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People urged to look out for neighbours

Police are calling on the public to help tackle Cuckooing, the term used to describe the actions of gangs who travel to towns and take over the homes of vulnerable people in order to deal drugs.

There have been a number of instances in Northamptonshire. Anyone with concerns about suspicious activity can call the police on 101 or contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Remembering the suffragettes

Ringstead Heritage Group will present an evening in celebration of the suffragettes and their lasting achievements.

Hear the story of Alice Hawkins of Leicester from her great grandson Peter Barratt. Relive those turbulent times when women fought for their right to vote. Ringstead Village Social Club, Friday 4th May – Doors open 7.30pm, Voluntary admission charge £2 to Heritage Group funds. Tel: 01604 460676.

Raunds Music Festival – 3rd to 6th May 2018

Another year, another Raunds Music Festival featuring acts as good as ever. Now well established on the national festival and folk circuit, Raunds is remembered fondly by many artists who have performed there and recommended for up-and-coming acts.

On the Saturday night you will be entertained by two brilliant bands.

Mawkin got a great reception when previously playing at the Raunds Music Festival and play a host

of rousing folk songs and instrumentals. They have excited audiences with their artillery of foot-stomping

live sets.

Sharing the Saturday night stage is Granny's Attic, a fantastic young folk trio who play with verve, energy and their own inimitable style. These three young men are all exceptional musicians and fine singers and play a range of English, Irish and Scottish traditional music as well as their own compositions.

On Sunday afternoon the singer songwriter and acoustic guitarist Chris Quinn will be performing. In the music magazine Maverick, he was called 'a master of

the acoustic guitar and a quality songwriter'.

On Sunday the festival will end with solo artist Greg Russell and folk-rock band False Lights.

Over the last few years Greg Russell has established himself as one of the most significant players on the UK folk scene.

'Greg Russell plays and sings with a maturity and emotion that belies his tender years.' (BBC Radio 2's Mark Radcliffe)

The Festival is staged in a very comfortable hall, with good seats, an intimate setting and the opportunity to choose from many real ales and cider, soft drinks, hot drinks and food to keep you going.

Tickets are available from Raunds Hardware & Pet Supplies, Brook St Newsagents and the Festival Hotline: 07756 015615 or the Raunds Festival website: www.raundsfestival.com where you can get further details of the programme.





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And the rise continues...

Seven years ago, Rushden Town Band played in the Fourth Section of the banding world. On Saturday 10th March the band achieved something no-one ever dreamt would happen – they were promoted to the Championship Section where bands like Black Dyke, Grimethorpe and Brighouse & Rastrick play.

The band, initially formed in 1979 as a spin-off from Rushden Windmill Band, have worked hard under their Musical Director, Adele Hudson, to achieve this amazing status. They are now ranked 162nd in the world.

The band still continue with their grassroots banding – playing at events in the local community and putting on concerts – when not taking part in contests. Whilst the rise up the sections has attracted several new players, many of the members have moved with the band through the sections. Support for the band has grown

and recently, the local council generously made a donation to the band to purchase new stage jackets. This was added to by Tesco and the band are now awaiting them.

Like any organisation, there is a constant wear and tear of equipment. The smallest instruments in the band can cost from £2,000 up! Luckily, the band has, for several years, been given a room to practice in at the Working Men's Club in Griffith Street, which has kept some costs down.

The band is now actively looking for more sponsorship following its success. Their musical resources constantly need to be updated to the level the band has achieved.

If anyone is interested in helping the band, please contact the Treasurer, Hilary Hill on 01933 413982 or visit the band's website (www.rushdentownband.org.uk) for more information.

Genealogy jottings

Picture the scene: you have details of your great grandparents through various censuses, their names were John and Ann and you know where and roughly when they were born. You have details of their deaths and have even visited their graves and taken pictures of their headstones. However, the one thing that you do not have is their marriage certificate, which you badly need so as to confirm Ann's maiden name as well as the name and occupation of her father. Okay, so you already have the name from the birth certificate of one of their children, your grandfather, but the marriage certificate will confirm it – plus provide further details of their respective fathers. The ordered certificate duly arrives and... John is married to Jane?

You are now thrown into a tailspin! Are all of your years of research incorrect? Did you order the right certificate? Was Jane a second name or nickname? Was your great grandfather married to someone else as

well? You go back to your notes and double check. The answer to all of these questions is "no". So how can it happen? It is possible that the person recording the information at the wedding misheard. It is also possible that when it was transcribed into the registers held by the GRO that attention was not being paid and a slip of the eye helped the hand to record the name above. On one of my certificates, the bride's father is recorded as George instead of Henry. George was the name of the minister who wed them! If all of the other information is correct – the maiden name of 'Jane' is the same as the records that you are holding for 'Ann' – then the chances are that a transcription error of some description has been made. It still turns the tummy over though!

By Jan Pearson

Genealogy Specialists, Tracing Our Past, Discovering Our Genes (TOP DOG)
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Editor's notes

First, our usual reminder to adjust your clocks this weekend, putting them forward one hour (unless they have an automatic adjustment). This year in the northern hemisphere the Spring or Vernal Equinox occurred on Tuesday 20th March, so spring has officially already begun, though the weather told us otherwise. We can look forward to our days getting longer and the promise of warmer weather.

