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### Drop in number of Christmas drink drivers

Following Northamptonshire Police's month-long campaign to tackle drink and drug drivers by naming those charged with an offence, the county has seen a drop in the number of people caught under the influence behind the wheel as the number of breath tests conducted by officers soars.

This year, 1798 breath tests were conducted by officers compared to 537 in 2017. In 2017, 78 people were arrested with drink driving and six were arrested for drug driving. This year, 72 people were arrested for drink driving and 16 were arrested for failing a roadside drug test, pending the results of blood.

To report suspected drink or drug driving in confidence, call the Drivewatch Hotline on 0800 174615 or dial 101. In an emergency, call 999.

# Celebrations for local estate agents

Local and independent estate agents Richard James are celebrating after being crowned the 2018 Relocation Agent Network Agent of the Year.



They received the award at this year's 25th Relocation Agent Network Awards Dinner held on Friday 23rd November at London's Park Plaza Riverbank Hotel.

The black tie evening Awards Dinner was hosted by comedian and TV presenter Katherine Ryan, who presented them with the award. In addition to collecting the night's top prize.

Richard Taylor, director at the Rushden office said: "We are so proud to have won Relocation Agent Network's Agent of the Year. This is the Network's top award and we never would have won it without the dedication, hard work and professionalism of

every member of the Richard James team. It's a clear message to all of our buying and selling customers – the service that we provide is the very highest."

Richard Tucker, Relocation Agent Network's managing director said: "We were so pleased to crown Richard James as this year's Relocation Agent Network Agent of the Year. In our opinion they are among the UK's most accomplished estate agents. As our most coveted award, the Agent of the Year can only be won by an agent that delivers outstanding customer service day in, day out, and that's exactly what Richard James does."



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# Town Mayor enjoys Bedesman Day 2018

Mayor of Higham Ferrers, Jason Smithers, recently attended the traditional Bedesman Day service at St Mary's Church, Higham Ferrers, with a roast beef lunch afterwards at the Bede House.

Henry Chichele founded the Bede House in 1423 to house 12 poor male inhabitants of the Borough aged

over 50 years, with one Bedeswoman to look after them.

The word Bede means prayer and the twelve men had to live by a definite rule divided in monastic style into periods of prayer and manual work in the garden.

Although the Bedesmen no longer live their communal life they are still appointed and wear

ceremonial cloaks with a red star, together with the appointed Bedeswoman, for all civic occasions and for their feast day, that of St Thomas, on 21st December, when they meet for a service in St Mary's Church and then adjourn for a meal in the Bede House and to sit by a roaring log fire and reminisce about former times.

## Genealogy jottings

Did you get a subscription to Ancestry, Find My Past, The Genealogist or even the British Newspaper Archives as a Christmas present? If you did and you have not used the relevant website before, take some time to find your way round it. It is so tempting to hit on a name and, before you know where you are, you have traced the line back through two centuries. However, that does not always happen and you do need to make sure that you have the right family – especially if it is a common surname.

A case in point was my brother-in-law. He had traced the Pearson family back to the hills of Cumbria and hit upon the graveyard in which they were buried. A family holiday was then planned so that they could have a look at the gravestone. When they arrived, there wasn't one – a gravestone, that is. Just a green swathe of grass surrounded by others. He arranged for a stone to be carved with the name and dates of his ancestor. However, a couple of years later, he discovered that it was not his ancestor

By Jan Pearson

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after all but a family of the same name. His were on another Cumbrian hillside. A costly mistake and one that made him revisit his findings and make sure that he was following the correct lines.

The internet can be so helpful in finding the names of our ancestors but don't forget the basic steps in confirming who those folk are with birth, marriage and death certificates as well as census results. Don't forget, though: civil registration did not start in England and Wales until 1st July 1837 and so you will need to look for parish records before then. By the way, civil registration did not start in Scotland until 1st January 1855 and in Ireland, civil registration of all births, marriages, and deaths began in 1864 (except for non-Catholic marriages, for which registration started in 1845).

