinner and drinks, they really need to be taken for what they are – a gimmick. I have not found any nobility in my family and I have been researching for over 50 years and I can think of better things to spend my hard earned cash on, so I think that I am quite happy to continue through life without a coat of arms or crest.

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## Editor's notes

Without knowing the background details to our article on the compulsory purchase of a property in Rushden it's difficult to be anything but in sympathy with the actions of the District Council. Obviously, housing is in short supply so bringing this property back into use must be a sound idea; moreover, no one likes to see buildings falling into disrepair and causing a neighbourhood to look rundown. Perhaps East Northants Council would like to consider how this option, currently applicable to domestic accommodation, might be extended to the commercial property which is Ashton's derelict Riverside Inn.

There is further good news on the housing front in Rushden too. The development of the former Grenson shoe factory on Allen Road has resulted in 32 homes for affordable rent and 14 shared ownership properties. The scheme benefitted from the grant from the Homes and Communities Agency and it's good to see this type of site, formerly a centre of employment in the town, being brought back into use for the local community.

Meanwhile, it's disappointing to hear that the County Council has rejected an application by Oundle Town Council to have the Fletton Fields site, off the Glaphorn Road, registered as a 'Town Green'. The decision was based on the report of an independent inspector who

took the view that insufficient evidence had been provided to confirm that a significant number of residents of the town had used the site for 'Lawful Sports and Pastimes' over the past 20 years. While it's true that the town benefits from a number of open spaces, most of these are owned by Oundle School and are not generally available for public use. Should one suspect that this will prove to be a very convenient decision for anyone wishing to develop the site for housing and how will that sit with the emerging Oundle Neighbourhood Plan? Perhaps the decision will be appealed.

Have you had your 'flu jab' yet? The injected flu vaccine is offered free on the NHS annually to adults over the age of 18 if they are at risk of getting flu (this category includes everyone aged 65 and over), pregnant women and children aged six months to two years (again if they are at risk of flu). You can have your NHS flu vaccination at your GP surgery, a local pharmacy offering the service or your midwifery service if they offer it for pregnant women. Some community pharmacies now offer flu vaccination to adults (but not children) at risk of flu including pregnant women, people aged 65 and over, people with long-term health conditions and carers. If you have your flu-jab at a pharmacy, you don't have to inform your GP – it is up to the pharmacist to do that. You can find out more about the flu jab at [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk).

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# Council uses compulsory purchase power to resolve empty Rushden home

As part of its active empty homes programme, East Northamptonshire Council has taken possession of a three bedroom house in Rushden that has stood vacant for eight years.

Despite the house starting to fall into major disrepair, complaints from neighbours, being liable for full Council Tax and attempts by ENC officers to engage with the owner about bringing the property back into use, it remained vacant.

As a final resort, the council sought a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) which can be used where owners refuse to take action to bring a property back into use, where an owner cannot be traced or where a property has been empty for a long time and is causing a nuisance or is a danger to the public.

Throughout the lengthy process of seeking the CPO from the Secretary of State for the Department for Communities and Local Government, the council continued to offer help and support but the owner was not prepared to bring the property back into occupation and

so it was transferred into the council's ownership on 5th September 2017.

The house and garden will now be cleared and options for its future considered.

Leader of the Council, Steven North, explains: "Whilst we try to give owners of empty properties every opportunity to bring accommodation back into the market for use, we are prepared to take enforcement action.

"In this instance, every opportunity for help and advice was given to the owner but wasn't taken up. I'm pleased to say that the property is now owned by the council and will shortly be brought back into use to provide much-needed housing in the Rushden area. This will hopefully send a positive message to all owners of long-term empty homes that this council is committed to meeting housing needs through bringing empty homes back into use."

For more information about the council's empty homes strategy, visit [www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/emptyhomes](http://www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/emptyhomes)

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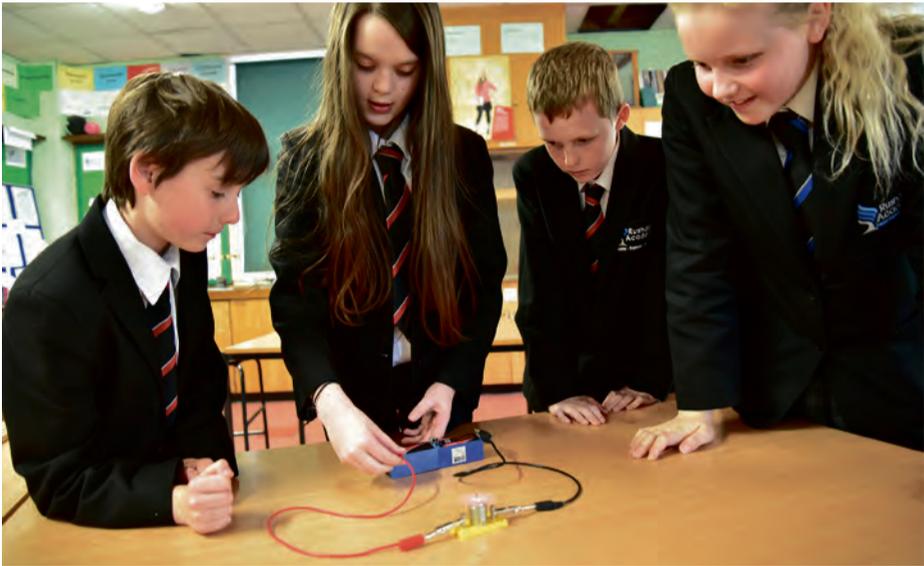
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# Spotlight on education

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reading skills given high priority and a strong emphasis on mathematics, English, and science, as well as the introduction of French at an early age. Small classes ensure that teachers know every child's ability and learning style and the classroom atmosphere is bubbling and happy.