It seems that our County Council's failings have been laid bare by central Government's investigation into their handling of our money. Government inspector Max Caller's report on NCC's activities was published last week. The 50-page report points to a series of financial failures and claims these started when the Authority's children's services were graded inadequate in 2013.

In a statement to Parliament on 15th March, Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government Sajid Javid said: "The inspector has identified that the Council has failed to properly comply with its Best Value duty for some time. This is not because of lack of funds: as the report states, the Council's 'Mind the Gap' analysis does not demonstrate that NCC has been particularly badly treated by the funding formula."

Mr Javid pointed to a line in Mr Caller's report, where he states: 'Living within budget constraints is not part of the culture

of NCC'. The statement continues: "These findings appear very serious indeed both for the Council and its residents, the inspector has made recommendations for how improvement can be secured. He rules out the option of an internally led strategy and suggests that Commissioners should be appointed in the short term to ensure the proper running of the Council and delivery of services for its taxpayers, whilst proposals for restructuring are developed as a longer-term solution. I will now consider in detail their report's findings and proposals for the future. I will make another statement to the House setting out my proposals for next steps, including whether or not to exercise my powers of intervention under section 15 of the 1999 Act, in due course."

Councillor Heather Smith has resigned, describing herself as a "scapegoat" for criticism, and Cabinet Member for Finance, Councillor Robin Brown, was subsequently dismissed by the Council's acting leader. One can only wonder how much of the Caller Report was pre-ordained within Westminster but the fact remains that the outcome will be higher financial contributions from local residents. While the Report's suggestion that the existing District Councils should be scrapped and replaced with two Unitary bodies should lead to financial savings, it's hardly likely to result in improved local services.

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Exciting Easter events at Stanwick Lakes

This Easter there's lots to see and do at Stanwick Lakes, including an Easter Egg Trail, the popular two-day Wild About Wood & Crafts event and a Children's Holiday Club. So whether you enjoy wildlife watching, getting crafty or just spending time outdoors with friends and family, the Lakes have something for everyone.



Stanwick Lakes, which is managed by the charity Rockingham Forest Trust, is set in the beautiful East Northamptonshire countryside and has miles of car free paths to explore on foot or by bike. It's a great place to go over the Easter weekend and while you're visiting you can take part in an outdoor Easter Egg Trail around the lake to win a small chocolate treat. Enjoy the trail from Friday 30th March to Monday 2nd April, 10am-4pm.

Get crafty during the Easter holidays and paint your own Easter-themed pottery with Wilder Ceramic Arts, who will be hosting pottery painting sessions in the Discovery Zone on Tuesday 3rd and Tuesday 10th April; drop in between 1pm and 4pm.

On Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th April between 11am and 4pm, a host of traditional wood crafters will be at Stanwick Lakes sharing their skills at the Wild About Wood & Crafts event. Visitors can watch chainsaw carvers sculpting wood, basket weavers and a bodger working a pole lathe to make spinning tops and whistles. There will be the chance to buy beautiful handmade crafts, view the community art exhibition in the visitor centre and have a go at building a bird box or a willow hurdle. The Wild About Wood & Crafts event is free to enter, but

normal car parking charges apply and there are modest charges for some activities.

During the Easter holidays, children aged between 5 and 11 years old can have their own outdoor adventures at the Otters Holiday Club. Whether you are a working parent looking for childcare or a fun holiday activity for your children, then the Otters Club is for you. The Club takes place in the Easter, Whitsun and summer holidays and combines exciting outdoor adventures, crafts and nature exploration. To book your child's place visit www.stanwicklakes.org.uk/things-to-do/otters-holiday-club/

For more information, and to find out what else is going on at Stanwick Lakes, please ring reception on 01933 625522, visit the Stanwick Lakes website www.stanwicklakes.org.uk or pop into the Visitor Centre to pick up the new 2018/19 Events Programme.

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Spotlight on Farmers Markets



Thrapston Farmers Market

Thrapston Farmers Market is a friendly, well-stocked market which offers lots of fresh food from staple ingredients like fruit and vegetables, to specialist and special diet foods. All locally sourced and produced. We have around 20 stalls depending on the season.

New stallholders for this year include: Bevistan Dairy producing milk, yogurt and cheese from its herd of sheep in Bedfordshire. Sheep's milk products are ideal for those wishing to follow a low lactose diet, and Bevistan's 'Carlton Sheep Cheese' is a versatile, semi-soft creamy cheese.

Simon's Cider from Cambourne produces an East Anglian Real Cider and perry which is made from 100% pressed apple and pear juices and results in a cloudy, crisp drink.

The market continues to donate profits to local good causes, and in the past year it has donated over £2,000 to local groups and charities including Thrapston Library, Thrapston Bowls Club, a church toddler group and Thrapston Dreamers, amongst others.

Held on the first Saturday of each month, 9am-1pm on High Street, Thrapston.

Oundle Farmers Market

Oundle Farmers Market is on the second Saturday of every month, 8.30am-1.30pm. The market is well established, covering

meats, bread, vegetables, cakes, drinks, fruits, fish, plants and street food. You can buy the ingredients to cook a scrummy meal, all with fresh local produce, and take home a plant or two. Let your senses be overwhelmed with all smells and sights.