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## Editor's notes

We begin with a point of clarification: there was no intention to criticise the charity involved in providing access for the forthcoming work on Oundle north bridge in our last Editor's Notes. In fact they moved very quickly to facilitate the needs of Northamptonshire County Council Highways department. It now seems that the weight restriction on the bridge will be imposed "before 4th February", albeit without the accompanying width restriction, and that the X4 bus route has been sorted but there is no detail yet on a one-way system for the town centre. The last point needs to be addressed because accommodating the revised bus route will lead to potential additional congestion in the town centre; motorists need to be aware that there could be increased Traffic Warden activity to reinforce parking restrictions. Nonetheless there is adequate off-road parking to meet the normal demand.

Turning to the New Year, how are the resolutions doing? As you will be aware we usually concentrate on local issues in this newspaper. However, talk of New Year's resolutions leads to thoughts about at least one national issue which our politicians would do well to work harder at in the coming months. This is, of course, our departure from the EU. Keeping in mind that this is one of the most significant

events in our country's recent history, it's shameful that the majority of politicians only seem want to argue, score points and advance their own prospects. It seems the most likely alternative to "The Deal" is a no-deal Brexit, leading to a raft of customs duties and a host of complex regulations for companies who deal within the EU to grapple with after 30th March. A very unpalatable prospect.

Back at the local level, it seems that Northamptonshire County Council has done well to reduce its overspend by £19m in the past five months; however, questions remain over whether some of its remaining £11m savings can be achieved and the effects of the savings. The latest financial report forecasts a year-end position of £11m overspent, down from the minus £30m forecast in July 2018 and a further improvement on the minus £15.6m position reported last month. The reduced overspend has been greeted as good news by Labour councillor Mick Scrimshaw, who chairs the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, but he remains concerned over some of the savings that have yet to be realised. He added: "The other question is how these savings are being achieved? Are they sustainable or are they one-off accountancy methods? I welcome that we are getting closer, although if it was going the other way we would have some major concerns."

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# Primary school celebrates 'Good' Ofsted rating

Pupils and staff at Windmill Primary School are celebrating after once again receiving a 'Good' rating from Ofsted.

During a recent inspection by the education watchdog the school, based on Windmill Lane, Raunds, was praised for working alongside local governors and the Nene Education Trust to create "a clear and ambitious vision for the school and its pupils."

The report from the lead inspector noted: "You have embedded a strong culture across the school, in which your school values, and the positive behaviours for learning that you wish to see, are understood and widely evident."

As part of their evaluations the inspector remarked that, "standards of attainment and rates of progress in reading, writing and mathematics have been consistently above the national averages, and improving, for the last three years," and that "pupil

numbers have increased significantly... and have almost doubled since the last inspection."

The report continued: "Pupils, parents and staff speak highly of the school. Pupils explained to me, with pride and enthusiasm, how the school values will help and guide them as they move on to the next stages in their education. In particular, pupils spoke about the importance of recognising mistakes in their work as something positive, saying, 'we really want to improve. We make mistakes, but we learn from them'."

Matt Coleman, Principal at Windmill Primary School, said: "It has been an awesome few years for Windmill Primary School. As a community our pupil numbers have grown and our rates of progress and attainment continue to be very strong.

"That is, however, just part of our story of success. We are a warm and welcoming school joined together by our values and a commitment to providing the very best opportunities for our pupils thanks to our amazing curriculum. We are delighted that Ofsted have recognised this.

"I am incredibly proud of all of our children and staff and would like to thank them for all of their hard work. Thanks must also go to all of our governors and parents/carers for their continued support for our wonderful school community."

In July 2018 Windmill Primary School joined the Nene Education Trust, on this partnership the inspector commented: "This new relationship is positive... the school's successful track record will be sustained."

Chris Hill, Chief Executive of the Nene

Education Trust, said: "At the Nene Education Trust, we are committed to developing character, raising aspirations and celebrating achievement.

"We take great pride in our role of raising aspirations for pupils and their families in Raunds and Rushden and this feedback from Ofsted is a fantastic testament to that."



## Local school making waves in plastic recycling

Fourteen schoolchildren from St Mary's School in Burton Latimer have been collecting plastic waste from their homes over the past few weeks in preparation for a day out at RPC Promens in Rushden to learn about Plastic, Recycling and Sustainability.

