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2018 Northamptonshire Council of the Year

At the annual general meeting of the Northamptonshire County Association of Local Councils (NCALC), the CEO Danny Moody announced that the winner of the 2018 Northamptonshire Council of the Year is Glapthorn Parish Council.

Danny Moody said to the delegates: "As the debate on devolved services, as a consequence of Local Government Reorganisation, gathers pace I hear

the county and district councils talking about how larger town councils could perhaps take on more but that most small parish councils don't have the ability to do much more than they

are already doing. I tell them not to confuse ability with capacity.

"It's true that most parish councils are very small – 50% of our members have fewer than 500 electors – but if we can build capacity there is no reason at all why small councils should be discounted in any devolution programme.

"The winner of the 2018 Council of the Year is small but perfectly formed. It has fewer than 250 electors and a precept of less than £10,000. But that doesn't stop it being the best it can be. Its size doesn't stop it being run in a proper and business-like way and aspiring to deliver more for its community.

"Last year it took out a loan to upgrade its street lighting to modern and energy efficient LED. Many parish councils across the county are

following suit. And earlier this year the council completed a Neighbourhood Plan with 88% of votes cast in favour of adopting the plan with an incredible 61% turnout. The Neighbourhood Plan was delivered within budget and in under two years from start to finish proving that at least some councils in Northamptonshire are capable of good project management!

"Of course, at the heart of the council's successes are its people. The council has a highly professional, organised and diligent clerk, who is supported by the council. The council's chairman is a through-and-through communitarian, and he is ably assisted by a full complement of six other councillors....

"...This small council demonstrates that even with limited capacity a great deal can be achieved with the right ingredients: an able clerk and chairman, a strong team of councillors... a desire to make the community a better place to live, work and play and, above all, a passion to be the best it can be."



In Brief

Scheme to help protect people with dementia

Northamptonshire Police is introducing a scheme to help keep people with dementia safe.

The Herbert Protocol encourages families and carers of people living with dementia to compile key information about them on a form, including their description, a current photograph, medical information, favourite locations, hobbies, routines and more.

The Herbert Protocol form can be downloaded from the Northamptonshire Police website and completed electronically or by hand. Stored securely in the home of the person it relates to, the form can be handed to police if they are reported missing.

If the person it relates to goes missing, relatives or friends are advised to call 999 and tell the call handler that a completed Herbert Protocol form exists. It is then emailed or handed to police officers, and returned when the person is found.

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If you would like to submit a letter to the editor please send it to news@nenevalleynews.co.uk for consideration. The maximum word count is 200 words.

Dear editor,
As a resident of Irthingborough I both drive and walk in and out of the village on a frequent basis. I have noticed on several occasions that motorists, who obviously have no time to spare, are using the old A6 road over the bridge towards Chowns Mill Roundabout as a shortcut so that they don't have to wait their turn in the traffic queue approaching the roundabout. This is not only extremely selfish, as everyone has places

to go and things to do at an allocated time, which they are being delayed from by these inconsiderate drivers, but it is also very dangerous. When these motorists take this shortcut, they speed through the old road at ever increasing speeds. On many occasions I have been walking across the old bridge and have nearly been mown down by these cars in their haste to shave a few seconds off their journeys. Please can we all be a little more considerate and careful and take our turn in the traffic queues before someone, maybe a small child, gets seriously injured or killed on the old A6 bridge – or should we get the road permanently blocked to stop the problem?

A Concerned Irthingborough Resident

Disclaimer: The views and comments expressed are those of the writer and not necessarily those of the Nene Valley News.

Genealogy jottings

Subscriptions. Which one to get? Well, it really does depend upon what you are searching for. No single online subscription is going to give you access to all of the records that may be useful to you. The Library does have free access to Find My Past and the British Newspaper Archives, so I would suggest that you try those first of all to see if they might help. If that is not possible, always keep your eye out for offers such as free access to online records over Christmas or Bank Holidays. Most subscription sites will ask you for credit or debit card details, which you must remember to remove before the offer ends. Otherwise, you could find yourself paying out for an annual subscription that you did not want! Alternatively, paying for a one-off weekly or monthly subscription could also give you either all of the answers that you were searching for or, at the very least, a taste of what that site can offer. Do you have a lot of military ancestors? Do you need access to foreign records? Does one particular website hold the parish records in which you are interested? Dipping your toes in the water of the various websites is the best way to

By Jan Pearson

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

decide. I have a couple of subscriptions and, so that it does not cost me too much, ask for contributions towards them as Christmas and birthday presents.

However, there are also lots of free websites that can help: FreeBMD is great for searching for birth, marriage and death records. Once found, you can use the references to order certificates from the General Register Office (GRO); FreeREG covers many parishes with transcriptions of their registers; FreeCEN – as it says, free access to census records. These are not 100% complete but are certainly excellent places to start.

If you are just starting out on your genealogy journey – or even if you have not ventured far into the internet and would like a list of helpful websites, please contact me via the Nene Valley News with an email address.

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Editor's notes

Miracles do happen! Northamptonshire County Council have found the money to fund repairs to the Oundle North bridge. Until a few days ago it seemed that there would be a very long-term weight and width restriction on traffic using the bridge but there is now a plan to have the necessary work begin early in the new year and be completed by the end of 2019. It seems the key to this change has been an agreement with central government for in-year funding to be reserved for use during the following accounting period. A couple of elements of the work plan have yet to be resolved: these are the routing of Stagecoach's X4 bus, and the imposition of a one-way traffic system around the town to ensure that large vehicles don't clog up the town centre. Oundle Town Council are working on these issues and are optimistic that both can be brought to satisfactory conclusions. The Council deserve credit for the determined manner in which they have pursued this matter; thanks must also go to local MP Tom Pursglove for his support.

Staying on the subject of roads, NCC's programme of works on major routes will come to a temporary halt for the Christmas and New Year period. Work on strategic routes ceases on 3rd December for a month, beginning again on 3rd January 2019. Councillor Ian Morris, County Council Cabinet Member for Transport, Highways and Environment, said: "We all know that

in the run-up to Christmas the amount of traffic on our roads increases enormously as people head to shops all over the county and head towards festive social events. Because of this, we take a decision each year to stop any planned highways works on major roads as this would make traffic congestion much worse. This makes complete sense, not just to people enjoying the run-up to Christmas but to the businesses in the county."

Work will still be taking place in response to emergencies and on minor routes where traffic flows are lighter. Check on your travel plans or parking arrangements at: www.smartmovenorthamptonshire.net

Although it's not strictly in our District we want to note the closure of the Rockingham Speedway. The final races at the Corby circuit took place last weekend and the site, including the race track which was opened by the Queen in 2001, will now be put to other commercial uses. A brave venture which didn't excite enough interest in a fairly crowded and specialist market.

Finally, congratulations to Glapthorn Parish Council on being voted the 2018 Northamptonshire Council of the Year by the Northamptonshire County Association of Local Councils. The full logic behind the award is reported elsewhere in this edition but we need to recognise the hard work of the Councillors and others in this small Parish which has culminated in this award – congratulations.

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Celebrate the festive season at Stanwick Lakes

Stanwick Lakes is celebrating Christmas with a host of fabulously festive events throughout December. Rockingham Forest Trust, the environmental charity which manages the site, has an event to suit everyone in the family, from bird walks to willow lantern workshops, tasty Christmas lunches and, of course, Santa Claus!

Santa and Mrs Claus will be at Stanwick Lakes from 10am-4pm on weekends throughout December, welcoming children into their cosy, tree-lined workshop. Pre-book your place online for Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th, Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th and Friday 21st and Saturday 22nd December via the Stanwick Lakes website. Tickets costs £6 per child and include a present, Christmas trail and craft making in the visitor centre. On Saturday 8th December, why not combine a visit to Santa with

the annual Stanwick Lakes Christmas Celebration? Between 11am and 4pm the visitor centre will come alive with music and merriment; carols sung by a choir, gift stalls, children's craft activities and tasty snacks, making this a great way to start the festive season.