It is set in the beautiful Market Place and provides a happy bustling morning in a lovely atmosphere. Please visit one of the coffee shops inbetween buying your delicious food. Come and have an enjoyable morning at Oundle Farmers Market. There are free car parks in Oundle town centre.



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Oundle Farmers Market

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In the Market Place, Oundle

2018 dates:

14th April, 12th May, 9th June, 14th July, 11th August, 8th September, 13th October, 10th November, 8th December

Stalls include:

Fresh fish / Artisan bakery
Vegetables / Plants
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Sausages / Fresh lamb



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Nene Valley Business News

Welcome to my monthly business column. Each month I will be visiting one of the many diverse businesses across the district, with a view to promoting and giving a boost to our local hard-working industries. This month I am reporting on a well-known shoe manufacturer with a difference in Rushden.



I was invited to visit DB Shoes Ltd by Charles Denton, who is the joint Managing Director with his brother David.

DB Wider Fit Shoes is a long established UK manufacturer whose family's footwear roots can be traced back to 1841. DB Shoes has been making footwear since 1920. The business will be celebrating its 100th anniversary on 11th February 2020.

The actual roots of the business originate in leather tanning and the present Directors' grandfather set up DB Shoes Ltd after returning home from the First World War.

Finding a new footing

The Denton family is synonymous with footwear manufacturing as different members of the family revolutionised footwear manufacturing technology and patented steel toe caps for safety footwear.

DB Shoes made welted footwear like everyone else but in the 1960s-1970s the

former Directors John and Hugh Denton changed the business fundamentally and developed new innovations in footwear manufacturing with PVC and PU direct moulding processes.

Direct moulding is a recognised process in 21st century footwear production, the history of its development started some 169 years ago. Factoid: The first manmade commercial plastic was invented by British metallurgist Alexander Parkes in 1856.

DB Shoes Ltd is the oldest established PU Injection footwear manufacturer in the world.

In the late 1990s the present Directors on first entering the family business found the need to take the business in a new direction as Northamptonshire's footwear industry was severely impacted by increased trade from China and saw many factories close down. DB was also affected and had to close some of its factories and 220 employees were made

redundant in 1997.

The brothers bought out the other shareholders and put forward a rescue plan to save their family business. They sourced an experienced non-executive Chairman, John Hawkesfield, who had extensive experience in turning businesses around and who guided the young brothers in saving their business.

Charles, who had qualified with a business degree, used his business studies skills to analyse the strengths and weaknesses of the business and surveyed people for their footwear needs.

A niche market was found and wide fitting shoes were developed, which are now a specialist product of DB Shoes Ltd. The company is a leading supplier of wide fitting shoes and now distributes to customers all over the world.

The business also offers an on-site shoe fitting service along with hundreds of attractive styles to suit any taste.

The shoes are comfortable and stylish and won the prestigious Brand of the Year award in 2017.

Promotions vary throughout the year. You can order shoes online at: www.widefitshoes.co.uk or visit the shoe fitting centre at Irchester Road, Rushden.

Catalogues can also be requested which offer DB's latest styles.

Opening hours are: Monday to Saturday 10am-5pm, Sunday 10am-4pm.

Next month I will be visiting a very nice establishment you might like to book for a special occasion.

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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:

Benefield

17/02564/FUL (14/04/2018) (LB/CA)
Conversion of Barns to Offices (part revised scheme to Unit 3 and site parking facilities approved under 04/02497/FUL) at Churchfield Farm Harley Way Oundle PE8 5AU

Cotterstock

18/00397/FUL (14/04/2018) (LB/CA)
Installation of new first floor window in North elevation at Chippings Main Street Cotterstock PE8 5HD

Hargrave

18/00121/FUL (07/04/2018) (Info)
Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling with formal gardens on existing manege with associated landscaping; new 4 bay garage; demolition of two existing barns at Hargrave Lodge Farm Shelton Road Hargrave NN9 6BA

Irthlingborough

18/00448/VAR (14/04/2018) (Art8)
Variation of conditions 3 - Approved drawings and plans, 7 - Lighting Scheme and 14 - Landscaping pursuant to planning application 15/01191/FUL: Development of two buildings to provide an Aldi food retail store (Class A1) and day care centre (Class D1b), new car parking, landscaping, associated servicing and means of access at Nene Business Park Diamond Way

Lowick And Slipton

18/00254/FUL (14/04/2018) (LB/CA)
Erection of fencing (estate metal style and oak) and oak gazebo at 24 Main Street Lowick NN14 3BH

Lutton

18/00217/OUT (14/04/2018) (LB/CA)
Outline: Proposed erection of a two-storey dwelling (all matters reserved apart from access and scale) at Piccadilly Farm Main Street Lutton PE8 5ND

Nassington

18/00368/FUL (14/04/2018) (LB/CA)
Demolish attached side garage and build single storey

rear extension. New detached double garage and drive at 27 Church Street Nassington PE8 6QG

