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Get fit with Freedom Leisure

This spring is the perfect time to get a bit fitter in the great East Northamptonshire outdoors, thanks to a new activity programme from your local leisure provider.

The Active Communities team at Freedom Leisure, the company that manages the district's swimming pools and leisure centres on behalf of East Northamptonshire Council, has organised a host of activities for all ages to enjoy, starting this month.

Have you ever wondered what the outdoor gyms are like at your local park but not had the confidence to try them out? Now's your chance to give the equipment a go with your very own Freedom Leisure fitness buddy.

You can take advantage of these free gym sessions in Raunds and Thrapston every Wednesday (starting 18th April) from 9.30am–10.30am at Bassford's Recreational Ground in Raunds (Marshall's Road, NN9 6EY) and from 11am–12noon at Chancery Lane in Thrapston (next to The Meadows surgery NN14 4QL).

These are not personal training sessions or instructor led, but offer a fitness buddy friend to accompany you. Don't forget, the outdoor gyms can be enjoyed 24/7 on your own or with friends.

If you're looking for family fun, the Xplorer treasure hunt might be for you. Drop by Rushden's Spencer Park after school, grab a map for just £1 per person and then get exploring! You'll find lots of hidden animals along the way. Do you think you can beat your friends back to base in the quickest time?! These sessions run 3.30pm–4.30pm on the last Tuesday of every month (April-October). Please meet at the Pavillion to collect your map. Visit www.xplorer.org.uk/home for more details.

From 25th April, you can join in with the new dementia health walks at Barnwell Country Park (PE8 5PB). Enjoy a walk around the park and informal chat and activities in the café afterwards. It's a great chance to make new friends in a safe and supportive environment. They'll be running every Wednesday 10am-12noon and cost £1 per person. Parking charges apply. Please wear suitable footwear.

For more information on any of the three activities, please call Emma on 07702 859553.

In Brief

Singin' the Sixties

The Singing for Fun group from Higham and Rushden will present Singin' the Sixties on 12th May at the Heritage Chapel, Park Road, Rushden.

The show will include many of your favourite songs from the era and will be in aid of the local Alzheimer's group. There will be refreshments available at the interval and we will be holding a raffle. Tickets are £5 and are available from either Chris on 07778836094 or Gerry on 01933 770756.

Chief Constable to retire

The Chief Constable of Northamptonshire Police, Simon Edens, has announced he will retire from the service in six months' time.

Mr Edens will have served over 37 years as a police officer, including just over three years in Northamptonshire where he became Chief Constable in July 2015.

Police and Crime Commissioner Stephen Mold said: "I want to personally pay tribute and say thank you to Simon for all his hard work."

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Male Voice Choir concert raises £15,000 in aid of Prostate Cancer UK

Saturday 14th April saw an amazing, sell-out concert at the Spinney Theatre, Northampton to raise money for Prostate Cancer UK. The event was attended by a delighted and enthusiastic capacity audience of well over 600.

Organised by Northampton Male Voice Choir (NMVC), the concert included a 'volunteer' choir of 62 men who had been recruited to form a scratch choir to help NMVC raise money for the charity. The combined total of 114 male voices were joined on stage by the superbly talented local soprano Emily Haig and the evening was brilliantly compered by the Reverend Richard Coles, Vicar of Finedon.

Overall the event raised a sensational total of £15,000 for Prostate Cancer UK, far exceeding the expectations of NMVC.

Many of the men who joined up for the one-off volunteer choir, being new to choral singing, were so inspired by the experience that they are now aiming to continue singing with the main Northampton Male Voice Choir.

The event was a fantastic achievement for Northampton Male Voice Choir, who would like to thank everyone involved – from those taking part on stage, to those who worked tirelessly behind the scenes, both on the day and during many months of preparation, and everyone who so generously contributed to the marvellous £15,000 raised for Prostate Cancer UK.

Genealogy jottings

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

Last time, I mentioned the commission that I took on for someone. The journey back through time also found me in the 19th century Lace quarter of Nottingham, discovering not just Lacemakers, but also Framework Knitters. These were people who operated a loom that made hosiery – stockings and the like. It certainly made a change from 'Ag Labs'! One family were missing from the 1881 census and, upon reappearing in the 1891 census, had two children who had been born in France at the time but were noted as British subjects. I am now intrigued as to why they travelled from Nottingham across the channel...

I do love researching – my mother always said that I asked too many questions! Another recently took me to 19th century Aberdeen, where the head of the family was working as a Factor. A Factor was a chap who acted as an agent for the landowner. It was his job to go round to properties on the landowner's estate and collect the rents and hand them over. He had other duties, such as making sure that the financial side of any business was completed correctly, arranging shooting parties whilst liaising with the gamekeeper and overseeing construction projects etc that might be needed. He worked in a similar way to an Estate Manager in England would today.

I also managed to find a photograph of an Australian mystery man who had vanished from this person's family history. It is amazing what you can find on the interwebby, but remember – not everything is available via your computer and sometimes, a visit to the source, be it graveyard, archives or newspaper library, is needed. Mind you, a little trip to Australia would have been nice!

If you are interested in researching your family tree but do not have the time to do so, please contact me.

Editor's notes

Magazine Heaven, a new shop at Rushden Lakes, claims to offer the widest selection of magazines under one roof anywhere in the UK. The selection is complemented by an Artisan Café serving many products from local suppliers. Founder, Bill Palmer said: "We were delighted with the warm welcome we received from visitors to Rushden Lakes... This is our first store, so it is with great excitement that we've introduced Magazine Heaven to our first customers and we look forward to seeing even more shoppers from Northamptonshire and beyond."

Oundle Town Council held an open meeting on Monday to mark the start of the public consultation phase of their Neighbourhood Plan, which covers the period up to 2031. The event was very well attended with many keen to voice their views; not surprisingly, their main focus was on the potential new housing in the town. Given the inevitability of an additional 250 or more houses being built over the period in question, it was disappointing to hear so many expressing a "not in my backyard" approach. However, there can be no doubt that their concerns about the impact the developments will have on the existing infrastructure are justified. Recent housing developments have added to the strain on services such as water, including sewage, gas and electricity, as well as roads and parking. The organisations with statutory responsibilities for the provision of these services all too often seem to regard new housing as a box ticking exercise without providing the additional resources required to ensure their smooth delivery. One existing example of overload on the town's narrow streets is the number of buses and cars required to ferry pupils to and from Prince William School. We have placed a Freedom of Information request with the County Council in order to ascertain the exact number of buses involved in this activity, and their routes and hope to publish the results in a forthcoming edition.

There has been another about turn at NCC over the on/off sale of their head office, 1 Angel Square. After advice from PwC, the Council have accepted a 35-year sale and leaseback arrangement with Canada Life Investments for £64m. Cllr Matthew Golby, Leader of Northamptonshire County Council said of the deal: "We believe that this transaction is effective in leveraging the council's assets and covenant allowing us to maximise the benefit of very competitive pricing at this point in the market. I am confident that the transaction will provide the funding required to enable the transformation programme to set the council on a strong future trajectory."

We have not been able to ascertain the rent payable on the lease but have asked NCC for clarification.

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Cottesmore Military Wives Choir to perform at Harringworth Festival Concert this June

Harringworth Village in the Welland Valley is delighted to announce that the Cottesmore Military Wives Choir will be performing in the magnificent setting of St John the Baptist Church, Harringworth on Saturday 9th June. The concert is a key feature of the Flower Festival celebration weekend with the theme 'The Colour of Song', held on Saturday and Sunday.