The afternoon's lesson had been prepared in conjunction with the school curriculum and in line with Ofsted guidelines which covered a history of plastic, where plastic comes from and how plastic is made.

It was an engaging lesson where the children were invited to get their hands dirty by touching and mixing the different

types of materials that are used to make plastic containers at the Rushden factory. The plastic waste which the schoolchildren had collected was granulated into plastic flake and used to make a 100% recycled plastic fish.

Each of the schoolchildren took away with them the plastic fish as a reminder of the day and the message that we are all responsible for recycling our plastic waste.

Sarah Reynolds (Deputy Headmistress) has commented that daughter Tehya has been fully engaged with recycling at the home since her visit to RPC Promens based at Rushden.

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# Spotlight on Rushden



Ashgrove Clinic

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It's no secret that when Rushden Osteopathic Clinic joined forces with The Ashgrove Clinic last year, it resulted in Rushden and Higham Ferrers being the proud owners of a health centre that is probably one of the biggest in the area.

The clinic houses a vast array of practitioners, which means you can get treatment for the corns on your feet all the way up to the stress and worries in

your head, via your knee pains, back aches, frozen shoulders and headaches.

Jo Jones, who ran Rushden Osteopathic Clinic for 15 years, says the move has been great for everyone: "I love the fact that our Rushden patients can see the Ashgrove podiatrist, acupuncturist, physiotherapist or massage therapist in the same building. It makes things simpler for all of us.

"All of us suffer from

some kind of ache or pain.

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## Higham Eye Care

Higham Eye Care is the independent optician for Higham Ferrers and the surrounding area. The lead optometrists, Hannah and Tricia, are sisters who each have over 20 years' experience.

Tricia explains that "regular eye examinations are advised not only to ensure that you have the best vision possible but to check both eye and general health. The blood vessels on the retina inside the eye are the only ones in the whole body that can

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# Join Zog on his magical forest adventure at Fineshade Wood

Following the success of the Gruffalo, Stick Man and Highway Rat trails at Forestry Commission sites across England, Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler's magical children's picture book, Zog, is the inspiration behind a new activity trail for families to enjoy in Fineshade Wood this winter.

The launch of the trail follows on from the premiere of the animated special from Magic

Light Pictures, which aired on BBC One at Christmas. Zog is a loveable, if somewhat clumsy dragon

at Dragon School who is always striving to win a golden star. Zog is learning lots of essential dragon

skills at school including flying, roaring, breathing fire and capturing princesses! Forestry Commission England are now inviting children to step into the forest classroom to learn lessons just like Zog, including how animals fly, what sounds they make and how they catch their prey!

As well as winning gold stars along the self-led trail, there will be reveal panels which have a hidden image that children can find using a coloured lens in their activity pack. Available to buy for just £3 the activity pack will also include a Zog mask, activity sheets, a pencil and stickers.

Sarah Walker, Forest Centre Manager said: "The trail will be an amazing

adventure, encouraging visitors to make the most of the winter season

and beyond in our beautiful forest.

"We are very excited to be working with Magic Light Pictures again and are looking forward to families having a new and exciting reason to visit Fineshade Wood this winter."



Further details of trails and free downloadable activity sheets are available from [www.forestryengland.uk/zog](http://www.forestryengland.uk/zog)

## The Queen of Spades

Tchaikovsky's most ambitious opera, The Queen of Spades contains some of his greatest music and is a powerful study of destructive obsession. On Tuesday 22nd January at (6.45pm) the Royal Opera House will present an engrossing new adaptation that will be broadcast live to Castle Theatre for opera enthusiasts to enjoy on their doorsteps in Wellingborough.

In this intense opera of obsession and the supernatural, Gherman is caught between the woman he loves and a destructive fixation. The Queen of Spades is based on a short story by Pushkin, and comes to the Royal Opera House in a new production that has already garnered five star reviews in Amsterdam.

The production is set in 1890, the year of the opera's premiere. In his study, Tchaikovsky imagines the opera into life as his own story, its characters giving voice to

his unfulfilled desires. Aleksandrs Antonenko and Eva-Maria Westbroek head the cast and Royal Opera Chorus, conducted by Antonio Pappano, Music Director of The Royal Opera.