Oundle

18/00413/LBC (14/04/2018) (LBRegs) (LB/CA)
Removal of existing failing Collyweston roof slates to rear elevation, replacement with Winchcombe roof slates, roof timbers to be checked and repaired as necessary and repairs to existing dormer at 1 St Osythys Lane Oundle PE8 4BG
18/00414/LBC (14/04/2018) (LB/CA) (LBRegs)
New external wall mounted sign at 1 St Osythys Lane Oundle PE8

Pilton

18/00218/FUL (14/04/2018) (LB/CA)
Conversion of garage to habitable accommodation, removal of existing and installation of new septic tank at Ivy House Main Street Pilton PE8 5SN
18/00219/LBC (14/04/2018) (LBRegs)
Conversion of garage to home office, removal of existing garage doors and replace with two timber painted windows and infill with stone at Ivy House Main Street Pilton

Raunds

18/00443/FUL (07/04/2018) (Info)
Proposed first floor rear extension and extension to front dormer plus rendering and UPVC cladding to front elevation at 21 Oakleigh Close Raunds NN9 6HL

Rushden

17/02427/FUL (07/04/2018) (Info)
Demolition of Meeting Hall and construction of five new dwellings and new vehicle accesses at The Brethren Meeting Hall Sartoris Road Rushden NN10 9TL
18/00379/FUL (07/04/2018) (Info)
Erection of two apartments (resubmission of 17/01261/FUL) at Land Corner Of Washbrook and Pytchley Road Rushden
18/00432/FUL (07/04/2018) (Info)
Two storey rear extension at 26 Higham Road Rushden NN10 6DZ
18/00473/FUL (07/04/2018) (Info)
Two and One Storey Rear Extensions at 105 Higham Road Rushden NN10 6DS
18/00499/FUL (07/04/2018) (Info)
Roof extension on the existing bungalow at 42 Hall Avenue Rushden NN10 9ET

18/00505/FUL (07/04/2018) (Info)

Single storey front extension and rear extensions at 34 Peck Way Rushden NN10

Stanwick

18/00383/FUL (07/04/2018) (Info)
Rear extension and recladding to semi-detached dwelling at 16 Alfred Street Stanwick NN9 6QT

Stoke Doyle

18/00464/FUL (07/04/2018) (Info)
Installation of two up and over doors to existing open fronted garage. Construction of internal masonry garage wall at 2 Old Farm Oundle Road Stoke Doyle

Thorpe Achurch

18/00466/FUL (07/04/2018) (Info)
Proposed single storey garden structure at 1 Main Street Achurch

Thrapston

18/00410/FUL (07/04/2018) (Info)
Single-storey Side Extension at 10 Kimbolton Court Thrapston NN14

Titchmarsh

17/02581/FUL (07/04/2018) (Info)
Proposed demolition of single storey side extension and erection of two storey side extension with internal alterations and external improvements to visual appearance, vehicular provision, pedestrian access and landscaping at 29 Polopit Titchmarsh NN14
18/00398/FUL (07/04/2018) (Info)
Erection of a single story timber framed garage on existing driveway of 35 Polopit at 35 Polopit Titchmarsh NN14 3DL

Warmington

18/00455/FUL (07/04/2018) (Info)
Ground floor extension to rear of property and internal reconfiguration at 28 Big Green Warmington PE8 6TU

Woodford

18/00495/FUL (07/04/2018) (Info)
To erect a white PVCU framed conservatory to the rear of the property at 21 West Street Woodford NN14 4HZ

Woodnewton

18/00453/FUL (07/04/2018) (Info)

Change of use of paddock land to garden land within domestic curtilage of 22 Orchard Lane Woodnewton and works to include proposed upper floor extension and alterations to dwelling with garage, workshop extension to rear at 22 Orchard Lane Woodnewton

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 24 March 2018

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

From the ENC Chairman

As Chairman of East Northants I am going through that period of putting on the weight, due to the number of civic events and functions I am attending to support the other mayors and chairs of relevant districts and counties.

I have given my first talk and presentation which was about the district and the people who live within it, showing areas which highlight the beauty of where we live. Having given talks to many organisations over the years on various topics, one is always nervous that the presentation is of interest and does not become a bore. From the response of the first presentation I received good feedback – maybe they did not want to upset me?

Should your organisation wish to know a bit more about what the role of a chairman is about (including what it is like to attend the Queen's Garden Party), coupled of course with my real intent, which is to highlight what our district has to offer, then

please do not hesitate to contact me.

Where was my last 'Where am I' spot? The arch you saw was in Raunds, which is one of the largest towns in our district and the birthplace of the well-known presenter David Frost. Just hoping the majority of you remember who David Frost was! Raunds recorded the highest temperature in Britain at one stage, at 36.7C or 98.1F on 10th August 1911 – not a lot of people know that!

So 'Where was I' when this picture was taken?

Until next time...

Cllr Colin Wright
Chairman of East
Northamptonshire Council



Lloyd and Rose Buck: Our Life with Birds

It's not often you see birds on stage in a theatre and even more rare to see one flying over the audience. But audiences at Castle Theatre, Wellingborough can experience just that, when Lloyd and Rose Buck: Our Life with Birds takes to the stage, promising audiences a rare opportunity to meet Golden Eagles, Peregrine Falcons, hawks, owls, starlings and many more – all raised and trained with the utmost loving care by bird handlers Lloyd and Rose Buck. A perfect theatrical treat for animal lovers and families alike; this show takes place on Saturday 14th April, 7.30pm.