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Maria Chapman, Headmistress, said: "At St Peter's School and Sunnylands Nursery, every child is given individual encouragement to develop their particular strengths and talents to the full."

We warmly welcome you to visit the school and nursery during our Open Week, beginning on Monday 9th October 2017, during which you will meet the Headmistress and staff and see the children's work on display. For full details, telephone 01536 512066 or visit [www.st-peters.org.uk](http://www.st-peters.org.uk).

Visits at other times of the year are equally welcome by appointment.

## Polebrook Primary School

Following their invitation to take part in the prestigious Music for Youth National Festival, nine pupils from Polebrook Primary School recently performed at Symphony Hall in Birmingham.

The music mentor, well-known music educator and composer Sarah Watts, commented that the original piece they performed, 'Some Wild Tales', was very musical, well-structured and "much enjoyed". She described their performance as "delightful" and noted that the children sang

and played with "some real energy". Polebrook was the only primary school in Northamptonshire to play in the Infant and Juniors category.

"We're very proud of all our pupils' achievements in the arts," said Hazel Johnson, Headteacher. "Now we're keeping our fingers crossed that we are offered a performance opportunity at the Music for Youth Schools Prom, which takes place in the autumn term at the Royal Albert Hall."

## Rushden Academy

I am delighted to welcome you to our rapidly improving school, Rushden Academy. We have fostered a strong sense of team work and passionately believe in working together to ensure our pupils achieve the best possible outcomes that they can.

There is a strong drive to excel in lessons and to behave respectfully towards each other and our community. We are proud of the curriculum that we have on offer, not only does it deliver the content pupils need to excel in today's society, it also develops their imaginations. Performing Arts and PE are strengths of the school and we regularly showcase excellent performances or coach youngsters in local schools.

Our pupils fully understand the rules, routines and values; the anti-bullying charter is also well understood. We do indeed have a highly supportive pastoral system, which is focused on ensuring our pupils succeed and leave us as confident, articulate and aspirational young adults.

Everyone in Team Rushden has a role and responsibility, we have built a culture where together, students and staff are united in transforming our school. We are proud of our achievements, and produce a weekly bulletin keeping parents/carers informed of what is happening in Team Rushden.

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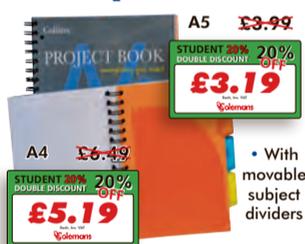
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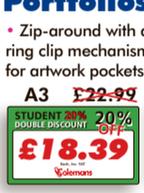
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Staff will be available for you to meet and give you a tour of our beautiful school. We also welcome visits from parents during the school day. Please call 01933 622734 to arrange an appointment. We look forward to meeting you.



Ringstead Church of England Primary School

### The Ferrers School

We look forward to welcoming all prospective students and their parents to Our Open Evening on Monday 16th October. This is a fantastic opportunity to view our much improved facilities following a recent £2million investment programme which incorporated an all-weather FIFA standard sports pitch and improved eating areas for students. We encourage you to visit all of the Learning Centres and participate in the activities that are taking

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### Manor School

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The school will be holding its Year 7 Intake Evening on Thursday 12th October from 4pm. The evening is open to current Year 6 students and will give you and your child an opportunity to listen to an introduction from the Principal and have a guided tour of the school.

Tuesday 17th October sees the school's Post-16 Information Evening take place from 6pm. It will be an opportunity for prospective students to gather information regarding the wide range of different post-16 subjects and courses on offer as part of the sixth form.

To register your interest in attending please visit [www.manorschool.northants.sch.uk](http://www.manorschool.northants.sch.uk), or if you cannot make these dates please phone the school on 01933 623921 to make alternative arrangements.

### Huxlow Science College

Huxlow Science College in Irthlingborough is opening its doors to Year 5 and 6 parents on Wednesday 11th October for its annual Open Evening.

Parents will be able to view for themselves the reasons why Ofsted has given the secondary school a Good rating and learn why it is the top performing school in the local area.



Huxlow Science College

This summer the school's GCSE and A Level students gained the best results in its history with many students heading to Russell group universities and a high percentage studying science related subjects. Zach Tiernan also gained a place at Cambridge University.

Headteacher Steve Gordon said: "This has been a wonderful exam season for us and is testament to the hard work of staff and students.

"Here at Huxlow we are extremely focussed on developing the whole child and as well as celebrating these academic achievements we are confident that all of our students are prepared to go on and do well in the adult world."

The Open Evening will start at 6pm and Mr Gordon will give a talk at 6.30pm and 7pm.

Visitors will be able to experience the school in action, with science experiments, cookery demonstrations and drama performances taking place.

There will also be a guided tour on the afternoon of Thursday 12th October from 1.30pm to 3pm. No booking is necessary. For more information please contact the school on 01933 650496 or email [enquiries@huxlow.northants.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@huxlow.northants.sch.uk)

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# World Conker Championships

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Sunday 8th October is the date for this year's extravaganza and hostilities will commence after the town crier has introduced King Conker and Lord Robartes (English civil war reenactment regiment) with the junior competition at 10.30am followed by the main championships at 11am. Presiding over the heated duels to find the 2017 World Champion is emcee Mike Sewell from BBC Radio 5 live.

If all the conker action is too exciting take some respite with the extensive fringe events, including The Juggling Workshop, Pub Games, Climbing Wall, and English Civil War Living History Encampment plus music from

local bands. Guide Dogs for the Blind will provide a practical demonstration showcasing their amazing skills.