Tickets for this engrossing portrayal of a tortured creative artist and gripping piece of gothic storytelling are priced £15.50 (£13.50). They can be purchased by calling the Box Office on 01933 270 007 or online at [www.castletheatre.co.uk](http://www.castletheatre.co.uk)

## Unregistered food company in Wellingborough banned from trading

Environmental Health officers from the Borough Council of Wellingborough have successfully closed down an unregistered Romanian food business in Wellingborough following an anonymous complaint.

Officers investigated 77 Midland Road, Wellingborough on 28th November after receiving a complaint that an unregistered food business was operating unlawfully on the premises. Officers discovered that Marius Protap Ltd was operating out of a makeshift structure in the back garden.

The condition of the food room was particularly poor, with mould and slime present on the outer surfaces of chest freezers and the floor. Pieces of fresh meat, sausages, kofta and a whole hog were found without any labelling identifying durability or ingredients and with no traceability information, which did not comply with food safety requirements and posed imminent risk of injury to health. An Emergency Prohibition Notice and a Food Condemnation Warning Notice were subsequently served on the business.

On 10th December, at the Northampton Magistrates Court the Council was

successful in obtaining a Hygiene Emergency Prohibition Order and a Food Condemnation Order for the seized meat, meaning that no food business can operate from the premises until the 'Health Risk Condition' is lifted by Environmental Health. Costs of £1,437 were also awarded to the council.

Leader of the Borough Council of Wellingborough, Cllr Martin Griffiths, said: "I am delighted that this unregistered premise has been prohibited from trading unlawfully in our borough due to the hard work of our Environmental Health team.

"Officers work with all local food businesses to ensure they understand how to manage food safety. However, where there is an imminent risk to public health, officers do not hesitate to take immediate action to remove that risk to ensure the safety of our residents."

Anyone thinking of starting a new food business is required by law to register the business with their local authority 28 days before operating. You can do this by contacting [healthprotection@wellingborough.gov.uk](mailto:healthprotection@wellingborough.gov.uk)

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- commercial/industrial development of 1ha or over if floor area not known
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- 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

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#### Benefield

**18/02364/LBC (02/02/2019) (LBRegs)** Conversion of farm buildings to form 3 residential dwellings at Rectory Farm Buildings Main Street Lower Benefield PE8 5AF

**18/02373/FUL (02/02/2019) (LB/CA)** Proposed double bay garage with room above (re-submission of 18/01561/FUL) at Ashley Farm House Main Street Upper Benefield PE8 5AN

**18/02408/FUL (02/02/2019) (LB/CA)** Conversion of listed farm buildings to create 3 dwellings together with demolition of modern agricultural buildings and construction of 2 new build dwellings at Rectory Farm Buildings Main Street Lower Benefield PE8 5AF

#### Clopton

**18/02394/FUL (26/01/2019) (Info)** Change of use from D1 to C3 dwelling with no external alterations at Mandate House Old Weston Road Clopton NN14 3DZ

#### Glaphthorn

**18/02297/FUL (26/01/2019) (Info)** Three bedroom detached dwelling and outbuilding at Leverton Oundle Road Glaphthorn PE8 5BD

#### Hargrave

**18/02361/FUL (26/01/2019) (Info)** Proposed single storey extension with alterations to the existing drive access at Idle Acre Nags Head Lane Hargrave NN9 6BJ

**18/02362/FUL (26/01/2019) (Info)** Conversion and extension of existing detached double garage and workshop to 4-bedroom single-storey dwelling including access, parking and amenity space at Idle Acre Nags Head Lane Hargrave NN9 6BJ

**18/02396/FUL (26/01/2019) (Info)** Proposed detached garage at 7 Nags Head Lane Hargrave NN9 0BJ

#### Higham Ferrers

**18/02186/FUL (02/02/2019) (LB/CA)** Single storey extensions to existing care home at 66 College Street Higham Ferrers NN10 8DZ

**18/02365/FUL (02/02/2019) (LB/CA)** Single-storey side and rear extension. Loft conversion with rear facing dormer at 59 Kimbolton Road Higham Ferrers NN10 8DU