Every year, Stanwick Lakes marks the winter solstice with a popular magical lantern procession around the lakes, followed by carols in the outdoor theatre and refreshments in the candlelit visitor centre. This year the walk takes place from 5.30pm on Friday 21st December. Bring a torch to light your way or book a place to make a tissue and willow lantern on either Saturday 8th or Sunday 16th December. Booking is essential for the walk and the workshops by ringing the visitor centre or booking online.

December is a special time to experience the wildlife at Stanwick Lakes as

Wigeon, Lapwing and Golden Plover fly south from their summer breeding grounds in Scandinavia to the warmer climate of the Nene Valley. Visit the nature reserve to spot the birds then treat yourself to a two or three course Christmas lunch, served on weekdays from Monday 10th to Thursday 20th December in the café – you can find the

menu and booking details on the Stanwick Lakes website. If you want to find out more about the local birds, visit for the final event of the season: the RSPB Family Bird Walk on Boxing Day, Wednesday 26th December. The walk takes place between 10am and 12noon and welcomes all ages and booking is recommended.

For details of all of these festive events and how to book, visit www.stanwicklakes.org.uk, the Stanwick Lakes facebook page or ring the Visitor Centre on 01933 625522.



On the wild horizon

On the wild horizon is a Festive Weekend at the Nene

Wetlands Visitor Centre on Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th December, 10am to 5pm. Local choirs will be singing and bands playing outside the Visitor Centre on the Boardwalk, including Higham Rock Choir, Thrapston School Choir, the NN10 Choir and U3A Singing Group.

Share a complimentary glass of mulled wine or cup of hot chocolate and mince pies with the Trust – offered to all those shopping at

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Spotlight on Thrapston



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Scotts of Thrapston is a family business established more than 95 years ago and continues to be run by the founder's grandson and great-grandson, David and James Scott.

Specialising in timber manufacturing, Scotts operates several business divisions within a range of industry sectors including roof trusses and joists, bespoke joinery, timber buildings and the high quality summerhouses that the company has become renowned for.

The timber engineering division, the fastest growing division within the business, designs and supplies all structural roof

components including trussed rafters and floor joists to housebuilders, and self-builders across the UK.

As a leading UK supplier and manufacturer of bespoke joinery, Scotts offers luxury, high quality timber doors and windows, to homeowners and builders, whether for new build or renovation projects.

A regular exhibitor at the RHS Chelsea and Hampton Court Palace Flower Shows, the Scotts summerhouse collection spans a range of shapes and sizes, including bespoke garden buildings.

With its diverse experience and expertise Scotts also designs,

manufactures and installs a wide range of timber buildings including bespoke garages, car barns, stables, outbuildings, tennis and cricket pavilions as well as education buildings.

With a centenary celebration looming in 2020, Scotts of Thrapston has built a proud reputation for high quality timber products and is constantly investing for the future. Scotts is continually merging new technology and skills with traditional craftsmanship, preparing them for the next 100 years.

For further information, visit www.scottsofthrapston.co.uk or phone 01832 732366.



Scotts of Thrapston

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value hair rehearsals for your special day. You can find the salon on facebook: Flair Hair Design Ltd.



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Upcomming FEATURES

15th December - Christmas

12th January - Rushden Feature

26th January - Valentines

9th February - Higham Ferrers

23rd February - Gardening

9th March - Irthingborough



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Appointments not always necessary

Developing character, raising aspirations, celebrating achievement

Since September a new education trust has been working with a number of primary and secondary schools across East Northamptonshire to enhance the education standards on offer.

Bringing together school communities through strong leadership and an emphasis on delivering

high quality educational and personal support for pupils, the Nene Education Trust has emerged from the Manor

Learning Trust as it welcomed two new schools into its family of academies. The Trust now includes

Manor School Sports College, Stanwick Primary School, St Peter's CE Academy and Windmill Primary School in Raunds and Newton Road School in Rushden. More schools are expected to join in the foreseeable future.

Trust our ethos is quite simple: we are committed to developing character, raising aspirations, and celebrating achievement.

"It is our belief that providing opportunities that benefit the whole child is crucial for a successful school career, and alongside their academic studies, our dedicated enrichment

programme enables pupils to develop their confidence and resilience through activities such as drama, dance and performing arts.

"We take great pride in our role of raising aspirations for pupils and their families in Raunds and Rushden, and look forward to continuing to work closely with our community."

Applications are now open for primary school and sixth form places. Please contact your local Nene Education Trust school to book a tour.

Cinderella visits Oundle

Oundle Cinema brushes off its dancing shoes to help audiences sit back and enjoy Matthew Bourne's Cinderella to complete the festive period in style.

After the whirlwind of Christmas festivities Oundle Cinema presents the opportunity to again experience the highly acclaimed performance of Cinderella. First performed in 1997, this Encore Screening offers audiences the ability to again catch this amazing production. Using Prokofiev's magnificent ballet score, internationally acclaimed choreographer Matthew Bourne sets the classic fairy tale Cinderella in London during the Second World War, and tells this evocative story of Cinderella and her dashing young pilot falling in love before being parted by the horrors of the Blitz. Bourne recreates the sights

and sounds of a war-torn London with the help of designer Lez Brotherston's sumptuous costumes and sets, winning an Olivier Award for his original designs.

Screening at 4pm on Thursday 27th December at



Tickets are available on www.oundlecinema.org.uk or from the Oundle Box Office, 4 New Street, Oundle / 01832 274734, email information@oundlefestival.org.uk to receive email updates about forthcoming films, follow us on facebook. com/oundleinternationalfestival and @Oundlecinema.



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Rushden Academy turns into operating theatre

On Saturday 10th November the hall at Rushden Academy was transformed into an operating theatre with around 80 students from Year 9 up to Year 13.

Thirty-two students from Rushden Academy were able to learn about the respiratory and circulatory systems, the brain and eye. They got hands-on experience of what it is like to be a doctor or nurse and how to prepare a patient for surgery. One of the most interesting parts of the day involved logic tests that are part of the



application process for medical courses. Those that stayed into the evening (until 8pm on a Saturday!) got to learn how to do a lower leg amputation.

Students speaking after the event said it was

amazing, the best thing they have ever done and that they learnt so much, not just for their exam, but about the human anatomy and confirmed in their minds that a career in medicine is definitely for them.



East
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Notice is given that the following applications have been received together with the last date for making representations:

Significant applications

All "significant" applications are highlighted in green. These are defined in the 2006 Statement of Community Involvement as those for:

- 100 dwellings and over
- residential development of 3ha or over if number of dwellings not known
- 1000 square metres of floor space or over
- commercial/industrial development of 1ha or over if floor area not known
- would, in the council's opinion, alter the overall character of the locality by means of scale, use or visual appearance
- would, in the council's opinion, be sensitive due to substantial demolition in a conservation area
- would, in the council's opinion, be sensitive due to development next to a listed building

For more information on "significant" planning applications, visit www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/dcnofication

Apethorpe

18/01956/FUL (22/12/2018) (LB/CA) Remove 6 metres of the boundary wall to facilitate a new vehicle access to the highway at 2 Orchard Cottage Laundry Road Apethorpe PE8 5DQ

Brigstock

18/01265/FUL (22/12/2018) (Art8) Full Planning application for a rural exception scheme of nine dwellings with associated infrastructure and landscaping at land between allotments and no. 27 Grafton Road

18/02009/FUL (22/12/2018) (LB/CA) Addition of two dormer windows and an external staircase to access the upper storage area for previously approved detached garage built under 16/00350/FUL (Retrospective) at 13 Park Walk Brigstock NN14 3HH

18/02077/FUL (15/12/2018) (Info) Rear extension, single storey front extension and side extension over existing garage and new glazing and cladding at 12 Bells Close Brigstock NN14 3JG

Bulwick

18/02168/FUL (15/12/2018) (Info) The proposed development is to erect two glamping pods located to the south west of the caravan and camping site. The glamping pods are to be constructed of timber with horizontal timber cladding for the walls and roof. The glamping pods are 3.13 metres wide by 5.97 metres long with a height of 2.75 metres. They are constructed on a metal frame that attaches to the ground. The windows and doors are constructed of UPVC in grey at New Lodge Farm Laxton Road Bulwick