Over the last 25 years, Lloyd and his wife Rose have devoted their lives to taking care of birds and mastering the art of capturing them on film. They are, without doubt, the world's experts at tracking birds and in-flight filming.

career and job, it is a lifestyle, as you have to be there for them seven days a week, but we love it' – Lloyd Buck.

Between them Lloyd and Rose have been involved with over 100 different productions and feature films and have worked with every natural history television star including Sir David Attenborough, Steve Backshall, Bear Grylls, Michaela Strachan, Chris Packham, Kate Humble and many more.

They often appear on camera themselves and are frequent guests on BBC programmes such as The One Show, Springwatch and Countryfile. From Tilly the Golden Eagle to Poppy the pigeon, it's unusual to find Lloyd and Rose without one of their feathered family under their arms.

'The Bucks are remarkable people because when they do imprint, they form a bond they can't break and it means those swans are with them for life' – Sir David Attenborough.

This show is illustrated with Lloyd and Rose's own film footage and photography and is suitable for all ages. It promises to be an interactive wildlife experience like no other! Tickets are priced £14.50 (£12.50) with a Family Ticket priced at £48 for 4. Tickets can be purchased by calling the Box Office on 01933 270 007 or online at www.castletheatre.co.uk.

Rushden Swimming Club's County Championships success

Fifty Rushden Swimming Club swimmers took part in Northamptonshire Amateur Swimming Association's 2018 County Long Course Championships at Corby's International pool over three weekends from 27th January through to 17th February. Seven county clubs compete in the Championships and the

dedication and commitment of Rushden swimmers paid off to win a medal haul of 10 gold, 41 silver and 37 bronze medals.

RSC are very proud of their swimmers'

achievements and determination throughout the Championships, many of whom fought their own battles against bugs and illnesses to compete. Next stop is Regionals!

Rushden Swimming Club welcomes any new swimmers to the club from age 6+. Their main club night is Monday evenings at Splash Leisure Pool Rushden. Please visit the website for further details: www.rushdenswimmingclub.co.uk



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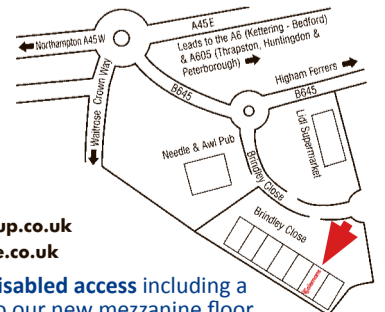
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World Book Day

The original purpose of World Book Day was to celebrate books and this year Risdene Academy has certainly done this in abundance, as they report.

Unperturbed by the threatening advances from the Beast from the East outside, inside there were high spirits and a magical buzz throughout the school, as donned in their best book character outfits, the children were inspired by The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr Morris Lessmore. This is a wonderful story which captivated the children's imaginations and stimulated some

amazing creative writing and artwork throughout the school.

During the afternoon, there was an opportunity for paired reading, as the children were partnered with a younger child. It was lovely to hear whispered stories and capture glimpses of conversation about what they were reading as you walked around the school.

There was also an overwhelming

response to the Design a Wooden Spoon Book Character Competition. The talent and creativity of our children, and parents, is phenomenal. A huge thank you goes to the parents for supporting World Book Day, and to the fantastic team of staff at Risdene, who enabled this to be such a magical and memorable day for all of the children.



Construction of new sports centre gets underway at Oundle School



GRAHAM Construction have been appointed as Principal Contractor for the new Oundle School Sports Centre, part of the school's wider Sports MasterPlan vision to provide the best in sport facilities and education.

Designed by Saunders Boston Architects with landscaping by PRP, the new Sports Centre will house a 50-metre, six-lane swimming pool, an eight-court sports hall offering retractable seating, a fitness suite with 70 stations and dedicated dance and multi-purpose studios. Dual use has been factored into the development to ensure year-round community and sports club access to the new facilities.

"GRAHAM Construction clearly demonstrated their experience and capability in the delivery of state-of-the-art sports facilities within schools and universities and this was a hugely important factor in our decision to select them as our contractor for the centrepiece of the School's Sports MasterPlan," said Dom Toriati, Bursar, Oundle School. "The safety of our pupils and staff and minimal disruption to the school's day-to-day life during the build was of paramount importance and GRAHAM Construction have shown that they can provide the

customer care we need as well as the best in new facilities."

John Maguire, Regional Business Development Director for GRAHAM Construction's Birmingham office, said: "Sport is an enormous part of school life at Oundle and this new centre will offer pupils and the local community modern facilities for a wide range of sports and activities, replacing the current 1970s building. For us, this is a highly rewarding project to be working on and we look forward to collaborating with the wider team on delivering these new and enhanced facilities for the pupils' use and enjoyment."

The current Sports Centre will be retained as the home of Sports Science and dedicated school sports. Continued operation of the existing pool throughout the build is also assured.

The Sports MasterPlan includes a new athletics track, eight additional tennis courts, two new AstroTurf pitches and six additional netball courts, all complementing the award-winning JM Mills Cricket Pavilion which opened in 2015.