#### Irthlingborough

**18/02395/FUL (02/02/2019) (Art8)** Erection of 84 dwellings with associated vehicular access, parking, landscaping and open space at rear of Green Close Wellingborough Road Irthlingborough

#### Kings Cliffe

**18/02374/FUL (26/01/2019) (Info)** Ground floor front extension and part conversion of garage to form WC at 122 Wood Road Kings Cliffe PE8 6XZ

#### Nassington

**18/02171/FUL (02/02/2019) (Art8)** Construction of twelve new properties including new road and associated services at land off Fenn Close Nassington

**18/02263/FUL (26/01/2019) (Info)** Single storey rear extension at 54 Church Street Nassington PE8 6QG

**18/02278/FUL (26/01/2019) (Info)** Extension of portal framed industrial building at Unit 5 Kings Cliffe Industrial Estate Wansford Road Kings Cliffe PE8 6PB

#### Oundle

**18/02367/VAR (02/02/2019) (LBRegs)** Variation of condition 5 to allow for amended plans pursuant to planning application 18/01767/LBC: Internal and external refurbishment of the Cobthorne Stables and Barn dated 02.11.2018. Condition Number(s): 5. Conditions(s) Removal: Change of condition due to amended plans. Change to drawings NTBS3015/03 Rev C, 08 Rev B, 09 Rev B, 11 Rev B. Changes nominally; Additional timber frame and clad front wall under new mono pitch slate tile roof to gardens storage area to left hand of building. Additional use of 1st floor tack room, including powder coated hand rail to external stairs, ply capping and carpet to internal stairs, new acoustic lined flooring, skim plaster walls. Additional roof light to be changed as per the approved Clement Roof lights. 2 no. new ridge vents to match existing. Extended insulation to loft space to first floor archive room at The Stables Cobthorne 16 West Street Oundle PE8 4EF

**18/02383/FUL (26/01/2019) (Info)** Single-storey extension to include larger kitchen with utility, attached double garage, bedroom 4/ study, and en-suite to master bedroom at 4 Wyatt Way Oundle

#### Polebrook

**18/02242/FUL (26/01/2019) (Info)** Change of use for part (42 sqm) of an existing storage building (446 sqm) for siting of a Pet Cremator and ancillary facilities in connection with its operation at New Lodge Farm Red Lodge Road Polebrook PE8 5LL

#### Raunds

**18/02368/FUL (26/01/2019) (Info)** Erection of double garage with studio above (as previously approved on 16/00686/VAR) at Harwell Chelveston Road Raunds NN9 6DA

**18/02378/REM (26/01/2019) (Info)** Reserved matters pursuant to 17/02442/OUT - Erection of three residential dwellings at Antona Stanwick Road Raunds NN9 6DG

#### Ringstead

**18/02233/FUL (26/01/2019) (Info)** Demolition of existing two storey flat roof extension and erection of two storey rear extension at 2 Denford Road Ringstead NN14 4DF

**18/02377/ADV (26/01/2019) (Info)** Please see attached photographs 1 and 2 - Peters Fish Bar Sign - junction Church St and Carlow Rd Ringstead at land opposite Carlow Street Church Street Ringstead

**18/02381/ADV (26/01/2019) (Info)** Please see attached photographs 1 and 2 - Peter's Fish Bar Sign - 2A High Street Ringstead at 2A High Street Ringstead NN14 4DA

**18/02384/ADV (26/01/2019) (Info)** Erection of sign on roundabout at OP0494 SP9973 Raunds Road Ringstead

#### Rushden

**18/01777/FUL (26/01/2019) (Info)** Single storey side extension at 101 Wellingborough Road Rushden NN10 9YL

**18/02150/FUL (02/02/2019) (Info)** Replacement allotment building at Allotment Gardens Grafton Road Rushden

**18/02196/FUL (26/01/2019) (Info)** Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of single storey rear/side extension to form annexe at 1 Bluebell Rise Rushden NN10 0TU