Tickets for the concert are being sold in advance at £10 per person.

The Military Wives Choirs have a repertoire that includes a variety of different songs and styles, with some commemorating the losses and sacrifices of WW1 which ended 100 years ago. The new Military Wives Choirs album, 'Remember' is due for release in Summer 2018.

The Festival Concert starts at 7pm and tickets are already on sale through the Harringworth Village website and cost £10, to include a glass of wine or soft drink. They are also available by email (harringworthv@gmail.com). During the interval wine and soft drinks will be on sale and the displays from the 'Colour of Song' Flower Festival available to view.

The Flower Festival weekend is being organised by the village of Harringworth with proceeds in aid of the Harringworth Appeals Fund and is followed on Saturday 23rd June by the traditional and ever popular Summer Fete.

Your Health – Mattress Pains

One of the questions I get asked regularly in the clinic is, "What mattress should I use?"

My flippant answer is to sleep in some different beds for a few nights and see how they feel. The problem is that mattress shops won't usually let you stay for a sleepover. And friends don't usually want you sharing their bed with them/their husband/their wife/the kids while you test out their new super-sprung-semi-memory-ultra-hard-hypoallergenic-turbo-charged mattress (yes, I made that up).

So how do you test mattresses without breaking into a mattress shop or sleeping with your best friend's husband?

Firstly ask friends if you can stay over when they go away for a night or on holiday. Offer to water the plants, feed the cat or paint a room as a demonstration of your gratitude.

Or if you stay in a hotel and really like the mattress look under the sheets and find out what brand it is. You can even ask the people at Reception to find out more information about it. Nobody will mind you asking.

Or stay in a mattress shop all day – take a book. They really won't mind.

What are the options?

- Memory foam: very popular 15 years ago. Like celery, you either love or hate them.
- Pocket sprung: individual pockets, each with a spring in it. Huge variety in number of springs and levels of firmness to suit different people.
- Foam: very unfashionable for years, but these days the foams are very different so they maintain their firmness longer and don't crumble. And they're surprisingly cheap.
- Latex: these mattresses are very, very heavy. They have a good reputation for keeping their shape and firmness, but can be quite hot.

Top Tip: If your back hurts in the mornings there's a chance the mattress is contributing to the pain. It might not be the cause, but it's worth trying a different one.

Have a snuggly, sleepy week!

Claire

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Spotlight on Oundle

Volunteer Action Oundle

Do you need a friend? Volunteer Action is a registered charity providing one-to-one support and companionship for the elderly and those isolated by disability. Police-checked, trained volunteers will visit you in your home to offer a listening ear and company for an agreed length of time. This service is free of charge.

Do you want to be a friend? Can you spare an hour or two per month? We are always looking for befrienders, particularly male ones at the moment. We'll pay your travel costs and you'll have the satisfaction of knowing you've made a positive difference to a lonely person's life.

Do you need a driver? We have volunteer drivers who can take you to the doctor, hospital, shopping or to social calls. You pay the driver 40p a mile (£3 minimum).

Do you need some help? We can help you find the best service as we've done all the research for you and can help with calls and forms.

Do you want to be a driver? Driving for us is rewarding and enjoyable. All you need is a car and some free time – drive as much or as little as you like and get paid a mileage allowance.

www.volunteeractionoundle.org.uk, admin@volunteeractionoundle.org.uk, 01832 275433.

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Oundle Bowling Club Open Weekend

On Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd June, Oundle Bowling Club will be holding its annual Open Weekend. Everyone is welcome to come along and try lawn bowls. It is completely free, so why not make a note in your diary to bring your family along for a great day out.

This year we are supporting the Sue Ryder Hospice charity and will be having a fundraising match on the Sunday afternoon starting at 2pm. Local amateur and visiting teams will be taking part, so please come and support your team and the Sue Ryder Hospice who do so much for our community.

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Our doors open at 10am each day and you will find a warm welcome and friendly instructor who will introduce you to the sport of lawn bowls. No equipment is required except flat soled shoes or trainers. There is a large car park and refreshments will be available throughout the day.

If you need any further information, contact David Walker, tel: 01832 272250 or visit our website www.oundlebowlingclub.org

Green Meadows Festival

Green Meadows Festival returns to Elton near Oundle between 10th-12th August. The festival features live music from Hoosiers, The Bluetones frontman Mark Morriss and The Specials founder member Neville Staple amongst many others. DJs playing include Seb Fontaine, Altern-8's Mark Archer and 90s floor fillers Utah Saints.

The festival won an award in 2017 for its free kids' activities and this year it has gotten bigger, with live theatre, animal encounters, DJ workshops, a skate ramp, sports and circus skills, to name only a few activities.

For those of you wanting to restore body and mind there is a health and wellbeing field with a range of workshops and treatments from massage to laughter yoga.

Weekend tickets are available, ranging in price from £15 for kids to £85 for adults and Day Tickets from £5 to £35. They are available from The Ship Inn, Oundle or www.greenmeadowsfestival.org.

East Midlands Music

East Midlands Music has now had its doors open for around 18 months and is growing steadily, with thanks to those who have supported us in an era that is seeing a decline in music shops all around the country. Everyone who visits remarks on the beautiful location and some even comment that it's the "Best Music Shop they have ever visited". We are so proud of what we have achieved in a relatively short time and look to continue to grow so that we can continue to serve the local community as your local music shop. Now stocking a great range of guitar strings and accessories to add to an impressive array of woodwind and brass instruments in our showroom waiting for you to try - and plenty of accessories too. We are also proud to announce that we are a main dealer for Geneva and Amati Instruments. Do pop in and see what all the fuss is about as we are still open - even if the roads are not!

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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:

Aldwincle
18/00624/FUL (05/05/2018) (Info) First floor extension over existing garage and new extended roof design to create full first floor to the property at 8 Cross Lane Aldwincle NN14 3EG

Apethorpe
18/00627/FUL (12/05/2018) (Art8) Change of use of barns and associated land from agricultural to wedding venue at land and buildings adjacent to Bluefields Farm Nassington Road Apethorpe

Benefield
18/00570/FUL (12/05/2018)(LB/CA) Erection of 4 dwellings at The Benefield Wheatsheaf Main Street Upper Benefield PE8 5AN

Brigstock
18/00593/FUL (05/05/2018) (Info) Retain an existing static caravan on site on a permanent basis to enable the further development and management of the applicant's equestrian business at Spinney Hill Paddocks Stanion Road Brigstock NN14 3FF
18/00303/FUL 12/05/2018 (info) Erection of single, oak framed garage with solar photovoltaic panels fitted to the roof, using existing vehicular access to and from Latham Street, plus rebuild/repair of existing boundary wall running between the site and footpath to the west of the site, on land to south side of Latham Street, to right hand side of Telegraph Exchange, between Telephone Exchange and No 3 Latham Street (site at Easting 494594, Northing 285365) at land right hand side of Telephone Exchange Latham Street Brigstock

Chelveston-cum-Caldecott
18/00611/FUL (05/05/2018) (Info) Proposed loft conversion at 6 Disbrowe Court Chelveston NN9

Collyweston
17/02585/FUL (12/05/2018) (LB/CA) Replacement front and rear 1st floor bedroom windows, patio doors, porch doors, front door and one Velux rooflight at Bluebell Barn Main Road Collyweston PE8 3PL