Chelveston-cum-Caldecott

18/02043/FUL (22/12/2018) (Art8) Construction of a hydrogen fuelling building with on-site hydrogen generation, storage, ancillary maintenance and storage

units, security fencing, and hardstanding at Chelveston Renewable Energy Park The Airfield Chelveston NN9 6AR

Denford

18/01947/FUL (15/12/2018) (Info) Replace flat roof on garage with pitched roof, single storey front extension to garage and convert garage into habitable room at Swandrift Freemans Lane Denford

Duddington With Fineshade

18/02025/FUL and 18/02026/LBC (22/12/2018) (LB/CA) (LBRegs) Proposed single storey link extension, removal of existing boundary wall and replacement with fence at Corringham High Street Duddington PE9 3QE

18/02103/FUL and 18/02104/LBC (22/12/2018) (LB/CA) (LBRegs) New external boiler, new flues, new small oil tank to serve the barn and new sewage treatment plant to replace the existing septic tank for the main house at Manor Farm High Street Duddington PE9 3QE

Easton-on-the-Hill

18/02015/FUL (15/12/2018) (Info) Single storey side extension, replace existing roof light with dormer window and installation of new roof light at 2 Baxters Lane Easton On The Hill PE9 3NH

Higham Ferrers

18/01905/ADV (22/12/2018) (LB/CA) Two new advertisements affixed to the front and side elevation at 2 High Street Higham Ferrers NN10 8BN

18/01933/FUL (22/12/2018) (LB/CA) Construction of single storey annexe to rear of existing building together with refurbishment of church building and insertion of new first floor with stairs and lifting platform at The Methodist Church High Street Higham Ferrers NN10 8DD

18/02126/LBC (22/12/2018) (LBRegs) Two new advertisements affixed to the front and side elevation at 2 High Street Higham Ferrers NN10 8BN

18/02134/FUL (15/12/2018) (Info) Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of replacement garden room at 76 Upper Kings Avenue Higham Ferrers NN10 8JZ

Irlingborough

18/00945/OUT (22/12/2018) (Art8) Outline: Residential development with public open space and associated infrastructure. Means of access from Nicholas Road. (All matters reserved except access) (resubmission of 18/00969/OUT) at land rear of Nicholas Road Irlingborough

18/02138/FUL (15/12/2018) (Info) Extension to Garage to create Workshop and Garden Room at 140 Finedon Road Irlingborough NN9 5UB

18/02146/FUL (22/12/2018) (LB/CA) Roof extension to existing building and alterations to boundary screening comprising of new pedestrian gate and additional vehicle access gate at store and premises New Street Irlingborough NN9 5UG

Islip

18/01848/FUL (15/12/2018) (Info) Single storey rear extension; alterations to front elevation; replacement

windows, doors, roof material, guttering and fascias; full render of property at 89A Lowick Road Islip

Kings Cliffe

18/01955/FUL (22/12/2018) (Art8) Application to amend the 2nd phase works to extant community sports facility building (06/00475/OUT) at Community Sports Kingsmead Station Road Kings Cliffe

Lilford-cum-Wigsthorpe

18/02135/FUL (15/12/2018) (Info) Proposed single storey kitchen extension and detached double garage at 9 Lilford PE8 5SG

Lowick And Slipton

18/02058/LBC (22/12/2018) (LBRegs) Lifting of floor tiles within barn to allow ground investigation works following heating oil spillage at Grange Farm House Sudborough Road Slipton NN14 3AQ

Oundle

18/01948/FUL (15/12/2018) (Info) Proposed single storey rear extension, single storey garage and utility room extension at 143 Glaphorn Road Oundle PE8 5BA

18/02052/FUL (22/12/2018) (LB/CA) Erection of first floor extension above existing single storey side extension, conversion of attic and the replacement of rear and side door to composite and of all windows to UPVC dark grey at 6 Herne Road Oundle PE8 4BS

18/02133/FUL (22/12/2018) (Art8) Demolition of 7 bedroom dwelling and erection of 41 bed care home at 19 Cotterstock Road Oundle PE8 5HA

Pilton

18/02037/FUL (22/12/2018) (LB/CA) Replacement of existing timber painted windows and doors with new timber painted windows and doors; alterations to existing conservatory to replace windows and glazed roof with new stone piers, windows and solid flat roof at The Stone Barn Pilton Manor Main Street Pilton

18/02038/LBC (22/12/2018) (LBRegs) Replacement of existing timber painted windows and doors with new timber painted windows and doors; alterations to existing conservatory to replace windows and glazed roof with new stone piers, windows and solid flat roof; replacement of rainwater goods at The Stone Barn Pilton Manor Main Street Pilton PE8 5SN

18/02136/FUL and 18/02137/LBC (22/12/2018) (LB/CA) (LBRegs) New finish for existing flat roof including extending roof for new canopy. New flue liner to existing chimney and replacement windows at Ivy House Main Street Pilton

Raunds

18/02143/FUL (15/12/2018) (Info) Retrospective application for change of use from residential care home to a supported living HMO property at 45 Marshalls Road Raunds NN9 6ET

18/02166/FUL (15/12/2018) (Info) Two storey rear extension at Lyndale 25 Chelveston Road Raunds NN9 6DA

Ringstead

18/02070/FUL (15/12/2018) (Info) The erection of a two storey, two bedroom residential dwelling, with a new vehicular access at 7 High Street Ringstead NN14 4DA

Rushden

18/01889/FUL (15/12/2018) (Info) Single storey side extension to allow for the rebuilding of the existing attached garage at increased size at 104 Hall Avenue Rushden NN10 9EU

18/01909/FUL (22/12/2018) (LB/CA) Proposed two storey side extension and attached single garage at 4 Griffith Street Rushden NN10 0RL

18/02125/FUL (15/12/2018) (Info) Single storey side and rear extension at 18 Abbey Way Rushden NN10 9HF

18/02170/FUL (15/12/2018) (Info) Two-storey side extension, porch extension and single garage at 1 Lancaster Way Rushden NN10 0BH

Thrapston

18/02105/FUL (22/12/2018) (LB/CA) Demolition of existing derelict building and erection of six studio flats and associated site works at 30 Hortons Lane Thrapston NN14 4LD

Titchmarsh

18/02051/FUL (15/12/2018) (Info) Change of Use of land to residential garden land and erection of new boundary fence for properties 56 and 58 at land rear of 56 - 58 Islington Titchmarsh

Wadenhoe

18/01976/FUL (22/12/2018) (LB/CA) Re-landscaping works and installation of garden structures at Wadenhoe House Church Street Wadenhoe PE8 5SR

18/01977/LBC (22/12/2018) (LBRegs) Removal of section of existing stone balustrade and creation of sunken terrace at Wadenhoe House Church Street Wadenhoe PE8 5SR

Woodford

18/02139/FUL (15/12/2018) (Info) New two storey rear extension at 23 Mill Road Woodford NN14 4HH

Yarwell

18/02116/FUL (15/12/2018) (Info) Side and rear extension at 20 Nassington Road Yarwell PE8 6PP

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 1 December 2018

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

From the Chairman

In my last column, I described some of the Armistice centenary events I had attended prior to Remembrance Sunday. These commemorations continued with four services I was honoured to join. From the raising of the Union flag as 'The Battles O'er' was performed by a member of Thrapston Town Band at 6am, to the lighting of the WW1 Beacon of Light at All Saints Church in Northampton in the evening, the services were moving and thought-provoking. It was wonderful to see so many people at each Act of Remembrance across the district.

My civic duties continued in a different way with the Mayor of Kettering's Civic Ball which is a fundraising event for his chosen charities, The Dementia Garden at Kettering General Hospital and two clubs which help

families with children on the autistic scale, ACE (Autistic Children Embraced) and High Five.

I've mentioned my own charities before and would like to tell you a bit about why I chose them.