**18/02309/VAR (02/02/2019) (Art8)** Variation of condition 28 pursuant to planning application 12/00839/VAR: Variation of condition 28 (store trading times) of planning permission 03/00754/OUT - Erection of Class A1 foodstore with associated car parking, operational space and landscaping at Asda 161 High Street Rushden

**18/02341/FUL (26/01/2019) (Info)** Residential development for one single unit on land at Walmer Close Rushden (Re-submission of 15/01349/FUL) at open space adjacent to 5 Walmer Close Rushden NN10 0TE

**18/02357/ADV (26/01/2019) (Info)** Installation of a series of wayfinding, car parking signs, installation of traffic totems along the internal access road to the rear of Terrace A and Terrace B and a series of car parking restriction signs within the car parking and service yard areas at Rushden Lakes, Rushden

**18/02358/FUL (26/01/2019) (Info)** Change of use from beauty salon to chiropractic clinic (D1) at 128 Newton Road Rushden NN10 0HL

**18/02359/ADV (26/01/2019) (Info)** Signs showing name of business and details of services (3 signs in total) at 128 Newton Road Rushden NN10 0HL

**18/02360/FUL (26/01/2019) (Info)** Two storey and single storey rear extensions (Re-submission of 18/00473/FUL) at 105 Higham Road Rushden NN10 6DS

**18/02369/FUL (02/02/2019) (LB/CA)** Existing 2 storey High Street retail premises. Currently no access via the front elevation. Proposal to install replacement of shopfront comprising double entrance doors, new feature timber surround and external security shutter at 48–50 High Street Rushden NN10 0PJ

**18/02386/FUL (26/01/2019) (Info)** Two-storey side and rear extension at 67 Blinco Road Rushden NN10 0EA

**18/02397/VAR (26/01/2019) (Info)** Variation of condition 6 pursuant to planning application 18/01851/FUL: Demolition of existing and construction of two dwellings dated 19.11.2018 at 84 Avenue Road Rushden

#### Stanwick

**18/02291/FUL (02/02/2019) (Art8)** Repair and consolidation of existing sluices on the River Nene, and the installation of a hydroscrew in and adjacent to the south sluice, all within the watercourse at Sluice Stanwick Lakes A45 Nene Valley Way Stanwick

**18/02372/FUL (26/01/2019) (Info)** Proposed porch, garage conversion, first floor extensions, render finish and timber clad carport with associated internal/external works at 4 Raunds Road Stanwick NN9 6PP

#### Thrapston

**18/02398/FUL (26/01/2019) (Info)** Single storey rear extension at 11 Hever Close Thrapston NN14 4XL

#### Titchmarsh

**18/02401/FUL (26/01/2019) (Info)** Change of use of agricultural land and buildings to B1(C) B2 and B8 uses at Newbrook Farm Islington Titchmarsh NN14 3DG

#### Wadenhoe

**18/02307/FUL (02/02/2019) (LB/CA)** Change of use from residential flat C3 to business use B1 at Unit 3 Home Farm Close Wadenhoe PE8 5TE

#### Warmington

**18/02382/FUL (26/01/2019) (Info)** Conversion of garage with new hipped roof above at 10 Pierce Crescent Warmington PE8 6UG

#### Woodford

**18/02284/FUL (02/02/2019) (LB/CA)** Part demolition of public house, change of use of public house to residential, erection of a 1 bedroom flat with undercroft parking, cycle and bin storage. Erection of a pair of 3 bedroom dwelling houses on car park to rear with associated parking at 33 High Street Woodford

#### Yarwell

**18/02313/FUL (26/01/2019) (Info)** Change of use and conversion of an agricultural barn complex to form 1 no. 4 bedroom dwelling and associated access at Whitelands Farm Sulehay Road Yarwell

**18/02370/FUL (26/01/2019) (Info)** Construction of 13.7m diameter horse walker and ancillary work at 25 Mill Road Yarwell PE8 6PS

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 12 January 2019**

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

# New race partnership aims to inspire others to run for fun

Wilson Browne Solicitors are thrilled to be sponsors of the 2019

Northamptonshire 5K Race Series. Working in partnership with Northamptonshire Sport,

the Series now in its 8th year has become embedded in the county's annual running calendar. With hundreds of runners taking part last year, including club runners, jogging groups and even those who are completely new to running, the 5K Race Series offers something for everyone.