Denford
18/00669/FUL and 18/00670/LBC (12/05/2018) (LB/CA) (LBRegs) Single storey rear extension at The Shires High Street Denford NN14

Easton-on-the-Hill
18/00569/OUT (12/05/2018) (LB/CA) Erection of a wedding and conference venue with associated overnight accommodation and hardstanding at land rear of Exeter Arms Stamford Road Easton On The Hill
18/00639/VAR (05/05/2018) (Info) Variation of condition 15 (approved drawings) pursuant to 16/01833/FUL - To construct 9 dwellings with a mix of semi-detached and terraced properties on an area of land to the rear of No.s 25, 27, 29 & 31 Westfields and to the rear of 26, 28, 30 & 32 Western Avenue. The site was last used as a residential garden within the curtilage of 32 Western Avenue. An access road would be created between 29 & 31 Westfields to adoptable standards, with private/shared driveways further into the site together with visitor parking bays at land rear of 28, 30 and 32 Western Avenue Easton On the Hill
18/00666/FUL (05/05/2018) (Info) Replacement of carport and storage sheds with enclosed garage and sun room at 30 Western Avenue Easton On The Hill PE9 3NB

Great Addington
18/00613/FUL (05/05/2018) (Info) Single storey rear extension at The Roost Woodford Road Great Addington

Higham Ferrers
18/00623/FUL (05/05/2018) (Info) Single storey side and rear extensions (resubmission of 17/02656/FUL) at 12 Manor Way Higham Ferrers NN10 8BX

Irthlingborough
18/00452/FUL (05/05/2018) (Info) To extend front door area to be in line with existing boundary and across 1.6 metres forming a larger hallway at 11 Evensford Walk Irthlingborough NN9 5PD
18/00643/VAR (12/05/2018) (LB/CA) (Art8) Variation of Condition 26 (approved drawings) to allow for the introduction of an ATM and a canopy over side access door pursuant to 16/02336/FUL - Erection of 2 No Retail Units (1 No. Class A1 retail unit of 930 square metres, subdivided into 3 units, and 1 No mixed use class A1/A3 unit of 103.55 square metres) and 20 No two storey dwellings with associated access, parking and landscaping at Former Factory Site Church Street Irthlingborough
18/00657/FUL (05/05/2018) (Info) Two storey rear extension, addition of new side window, balcony to the existing property, raised decking and new boundary treatment at 4 Lakeside Irthlingborough

Kings Cliffe
18/00630/FUL (12/05/2018) (LB/CA) Proposed replacement window and roof light to kitchen at 34 West Street Kings Cliffe PE8 6XA

Nassington
18/00629/LBC (12/05/2018) (LBRegs) Listed building consent for minor internal alterations including replacement of modern plaster board ceiling with addition of insulation above; removal of lightweight partition between bedrooms 4 and 5 (including relocation of power socket and radiator), and replacement of existing bath with shower at Three Mill Bills 63 Church Street Nassington
18/00631/LBC (12/05/2018) (LBRegs) Listed building consent for replacement of single-glazed timber windows to match existing profile, incorporating slim-line double glazing at Three Mill Bills 63 Church Street Nassington PE8 6QG
18/00647/OUT (12/05/2018) (LB/CA) Construction of 2 detached two storey dwellings. Alterations to access and front boundary wall at land rear of 34-36 Church Street Nassington

Oundle
18/00618/ADV (05/05/2018) (Info) Replacement signage to shopfront at 2 West Street Oundle PE8
18/00621/FUL (05/05/2018) (Info) Demolition of detached garage; Demolition of utility room, toilet and chimney. Erection of single story rear & side extension; Erection of additional side extension at first-floor level and conversion of attic; Replacement of conservatory with glazed canopy at 38 Glapthorn Road Oundle

Raunds
18/00535/FUL (05/05/2018) (Info) Proposed dropped kerb at 29 Wellington Road Raunds NN9
18/00656/VAR (12/05/2018) (Art8) Varition of condition 1 (approved plans) to allow variation of house types and layout amendments pursuant to planning application 17/01680/VAR pursuant to application 16/00864/VAR variation of 07/02238/OUT and 13/01604/REM Residential development for up to 460 dwellings dated 07.03.2018 (Part Retrospective) at Darsdale Farm Site Chelveston Road Raunds

Ringstead
18/00549/VAR (05/05/2018) (Info) Variation of condition 3 (Approved plans) pursuant to 17/01021/FUL dated 21.8.2017 - Erection of agricultural workers dwelling at Tithe Farm 5 Ham Lane Ringstead

Rushden
18/00551/ADV (12/05/2018) (LB/CA) Replacement (like for like) of existing sign at 106 High Street Rushden NN10
18/00568/ADV (05/05/2018) (Info) 4 sets of internally illuminated fascia text at Unit R3 Boardwalk Rushden Lakes Rushden NN10 6FA
18/00571/FUL (05/05/2018) (Info) Proposed Single-Storey Extension at 101 Springfield Road Rushden NN10 0YB
18/00612/FUL (05/05/2018) (Info) Single storey side extension at 17 Melloway Road Rushden NN10 6XZ
18/00615/FUL (12/05/2018) (LB/CA) Proposed store extension to main hall at St Marys Church High Street Rushden NN10 0QE
18/00622/FUL (05/05/2018) (Info) Demolition of utility room and erection of single storey side and rear extensions at 51 Melloway Road Rushden NN10 6XX
18/00636/VAR (12/05/2018) (Art8) Variation of condition 11 pursuant to planning: 08/00595/FUL and 17/01208/AMD - Two three storey buildings to provide 9 one bedroomed flats and 22 two bedroomed flats, plus parking, access and associated works dated 22.03.2018 at Freemans Court Station Road Rushden
18/00665/ADV (05/05/2018) (Info) Phase 1 adverts at land adjacent Skew Bridge Ski Slope Rushden Lakes Rushden
18/00668/ADV (05/05/2018) (Info) Phase 2 adverts at land adjacent Skew Bridge Ski Slope Rushden Lakes Rushden

Warmington
18/00648/FUL (05/05/2018) (Info) Two storey extension to side of bungalow, single storey extension to front to form entrance hall at 32 Big Green Warmington PE8 6TU

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 21 April 2018

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

From the ENC Chairman

My last 'Where am I?' completely baffled people but I can advise it was a picture of a little alleyway off the main high street leading to the church in Thrapston.

With a population of 6,239 Thrapston has the distinction of being the home to Sir John Washington who lived in Chancery Lane and was a relative of the American President George Washington, as well as having a Market Charter issued in 1205.

I am going to take this opportunity to highlight an 'open day' at Thrapston Bowls Club on Saturday 5th May, 2pm onwards. The club has received a Community grant from East Northants Council and they are opening up their premises so people can see where this money was invested and to highlight the great facilities they have to offer.

I will be there in my capacity as Chairman of East Northants and it would be great to see as many people as possible for what will be a great afternoon.

I attended the 10th Anniversary of the Homeless Shelter at Rushden and it was nice to see how many people have benefited from the good work they do.

I spoke to individuals who advised me that they are now on the straight and narrow having come from a life of non-existence. In most cases they are now working and providing for themselves.

Whilst there I met Chris Kettleborough who takes in unwanted reptiles and I personally overcame a lifetime fear and touched a snake! Chris visits schools in the area to show these reptiles to children, so if you think your child's school may be interested then visit his website at www.noahsarkexperiences.co.uk

As always, I leave you with your next instalment of 'Where am I?'. Who recognises the place in this photograph? Answers on a postcard, or tweet me @ENCChairman (whichever's easiest!)