Pancreatic Cancer UK seeks to improve the diagnosis and prognosis for those with the disease and provides expert, personalised support and information via its UK support line. It also funds innovative research to find the breakthroughs that are needed to change how the cancer is diagnosed and treated. I became acutely aware of the devastating disease when my own father became ill with pancreatic cancer.

Northamptonshire Search and Rescue

is a local charity made up entirely of volunteers who rely solely on fundraising and donations to be able to operate. They regularly assist Northamptonshire Police and other statutory emergency services and are mainly called out to assist in the search for vulnerable missing people across Northamptonshire.

I will be holding a fundraising event in 2019 and will announce the details in the Nene Valley News. In the meantime, if you would like to donate to either cause, you can do so online at www.pancreaticcancer.org.uk or by calling 0808 801 0707 and at northyantsar.org

ENC Chairman,
Cllr Wendy Brackenbury



Local schools' collaboration launched

Six schools in the local area have signed up to a collaborative venture, the Oundle, Peterborough and East Northants Learning Partnership (OPEN LP) which will see pupils and teachers given the chance to share and enrich the educational experience. The schools involved are Kettering Buccleugh Academy, Laxton Junior, Oundle, Oundle CE Primary,

Prince William and Thomas Deacon Academy (TDA). The aims of the partnership are: first, to offer opportunities and experiences that individual schools could not, allowing pupils to work with, and be challenged by, others of similar ability or interest; then, to raise aspirations and outcomes for all pupils considering their prior attainment, interest and background; and finally, to

share resources and best practice among staff. Although the formal launch of the project was on 14th November, a number of events have already taken place and they provide a taste of what's to come. These included: Mathematical Enrichment Conferences, providing challenges for high-attaining pupils and Continuing Professional Development for

teachers; an annual Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths Challenge with 40 Year 9 children from Oundle and 40 from TDA working over two days on a scientific project.

The Greenpower Engineering Project was launched for eight children from OPS who attended weekly sessions in the Patrick Engineering Centre to build an electric motorcar, which was eventually raced at Rockingham motor speedway; and another science week in which

545 participants passed through the Imperial College Planetarium or built rocket cars with a team from Swansea University's team of ambassadors connected to the Bloodhound land speed record attempt.

At the launch event, which was attended by over 60 Heads and staff of participating schools, there was a palpable enthusiasm for the scheme. Speakers addressed not only the opportunities for improved learning in an academic context but also stressed the

potential for producing "fully grounded young people... having a broader impact on the community... and providing a force for social good... demonstrating the need for more than pure attainment to achieve."

Looking back from a personal perspective on the education process of 50-plus years ago, one can only envy today's pupils, supported as they are by such enthusiasm and energy and confronted by such opportunities. Follow the project on Twitter via the handle @OpenLPLearning.



The Christmas gift that supports your local charity

Oundle Volunteer Action's current fundraiser is The Oundle Jigsaw. Based on an original illustration by Gillian Dolby of Oundle's Dolby Gallery, the 1,000-piece jigsaw features shops and other buildings in the town centre, plus a host of residents and other pedestrians, both real and imaginary, going about their daily business. The jigsaw retails at £20 and is available at The Oundle Bookshop,

Colemans Stationers and Dolby Gallery. The jigsaw would make an ideal Christmas present for local residents or anyone associated with the town.

All proceeds from sales of the jigsaw will go to the VA charity, supporting the valuable work they do for the local community. For further details see www.volunteeractionoundle.org.uk.

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Community helps Wellingborough celebrate the countdown to Christmas

Families from across the borough joined the Borough Council of Wellingborough to celebrate the countdown to Christmas at Market Street on Saturday 24th November.

Youngsters had the opportunity to meet Father Christmas, and were given the chance to turn on the year's festive display alongside the Mayor of Wellingborough, Cllr Malcolm Ward and X Factor Finalist, Christopher Maloney.

The lucky winners were Bella (4) and Mia (3) Pettit. Bella said: "I can't believe that I got to turn on the Christmas lights and meet the Mayor of Wellingborough, as well as Prince Charming! I now can't wait for Christmas!"

Christopher Maloney, X Factor Finalist and Prince

Charming in Cinderella performing at the Castle Theatre this Christmas, said: "It was fantastic to join my cast-mates and celebrate the countdown to Christmas alongside the Mayor of Wellingborough. We got to meet so many wonderful children and their families, who all made us feel so welcome. We are really looking forward to performing at the Castle Theatre next month!"

A number of local organisations took to the stage alongside Connect FM's breakfast host, Liz

Jeeves, including Singing 4 Breathing, Wellingborough's Northamptonshire Music & Performing Arts Trust group (NMPAT) and The Skittlez, who all performed a number of festive hits before this year's Christmas lights were switched on by the Mayor of Wellingborough.

This Christmas lights switch-on was followed by a dazzling fireworks display, which was sponsored by Stanton Cross, a major mixed use development set to deliver 3,650 homes, employment areas and shopping facilities

for Wellingborough in Northamptonshire. Leader of the Borough Council of Wellingborough,

Cllr Martin Griffiths, added: "Christmas can be a joyful occasion but also a difficult time for some people so we wanted to deliver a free event to provide everyone with the opportunity to come together and celebrate the start of the festive period.

"We're delighted that so many residents from across the borough, a number of fantastic local organisations and the talented cast of Cinderella were able to join us for this year's event. We wish everyone a happy and safe Christmas."



Your Health – Don't be gloomy

We all know that exercise releases endorphins. We all know that endorphins make us feel good. And we all know that the darker days can make us feel a bit gloomy. So, how can we get those endorphins going without leaving the cosiness of our homes?

The simplest thing to do is just get up out of your chair. If you're playing/working on a laptop or tablet, try putting the device onto the kitchen worktop and standing while you're working. You can even walk on the spot while you're surfing the internet trying to work out which socks to buy someone for Christmas.

Or try the following:

- Rolling your shoulders around (I know, I always recommend this exercise,

but, trust me, it's easy, free and generally painless, so what's stopping you from doing it?!)

- High knee walking on the spot. Or if walking is too easy and you've got no injuries try high knee running. Or, if you're feeling really enthusiastic do 10 star jumps.
- Belly dancing wriggles. Don't laugh! Belly dancing and hula hooping are great ways to get your body moving after you've been watching TV for an hour.
- Dancing. Yes, I ranted about this form of exercise two weeks ago, but there's a reason for that – any form of dancing is good movement.

Try the Charleston in your sitting room, or some disco in the kitchen. Go on, get up out of your chair right now and have a little dance, I dare you!

All of these things are easy to do, and by releasing some exercise endorphins, who knows, you might just reduce the winter gloominess that so many of us battle with at this time of year.

Top tip: If you can't bring yourself to dance, you can always hoover the floors. Put some music on. Go on – have an anti-gloomy-boogie with the hoover!

Have an active, non-gloomy week!

Claire

Claire Short, Registered Osteopath, runs The Ashgrove Clinic in Higham Ferrers. Send your questions to claire@ashgrovehealth.co.uk or Tweet to @AshgroveClinic

Council carries out waste inspections

We're all too aware of the negative impact poor recycling can have on our environment, and East Northamptonshire Council is appealing for residents to think about what they're putting in with their recycling.

The council's waste team carried out an in-depth inspection of the quality of recycling being collected from across the district and here's an example of what the team discovered:

- Black sacks and carrier bags
- Food waste
- Nappies
- Textiles and clothes
- Wood
- Green waste

When these items are placed in the green-lidded bins for recycling they can potentially spoil otherwise recyclable items. The recyclables are mostly sorted mechanically. Some contaminants can damage the sorting equipment or block sensors, while clothing

can get trapped in conveyor belts and cause a jam. There is also an increased disposal cost passed on to East Northamptonshire Council by the sorting facility if the contamination level of a load we deliver exceeds the acceptable level.

Leader of East Northamptonshire Council, Cllr Steven North, said: "The majority of people take the time to recycle responsibly; however, it is disappointing that some people put non-recyclable items such as nappies and food waste into their recycling, especially when we provide a weekly food collection. This causes the bin load to be unnecessarily contaminated.