The 2018 Series are multi-terrain courses taking in some of Northamptonshire's beautiful parklands and woodlands. Participants can enter as an individual or as a team, with a Northants 5K Race Series medal for all finishers. Runners entering all the races up front will get a

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our own employees, many of whom are runners and joggers. This sponsorship allows us to help inspire others in our local community

to go out in 2019 and enjoy our wonderful local Northamptonshire parks and woodlands that we can often overlook.”

Booking information, confirmed dates and venues will be announced shortly by Northamptonshire Sport [www.northamptonshiresport.org](http://www.northamptonshiresport.org)





# Music, magic and modern masterpieces

The Spring Season of Oundle Cinema features and documentaries has been announced and looks to be another popular and fulfilling programme. Five documentaries are peppered with a wide diversity of styles and themes with a sense of values in the world around us today, whilst the mainstream screenings offer three musts for music lovers, controversial insights and light-hearted thrills and fun.

Running January through to June, the Oundle Cinema's Spring Season kicks off with the monthly dOCs+ screening and post-film Q&A: A Captured Woman is one of the boldest investigative stories of recent years. This documentary opens our eyes to possibly unobserved forms of contemporary domestic slavery.

The dOCs+ season continues with hard hitting messages concerning environment, political morality and the 'madness and money in art' and offers the opportunity after each screening to debate the values and merits of each.

The season welcomes Dr Ford from the Cambridge Centre for Applied Research in Human Trafficking; The Mayor of Corby, Judy Caine, to lead a discussion after Nae Pasaran, a film examining the role of workers in East Kilbride who refused to service engines

destined for the bombing of Salvador Allende's Palace in 1973; and guests from Transition Oundle join the team to discuss a very pressing theme, alongside A Plastic Ocean.

The more mainstream programme consists of another opportunity to see some of last year's blockbusters on the big screen, whether you missed them the first time around or enjoyed them so much you'd like to see them in all their glory again – there is something for everyone. Foot tapping music celebrations of both ABBA and Queen are on offer in Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again and Bohemian Rhapsody, with something a little different from Lady Gaga and Bradley Cooper in the hugely successful remake of A Star is Born.

More serious observations of life are tackled with fabulous performances by Emma Thompson in The Children Act and Rupert Everett as Oscar Wilde in The Happy Prince and light-hearted thrills, magic and superheros can be found in Mission Impossible: Fallout, JK Rowling's continued success with Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald, and family capers with The Incredibles.

Oundle Cinema is run by a not-for-profit charity and relies heavily on volunteers. Please consider supporting local enterprises such as this or we will see such services disappear from our locations and communities. You

can support by attending events that interest you, but also if you are able to offer time and skills as volunteers – it would be appreciated by many beyond just the organisers. For more information about volunteering and the roles available please contact [information@oundlefestival.org.uk](mailto:information@oundlefestival.org.uk) or call the Box Office number.



Tickets are £6.50/£3 for Oundle Cinema films and £8 for each dOCs+ screening. Film synopses, trailers and tickets are available at [www.oundlecinema.org.uk](http://www.oundlecinema.org.uk), on 01832 274734 or from the Oundle Box Office, 4 New Street, Oundle.

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# Higham Ferrers shop window competition

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The People's Choice Award, which encouraged customers to vote for their favourite window display, was awarded to Willow & Grey of Higham while the Mayor's Choice Award was received by Mark Bird Flooring. The Mayor of Higham Ferrers, Cllr Jason Smithers, presented the prizes to the winners at the Christmas Farmers' Market on Saturday 22nd December.



# Wildlife News

The shortest day (or longest night) of the winter is now well past, though you probably have not noticed yet, and it will be a couple of months before we can escape the weather of winter, the season which, for meteorologists, started in December. So we must remember the danger of frosty nights still to come. This is when we are continually reminded of the importance of "looking after our wildlife", when it is probably in the greatest need, and manufacturers are trying to convince us that their own mixture is best.