Cllr Colin Wright
Chairman of East Northamptonshire Council

Name change for Rushden Hall Pensioners

In 1948 Rushden Hall Pensioners' Parliament was founded by a group of retired men who met at the Hall's old conservatory for a chat and a smoke.

One can today only imagine those war weary characters enjoying the comradeship of fellow retirees.

A constitution was drafted stating no politics or religion to be debated, and that the aim of the Parliament was to promote friendly, social and educational fellowship between its members.

A massive jump forward in years to 10th November 2015 where at our annual AGM, it was agreed by the members to change the old title of Rushden Hall Pensioners' Parliament to Rushden Hall Pensioners' Club.

Over recent years our membership have expressed reservations with the term Parliament.

In particular this gave people the wrong impression of our purpose and the many activities we enjoy. It was felt that the word Club was more in keeping in today's world, and that by doing so would help us attract new members.

Then again in 2017 another significant change was made to our constitution, that we would warmly welcome women into our club, and as I write this article we have signed up our first woman member.

So Rushden Hall Pensioners' Club goes from strength to strength welcoming any person age 65 or over, every Tuesday at 2pm till 4pm at Rushden Hall where you will find plenty of parking right outside the hall.

You will find us very informal, even when we play whist or bingo, or you can sit back and enjoy one of our many speakers whose subject matters have ranged, in the past, from slides of old Rushden to fighter jets, to Norfolk birds, to life in the Wrens, along with music hall artists, and a talk given by a retired policeman and a retired firefighter.

So if you want a cup of tea you can stand a spoon up in, or a biscuit to crack every tooth in your mouth come and join our club.

For more information please phone, Mr David Robinson on 01933 313729.

Rushden Historical Transport Society presents £300 cheque

Rushden Transport Museum is housed in the beautifully restored Victorian Midland Railway Station, which once formed part of the Wellingborough to Higham Ferrers branch line. It displays a surprising collection of transport related artefacts from the Rushden area, giving visitors a nostalgic glimpse into its past.

The station is the base for The Rushden, Higham and Wellingborough Heritage Railway which presently has half a mile of track. It uses both steam and diesel locomotives operating passenger trains at public events throughout the year. The station is owned by the Rushden Historical Transport Society which runs an award-winning bar and organises the Cavalcade of Historical Transport and County Show, attracting over 25,000 visitors to Rushden during the annual three day event (5th–7th May 2018). Pictured here are members of Rushden Branch Royal British Legion receiving a cheque of £300 raised following one of RHTS's charity events.

Holding the cheque are: Poppy Appeal Organiser Barbara Clark (left), RBL Rushden Branch Treasurer Irene Curtis (middle), RHTS Trustee Catharine Young (right), and to her left is RBL Branch Chairman Paul Mills and Chairman of RHTS John Sugars.

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Stonyfield Wines at Painter's Vineyard

You may be surprised to hear that there are some 10 vineyards in Northamptonshire, albeit that not all of them are producing wine commercially.

One of the most interesting is Painter's Vineyard near Blisworth. The vineyard is situated on a south facing slope of spoil dumped in the early 19th century, having been excavated from the Blisworth Tunnel during the construction of the then Grand Junction Canal.

It has taken over 200 years for the ironstone rubble, spread up to ten feet deep over four acres of farmland beside the northern entrance to be put to good use, or at least an acre of it.

Stonyfield, as it came to be known, gained a new future as a vineyard thanks to a family enterprise which successfully planted grape varieties well suited to its stony soil. The harvested grapes are now making fine award-winning English Sparkling Wine, using the traditional Champagne method.

The land on which the spoil was dumped in the early 19th century was owned by the Duke of Grafton. The Duke's descendants owned Stonyfield until the 1920s, when the estate was broken up to pay for post-WWI death duties. It passed through other hands until after WWII when some of the farmland was acquired by the grandparents of the current owners, former City merchant banker John Folliott Vaughan and his sister Belinda Brown.

John explained: "With global warming and the development of modified grape varieties suited to the cooler English climate, vineyards have been springing up all over southern England, many specialising in sparkling wine. We took expert advice and found that, with the field's well-drained shingle soil and its south facing slope, it was ideal for growing grapes to make English Sparkling Wine. We use the well-known Champagne variety of red Pinot Noir, blended equally with the lesser known white Seyval Blanc, both chosen for doing well in stony soil. We considered the traditional white Chardonnay grape, but the Seyval Blanc produces an interestingly different and more complex flavour, which people really like."

And that's confirmed by the award of a Gold Medal, MVA Wine Challenge in 2015, improving further in 2017 to MVA Wine Challenge, Wine of the Year, as well as several other awards, not least a Highly Commended from a Decanter magazine tasting.

You can find out more about Stonyfield Wines on their website www.stonyfieldwine.co.uk

Capture Your Community 2018

Entries to this year's Capture Your Community competition will officially open on 1st May. The competition, which is run annually by Northamptonshire Community Foundation, is giving people the chance to showcase their photograph at the Foundation's prestigious Annual Awards event. The winner will also receive a £50 Amazon voucher and two Errol Flynn Filmhouse tickets.

There are two winning categories: the Judges' Choice Award and the People's Choice Award. Twelve lucky entrants will be shortlisted for the Judges' Choice Award and the winner will be chosen by an independent judging panel. One photograph will be voted for by the public on Facebook, to become the People's Choice Winner 2018.

Last year the competition received over 100 entries and the winner of the Judges' Choice Award was Matthew Toresen with his photo of the Northampton Woolly Crew in Abington Park. Emma Brennan's photograph of her son Max's community BBQ fundraiser was crowned the People's Choice Winner with her photo receiving a total of 185 likes.

What does community life in Northamptonshire mean to you? Send in your photos showcasing the amazing people and activities that are at the heart of your community.

You can enter on the Foundation's Facebook page www.facebook.com/NorthantsCF or by emailing your photo to lucy@ncf.uk.com.

Get snapping and show us what Northamptonshire means to you!

The competition closes on 14th June 2018. For competition entry details visit Northamptonshire Community Foundation's website www.ncf.uk.com/captureyourcommunity. Please read full terms and conditions before entering.

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Brigstock WI marks its first 100 years

Brigstock WI is celebrating 100 years this year, being one of the oldest WIs in the county. On 5th March 34 present members attended a celebratory dinner at Harrowden Hall. Several other special events are planned for later in the year. Brigstock WI meets in its own Hall in Park Walk, Brigstock on the second Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm, everyone is welcome.

John Bracey Art Exhibition

Local artist John Bracey is having another exhibition of his popular abstract paintings. The exhibition is to be held on two days, Saturdays 28th April and 5th May, 11am-4pm both days. It will be held at Store First, near Rushden Lakes, in a very bright and light exhibition room.

On show will be a selection of framed and unframed work from each of the different series from the portfolio collection. All paintings will be for sale. Some will be going cheaper than the current asking price on the online shop. The reduced prices are only for the exhibition days.

The paintings are exciting, bold and new. Absolutely wonderful pieces with lots of rich colours and textures throughout. Statement pieces that bring to life any room. This work needs to be seen for real.

Pop along and take a look. Everyone is welcome.

All the details are at www.johnbracey.gallery.