"If anyone is unsure about what can and cannot be recycled, please check our website or contact a member of our waste team who will be able to offer guidance."

To find out more about what can and can't be recycled visit: <https://www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/recycling>

Open water swimming comes to Sywell Country Park

Local people will get the chance to try one of the UK's fastest-growing sports as open water swimming comes to Northamptonshire.

Delivered by Northamptonshire County Council, open water swimming will take place at Sywell Country Park next year offering the chance to swim in a safe and controlled environment.

The scheme is being organised by Northamptonshire Sport with strict safety management from British Triathlon and The Royal Life Saving Society.

In the first event of its kind for the county, trials are open to swimming clubs, before public sessions start in June 2019.

At least two qualified lifeguards, session leaders and two spotters will supervise sessions to make them as safe as possible for swimmers.

The initiative is being launched with a swimming festival where participants can get expert coaching to ensure they swim safely with a positive introduction to the sport.

Following the festival, a summer-long series of swimming sessions are planned and will be open to all.

County Council deputy leader and cabinet member for public health and wellbeing,

Cllr Cecile Irving-Swift said: "There are very few venues for open water swimming locally and the clean waters of Sywell Country Park provide an ideal venue for this to happen in a safe and controlled way."

"It is just the kind of sustainable programme we like to support as part of our legacy at the park and we work with clubs and groups across the county as part of our ongoing mission to get people active in Northants."

"I would emphasise that this permission is for managed open water swimming under strictly controlled circumstances and does not open the park up for swimming outside of scheduled events."

Director of Northamptonshire Sport, Chris Holmes said: "Open water swimming is a great way to explore the outdoors from a totally different perspective, it's freedom, adventure and fun all rolled together."

"As well as those chasing an adrenaline rush, outdoor swimming is also luring existing swimmers looking for something different, often after growing bored of their regular swimming pool experience."

"While you'll need to be a competent swimmer, you don't have to be a superstar to take on open water – it's a fairly simple transition from the pool."

Don't take shortcuts as the darker nights draw in

Northamptonshire Police is issuing safety advice to the public as the days get shorter and the nights get darker. Crime Prevention Team Leader, Paul Golley said: "Darkness really is a criminal's best friend and I would strongly encourage the public to arm themselves with the safety tips below in order to best prevent themselves from becoming a victim of crime during the darker nights.

"I know we all want to get to our destinations quickly when the nights are dark and the weather is cold, but please think twice about taking that shortcut and consider that adding an extra five minutes onto your journey time and staying in well-lit, busy areas may just be worth it to avoid opportunistic criminals waiting in more isolated areas.

"I'd also like to take this opportunity to say that it's a common misconception that women are the only ones that need to take extra care during the winter months. That is simply not the case. Men are also susceptible to being attacked and should also take a look at our safety tips."

- Plan ahead before you go out. Know where you're going, how you'll get there, and how you'll get back. Let someone know where you're going, and be prepared for a change of plan. Keep your purse or wallet and keys close and secure. Only take out essential items, and if you can leave valuables at home, do.
- When you're out, always walk with purpose, and stick to well-lit, busy areas, using the route you know best.

- Don't be tempted to take shortcuts that require you to stray from busy areas.
- Avoid quiet or badly-lit alleyways, subways or isolated car parks. Walk down the middle of the pavement if the street is deserted.
- Remain aware of your surroundings – don't walk along texting, making a phone call or listening to music. As well as being distracting, this advertises your valuable to criminals.
- Be a good friend and stay safe by sticking together. Encourage each other to avoid walking alone at night.
- If you regularly walk home in the dark, get a personal attack alarm approved by Sold Secure – they are widely available and inexpensive.

Oundle Festival of Literature is pleased to present: Adam Hart Davis – Very Heath Robinson

Wednesday 5th December at 7.45pm at St Peter's Church, North Street, Oundle.

This new book takes a nostalgic look at the imaginative world of William Heath Robinson, one of the few artists to have given his name to the English language. According to the Oxford English Dictionary, the expression Heath Robinson is used to describe 'any absurdly ingenious and impracticable device'. You will find plenty of them here. Very Heath Robinson is full of quirky contraptions for lighting cigars, making coffee, extinguishing candles and generally making everyday life easy. You can even mow the lawn in comfort thanks to the super deluxe

Ransomes' motor mower, complete with wireless, drinks cabinet and tiffin table.

A dozen collections of Heath Robinson's work have been published over the last 80 years, starting in his lifetime, but most have been compilations of pictures with minimal text. Very Heath Robinson is the first to explain the technical and social background out of which the pictures grew and to weave art and history into a connected story. It portrays Heath Robinson as the visionary he was, foreseeing technical advances decades before they occurred

and commenting wryly on urban issues such as traffic jams, litter and flat living that regularly niggle us today.

Adam Hart-Davis is the perfect person to set the artist's mechanical fantasies in context, to tell the stories of rapid technological and social change that lay behind Heath Robinson's idiosyncratic brand of satire and to laugh along with the jokes. He has even built his own Heath Robinson-style machine.

Adam is a scientist, author, photographer, historian and broadcaster, well known in the UK for presenting the BBC television series Local Heroes

and What the Romans Did for Us, the latter spawning several spin-off series involving the Victorians, the Tudors, the

Stuarts and the Ancients. He was also a co-presenter of Tomorrow's World, and presented Science Shack.



Tickets £8 (£6), £1 off early bird tickets bought before 28th November, available from the Oundle Box Office, 4 New Street, Oundle. Open hours: 10am-4pm, Monday to Friday: Tel 01832 274734, online at www.oundlefestival.org.uk. Any queries call Helen on 07743988181 or email oundlefestival@hotmail.co.uk

Wildlife News

The little CCTV camera in our garden was put there to find what animal life comes with the hours of darkness, but when recording time inevitably runs into daylight hours it also pictures what goes on when we are not watching. That extra trip into the garden world may not always be quite what we hope for, but reminds us that everyday happenings make or spoil its value for all. That became clear when the daily inspections proved that visits from magpies were increasing; up to six at once is quite a crowd for a small plot. They obviously like the food we provide, but their reputation is rather shady.

This is one of the easiest birds to identify; the 'pie' in the name comes from the black-and-white plumage of this large bird, and the long tail makes up much of the shape we see outlined against the sky; allied with the harsh "chack-chack" call it is almost impossible to mistake it for anything else. But although it is a common feature of our countryside (and now gardens) its habits do not endear

it to many naturalists, and feeding is a major factor. If it was mainly clearing up the remains of dead animals, which would be unpleasant and could harbour disease, we would all be thankful. Unfortunately we find that at some times in the year it likes fresher food, like eggs unprotected by sitting parents, and even worse when nestlings become the 'meal of the day'. Other film shows that they can be quite aggressive against other birds, both their own species and other visitors, even when there is plenty of food to go round.

Because magpies have been part of the country scene for so long they take their place in local folklore, especially about the numbers seen at one time, but the words are not always the same, so what you remember may depend on where you grew up. One example starts "one for sorrow, two for joy, three for a girl and four for a boy" but other versions are available; I wonder what reply covers the six outside our window a couple of days ago!

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Council supports youth counselling & mentoring

Oundle Town Council has awarded a Community Support grant to CHAT Youth Counselling, enabling access to mental health support for young people. The grant has been welcomed by the staff, as it has helped provide further training for the Counsellor and Therapeutic Mentor in play therapy. Mayor Gerry Hutton made the presentation to the CHAT Chair of Trustees, Mrs Christine Marsters and Manager and Therapeutic Mentor, Denise Slater, in the presence of other councillors and trustees. Therapeutic mentoring is a recent extension to the CHAT Youth Counselling service for young people in East Northamptonshire area, offering structured, one-to-one, strength-based support for the purpose of addressing communication, relationship and social needs.