Feeling peckish? Head over to the pub for some refreshments or sample some of the delicious fare from the various food stalls around the arena.

The culmination of the day's event is the crowning of the eventual victors. This usually

occurs after 3pm. The day concludes as you wade through the weary and exhausted combatants littering the battlefield, these poor inconsolable figures lie amongst the piles of smashed weapons and broken dreams.

The proceeds from the day are channelled predominantly to organisations supporting the blind and visually impaired (total to date £415,782.99).



Admission prices: Adult £5 Child £2.50 Family Ticket £10  
 Website: [worldconkerchampionships.com](http://worldconkerchampionships.com)  
 Funded by Northamptonshire Community Foundation and The Constance Travis Charitable Trust Fund together with Northamptonshire County Council for their valuable support of the competition.

# Wildlife News

“Expect the unexpected” is good advice for many activities, but particularly for anyone interested in wildlife and the countryside. Plants and animals always have conditions where they prefer to grow, and especially breed, but they are free to choose; if surroundings, especially the food supply, are good they can move into unexpected spots. For example, we can find plants growing in cracks in walls or even roads, which certainly would not look suitable. Of course, they may find that all is not well and they are likely to die.

That crossed my mind recently when out walking. The first time I saw a cormorant, many years ago, was at the seaside; that was expected, because there they could find the fish which are their main diet, and we know that fish need water. Now, in our own patch, we have large areas of water, and (hey presto!) cormorants are gradually realising that food is there for them, so they can do their dives into the water inland as well as along the shore. The conditions may also be easier than on the

open sea though, like us, they may have made some changes by accepting new tastes.

They look slightly different from the usual black birds we are accustomed to seeing, like jackdaws for example. Their bills have a little hook at the end, which may help to hold their prey because they are hunters, looking for and living by their skill and efficiency in chasing living creatures. They dive under water for their meals, and elsewhere in the world they are sometimes pressed into unwilling service by local fishermen, who release them with twine round their neck so that they can be hauled in after a catch, before their digestion starts to work on their dinner.

Because of their underwater swimming, cormorants have developed their own system of drying wet plumage; not by trying to shake off the water like a dog but by standing on the shore or in the shallows and literally hanging their wings out to dry. The wing joints then give it a characteristic shape like an upside-down capital W – watch for it when you see them in our wetlands.

Roy Burrell

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 Fri 29 Stratford Upon Avon

### October

Wed 4 Cotswolds Tour  
 Sat 7 East Midlands Food Festival  
 Sun 8 East Anglia Transport Museum  
 Thu 10 World of Wedgewood & Cream Tea  
 Sat 14 Bletchley Park Code Breakers  
 Mon 16 Cambridge  
 Wed 18 Black Country Museum  
 Sat 21 Blackpool Illuminations  
 Mon 23 Thorpe Park  
 Wed 25 West Midlands Safari Park  
 Fri 27 Legoland & Fireworks  
 Sat 28 Westonbirt Colours of Autumn

### November

Tue 7 McArthur Glen, Steam  
 Fri 17 Chatsworth at Christmas  
 Sat 18 Harrogate Christmas Market  
 Sun 19 Nottingham Christmas Market  
 Sun 19 Blenheim Palace & Living Crafts  
 Wed 22 Denby Pottery Village  
 Sat 25 Birmingham Christmas Market  
 Sun 26 Birmingham International Tattoo  
 Wed 29 St Albans Christmas

### December

Fri 1 Worcester Victorian Fayre  
 Sun 3 Melton Mowbray Victorian Fayre  
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 Sat 28 Scotland – The Tour – 7 days £509

### November

Mon 13 Taste of Christmas – St Anne's on Sea – 5 days £340  
 Fri 17 Turkey & Tinsel – Paignton – 4 days £229  
 Sun 26 Bury St Edmunds Christmas Market – Day Tour £16.50

### December

Fri 1 Luxembourg & Trier Christmas Markets – 4 days £320  
 Mon 11 Warners, Cricket St Thomas – 5 days £335  
 Mon 18 Thursford – 2 days £135  
 Fri 22 Christmas & New Year in Spain – 13 days £749  
 Sat 30 New Year 2017/18 – Worcestershire – 4 days £489

### Glimpse in to 2018

Wed 17 Jan Carvery Lunch & Les Miserables £90  
 Wed 31 Jan Elvis on Tour – The exhibition at the O2 £26.25  
 Tue 28 Aug Harry Potter at Warner Bros Studio £45

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# Nene Valley Business News

**Welcome to my monthly business column. Every month I will be spotlighting one of the many diverse businesses across the district. It was my pleasure this month to visit a real gem of a business, of a kind which is becoming increasingly rare in the UK.**

**W**e are lucky to have in Thrapston High Street a curtain maker and soft furnishings business of an exceptionally high standard which produces quality made to measure, handmade and hand finished curtains and soft furnishings. The business caters for a broad range of homes across the housing market, from small houses to large listed buildings, businesses, offices, care-homes, hotels, restaurants and on occasion some establishments of exceptional note.

Inspired Interiors was established in 2002 and

was originally set up in Irthlingborough High Street but soon outgrew its premises and moved onto Thrapston, to a bigger shop that offered its own work room.

The business is run by a mother and daughter team, Sharman Phillips and Clare Ingall, who cater from contemporary modern themes to the more traditional designs and can deliver your dream design made to your exact requirements. This is a start to finish service from measuring to fitting, so your every requirement is covered.

It is no surprise that Sharman set up this niche business as she has had a passion for sewing since she was a child and went on to work for various businesses sewing curtains and soft furnishings until she decided to set up her own bespoke business and was later joined by her daughter Clare in 2006.