Rushden Lakes Nature Reserve welcomes schools

The Wildlife Trust are looking forward to being able to welcome school groups to their Nene Wetlands Nature Reserve following the completion of a new Education Area at Rushden Lakes.

The Education Area has been funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund and includes a pond dipping platform, outdoor shelter and forest school area. This will allow Wildlife Trust staff and volunteers to engage with local children through hands on activities such as pond dipping, bug hunting and birdwatching. The Trust already runs lots of educational events and activities in its new visitor centre, also at Rushden Lakes, however, the Education Area will enable them to cater for larger groups, including schools. They also hope to start running wildlife themed birthday parties and Forest School sessions in the future. Nene Wetlands' Education and Community Officer, Katie King, said: "Education is a really important part of the Trust's work across the three counties. We need the next generation to be knowledgeable and enthusiastic about their local wildlife so that they can help to protect it in the future. The hands-on, practical activities that we will be able to offer in the new Education Area will be a fantastic way to engage them, and their families and teachers, with the wildlife on their doorstep."

If you're interested in visiting the Nene Wetlands with a school or community group, please contact Katie.king@wildlifebcn.org or call the visitor centre on 01933 779587. For more information about events and activities in the Nene Wetlands, you can also check out their Facebook page at /NeneWetlandsVisitorCentre or pick up a flyer from the visitor centre.

Wildlife News

This time of year used to provide one of the regular opportunities for natural history lessons, but unfortunately it has become noticeably less common, though luckily not quite deserving to be labelled as 'rare' – it is now 'frog spawn season'.

When we left our last home we also left behind our pond, where children at various times have discovered close-up views of the whole process. It all starts with the little lumps of jelly and their black dots. Over the following days the legs pushed out, until finally the complete tadpoles could venture out into the whole pond, but there was more, as the tails gradually disappeared and the legs grew their muscles ready to climb out and disappear into the surroundings. It was a biology lesson 'on the doorstep', easy to both find and see.

The spawn must be laid in the right place for the frogs to survive, and our own local nature reserves have plenty of water-covered areas on both sides of the river; but the conditions must be suitable, preferably static or at least slow-moving water as in ponds, and not too deep. Plant cover round the edges can give protection against predators (plenty of other creatures, such as herons, relish the prospect of a tadpole meal!); and even with all these points it is all too common to find that the water running in is contaminated, by chemicals like weedkillers and insecticides or by poisonous domestic cleaning agents.

With the odds stacked against them it is perhaps not surprising that frogs and other small creatures using watercourses in the countryside are becoming harder to find, yet frogs are very effective enemies of many field and garden pests. For many centuries their answer has been to produce large numbers of offspring so that enough survive to provide the next generation. The fact that they are not as easily found as half a century ago suggests that they are not always winning the battle; perhaps not everyone is keen to hold them, or touch their slippery skin, but their appetite for animal pests means that they are visiting guests which always earn their keep.

Roy Burrell

What's On SPRING 2018

CASTLE THEATRE Wellingborough

Sat 5 May, 7.30pm
Tickets £21 (£20)

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Seriously Dead at the Castle Theatre

Get ready to be "uplifted" when Leah Bell's brand new musical comedy play Seriously Dead takes to the stage at Castle Theatre on Saturday 5th May, 7.30pm.

Co-written and co-starring Crissy Rock (Benidorm and I'm A Celebrity...) alongside Leah, the cast also features Tommy Cannon, one half of comedy duo Cannon and Ball. Seriously Dead is guaranteed to make you feel there is nothing serious about being dead at all, because life's party never ends: it simply moves to another location!

Seriously Dead tells the hilarious tale of Thelma Henderson, deceased, who cannot gain entry through the Pearly Gates as the system has gone digital and she has the incorrect paperwork. Thelma is told to wait by the scrapyard gates until the issue can be resolved but she finds herself a rather reluctant Guardian Angel watching over her school friend and the one true love of her life, Billy Blenkinsopp.

"If that's what it's like when you get to the Pearly Gates – I can't wait to go!!!" – Audience member

Seriously Dead also marks Tommy Cannon's solo acting debut, after being a double act with Bobby Ball for 55 years. Asked if he was apprehensive about acting in this new venture without Bobby Ball, Tommy said: "I'll have a crack at anything, as long as the offers keep on coming. You know the two saddest words in the English language? They are 'if only'. When someone gets to a certain age, and they look back and they sigh and say 'If only I'd done this….or that'. Of course everyone makes mistakes, but you have to learn from them. That's the way forward." All this from a man who, incredibly, will be celebrating his 80th birthday in June.

Tickets for this hilarious night of theatre are priced £21 (£20) and can be purchased by calling the Box Office on 01933 270 007 or online at www.castletheatre.co.uk. Seriously Dead is suitable for ages 14 and over.

Comment on ENC's new housing plan

East Northamptonshire Council's (ENC) new Strategic Housing Plan has been redeveloped against a backdrop of considerable change in national policy direction, including the introduction of neighbourhood planning, changes to the National Planning Policy Framework, welfare reforms, an increase in the regulation of private sector housing, and new homelessness duties.

East Northamptonshire is an area delivering housing growth. However, the population is ageing and homelessness in the district is rising.

The Strategic Housing Plan, currently in draft form, sets out the housing issues facing the district and what the council will do to improve the supply and maintenance of housing locally, as well as how support will be offered to people who need it in order to remain in their homes.

In order to meet the challenges facing the district, ENC has identified four housing priorities, as follows:

- Enabling new housing delivery to meet the needs of the district
- Preventing and reducing homelessness
- Improving the use and upkeep of existing housing
- Supporting people in their homes and communities

ENC is inviting views from local residents and organisations on the draft Plan. This is your chance to influence the Plan before it is finalised and published.

The Plan is available via www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/consultations If you need a paper copy, please contact the ENC housing team by phone 01832 742078 or email housing@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk

The consultation closes on Tuesday 8th May 2018. Please provide any comments by 12noon.

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Tuesday 24th April
Talk: England and Northants Cricketer David Steel
Rushden Hall
2pm, £2

Wednesday 25th April
Silk Painting the Easy Way
Ringstead Village Social Club
10am-3pm, £25 booking essential. 01933 460676. Complete beginners to silk painting will achieve stunning results. Come and see how easy it is!

Thursday 26th – Saturday 28th April
Barnwell Entertainers present Drinking Habits (a farce by Tom Smith)
Barnwell Village Hall
7.30pm (doors open at 7pm), £6
www.barnwellentertainers.com or 01832 273220.

Thursday 26th April
Tiddlers Group for 0 to 3 year olds
Thrapston Baptist Church
9.30am-11am
Friendly and welcoming with lots of toys and play equipment for the little ones to enjoy. £1 per carer – as many toddlers as you like!

Friday 27th April
Fusion for 7 to 11 year olds
Thrapston Baptist Church
6.30pm-8pm
Lively and fun group with games, songs and bible based illustrations.

Film: Victoria and Abdul (PG)
Ringstead Village Hall, High Street
Doors open 7pm film starts 7.30pm, £5, 01933 460373.
Based on the true story of Victoria's relationship with her servant Abdul. Starring Judy Dench.

Arts & Crafts: Dawn Landscape Watercolours
Ringstead Village Social Club
10am-2pm, £19 booking essential, 01933 460676
A pink tinged dawn landscape using a wet in wet technique for complete beginners, use of all painting materials included in class cost.