The Oundle School Sports Centre is due to be completed in the academic year 2019-20.

Avocados, oats and cocoa: for breakfast?

Smoothies are good for you but you need to be careful.

If you use a lot of fruit, whizzed up, it's a lot of free sugar. Look at the amount of fruit you are using and ask yourself, 'Would I eat that much fruit in one sitting?' If the answer is no, then it's probably too much.

You can add other things to smoothies though – wheatgrass, spinach, nuts, kale; but often these smoothies taste a bit too 'healthy'. How about a delicious smoothie that combines avocado, oats, milk, dates and cocoa. It tastes decadent over healthy, but is actually really good for you.

For two people, blitz about 30g of porridge oats to a powder in a smoothie maker or blender. Add a few cubes of ice, the flesh of a baby avocado, about 6-8 dried dates, about 200ml semi-skimmed milk (or milk alternative) and a tablespoon of cocoa. Blend for several minutes so the smoothie is free of lumps, and serve. With around 275 calories, it's a great start to the day. Freeze any leftover smoothie in lolly moulds

for a chocolate lolly kids will love.

Avocado, a so-called 'superfood', contains nutrients like the omega 9 fatty acid oleic acid, lutein, folate, vitamin E, monounsaturated fats and glutathione, which help prevent heart disease, cancer, some degenerative eye conditions and brain diseases. Oats are thought to give health benefits such as reducing cholesterol and helping prevent cancers.

Dates are high in fibre and contain calcium,

iron, phosphorus, sodium, potassium, magnesium, and zinc, and the vitamins A, K, thiamin, riboflavin, niacin, and folate. They are also high in sugar and calories, though, so don't eat too many!

Milk is a good source of protein, calcium and vitamins A and D.

Finally cocoa has many health benefits, without the calories in chocolate, and is a good source of iron, magnesium, manganese, phosphorous and zinc and also antioxidants.



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Action Counters Terrorism: Report suspicious activity and behaviour to tackle terrorism

Northamptonshire Police is urging the public to help the police tackle terrorism and save lives by reporting suspicious behaviour and activity.

Communities defeat terrorism. With the enduring terrorist threat, it is now more important than ever that everyone plays their part in tackling terrorism. Your actions could save lives.

Don't worry about wasting police time. No call or click will be ignored. What you tell the police is treated in the strictest confidence and is thoroughly researched by experienced officers before, and if, any police action is taken.

Any piece of information could be important, it is better to be safe and report. Remember, trust your instincts and ACT. Action Counters Terrorism.

Head of Local Policing, Chris Hillery, said: "Northamptonshire Police is committed to protecting people from harm and while the threat of terrorism is relatively low in this county, we are not complacent. It's imperative that our communities

work with us and our partners to report anything they think is suspicious. Communities really are the key to defeating terrorism."

How can I report?

Reporting is quick and easy. You can report in confidence online via the secure form: www.gov.uk/ACT. Alternatively, you can call the police confidentially on 0800 789 321.

All reports are kept confidential and you can report anonymously. In an emergency always call 999.

What should I report?

Like other criminals, terrorists need to plan. You can report suspicious activity or behaviour – anything that seems out of place, unusual or just doesn't seem to fit in with everyday life.

What could potentially be terrorist-related suspicious activity or behaviour?

Research

- Meetings, training and planning can take place anywhere. Do you know someone who travels but is vague about where they're going?
- Do you know someone with passports or other documents in different names, for no obvious reason?
- Do you know someone who looks at extremist material, including on the so-called Dark Web, or shares and creates content that promotes or glorifies terrorism?
- Have you noticed someone embracing or actively promoting hateful ideas or an extremist ideology?

Gathering materials

- Suspicious materials can be ordered online as well as in store. Have you noticed someone receiving deliveries for unusual items bought online?
- If you work in commercial vehicle hire or sales, has a sale or rental seemed unusual?
- Have you noticed someone buying large or unusual quantities of chemicals, fertilisers or gas



cylinders for no obvious reason?

- Have you noticed someone acquiring illegal firearms or other weapons or showing an interest in obtaining them?

Storing materials

- Terrorists need to store equipment while preparing for an attack. Have you noticed anyone storing large amounts of chemicals, fertilisers or gas cylinders?

Have you noticed anyone storing illegal firearms or objects that could potentially be weapons?

Hostile Reconnaissance

- Observation and surveillance help terrorists plan attacks. Have you witnessed anyone taking pictures or notes of security arrangements or CCTV?

Financing

- Cheque and credit card fraud are ways of generating cash. Have you noticed any suspicious or unusual bank transactions?

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GOODS VEHICLE OPERATOR'S LICENCE

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Town: Higham Ferrers
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Brett Gavin Ltd is applying for a licence to use Pastures Lodge Farm, Raunds Road, Chelveston NN9 6AA, as an Operating Centre to keep 2 goods vehicles.

Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at:

Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds LS9 6NF

stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice.

Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A guide to making representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's office.

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GREENACRE LANDSCAPES

Town: Higham Ferrers
County: Northamptonshire
Post Code: NN10 8NQ

I.Parrott is applying for a licence to use Unit 1, Old Station Yard, Irchester Road, Wellingborough NN29 7EP, as an Operating Centre to keep 3 goods vehicles.