Over the years the business has made curtains for clients as far as the Orkneys, London, Cornwall, Bedfordshire and Cambridge but primarily produces its bespoke goods for Northamptonshire.

The business is unique as it has a huge fabric library which includes famous brands such as Sanderson, Jane Churchill, Voyage, Colefax & Fowler, Romo and William Morris to mention but a few.

In Victorian times, one of Great Britain's major industries was textile manufacturing. Abraham Moon & Sons Ltd of

Guiseley, Yorkshire was established in 1837, and still manufactures and supplies quality fabrics today and 'Moon' is one of the fabrics on offer at Inspired Interiors.

The business also offers a range of quality wallpapers and Sanderson paints to complement your room design and has recently diversified into offering shutters which are proving to be very popular as they are stylish and also offer a security element to your home.

Another speciality that is very fashionable at the moment is Roman blinds which can give your window the smart treatment, as

with curtains they can also be interlined and blackout lined.

#### **A special offer to all our Nene Valley readers**

Quality is a big issue for me and I had my curtains, pelmets and cushions made by Inspired Interiors in 2004 and they haven't faded, split or unravelled and are as good as the day I had them fitted, so I can definitely recommend this business if you are looking for soft furnishings that will last and will be money well spent.

Fabric prices range from £27 per metre to £126-£150 for the top end luxurious silks and top of the range

quality fabrics. Inspired Interiors are offering our readers 10% off their fabric prices for October orders for Christmas completions.

Contact: Inspired Interiors, 65 High Street, Thrapston, Northants NN14 4JJ, Tel: 01832 733800, Email: [inspiredinterior@btconnect.com](mailto:inspiredinterior@btconnect.com)

Next month I will be visiting an award-winning business which might be of interest to all the hard working mothers in East Northants, so until then.

Best wishes to all our readers from your local business champion Marika Iacobucci.

*Marika Iacobucci*



## 'Just 10' series begins

**T**he Ten Commandments, barely 300 words long, form the foundation of our legal system, are enshrined in the heart of our parliamentary structures, and lie at the very core of western civilisation. They encompass family rights, property rights, the rights

of the individual and even the rights of God. Someone once said that humans have made 32,647,389 laws and haven't managed to improve on them! And yet they are not very well known. A survey of 1,200 people aged 15 to 35 found that most could name no more than two of them.

So how are the Ten Commandments relevant in today's world? That is the question that will be asked at Oundle Baptist Church's cafe style services on the first Sunday of each month from October until July. Funny and enlightening, the well-known speaker, J John, will walk you through them one by one, in a countdown from 10 to 1, exploring what they mean and how they can help to guide our lives and our relationships. All are welcome to go along to watch the talks on film, to ask questions and to chat over coffee, tea and cakes. Just 10 begins on Sunday 1st October at 10.30am at Oundle Primary School, Cotterstock Road, with 'How to find contentment'.



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## Town Council recognises Merchant Navy Day

**O**n Sunday 3rd September 2017, Merchant Navy Day, the Red Ensign was flown outside Higham Ferrers Town Hall. The ensign was raised by representatives of Higham Ferrers Town Council, The Mayor Cllr Peter Tomas, Cllr Anthony Reading (a Merchant Navy Captain), Cllr David Hamblin and the Mayor's Sergeant Mr David Wicks.

Since 2000, Merchant Navy Day on 3rd September has honoured the brave men and women who kept our 'Island Nation' afloat during both World Wars, and celebrates our dependence on modern day merchant seafarers who are responsible for 95% of the UK's imports, including much of the food we eat, most of the fuel we burn and virtually all the products and goods we take for granted.



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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:

### Glaphthorn

**17/01743/FUL (14/10/2017) (Art8)** Change of use of agricultural buildings to 5 no. dwelling houses adjacent to Grade II Listed Manor Farmhouse. Block up existing access and form new at Manor Farm Cotterstock Road Glaphthorn

### Irthlingborough

**17/01820/FUL (07/10/2017) (Info)** Detached annexe building at 32 Hayway Irthlingborough  
**17/01878/PNT (14/10/2017) (Info)** A 15m high monopole supporting internally shrouded antennas and 2 no. 300mm dishes – at ground level there will be 2 no. equipment cabinets with ancillary works thereto at Diamond Way Irthlingborough

### Islip

**17/01789/FUL (14/10/2017) (LB/CA)** Removal of chimney: Replace 3 x flat roof dormers, with pitched roofs: Replace first floor window install French doors and form inverted balcony c/w Juliet balcony balustrade: Install 3 x Velux roof windows at 3 Chapel Hill Islip NN14 3JP

### Kings Cliffe

**17/01710/FUL (14/10/2017) (LB/CA)** Conversion of garage attic space to guest accommodation ancillary to main house at 29A West Street Kings Cliffe PE8 6XB

**17/01780/FUL (14/10/2017) (LB/CA)** Proposed construction of new dwelling at land adjacent 45 West Street Kings Cliffe

### Newton Bromswold

**17/01798/FUL (07/10/2017) (Info)** Proposed extensions and internal alterations to a listed building to include insertion of roof lights to northwest elevation, replacement porch to south east elevation, external works to include proposed septic tank at 10 Church Lane Newton Bromswold NN10 0SR

### Oundle

**17/01732/FUL (14/10/2017) (LB/CA)** Single storey rear extension and re-positioning of front entrance door and window at 1 Benefield Court Benefield Road Oundle PE8 4DD  
**17/01876/LBC (14/10/2017) (LBRegs) (LB/CA)** Rebranding of the shopfront from RC Cottons to North Shoes that includes change of paint work, blind and new Clarks sign (retrospective) at 7 Market Place Oundle  
**17/01879/FUL (07/10/2017) (Info)** Proposed rear single storey extension at 42A Rock Road Oundle