Saturday 28th April
The Swivel Club presents Live: The Motown Show
The Bowls Club, Northampton Road, Rushden NN10 6AN
Doors open 7pm, tickets £20, www.swivelclub.org.uk or 07738 080470 or from Rushden Graphics Alfred Street. A must for Motown enthusiasts and expected to be another 'sellout' show, early booking recommended. Music from The Temptations and Four Tops and more, featuring Clyde Spencer (ex-USA Drifters).

Town Garage Sale
Raunds
8am onwards, application forms £5 Peter 01933 460259/Judy at mail@raundscommunitycentre.co.uk
Host a sale at your own home/garage/drive/yard.

Model Railway plus Bygone Era Exhibition
The Rushden Academy School, Hayway, Rushden NN10 6AG
10am-4pm, adults £6, concessions, £5 children, £3 (under 5's free), family tickets £12, Christine 01933 317719
Large exhibition showing railway layouts and models from a bygone era. Refreshments available. Free Parking.

Eileen Wade Primary School Duck Dash
Upper Dean Bridge just off the B645
Race starts 11am, 10 mins from Rushden. Fete afterwards at Eileen Wade Primary School.

Sunday 29th April
Whitefriars Church – Morning Worship
Whitefriars Church at Whitefriars Primary School, Boughton Drive, Rushden NN10 9HX
10.15am
Chris Youngman 01933 551769
An informal church service open to all.

Higham Ferrers Footpath Group
Saffron Road car park Higham Ferrers for car sharing
9.40am, 01933 359237
6 mile walk from Melchbourne.

All-Age Family Service (with Communion)
Thrapston Baptist Church
10.30am
Preacher: Mat Hussain
Parable: Prodigal Son – Welcome Home.

Monday 30th April
Thrapston and Raunds Rotary Club Satellite Club Meeting
The Bridge Hotel, Thrapston
7.30pm, Robert Palmer 01933 461160
Find out more about our new Satellite Club for men and women aged roughly 25-50.

Tuesday 1st May
Alpha Course
Thrapston Baptist Church
7pm–9pm. See the church website www.thrapstonbaptist.co.uk for details thrapston.baptist@gmail.com to register. Informal session for people interested in exploring if the Christian faith can be relevant to life today.

Wednesday 2nd May
Decorative Painting on 4 Small Wooden Frames
Ringstead Village Social Club
10am-2pm, £21 booking essential , 01933 460676. Complete beginners come and paint four small wooden frames depicting the four seasons.

The Addington's Horticultural Society Monthly Meeting: 'Flower Arranging' by Barbara McClean
Great Addington Memorial Hall (NN14 4BS, opposite the Church)
Open 7.30pm for 7.45pm start
Visitors very welcome £2 Coffee Biscuits or for Annual membership Only £12 Come and join!
You will find us a very friendly club with good speakers and summer outings. Directions 1.5 miles from A14 junction 11 or 1.5 miles from A6 Irtlingborough.

Thursday 3rd May
Quiz Night
Rushden Bowls Club, Northampton Road, Rushden NN10 6AN
7.30pm, £3 per person up to six people per table, Glenis Haynes 07870 332606 or email office@rogernorman.co.uk. Raffle, bucket collection for Cransley Hospice.

Oundle Cinema: Breathe (12A)
Stahl Theatre, West Street Oundle PE8 4EJ
7.30pm, £6/£3 under 18s
Oundle Festival, 4 West Street, Oundle, PE8 4EA. Tel. 01832 274734 www.oundlecinema.org.uk, information@oundlefestival.org.uk
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Oundle Art Group Painting Day
Ferrar House, Little Gidding
10am-4pm, £23 members, £27 non-members, Jane 01832 226495. Watercolour workshop with Daphne Winsor. Landscape/garden painting. Lunch. Trees oil / acrylic workshop with Jane Sanders.

Quiz Night
Rushden Town Bowls Club, Northampton Road, Rushden NN10 6AN
7.30pm, £3 per person. To book a Table contact Glenis 07870 332606 Raffle, retiring bucket collection for Cransley Hospice. Tables of up to 6 people.

Song 'n' Tune Session at Raunds Music Festival
The World Upside Down, Raunds
8pm, free admission. Festival Hotline 07756 015615 or go to the festival website www.raundsfestival.com
This is your chance to perform in a welcoming atmosphere or just come and listen.

Tiddlers Group for 0 to 3 year olds
Thrapston Baptist Church
9.30am-11am. Friendly and welcoming with lots of toys and play equipment for the little ones to enjoy. £1 per carer – as many toddlers as you like!

Friday 4th May
Fusion for 7 to 11 year olds
Thrapston Baptist Church
6.30pm-8pm. Lively and fun group with games, songs and bible based illustrations.

Whitefriars Church Retireds' Group
The Bridge Community Office at Whitefriars Primary School, Boughton Drive, Rushden NN10 9HX
1.30pm-3pm, free admission
Celia Underwood 01933 676989
A friendly group to which all of retirement age are welcome.

Ceilidh at Raunds Music Festival
Saxon Hall, Raunds
8pm (doors 7.30pm), £10 Adults, £2 Young Persons. Festival Hotline 07756 015615 or go to the festival website www.raundsfestival.com The combined talents of Tautas Roks and Ock 'n' Dough will get you onto the dancefloor.

Arts & Crafts: Small Watercolour Landscape
Stanwick Lakes Craft Cafe
Drop-in Session
10.30am-1pm, £3 no need to book, 01933 460676. For complete beginners who have never tried watercolours, here is your opportunity to paint a small landscape.

Saturday 5th May
Lunchtime Concert at Raunds Music Festival
Saxon Hall, Raunds
1pm-2.30pm, adults £5, YP £1
Festival Hotline 07756 015615 or go to the festival website www.raundsfestival.com The concert features Raunds Ukulele Orchestra, A Different Direction Choir, Wellingboro' Music School Folk Group.

Saturday Night Special Concert at Raunds Music Festival
Saxon Hall, Raunds
Saxon Hall 8pm-11pm (doors open 7.30pm), £18 Adults, £2 YPs
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Afternoon Concert at Raunds Music Festival
Saxon Hall, Raunds
3.30pm-5.30pm (doors open 3pm), £8, Adults £2. Singer-songwriter Vera Van Heeringen and local duo Carter Dolby.

Oundle Strollers Free Guided Walk
Leave The Hub, Fletton House, Glapthorne Road 12noon
Walk starts at The Horse & Jockey, Manton 12.45pm, Leader John Vevar 01832 274095. Map Ref. 878/047. Distance 6 miles. Grade Moderate.

Oundle and District Choral Society
St Peter's Church, Oundle
7.45pm, tickets £10 including a glass of wine, tickets on the door or from Oundle News, 01780 470646. Performing Rossini's 'Petite messe Solennelle'. New singers always welcome!

Sunday 6th May
Higham Ferrers Footpath Group
Saffron Road car park Higham Ferrers for car sharing
9am, free admission
07816 065112
Six-mile walk from Everdon.

Lunchtime Concert at Raunds Music Festival
Saxon Hall, Raunds
12noon-1pm, adults £5, YP £1
Festival Hotline 07756 015615 or go to the festival website www.raundsfestival.com
Raunds Community Choir – 'Putting a song in the heart of Raunds'.

Lunchtime Song 'n' Tune Session at Raunds Music Festival
World Upside Down, Raunds
12noon-2.30pm, free admission. Whether you sing or play an instrument, this is your chance to perform in a welcoming atmosphere.