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EAST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE ACT 1992

COUNCIL TAX

The Council at its meeting on 26 February 2018, calculated the following amounts for 2018/19 in accordance with regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992 made under section 33 (5) of the LGF Act 1992 and the Local Authorities (Calculation of Tax Base) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 and (No 2) Regulations 2003.

TOTAL COUNCIL TAX DUE 2018/19

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Aldwinckle	1,103.25	1,287.12	1,471.00	1,654.88	2,022.64	2,390.38	2,758.13	3,309.76
Apthorpe	1,072.27	1,250.98	1,429.70	1,608.41	1,965.84	2,323.26	2,680.68	3,216.82
Ashton	1,101.53	1,285.12	1,468.71	1,652.30	2,019.48	2,386.65	2,753.83	3,304.60
Barnwell	1,099.55	1,282.82	1,466.08	1,649.34	2,015.86	2,382.38	2,748.89	3,298.68
Benefield	1,089.39	1,270.95	1,452.52	1,634.09	1,997.23	2,360.35	2,723.48	3,268.18
Brigstock	1,090.72	1,272.51	1,454.30	1,636.09	1,999.67	2,363.24	2,726.81	3,272.18
Bulwick	1,082.49	1,262.90	1,443.32	1,623.74	1,984.58	2,345.40	2,706.23	3,247.48
Chelveston cum Caldecott	1,097.66	1,280.61	1,463.55	1,646.50	2,012.39	2,378.28	2,744.16	3,293.00
Collyweston	1,134.65	1,323.77	1,512.88	1,701.99	2,080.21	2,458.43	2,836.64	3,403.98
Deene & Deenethorpe	1,128.24	1,316.28	1,504.33	1,692.37	2,068.46	2,444.53	2,820.61	3,384.74
Denford	1,093.57	1,275.83	1,458.10	1,640.36	2,004.89	2,369.41	2,733.93	3,280.72
Duddington with Fineshade	1,123.41	1,310.65	1,497.89	1,685.13	2,059.61	2,434.08	2,808.54	3,370.26
Easton-on-the-Hill	1,099.15	1,282.34	1,465.54	1,648.73	2,015.12	2,381.50	2,747.88	3,297.46
Glaphorn	1,110.14	1,295.17	1,480.19	1,665.22	2,035.27	2,405.32	2,775.36	3,330.44
Great Addington	1,107.77	1,292.41	1,477.04	1,661.67	2,030.93	2,400.19	2,769.44	3,323.34
Hargrave	1,097.04	1,279.88	1,462.73	1,645.57	2,011.26	2,376.93	2,742.61	3,291.14
Harringworth	1,093.53	1,275.79	1,458.05	1,640.31	2,004.83	2,369.34	2,733.84	3,280.62
Hemington, Luddington & Thurning	1,079.64	1,259.58	1,439.53	1,619.47	1,979.36	2,339.23	2,699.11	3,238.94
Higham Ferrers	1,149.53	1,341.12	1,532.71	1,724.30	2,107.48	2,490.65	2,873.83	3,448.60
Irthlingborough	1,162.98	1,356.81	1,550.65	1,744.48	2,132.15	2,519.80	2,907.46	3,488.96
Islip	1,115.88	1,301.86	1,487.85	1,673.83	2,045.80	2,417.75	2,789.71	3,347.66
Kings Cliffe	1,091.31	1,273.20	1,455.09	1,636.98	2,000.76	2,364.53	2,728.29	3,273.96
Lilford cum Wigsthorpe & Thorpe Achurch	1,082.49	1,262.91	1,443.33	1,623.75	1,984.59	2,345.42	2,706.24	3,247.50
Little Addington	1,116.33	1,302.39	1,488.45	1,674.51	2,046.63	2,418.74	2,790.84	3,349.02
Lowick & Slipton	1,085.90	1,266.89	1,447.87	1,628.86	1,990.83	2,352.80	2,714.76	3,257.72
Lutton	1,079.91	1,259.90	1,439.89	1,619.88	1,979.86	2,339.83	2,699.79	3,239.76
Nassington	1,153.50	1,345.75	1,538.01	1,730.26	2,114.77	2,499.26	2,883.76	3,460.52
Oundle	1,197.49	1,397.08	1,596.66	1,796.25	2,195.42	2,594.58	2,993.74	3,592.50
Pilton, Stoke Doyle & Wadenhoe	1,084.11	1,264.80	1,445.49	1,626.18	1,987.56	2,348.93	2,710.29	3,252.36
Polebrook	1,087.83	1,269.14	1,450.45	1,631.76	1,994.38	2,356.99	2,719.59	3,263.52
Raunds	1,165.27	1,359.48	1,553.70	1,747.91	2,136.34	2,524.76	2,913.18	3,495.82
Ringstead	1,123.59	1,310.86	1,498.13	1,685.40	2,059.94	2,434.47	2,808.99	3,370.80
Rushden	1,127.46	1,315.37	1,503.29	1,691.20	2,067.03	2,442.84	2,818.66	3,382.40
Stanwick	1,123.54	1,310.80	1,498.06	1,685.32	2,059.84	2,434.35	2,808.86	3,370.64
Sudborough	1,103.33	1,287.22	1,471.11	1,655.00	2,022.78	2,390.55	2,758.33	3,310.00
Thrapston	1,158.10	1,351.12	1,544.14	1,737.16	2,123.20	2,509.23	2,895.26	3,474.32
Titchmarsh	1,100.13	1,283.48	1,466.84	1,650.20	2,016.92	2,383.62	2,750.33	3,300.40
Twywell	1,093.31	1,275.54	1,457.76	1,639.98	2,004.42	2,368.86	2,733.29	3,279.96
Warmington	1,149.20	1,340.74	1,532.27	1,723.81	2,106.88	2,489.95	2,873.01	3,447.62
Woodford	1,086.78	1,267.91	1,449.05	1,630.18	1,992.45	2,354.70	2,716.96	3,260.36
Woodnewton	1,104.15	1,288.18	1,472.21	1,656.24	2,024.30	2,392.35	2,760.39	3,312.48
Yarwell	1,101.82	1,285.46	1,469.10	1,652.74	2,020.02	2,387.29	2,754.56	3,305.48
Other	1,064.02	1,241.36	1,418.70	1,596.04	1,950.72	2,305.39	2,660.06	3,192.08