### Raunds

**17/01747/FUL (07/10/2017) (Info)** Proposed erection of part single storey and part two storey rear extension at 45 Andrews Way Raunds NN9 6RD  
**17/01792/FUL (07/10/2017) (Info)** Change flat roof at front of property to pitched roof at 7 Nichols Way Raunds NN9 6SB  
**17/01851/FUL (07/10/2017) (Info)**

Single-storey side extension and detached garden store at 22 Gardner Close Raunds NN9 6HN

### Rushden

**17/01352/FUL (07/10/2017) (Info)** Conversion of garage to form level access shower room at 15 Centaine Road Rushden NN10 9FH  
**17/01469/FUL (14/10/2017) (Art8)** Part demolition part retention and conversion of former print works with additional new houses and flats to create 13 new residential dwellings at Printing Workshop Midland Road Rushden NN10 9UJ  
**17/01805/ADV (07/10/2017) (Info)** 4 no. Internally illuminated sets of letters mounted on glass and 1 no. internally illuminated set of letters mounted on cladding (retrospective) at Unit 6 Northwalk Rushden Lakes Rushden NN10 6FG  
**17/01810/FUL (07/10/2017) (Info)** Two storey rear extension at 28 Fern Road Rushden NN10 6AU  
**17/01830/FUL (07/10/2017) (Info)** Demolition of existing garage and erection of single storey rear extension and detached garage at 340 Newton Road Rushden NN10 0SY

### Thrapston

**17/01829/FUL (07/10/2017) (Info)** Double storey side extension incorporating attic conversion to create second floor space with new staircase at 15 John Street Thrapston NN14 4NS  
**17/01847/FUL (07/10/2017) (Info)** Construction and operation of a Liquid

Natural Gas (LNG) Re-fuelling station including compound, 2 dispensers and scheme of tree planting at A14 Service Station Huntingdon Road Thrapston NN14 4UA

### Warmington

**17/01735/FUL (07/10/2017) (Info)** To place insulation and a new skin of bricks against the east double gable wall to convert from old 9 inch wall to 100mm cavity wall at 25 Church Street Warmington  
**17/01773/FUL (07/10/2017) (Info)** Erection of a two storey side extension to provide additional living space for family member to provide assistance/holiday cover for stabling and field animals at Top Lodge Farm Morborne Road Warmington PE8 6UP

### Woodford

**17/01688/FUL (07/10/2017) (Info)** Replace previous front gates with new solid close-boarded gates together with widening of existing front access splay at Glebe Lodge 8A Church Street Woodford NN14

### Woodnewton

**17/01839/FUL (07/10/2017) (Info)** Conversion of detached garage into habitable accommodation and garden store at 9 Pridmore Close Woodnewton PE8 5EY

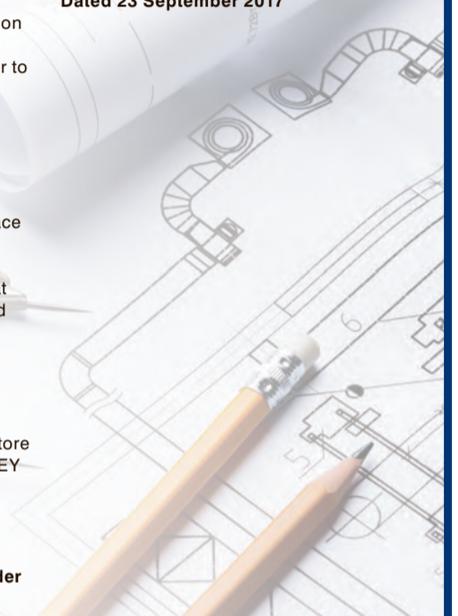
The reason for applications being advertised is as follows:

**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 23 September 2017**



Consultation deadlines will differ for each application. Please go to [www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/planningapplications](http://www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/planningapplications) for details.

# From the ENC Chairman

Can you guess where this is in East Northamptonshire?

It has been a quieter time of year for civic duties due to summer holidays but the autumn is set to be a busy time with many functions and events popping in my diary. I'm delighted to represent the district and look forward to meeting some of you at the various functions I have booked in.

In my continued effort to highlight the beauty of East Northamptonshire, I can confirm that the last photo of the district shown in Nene Valley News featured Apethorpe, a beautiful village with friendly residents and a real community spirit. The village is recorded in the Domesday Book and St Leonard's church dates back to the 1600s and is well worth a visit for the stained glass windows and memorials. The original stocks and whipping post are on Main Street, just opposite the church, but don't worry they have not been used for some time now. Some of you may feel they should be resurrected but that is another story.

The picture attached represents another village worthy of a visit and as usual I await your responses as to where you think it is. Send me your guesses on Twitter, using the handle @ENCChairman.



Guess the place?

If you'd like me to visit any events you're hosting (Halloween party, Christmas fair, school assembly or fundraiser), please let me know via Twitter, email [chairman@](mailto:chairman@)

[east-northamptonshire.gov.uk](http://east-northamptonshire.gov.uk), phone 01832 742198 or write to ENC Chairman, Cedar Drive, Thrapston NN14 4LZ.

Chairman, Cllr Colin Wright

## Meet the Architect

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# A very special public appeal

**Kettering General Hospital Maternity Bereavement Suite are appealing for your old cross stitch threads and Aida fabric.**

In times where there are so many appeals from various charities and good causes, all worthy of your hard earned cash, I have to say this appeal reached down deep into my heart.

I write this with the greatest respect for the bereavement midwives who work in all our hospitals and who give vital support to parents who have suffered the loss of their newborn babies. My heartfelt sympathies go out to all the parents and families who have suffered such a loss which is heartbreaking and difficult to come to terms with.