Afternoon Concert at Raunds Music Festival
Saxon Hall, Raunds
3pm-5pm, adult £8, £2 young persons. Featuring singer songwriter Chris Quinn and concertina player Steve Turner.

Evening Concert at Raunds Music Festival
Saxon Hall, Raunds
8pm (doors 7.30pm), adult £18, £2 young persons. Featuring False Lights (formed by Sam Carter and Jim Moray) and Greg Russell.

Woodford Annual Garage Sale
Woodford Village
9.30am-Midday, maps £2 available for sale from the village green 9.15am Michael Cardy 07894272534
Opportunity for villagers to sell from home and for visitors to find those bargains.

Morning Service
Thrapston Baptist Church
10.30am
Preacher: Mat Hussain
An Uncertain Tomorrow, James 4:13-16.

Whitefriars Church – Morning Worship
Whitefriars Church at Whitefriars Primary School, Boughton Drive, Rushden NN10 9HX
10.15am
Chris Youngman 01933 551769
An informal church service open to all.

By Appointment
Counselling & Listening Service
No 1 St Osyth's Lane, Oundle, Northants PE8 4BG
These services are free, Marilyn 07936 015965

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

Half-Term
All-age Touch Typing Club
Mon-Fri, 9.30am-10.30am, learn or refresh your skills, £15 course intro with coffee. Diane Gifford 07432 123438

Every Monday
Tai Chi
Stanwick Village Hall
7pm-8pm, £6, Robert 07771 333 369
Come and learn Tai Chi the ancient Chinese martial and health art for all adults.

Baggypants Yoga Class
Masonic Hall, Wellingborough Road, Rushden
8.30am-9.30am, £5 per class, 07873 743256/carole.wyatt@virginmedia.com

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

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

Titchmarsh Folk Dance Club
The Club Room, High Street, Titchmarsh NN14 3DF
8pm-10pm, £1 inc tea/coffee, Kev Prigmore 01536 514023/titchmarshfdc@gmail.com

Oundle Ladies Running Group
Oundle pool car park
6.45pm, Jane Walker 01832 272898/janewalkercakes@icloud.com

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

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

Every Monday (term time)
Praise and Play
St James' Church Thrapston
1.30-2.45pm, 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 Irthlingborough & District Branch Royal British Legion Branch Meeting
Finedon Bowls Club
7.30pm, Peter Eames 07434 328237

1st and 3rd Monday of each month
Oundle Rotary
The Ship Inn, West Street, Oundle PE8 4EF
6.15pm, Jane Grant 07712-933574. Bring your skills, experience, enthusiasm, give something back to your community.

Every 2nd Monday
Thrapston & District Royal British Legion Branch Meeting
Thrapston Town Council Centre, 77 High Street, Thrapston
7.30pm, vmccurdy@sky.com

Every 2nd Monday (except Jan & Aug)
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

3rd Monday of the month
Higham Ladies Group
Adult School, Westfield Terrace Higham Ferrers NN10 8BB
2pm-4pm, 01933 387073
Make some new friends and have fun. Interesting speakers. Supported by East Northamptonshire Council.

3rd Monday of the month (except Dec)
Oundle Munch Club
Oundle Primary School
Come for a roast lunch and pudding £4, call 01832 275353 to book.

2nd & 4th Monday of the month
StitChat
No 1 St Osyth's Lane, Oundle
1.30pm-3.30pm, 01832 770010/office@oundlebaptist.org.uk

Monday once a month
Woodturning Club
Hardwick Village, nr 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
Rushden Hall
2pm-4pm, Secretary – David Robinson 01933 313729 or 07391 562772. New members needed. Speakers, bingo and whist, annual Christmas dinner. Also coach outings. Both men and women welcome

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.

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 07739 563657/aron.phoenix@virginmedia.com

Art Classes (10 weeks)
Knuston Hall, Knuston
7pm-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 07873 743256/carole.wyatt@virginmedia.com

Ringstead's Jolly Good Company
Ringstead Shared Church
10am-11am, £4
Music & Movement for over-55s.

Slimming World
Oundle Rugby Club, Occupation Rd
5.30pm and 7.30pm, Nikki 07725 617085. Weekly fee applies. Have fun, make friends and lose weight.

Every Tuesday (term time)
Toddlers' Drop In
No 1 St Osyth's Lane, Oundle

9.15am-11.30am, free, 01832 770010/office@oundlebaptist.org.uk

1st Tuesday of every month
Great Companions (singles 55+)
Rushden Bowls Club, Northampton Road
7-9pm, yearly membership £6
Pat Bazeley 07931 964360

2nd Tuesday of the month
Woodford WI Meeting
Woodford Sports and Social Club
7.30pm, Lynn Sortwell 01832 732740

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

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

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

Nene Valley Ladies
The Full Gospel Church, Rushden
7.30pm, 01933 355478.
Speakers and entertainment also outings. Please come and join us.

3rd Tuesday of the month
Rushden and District Stamp Club
Park Road Baptist Church Hall, Rushden NN10 0RG
7.30pm, Malcolm Whitehead 01933 350646. Regular displays, meetings and talks covering stamps.

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

Ladies Crochet Group
Irthlingborough
2pm-4pm, £10 per session
Contact Ros 07722593637

Every Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
Partner Whist Drive
Rowlett Close, Higham Ferrers (Tuesday & Friday)
Windmill Club, Rushden (Thursday)
7.30pm, £2, 01933 313714

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

Every Wednesday
Tai Chi
Chelveston Village Hall
2pm-3pm, £5, Robert 07771 333369
Come and learn Tai Chi the ancient Chinese martial and health art for all adults.

New Yoga Class
Masonic Hall
11.20am-12.20pm, £5 a class, 07873743256 or carole.wyatt@virginmedia.com for starting date.

Yoga classes
Masonic Hall, Rushden
1pm-2.30pm, Daisy 01536 724113
www.awakenwithyoga.co.uk

Ladies Archery – Pemberton Maid Marions
Pemberton Centre, Rushden NN10 9YP
Diane 01933 314032 or Nicki 01933 395913

To submit your event please contact us via our website in the following format: Date, event, place, time, admission fee (if applicable), contact information, 15 word description.

Dog Training, 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
5pm-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
From 6pm, £25 per week, 01832 776336/info@antlerlanguages.co.uk

Jelly Babes Toddler Group
Rushden Independent Wesleyan Church
9.15am

Playheroes Mixed Heroes 0-4 years
Highgate Hall, Elton
9.30am-10.30am, £6 one off session £16 3 sessions £29 6 sessions (full-term). 07380204029 or Playheroesinfo@gmail.com. Weekly themed, learning through play sessions, run by 2 teachers.

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 C of E Primary School, Glapthorn Road
1.45pm

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

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

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

1st Wednesday of the month
Raunds Coffee Afternoon
Saxon Hall, Raunds
1.30pm-3pm, £1 entry (includes refreshments). Call 01933 622087 to reserve your seat. Come along and meet new friends over a cup of tea/coffee & entertainment.

Raunds Ladies Group
The Saxon Hall, Raunds
8pm-10pm, Visitors £3.50

Weekly Wildlife Wanders
Meet at Nene Wetlands Visitor Centre
10.30am, £3 per person, katie.king@wildlifebcn.org, 01933 779587. Informal 90-minute guided walk. (Call Visitor Centre to confirm walk is taking place.)