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Glenn Hammons, Chief Finance Officer

LICENSING ACT 2003.

Notice of Application for variation of a Premises Licence (Section 34)
 Notice is hereby given that S & L Transformations Ltd. has applied to East Northants Council for the variation of a Premises Licence in respect of The Kings Arms, 59 High Street, Thrapston NN14 4JJ, and requests to remove some conditions on Annex 2 of the operating schedule.

The Licensing register may be inspected at the Licensing Authority, East Northamptonshire Council, Cedar Drive, Thrapston NN14 4LZ during normal office hours. Any representation by a Responsible Authority or interested party must be made in writing to the above address by 06.04.18.

It is an offence knowingly to make a false statement in connection with an application punishable on summary conviction of a fine of any amount.

Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13 OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Proposed development at:
 Land to rear of 49 Finedon Road, Irthlingborough, Northants NN9 5TY.

Take notice that application is being made by:
 Marklin Developments, Mr Mark Kennedy.

For planning permission to:
 Construct residential development of three dwellings, including access parking and amenity land.

Local planning authority to whom the application is being submitted:
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Any owner of the land or tenant who wishes to make representations about this application, should write to the council within 21 days of the date of this notice.

Signatory: Mr Jonathan Sidey
 Date: 24.03.18

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East Northants Snooker League

As both Windmill Mecca and Windmill G finished on the same number of points in the league table and the same number of games won, a play-off was organised to decide who would scoop the Runner-Up prize.

Disappointingly, one of Mecca's players dropped out at the last minute meaning that it was going to be difficult for them to win the match. However, determined, Matt Barcock played Craig Back in the first game and beat him 2-0 aided by a fine 53 break in

the second frame. In the next game, Mecca captain Darren Fenner stepped up against Jay Thomas. Jay played very well to win both frames to level the match at 2-2. Due to Mecca's player shortage Windmill G had the choice to either claim the final game and automatically

win the match or to nominate a Mecca player to play again, which is what they sportingly decided to do. Darren Fenner was nominated to play Michael Gordon and a close match ensued, with Michael eventually running out as the winner in both frames. Final match score, 4-2 to Windmill G confirming them as the 2017/18 Pumphouse Café Winter League Runners-Up.

The Team Knockout, sponsored by Belgian Pete's Home Improvements, was the main focus this week as the semi-finals were contested. Coopers A hosted Higham SAS and were hoping to score as many points as they could given the unusual format of this competition. It was an extremely close match with the points being almost level going into the final two frames. It was down to Coopers' Justin Gaggini and Higham's Pete Beerten to

decide which team would win. Pete managed to produce some of his best snooker, potting a stunning pink and black to seal victory in the final frame. This means Higham SAS now advance to the final.

Elsewhere, Windmill Warriors played the league champions Windmill C who were obviously hot favourites to win this match. Richard Wright managed the seemingly impossible to beat Marc Brett in both frames and by more than 60 points. Paul Lewis then took on Stewart Brown and he too managed to win by a similar margin. This meant that James Rawlins of Windmill C had to somehow beat Michael Dicks by 110 points if they were to win the match. This wasn't to be, but he made a valiant effort actually beating Michael by nearly 70 points in the end, but not enough to win the match. Warriors

will now play Higham SAS in the final. Despite losing the match, Windmill C were able to collect their League Winner's Trophy, which provided them with the perfect consolation prize. See the picture below: (Left to right) James Rawlins, Stewart Brown, Marc Brett.

Kevin Freeman beat Ben Pacan 3-1 in the Sound Systems Handicap Singles to advance to the final. Richard Symons beat Billy Druce in his semi-final and will now play Kevin in the final. Marc Brett will play Paul Lewis in the Home Outlet Scratch Singles final. In the NJF Plastering Doubles, Richard Wright and Craig Savage won their quarter-final match to set up a semi-final bout against Lee Bunker and Martyn Hatton.

In the other semi-final, we have a Mecca team clash, as Matt Barcock and Ricky Ellis take on Wayne Gardner and Adam Philpott.



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