I had the honour of meeting a wonderful and empathic nurse, Bereavement Midwife Stephanie Fretter who was appointed as Kettering General Hospital's Bereavement Midwife last October and who has launched this very special appeal.

She explained the need for your old cross stitch threads and fabric (Aida) which has been used and can continue to be used to create handmade personalised memory cards for the memory boxes. These also contain teddies, hand and foot prints, photographs as well as other personalised items which will be precious to the bereaved parents as it will be all they have to remember their babies.

The items that really touched my heart were

the exquisite little handmade cribs which were trimmed with lace and had handmade embroidered pillows and bedding in them which were clearly made with a lot of love for the babies' last journey. Heavenly Gowns also offers baby burial gowns, so a lot of thought has gone into ensuring the parents are supported in every way in their final moments with their baby. Every family is offered a memory box which the local Sands (Stillbirth and neonatal death charity) community provide and make. The cards are of various designs, from which the parents can choose and contain the precious photographs of their baby.

KGH's maternity bereavement service is supported by Sands which is a national bereavement pathway that aims to improve the quality of care for bereaved parents.

Stephanie, KGH's bereavement midwife, has over 30 years' experience and previously worked in India and in the outback in Australia for the aboriginal community. Stephanie supports the bereaved parents as long as they need her which can be up to a year, as anniversaries are often painful for the parents who have lost their child.

Parents are offered emotional and practical support for stillbirth and neonatal death. They



*Bereavement Midwife,  
Stephanie Fretter*

are supported through the painful process of saying goodbye, creating memories, naming the baby, making a decision about the funeral and are also given support afterwards with follow up appointments and advice. Parents often want to spend a few days with their baby, who is placed in a cool cot especially designed for this purpose. The cool cot gives vital time for the parents to be with their child. KGH has only one cool cot and is currently fundraising to raise the cash to purchase another one.

## HOW TO DONATE

If you have any cross stitch threads and fabric (Aida) in your sewing box or wish to send a donation to support this sensitive and delicate appeal, please send or drop off your threads and fabric at/to:

*Stephanie Fretter, Bereavement Midwife, Delivery Suite, Kettering General Hospital, Rothwell Road, Kettering NN16 8UZ*

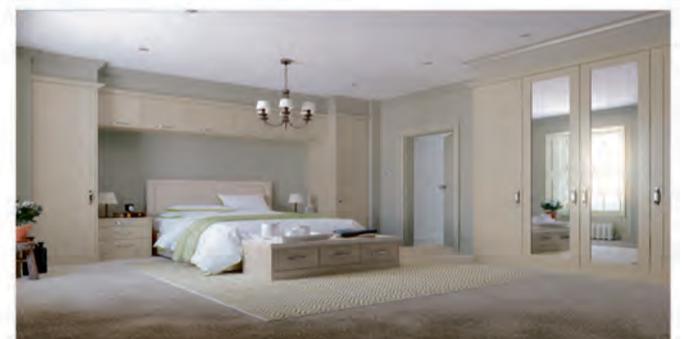
*Nene Park Outpatients Clinic, A/o Stephanie Fretter, Bereavement Midwife, Attley Way, Irthlingborough, Northants NN9 5GF*

If donating monies please contact Maxine Andrews 01536 491569 or to send a cheque please make payable to 'KGH Charity Fund' for the attention of Maxine Andrews at:

*Kettering General Hospital, Glebe House, Rothwell Road, Kettering, Northants NN16 8UZ*

I would like to finish this appeal with a very big thank you to all the local residents that have taken the time to stitch the beautiful cards and other hand-made memories which mean so much to the bereaved parents and will be all they have to remember their most precious baby.

*Marika (Hillson) Iacobucci*



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 10.30am-2pm, £20 booking essential  
 01933 460676  
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**Wednesday 27th September**  
**All The Things I Lied About**  
 The Stahl  
 7.45pm  
 £12 Adults £10 Concessions  
 A comic exploration of how everyday lies can lead to a world of Trump and Brexit.

**Arts & Crafts: Poppies & Cornflowers**  
 Ringstead Village Social Club  
 10am-2.30pm, £21 booking essential  
 01933 460676  
 For complete beginners: paint poppies, corn and cornflowers on either a wooden pot or canvas panel.

**Thursday 28th September**  
**Lunchtime Concert – Brass Band directed by Adele Hudson**  
 St Peter's Church, Oundle  
 1pm, free admission  
 Concerts in this beautiful church setting in Oundle. Lunch is provided for £3.50.

**National Poetry Day at Oundle Library**  
 Glapthorn Road  
 11.30am  
 Readings and refreshments. Join the Friends of Oundle Library celebrating National Poetry Day. Free entry, all welcome.

**Friday 29th September**  
**Music in Special Places: Tricity Vogue (ukulele)**  
 The Barn at Foxtail Lilly, 41 South Rd, Oundle, PE8 4BP  
 7.30pm, admission: £24/£22 concessions; £14 u18  
 Oundle Festival, 4 West Street, Oundle, PE8 4EA. Tel. 01832 274734 [www.oundlefestival.org.uk](http://www.oundlefestival.org.uk), [information@oundlefestival.org.uk](mailto:information@oundlefestival.org.uk)  
 Enjoy a quirky, charming and offbeat musical cabaret from vintage songstress and ukulele maestro, Tricity Vogue. Price includes mixed meze supper. Drinks to purchase.

**30th September – 14th October**  
**Mike Morrison – A Mirror up to Nature**  
 Yarrow Gallery, Oundle  
 Free admission  
 A photographic exhibition aiming to encourage the viewer to look at each image from a new perspective.