Oundle Town Council was instrumental in the establishment of CHAT as a charity in 1997. The Council has continued to offer financial assistance throughout this time, as more and more young people are struggling with mental health issues. Many local young people's

wellbeing and mental health have improved as a result. CHAT's qualified counsellors provide their clients with free confidential help and advice with time to be listened to. Support can be accessed through local schools or by contacting info@chatyouthcounselling.org.uk or on 01832 274422.

For more information visit www.chatyouthcounselling.org.uk



Rules for business growth

Many a company's inability to adapt to the Internet has been the blame for their downfall. But how realistic is it that online shopping could be the culprit? Following a recent project with an online wine retailer, research indicates that 50% of consumers buy online, however of that, 43% also buy offline, so what does this tell us?

In this highly competitive world where we are prompted to purchase products multiple times throughout the day, sometimes the most convenient option is also the closest option. Although promoted as a timesaver, online shopping still requires a thought process and a convenient delivery slot. So if the Internet is not the sole reason for a company's collapse, what other factors could be involved?

In his book, *How Brands Grow*, Byron Sharpe makes several

observations to help companies achieve success. He states that customer defection rates for companies with a small market share will be higher than for companies with a large market share. Something many business managers might assume is to do with customer loyalty or ineffective sales people. Sharpe goes on to say that all companies suffer around 50% customer defection, therefore there is a much greater opportunity to increase market share by picking up competitors' customers, than if you only focus on loyalty.

Take the business manager who thinks it's a sales issue. They go out and find a sales trainer and spend the next year wondering why profits are not rising. Little did they know that increasing sales by 1% would only provide

3.3% more profit? If instead they had looked at reducing variable costs, by 1%, they would have made 6.5% more profit. But it is increasing the selling price that provides the greatest profitability – with 1% increase comes 10.3% more profit.

Discounting however is the number one killer of profitability. Reduce the price by just 10%, and you need to make 50% more sales to achieve the same amount of money. So, the next time you go searching for bargains, please remember the loss of some of our most loved retailers and the impact that prices have on a business' success or failure.

As a marketing strategist and brand builder, I use research and analysis as a starting point to building business success.

For further information on the rules for business growth, contact: sally-ann@planandbrand.com at Plan & Brand or visit www.planandbrand.com



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Tuesday 4th December

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Wednesday 5th December

**Adam Hart Davis:
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St Peter's Church, Oundle PE8 4AL
7.45pm, tickets £8 (£6), Oundle Box Office, 4 New Street, Oundle. www.oundlefestival.org.uk Helen 07743988181 with any queries. Join us in imaginative world of William Heath Robinson, with quirky contraptions to make life easier!

Garden Bees and Pollinators

Methodist Church Hall,
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7.45pm, £2 patrons, £3 visitors
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An Oundle Horticultural Society talk by Matt Shardlow of Buglife, free light refreshments, all welcome.

Thursday 6th December

AFC Rushden & Diamonds Christmas Quiz Night
Rushden Bowls Club, Northampton Road, Rushden NN10 6AN
7.30pm, £3 per person, no more than 6 people per table.
To book a table please contact Glenis on 07870 332606 or email office@rogernorman.co.uk. Retiring Bucket Collection for Cransley Hospice.

Portrait Drawing with Anne Syme

Tansor Village Hall PE8 5HS
1.45pm-3.45pm, £4 Members, £6 Non Members, Jane Sanders 01832 226495. Drawing portraits, bring art pencils and paper.

Guided Walk – Polebrook and Armston (4 miles)

Meet at Polebrook Church 2pm, £1.50, Sue 01780 782747. No need to book.

Tiddlers Group for 0 to 3 year olds

Rushden 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 7th December

Oundle Rotary presents a Traditional Christmas Concert
St Peters Church, Oundle 7.45pm, tickets £10 from Oundle Book Shop, Oundle In Stitches, Post Office, Green Man Antiques and Pick Arthey or by email oundlerotary@gmail.com. Enjoy carols and wonderful music from the Salvation Army Band with a supporting cast. Proceeds from this concert will go towards Sue Ryder Thorpe Hall, SSAFA, Medical Detection Dogs and The Salvation Army.

Krafty Kids Christmas – Craft Evening

Rushden Mission Church, Wellingborough Road 6pm-8pm, free, Gill 01933 413112.

Fusion for 7 to 11 year olds

Rushden Baptist Church 6.30pm-8pm
Lively and fun group with games, songs and bible based illustrations.

Film night: Paddington 2

Bede House, Higham Ferrers Tickets £10 from Sidey Architect, Market Square. Film screening with Fish and Chip Supper. We are sorry but cannot offer any food alternatives.

Saturday 8th December

Raunds Community Choir Present a Christmas Wassail Evening
The Saxon Hall, Raunds 7pm, adults £6, children £3 – Nibbles & Raffle From any choir member, Raunds Post Office or ring 01933626113. With guests: Time After Time (Potton's Wonderful Barbershop Quartet), Wilf Porth and Raunds Manor Musicians.

Oundle and District Choral Society Christmas Concert

St Peter's Church, Oundle Tickets £10 available from Oundle Festival Box Office or on the door. Tessa Leuchars 01780 47067 for further information, or our website. The concert will include Handel's Messiah, Part 1, as well as Howard Goodall's Love Divine, Sweelinck's Hodie Christus Natus Est and Rutter's There is a flower.

Book signing: Rosemary Coates

Oundle Bookshop 10.30am-12.30pm Local author Rosemary Coates will be signing copies of her book 'Horse Racing Terms'.

Pop-Up Shops

Oundle Library 10am-2pm, free admission cskisby@icloud.com Kirsty Pearson selling a range of Christmas gifts and Elizabeth Jarman selling Tropic skincare.

Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th December

Wildlife Trust Festive Weekend
Nene Wetlands Visitor Centre (on the boardwalk at Rushden Lakes) 10am-5pm, free but charges may apply for some activities.

01933 779587 or email nenewildlands@wildlifbcn.org. Shopping, live music, festive refreshments, Christmas crafts including decorations (£3) and wreaths (£10).

Sunday 9th December Morning Service

Rushden Baptist Church 10.30am Preacher: Mat Hussain The Gifts of Christmas: Love.

HiFARS Christmas lecture

Bede House, St Marys Churchyard, Higham Ferrers 2-4pm, HiFARS members £3, visitors £4, students £1 Olwen Mayes 07904 014750 A talk by Louise Bush on the recent excavations of the henge at Warth Park, Raunds.

Monday 10th December

Oundle U3A Monthly Meeting
Queen Victoria Hall, West Street, Oundle 2pm, tickets £2 (Members only) 01832 275933. Christmas Celebration, with entertainment from 'The Banjo Man'.

Tuesday 11th December

The Three Oundle Probus Club's Joint Annual Service of Carols & Readings
St Peter's Church, Oundle 10.30am, 01832 272752 All Are Welcome!

Pop-Up Shops

Oundle Library 10am-5pm, free admission, cskisby@icloud.com Karen from The Cabbage Patch selling children's soaps and Elly Eveleigh selling cards and prints.

Thursday 13th December

Tiddlers Group for 0 to 3 year olds
Rushden 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!

Rushden Mission Band Festive Concert

Rushden Mission Church, Wellingborough Road 7.30pm, £5 All welcome for an evening of popular Christmas music.

Friday 14th December

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

Christmas Concert

St Peter the Apostle Church, Rushden 7.30pm, tickets £5 per head to include tea or coffee and a mince pie or similar. Tickets from Chris 07778836094 or Gerry 01933 770756. The concert will consist of Christmas songs and carols with amusing performances and crowd participation. It should be a fun evening. All funds raised donated to East Northants Child Contact Centre.

Saturday 15th December**Pop-Up Shops**

Oundle Library 10am-2pm, free admission cskisby@icloud.com Michelle Ashman selling Usborne Books and Vicki Swan selling gifts and handmade children's clothes.

An Afternoon Christmas Concert

United Reformed Church, High Street, Wellingborough NN8 4HW 3pm, adults £5 (including refreshments), students and accompanied children free. 01604 87038 or email: maureen@thejetty.eclipse.co.uk Christmas music, carols and mince pies with Wellingborough Orpheus Choir and Park Junior School Choir.