Home Instead Companionship Café
M&S Café (Rushden Lakes)
1pm-3pm (times will change during school holidays), Marie 01933 678775. No booking needed.

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
Raunds Film Afternoon
Saxon Hall, Raunds
2pm, £1 admission includes refreshments. Call 01933 622087 to reserve your seat. We show a great film each month, watch press for details

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 or 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.enaa@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 (10+), Steve Roberts
01933 461028/07960 846092

Every Thursday
Italian Classes
Antler Languages Ltd. The Old Town Hall, Market Place, Oundle
7.30pm-9.30pm, £25 per class, info@antlerlanguages.co.uk
Small classes or private tuition. Professionally qualified teacher.

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

Tai Chi for beginners & improvers
All Saints Church Hall, Midland Road, Wellingborough
10am-11am, £6, dominicrushmore@live.co.uk
Improve your strength and balance. 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
Debbie 01604 751019

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

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

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

Alternate Thursdays
Fettledine Afternoon Club
Crow Hill Community Centre, Fettledine Road, Irthlingborough NN9 5XF
2pm-4pm, £2 all ages welcome for tea, cake, chat and activities.
Caroline Cross 07527530529

1st Thursday of the month
Royal British Legion Friends & Companionship Support Group
Athletics Club, Newton Road, Rushden
10am-12noon
Pop in for a chat and a cuppa.

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
Cranford Village Hall, Grafton Road, Cranford NN14 4JE
7pm, members free, visitors £5, 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
Over 60s Club Bingo
Working Men's Club, Higham Ferrers
2-4pm, 01933 741286
Come and enjoy a game of Bingo.

Walk and Chat
Rushden Hall Park, under flagpole
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

Friday Once a Month
Wildlife Trust Little Bugs Club
Nene Wetlands Visitor Centre, Rushden Lakes
10-11.30am, £3 per child (intro rate), booking essential, 01933 779587
viktoria.marta@wildlifebcn.org

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 Meeting
The Plaza, Cosy Nook, Thrapston NN14 4PS
10am-12noon, £2 (visitors), free for members, includes refreshments. Guest Speakers each month.

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

Every Saturday
Slimming World
Oundle Golf Club, Benefield Road
8.30am, Nikki on 07725 617085.
Weekly fee applies. Have fun, make friends and lose weight.

Last Saturday of the Month (except Dec)
Farmers' Market
Market Square, Higham Ferrers
9am-1pm
Danielle@highamferrers-tc.gov.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.thrapstonfarmers market.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

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
Short & Sweet
St Mary's Church Rushden
2-3pm, Sue Merrifield 01933 358218. Worship for people with additional needs followed by tea, cake & crafts.

2 Course Sunday Lunch
Rushden Bowls Club
12noon, £10 per head.
07850864537 to book.

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 0RG
10.30am

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

Ringstead Shared Church
Service for all (Communion first Sunday each month), 10.30am
Mike Freeman 01933 389796/
rbc-rsc@angeladavis.net

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

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Pete's Pack (For children 3+)
St Peter's Church, Newton Bromswold
Bible based activities, 10am-11am
Helen Lines 07917 001924

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Email: info@orchardclinic.co.uk

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Both Non Teachers and Qualified Teachers are welcome to apply. All applicants must have at least five good GCSEs or O Levels including Maths and English.

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Please visit our website at www.rushden-academy.net for an application pack or call Mrs Kay Lloyd Tel: 01933 350391 for further information.
Job Type: Full-time

Rushden Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All applicants will be subject to a full Disclosure and Barring Service check before appointment is confirmed.

Deadline for applications: Thursday 3 May 2018

Nene Valley news

Classifieds

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14

THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (DRUMMING WELL LANE, OUNDLE)

(TEMPORARY FOOTPATH CLOSURE) ORDER 2018

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit pedestrians from proceeding along that length of Drumming Well Lane, Oundle as set out below.

LENGTH OF FOOTPATH TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Drumming Well Lane, Oundle from West Street for 20 metres.

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

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 1st May 2018 and will continue in force for a period of six months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the footpath will be restricted for up to four days.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Milton Road, New Street and West Street.

Dated this 21st day of April 2018
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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14

THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (CHAPEL STREET, WARMINGTON)

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2018

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of Chapel Street, Warmington as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Chapel Street, Warmington from Hautboy Lane to Orchard Close.

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

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 21st April 2018 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted until 23rd April 2018.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Hautboy Lane, School Lane and Orchard Close.

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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14

THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (CHURCH STREET & DUKE STREET, POLEBROOK)

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2018

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council intend, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit traffic from proceeding along those lengths of Church Street and Duke Street, Polebrook as set out below.

LENGTHS OF ROADS TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: Those lengths of Church Street and Duke Street, Polebrook from Main Street to Hemington Road.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during installation of new telecommunication ducting.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 10th May 2018 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the roads will be restricted until 29th May 2018.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Main Street and Hemington Road.

Dated this 21st day of April 2018
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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14

THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (ROAD TO RIFLE RANGE, ASHTON WOLD)

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2018

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of road to Rifle Range, Ashton Wold as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of road to Rifle Range, Ashton Wold from Ashton Wold to end of road.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during telecom works.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 23rd April 2018 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted until 26th April 2018.

Dated this 21st day of April 2018
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Find dinosaurs and dragonflies at Stanwick Lakes

A new Lottery funded boardwalk has been opened at Stanwick Lakes, giving visitors the chance to explore a secret part of this popular nature reserve and countryside attraction.

The Rockingham Forest Trust, who manage Stanwick Lakes, were given £9,800 from the Awards for All Lottery Fund to open up an area of wet woodland. The conservation volunteer team, led by the Rangers, cut back the overgrown vegetation and built a raised boardwalk with disabled access, so visitors can get right into the heart of this watery habitat.

Wet woodlands are special and within their shady canopy, the tangled tree roots and weedy ponds are teeming with life. As well as the wildlife, there are beautiful metal sculptures to see (including a dinosaur!) and hundreds of little dragonflies made by children from Stanwick Primary School and the local community with artist Catherine Matthews.

RFT Director, Alyson Allfree was joined by members of the Stanwick Lakes Board and Councillor Wendy Brackenbury, the Vice Chairman of East Northamptonshire Council, to officially open the boardwalk. Alyson said: "Once in the woodland, you might catch a glimpse of brightly coloured beetles, spot toads lurking in the damp vegetation or hear woodpeckers in the trees above. This new boardwalk means people can get closer to nature in a peaceful part of Stanwick Lakes." Cllr Brackenbury said: "I'm delighted to have opened what I'm sure will become a favourite spot at Stanwick Lakes, with children and adults alike."

Festival of walking football

Walking football is one of the fastest growing participation sports in the UK, conceived as an activity for those in later life (typically over 50s) to get back to enjoying football again after years out of the game.

On 2nd June, Oundle Town FC are hosting a one day festival for local walking football teams. The clubs taking part in the six-a-side event are from Rushden, Bedford, Huntingdon, Stamford, Kettering and Oundle. The festival is scheduled to start at 1pm and run until 4pm. Burgers and a bar are available at the location for the festival, Oundle Town FC.

Organiser Chris Biggins, of Oundle Town FC, said he was delighted with the response: "We are a fairly new walking football team and to have all these clubs coming to our event is very exciting. We started with six players in January 2017 and currently have over 20 players on our books. We are always looking for people who want to play with us. We meet every Friday night at Prince William School starting at 6pm. Come along if you'd like to try the game."

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