**Saturday 30th September**  
**Vintage Shabby Chic Painting Workshop**  
 Ringstead Village Hall  
 9.30am-4.30pm,  
 £55 booking essential  
 01933 460676  
 Fun workshop to upcycle small piece of furniture. Cost includes use of all paints, waxes and stencils.

**The Swivel Club Charity presents Noasis supported by The Retro**  
 Rushden Town Bowls Club, Northampton Road NN10 6AN  
 8pm till late  
 Tickets £15 available at [www.swivelclub.org.uk](http://www.swivelclub.org.uk) at the Bowls Club or 07738080470.  
 Experience the live sounds of Oasis classic hits. Avoid disappointment, early booking recommended.

**Pamper Day**  
 Higham Ferrers Library  
 10am-1.30pm, free entry with small charge for treatments  
 Spoil yourself with beauty and holistic therapies, craft sessions, gifts, refreshments and raffle.

**Higham Ferrers Farmers' Market**  
 Market Square, Higham Ferrers  
 9am-1pm  
 01933 312075 [Danielle@highamferrers-tc.gov.uk](mailto:Danielle@highamferrers-tc.gov.uk)  
 Good quality local produce including organic meat, poultry and eggs. Vegetables, plants, olives, preserves and much, much more.

**Band Concert by Thrapston Town Band**  
 St Mary's Church, Ringstead  
 3pm, tickets £5 individual, family ticket £12.50  
 01933 624262 or 624427  
 Afternoon of music for all, includes favourites to enjoy and includes refreshments during the interval.

**Sunday 1st October**  
**Higham Ferrers Footpath Group**  
 Saffron Road car park Higham Ferrers for car sharing  
 9.15am, free  
 07814 395519  
 6 mile walk from Blatherwycke.

**Harvest Festival**  
 St Peter's Church, Newton Bromswold  
 10am

**Oundle Cinema: Sully (12A)**  
 Stahl Theatre, West Street, Oundle PE8 4EJ  
 7.45pm, admission: £6/£3 under 18s  
 01832 274734, [www.oundlefestival.org.uk](http://www.oundlefestival.org.uk), [information@oundlefestival.org.uk](mailto:information@oundlefestival.org.uk)  
 Sully is a beautifully balanced, classily nuanced and hugely engaging film that avoids all the clichéd pitfalls it could have slipped into.

**Tuesday 3rd October**  
**The Swan, Newton Bromswold Harvest Sale**  
 7pm  
 Proceeds to Church Funds.

**Thursday 5th October**  
**Author Talk: Claire Fuller**  
 St Peter's Church, North Street, Oundle  
 7.45pm, tickets £8 (£6), £1 off early bird tickets bought before 29th September, available from the Oundle Box Office, 4 New Street, Oundle. Contact Helen Shair at [oundlelitfestival@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:oundlelitfestival@hotmail.co.uk)  
 Scandalous and whip-smart, Claire Fuller's latest book *Swimming Lessons* holds the Coleman family up to the light, exposing the mysterious truths of a passionate and troubled marriage. The author will talk about her career to date.

**Lunchtime Concert – Oundle School Music Scholars**  
 St Peter's Church, Oundle  
 1pm, free admssion  
 Concert in a beautiful church setting in Oundle. Lunch is provided for £3.50

**Friday 6th October**  
**Swishing Clothes Swap Evening – Stanwick Village Hall Trust**  
 7.30pm  
 Come and 'swish' quality clothes or accessories in your wardrobe that you have no longer need. Items need to be dropped off before the event, collection times will be advertised on the hall's Facebook page, window and in the newsletter. Purchase your ticket when you drop off your items. On the night swap you ticket for a glass of

bubbly and your tokens. Browse and shop with your tokens. Items left at the end of evening donated to charity. Funds raised support Stanwick Village Hall Trust, registered charity.

**Film: The Time of Their Lives (12A)**  
 Ringstead Village Hall, High Street  
 Doors 7pm, film starts 7.30pm, admission £5  
 01933 460373  
 Comedy starring Joan Collins, Pauline Collins and Franco Nero travelling to an ex-lover's funeral.

**Saturday 7th October**  
**Rushden Town Band**  
 St Peter's Church, Oundle  
 7.30pm, admission: £7.50 adults, £5.50 concessions available from Oundle in Stitches, 01832 274433  
 The Band is offering a glittering programme of music pulled from the iconic film soundtrack of *Brassed Off*.

**Oundle Strollers – Free Guided Walk**  
 Meet at Fletton House, Glapthorne Road, Oundle  
 12.30pm  
 Walk starts at The Crown Inn, Tur Langton 1pm  
 Leader Christine Blackman  
 0752644290  
 Walk distance 7.5 miles.

**Coffee Morning and Box Opening**  
 St Mary's Church Hall, Rushden  
 10am-12noon  
 Various stalls. Proceeds to The Children's Society.

**Sunday 8th October**  
**Oundle Cinema: Denial (12A)**  
 Stahl Theatre, West Street, Oundle PE8 4EJ  
 7.45pm, admission: £6/£3 under 18s  
 01832 274734, [www.oundlefestival.org.uk](http://www.oundlefestival.org.uk), [information@oundlefestival.org.uk](mailto:information@oundlefestival.org.uk)  
 "One of the most spectacular aspects of the film are the court hearings as they are simultaneously almost unbelievable and yet lifted, verbatim, from the records."