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Irlingborough Community Centre 2pm, adult: £10, Child: £6.50, Family (2+2): £28 Tickets available from Irlingborough Post Office. 07846147845. Join LOL Theatre for lots of laughs in this family friendly fun-filled pantomime!

Aladdin

Stanwick Village Hall 7pm, adult: £10, Child: £6.50, Family (2+2): £28 Contact information: Phone enquiries: 07846147845. Tickets available from Groom@Stanwick.

Sunday 16th December Family Carol Service

Rushden Baptist Church 10.30am Preacher: Mat Hussain The Gifts of Christmas: Joy.

Carols by Candlelight

Rushden Baptist Church 6pm Preacher: Mat Hussain Christmas readings, thoughts and carols.

Higham Ferrers Footpath Group

Saffron Road car park Higham Ferrers for car sharing 9.15am, Free, 01536 483687. 5.5 mile walk from Thurliegh.

Rushden Mission Band

Carol Service
Rushden Mission Church, Wellingborough Road 4.30pm Everyone welcome for a service, readings and carols.

By Appointment

Counselling & Listening Service
No 1 St Osyth's Lane, Oundle, Northants PE8 4BG Free service, Marilyn 07936 015965

Housing, Benefits and Employment Advice**British Legion Branch Meeting**

Thrapston Town Council Centre, 77 High Street, Thrapston 7.30pm, 07876 716 478, ibyrnes@britishlegion.org.uk

Half-Term**All-age Touch Typing Club**

2nd Tuesday of the month

Woodford WI Meeting
Woodford Sports and Social Club
7.30pm, Lynn Sortwell 01832
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Higham Ferrers Guided Tour

Groups of 6 minimum. Trained guides. Tea & cakes, optional.
01933 411191

Nene Valley Ladies

The Full Gospel Church, Rushden
7.30pm, 01933 355478.
Speakers, entertainment and outings.

3rd Tuesday of the month

Rushden and District Stamp Club
Park Road Baptist Church Hall,
Rushden NN10 0RG
7.30pm, Malcolm Whitehead
01933 350646.

Every Tuesday & Thursday

Health Walks Stanwick Lakes
10am-11am, free, car park charges
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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

Last Tuesday of the month

Tea with Friends
St Mary's Church, Ringstead
2pm-4pm, catch up with old friends and to make new ones. Donations to church funds and charities.

Every Wednesday

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

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Rainbow Cafe for Tots

Stanwick Lakes

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From 6pm

Returners to Work

No.1 St. Osyth's Lane
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Art & Craft Class

Oundle Rural Mind, 1 Herne Park,
East Road, Oundle PE8 4BZ
Irene Issitt 01832 275020

Cambridge First Certificate in English

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

Jelly Babes Toddler Group

Rushden Independent
Wesleyan Church
9.15am

Walk and Chat

Woodford Village - Meet at
Tiggywinkles Tearooms, 10b
Manor House Farm, Addington
Road, Woodford NN14 4ES

9.30am, FREE. Joe Bailey 01832
742195 or jebailey@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk

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 by Oundle pupils.

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. Meet new friends over a cuppa & entertainment.

Raunds Ladies Group

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

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
Venue TBC
Main meeting starts 7.30ish. First couple free. Bob Humpage 07960 734405/modelmaker@tiscali.co.uk

3rd Wednesday of the month

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

Higham and Rushden U3A

Pemberton Centre, Rushden
2pm, visitors welcome (£3 charge)
www.highamandrushden3a.org.uk

British Korean Veterans

The Old Grammarians Club,
Oxford Street, Wellingborough
11.45am, Mary Morby 01933
312476 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
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Wednesday & Thursday

Free Counselling
No.1 St. Osyth's Lane Oundle
By appointment 0793 6015965

Every Thursday

Rushden Folk Dance Club
St Mary's Church Hall, Rushden
8-10pm, first visit free, £2 thereafter, 07796 865537

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/
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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
9.15am-9.45am, booked in advance as a block (£4.75 per lesson) 01832 277208/277195

Alternate Thursdays

Fettledine Afternoon Club
Crow Hill Community CTR, Fettledine Road, Irlhingborough 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.

3rd Thursday of the month

Ise & Nene Valley Turners
Cranford Village Hall, Grafton Road, Cranford NN14 4JE
7pm, members free, visitors £5, Peter Bond 01933 741835/
peterbond@btinternet.com

1st and 3rd Thursday of the month

The Fettledine Afternoon Club
Crow Hill Community Centre, Irlhingborough
2pm-4pm, £2, Caroline Cross 07527530529. Activities, speakers, meals out and more.

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

Walk and Chat

Rushden Hall Park, under flagpole
10am, Joe Bailey 01832 742195/
jebailey@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk

Walk and Chat

Meet at The Black Horse Pub, Nassington PE8 6QU
11am, free, Robert Phipps 01780 782558

Every Friday (term time)**Playheroes:****Learning Through Play**

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Sparklers – a 0-5s toddler group

The Bridge Community Office at Whitefriars Primary School, Rushden NN10 9HX
9am-11am, £1 per family, Emma 07957 080074. A safe and friendly place for parents/carers and for their children to play and make friends.

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

3rd Friday of the month**Raunds Tea Dance**

Saxon Hall, Raunds
2pm-4.15pm, £4 (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/
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GEORGE LAWRENCE KELSELL. Passed peacefully on Friday 9th November 2018. He will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. The funeral will take place at Harwood Park Crematorium, Watton Road, Stevenage, SG2 8XT on Monday 3rd December 2018 at 11.45am. Family flowers only please.

Donations, if desired, for the Knebworth Care Home Staff & Residents may be given via a collection plate on the day. All enquiries to Austins. Tel: 01438 316623.



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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14

THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (RUSHDEN LAKES, RUSHDEN)

(BANNED TURNS AND LENGTH RESTRICTION) ORDER 2018

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Northamptonshire County Council has made an Order under Sections 1 to 5 and Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 the effect of which will be to prohibit various manoeuvres along those lengths of roads as described in the Schedules below. Exemptions will be made for emergency vehicles.

A COPY of the Order may be inspected at Northamptonshire Highways, One Angel Square, Angel Street, Northampton, NN1 1ED during normal office hours.

If you wish to question the validity of the Order or of any provisions contained in it on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or on the grounds that any requirement of that Act, or of any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order, you may, within six weeks from the date of this Notice apply to the High Court for this purpose.

The Order will become effective on the 3rd December 2018.

Dated this 1st day of December 2018

DEBBIE CARTER-HUGHES
Head of Property & Planning Law
PKG / 1716

SCHEDULE 1 – NO RIGHT TURN

| Length of road | Location | Description |
|---------------------------|---|--|
| Rushden Lakes Access Road | At its junction with the access/egress road to Wilson's Pits Nature Reserve | No right turn for traffic from Rushden Lakes Access Road into the access / egress for Wilson's Pits Nature Reserve |
| A5001 Crown Way, Rushden | At its junction with a New Link Road leading onto B645 Northampton Road. | No right turn for traffic from the New Link Road leading onto B645 Northampton Road into A5001 Crown Way, Rushden |

SCHEDULE 2 – NO LEFT TURN

| Length of road | Location | Description |
|--------------------------------|---|--|
| B645 Northampton Road, Rushden | At its junction with New Link Road leading onto A5001 Crown Way | No left turn for traffic from New Link Road leading onto A5001 Crown Way into B645 Northampton Road, Rushden |

SCHEDULE 3 – PROHIBITION OF VEHICLES EXCEEDING 9.9M IN LENGTH

| Length of road | Location | Description |
|--|--|---|
| New Link Road between A5001 Crown Way and B645 Northampton Road, Rushden | From its junction with Crown Way and Northampton Road, Rushden | Prohibition any vehicle over 9.9 metres in length from proceeding along New Link Road between its junction with A5001 Crown Way and its junction with B645 Northampton Road, Rushden. |

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14

THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (RAUNDS ROAD, BROOK STREET & CHURCH STREET, HARGRAVE)

(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 those lengths of Raunds Road, Brook Street and Church Street, Hargrave as set out below.

LENGTHS OF ROADS TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: Those lengths of Raunds Road, Brook Street and Church Street, Hargrave from Nags Head Lane to northern Brook Street junction.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during Anglian Water installation of manhole covers.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 17th December 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 21st December 2018.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Hargrave Road, Midland Road, High Street, Brook Street, Grove Street, Wellington Road, Chelveston Road, Raunds Road, High Street and Kimbolton Road.

Dated this 1st day of December 2018
DEBBIE CARTER-HUGHES
Head of Property & Planning Law
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If you require any further information please contact Gary Thorp on 01604 883400.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14

THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (CHELVESTON ROAD, RAUNDS)

(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 Chelveston Road, Raunds as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Chelveston Road, Raunds from Darsdale Drive to Stanwick Road.

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 3rd December 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 5th December 2018.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Stanwick Road, Raunds Road, Spencer Road, A45, A6, Chelveston Road, Higham Road and High Street.

Dated this 1st day of December 2018
DEBBIE CARTER-HUGHES
Head of Property & Planning Law
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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14

THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (MILL LANE, ISLIP)

(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 that length of Mill Lane, Islip as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Mill Lane, Islip from outside 14 Mill Lane.

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

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 14th January 2019 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

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

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: access only.

Dated this 1st day of December 2018
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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (EAST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE DISTRICT) (WAITING AND LOADING RESTRICTIONS AND ON-STREET PARKING PLACES) (CONSOLIDATION) ORDER 2009 (AMENDMENT No. 14) ORDER 2018

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council has made an Order under Sections 1 to 5 and Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ("the Act") to amend "The Northamptonshire County Council (East Northamptonshire District) (Waiting and Loading Restrictions and On-Street Parking Places) (Consolidation) Order 2009" as specified in the Schedule below.

A COPY of the Order maybe inspected at The Traffic Orders Section, One Angel Square, Angel Street, Northampton, NN1 1ED during normal office hours.

If you wish to question the validity of the Order or of any provisions contained in it on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or on the grounds that any requirement of that Act, or of any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order, you may, within six weeks from the date of this Notice apply to the High Court for this purpose.

The Order will become effective on 3rd December 2018

Dated this 1st day of December 2018

DEBBIE CARTER-HUGHES,
Head of Property & Planning Law
PKG/P1715

SCHEDULE NO WAITING AT ANY TIME (DOUBLE YELLOW LINES)

Brindley Close, Rushden – both sides – for its entire length; Cole Street, Rushden – West side – from its junction with the roundabout with Crown Way for a distance of 56 metres in a southerly direction; Cole Street, Rushden – East side – from its junction with the roundabout with Crown Way for a distance of 10 metres in a southerly direction; Crown Way, Rushden – north side – from the junction with Skew Bridge Roundabout to the vehicular access into Morrison's Distribution Centre; Crown Way, Rushden – south side – from the junction with Skew Bridge Roundabout to the vehicular access into Morrison's Distribution Centre (except 2 sections adjacent to the accesses into AEM products); Crown Way, Rushden – both sides – from the roundabout with Pegasus Way/ Northampton Road to the second roundabout after the access to Waitrose Store; Hayway, Rushden – both sides – from its junction with Northampton Road for a distance of 30 metres in a southerly direction; Larkhill, Rushden – both sides – from its junction with Northampton Road for a distance of 12 metres in a southerly direction; New Link Road (Northampton Road, Rushden) – both sides – between the roundabout with Brindley Close to the junction with Crown Way; Northampton Road, Rushden – both sides – from its junction with Crown Way to a point approximately 75 metres east of the roundabout with Wellingborough Road; Northampton Road, Rushden – both sides – from its junction with the Skew Bridge Roundabout to a point in line with the property boundary of No.90-92; Rectory Court, Rushden (off Rectory Road) – both sides – for its entire length; Rushden Lakes Access Road, Rushden – both sides – for its entire length; Shelley Drive, Rushden – both sides – from its junction with Northampton Road for a distance of 12 metres in a northerly direction.



East Northants Snooker League

Week 4 of the ENSL Winter League, sponsored by Belgian Pete's Home Improvements, and we are now beginning to see some serious movement in the league table and some distance being put between the top and bottom teams.

Windmill D hosted Windmill Warriors this week. The Warriors have not been living up to their name based on recent results and this week was no different. Justin White and Michael Dicks battled it out to win a frame each. Windmill D's Paul Whyte and Richard Wright had an extremely close game, with both of their frames coming down to the final black. Richard cleared up to win the first frame and he did the same in the next frame, potting what he thought was the winning black until, sadly, the cue ball rolled into the pocket, meaning that Paul

won the frame by default. With the match at 2-2 it was over to Paul Lewis and Aaron Whittemore. Aaron played better on the night to win both frames and give Windmill D a 4-2 victory boosting them up to 2nd place in the league table.

The top team Coopers A played against neighbouring team Coopers Troopers. Steve Biggs and Dean Coombes had a close game, with Dean taking the first, thanks to a 25 break and Steve winning the second by keeping Dean out of the balls. Colin Hinds then stepped up for Coopers A against his opponent Sean Britchford. Sean did not know what had hit him as Colin

was potting balls off the lampshades as he promptly won both of his frames. The two team captains Justin Gaggini and Roger Hayes-Roome then went head to head. It was a close game with both fellas playing well, but Justin showed his grit as he managed to win both. A massive 5-1 win for Coopers A meaning that the leaders now go 4 points clear.

We welcome a new sponsor onboard this week in the form of Rowan Groundworks Ltd. They have agreed to sponsor the Player Statistics Trophy which everyone will be vying for. Martyn Hatton is currently out in front with his 88% win-rate.

This week's results:

Windmill D 4-2 Windmill Warriors
Coopers Ball Bashers 4-2 Windmill Underdogs
Coopers A 5-1 Coopers Troopers
Windmill C 3-3 Windmill B
Higham SAS = BYE

If you are interested in joining the League, you can find us via Facebook or Google – East Northants Snooker League. We would welcome more teams.

Player Statistics Winter 2018/19 - Sponsored by Rowan Groundworks Ltd

| # | Player name | Team | Current H/Cap | New H/Cap | Played | Won | Lost | % Won |
|----|-------------------|----------------------|---------------|-----------|--------|-----|------|-------|
| 1 | Pete Beerten | Higham SAS | 46 | 46 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 100% |
| 2 | Martyn Hatton | Coopers Ball Bashers | 20 | 18 | 8 | 7 | 1 | 88% |
| 3 | Adam Underwood | Higham SAS | 40 | 40 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 75% |
| 4 | Kevin Freeman | Windmill Underdogs | 24 | 24 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 75% |
| 5 | Aaron Whittemore | Windmill D | 36 | 34 | 8 | 6 | 2 | 75% |
| 6 | Justin Gaggini | Coopers A | 2 | 0 | 8 | 6 | 2 | 75% |
| 7 | Colin Hinds | Coopers A | -2 | -4 | 8 | 6 | 2 | 75% |
| 8 | Richard Symons | Coopers Ball Bashers | 34 | 32 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 75% |
| 9 | Roger Hayes-Roome | Coopers Troopers | 38 | 40 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 67% |
| 10 | Dean Coombes | Coopers Troopers | 30 | 30 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 67% |

East Northants Snooker League - Sponsored by Belgian Pete's Home Improvements

| Position | Team | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | Points |
|----------|----------------------|--------|-----|-------|------|--------|
| 1 | Coopers A | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 17 |
| 2 | Windmill D | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 13 |
| 3 | Higham SAS | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 12 |
| 4 | Coopers Ball Bashers | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 12 |
| 5 | Windmill C | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 10 |
| 6 | Windmill Underdogs | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 9 |
| 7 | Windmill B | 4 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 9 |
| 8 | Coopers Troopers | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 8 |
| 9 | Windmill Warriors | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 6 |



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