**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](mailto: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**  
**Baggypants Yoga Class**  
 Masonic Hall, Wellingborough Road, Rushden  
 8.30am-9.30am, £5 per class  
 07873743256/  
[carole.wyatt@virginmedia.com](mailto: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](mailto:titchmarshfdc@gmail.com)

**Oundle Ladies Running Group**  
 Oundle pool car park  
 6.45pm  
 Jane Walker 01832 272898/  
[janewalkercakes@icloud.com](mailto:janewalkercakes@icloud.com)

**Baggypants Yoga**  
 Masonic Hall, Wellingborough Road, Rushden  
 10am-11am, £5 per session  
 01933 382837/07873 743256/  
[carole.wyatt@virginmedia.com](mailto:carole.wyatt@virginmedia.com)

**Spanish Tuition**  
 The Old Town Hall, Market Place, Oundle  
 9am-8pm, £25 per class  
 01832 776336/  
[info@antlerlanguages.co.uk](mailto: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 Monday of the month**  
**StitChat**  
 No 1 St Osyth's Lane, Oundle  
 1.30pm-3.30pm  
 01832 770010/  
[office@oundlebaptist.org.uk](mailto: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**  
**Pensioners Club – Men Only**  
 Rushden Hall  
 2pm-4pm  
 Secretary – David Robinson 01933 313729 or 07391562772  
 New members needed.  
 Speakers, bingo and whist, annual Christmas dinner. Also coach outings.

**Slimming World Group**  
 Oundle CE Primary School, Cotterstock Road PE8 5HA  
 5.30pm and 7.30pm, £4.95 plus membership fee. Come along and start your Slimming World journey and be greeted with the warmest welcome and a room full of friends.

**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](mailto: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 is 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:louise.tuffin@wildlifebcn.org)

**50+ Adventure Club**  
 For further information  
 01536 505548/[www.fiftyplusnorthantsadventureclub.org.uk](http://www.fiftyplusnorthantsadventureclub.org.uk)

**Every Tuesday & Thursday**  
**Health Walks Stanwick Lakes**  
 10am-11am, free, car park charges  
 01933 625522/  
[www.stanwicklakes.org.uk](http://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**  
**Yoga classes**  
 Masonic Hall, Rushden  
 1pm-2.30pm  
[www.awakenwithyoga.co.uk](http://www.awakenwithyoga.co.uk)  
 Daisy 01536 724113.

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

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**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

**Cambridge First Certificate in English**

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

**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  
Renaita 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

**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****Drop-in Service**

Rushden Council Office, Newton  
Road NN10 0PT  
1pm-4pm  
Amanda 07977 224574  
We offer advice and support to men  
and women affected by domestic  
abuse.

**Tai Chi for Beginners and Improvers**

All Saints Church Hall, Midland  
Road, Wellingborough  
10am-11am, £6  
dominicrushmore@live.co.uk  
Improve your strength and balance  
with these gentle and relaxing  
exercise. Suitable for all.

**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, Joan Strong Centre,  
Oundle 11.15am-12noon,  
Stanwick Village Hall, 2pm-2.45pm,  
£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

**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@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, block  
book in advance (£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), free for  
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

**Thrapston Farmers' Market**

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

**2nd Saturday of the month****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****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 Street)  
Saturday coffee & cakes  
10am-11.30am, Sunday worship  
10.45am with children's activities  
2nd Sunday in the month 4pm.

**Every Sunday****Sunday Tea**

Fotheringhay Village Hall  
3pm-5.30pm, £2.50 for tea & cake  
Alexandra Mitchell 01832 226440.

**Morning Worship****Rushden Mission Church**

Wellingborough Road  
10.45am  
Alan 01933 355302

**Morning Church Service**

Rushden Heritage Chapel Hall,  
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  
Service for all (Communion first  
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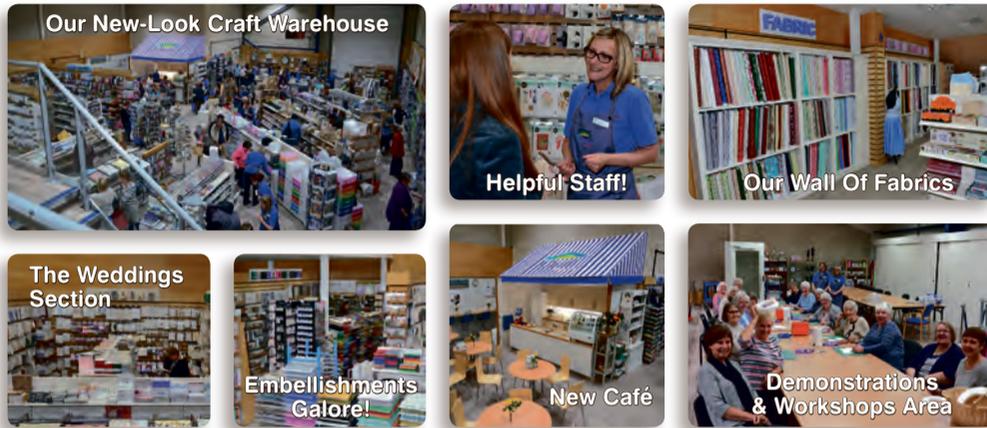
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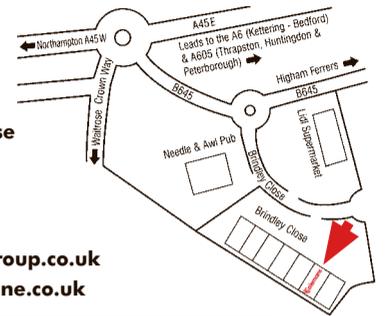


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# New skittles league proves a success and seeks to expand

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They received a positive response and at the start of July the new league launched with one division of 10 teams. Now, halfway through the first season the league is looking to recruit more teams so that when Season 2 begins in January 2018 there will be sufficient teams for two divisions.

Matches are played on Thursday evenings and are great social and fun events. The format is three singles games, two pairs games

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