Most concern is for bird life, because some of our mammals have developed the idea of sleeping through the winter months in the process known as hibernation, though it is rather more than just sleep. Some hibernating creatures can wake up if the weather turns mild unexpectedly, but generally the animals go through a "switching-off" process much deeper than sleep, with an almost complete lack of need for food and water, and drastically reduce their rate of breathing so they look to be dead. Birds, on the other hand, have such a high rate of activity (including the high energy demand

of flying itself) that they cannot cut their nutrition needs enough (doesn't this sound like the information about human diets we hear about nowadays?).

But another wildlife essential, which often gets much less mention than all those nuts and cereals (plus anything else which happens to be around), is water. There is so much of it around, especially along the river and the lakes, that we often forget the difficulty which some creatures find in actually getting to a patch of unfrozen water; ducks, swans and geese can walk on the ice to reach ice-free spots, but smaller birds may find drinking problematic if they cannot reach down to strips of water round the edges. So in our gardens we can take the trouble on colder days to top up with warm water; some experimenters have found that, strangely, warm or hot water sometimes cools off quicker than cold water, so check during the day in case the fresh water has refrozen – which could lead to another winter death.

Roy Burrell

# Installation of disabled ramp

After Rushden Historical Transport Society took possession of the Goods Shed in 2017 one of the most apparent issues concerned access to the building by people with limited mobility. The proposed Community rooms at the top of the building were only accessible via a set of stone steps from the original buildings.

During spring 2018 an application was made to the Nenescape project for funding to install a ramp. The Nenescape project is Heritage Lottery funded and designed to celebrate, promote, protect and conserve the natural and built heritage of the landscape. One way this is done is through the provision of community grants.

A grant was provided by the fund to purchase the materials for a ramp, for use by wheelchair users and people with restricted mobility, into the Goods Shed building. Match funding was provided by

the RHTS using their own volunteer labour. An estimated £6,000 worth of labour was provided by this volunteer workforce.

The ramp was part of a number of improvements that have been implemented over the past year by volunteers. These projects include installation of a toilet block, fire doors, entrance doors, and the installation of a new wooden floor.

All these improvements allowed the Society to hold a new series of events during the autumn including a Food Festival, 1940s Weekend, Beer Festival, Steampunk Festival and a Christmas Craft Fair. The Society intends to hold a full range of activities in the shed in 2019 starting with a Radio Controlled Model weekend in March.

Please visit [www.rhts.co.uk](http://www.rhts.co.uk) for further details.

# Crematorium achieves prestigious industry award

The team at Nene Valley Crematorium have received an award from the industry's assessors for excellence, the Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management (ICCM).

Sofia Allana, President at ICCM, presented the gold award to Cllr Barry Graves at the crematorium on Tuesday 18th December.

This prestigious award, which is associated with The Charter for the Bereaved assessment process for burial and cremation, reflects the high standard of service provided at the crematorium. This award comes two years after the crematorium first opened its doors and just one year after the team achieved the Bronze accreditation.

The Charter supports the expansion and improvement of services and seeks to educate people about bereavement.

Chairman of Wellingborough Bereavement Services, Cllr Barry Graves, added: "This is a fantastic effort achieving this award in a short period of time and reflects the leadership of Tracy and the dedication of the team at Nene Valley Crematorium."

Vice-chairman of Wellingborough

Bereavement Services, Cllr Tim Maguire, said: "This award recognises and celebrates the high standards of customer care which the team delivers every day, while providing information and choice for our residents. I would like to congratulate them on their success."

Leader of the Borough Council of Wellingborough, Cllr Martin Griffiths, said: "Winning prominent industry awards such as this in a relatively short period of time shows what can be achieved when we all work together to deliver a successful project. This much-loved facility will be a benefit for our residents

for years to come."

Manager at the crematorium, Tracy Lawrence, said: "The team's hard work during the past year is a clear demonstration of not only the commitment they continually provide day to day, but also when working on the extras, like delivering on their promise of last year when achieving bronze standard: 'to improve services'. And they have – Bronze to Gold, a significant achievement. I feel very proud to be part of a dedicated team who believe in what they do to ensure their recipients' needs are accommodated for, with the upmost care."



For more information about Nene Valley Crematorium visit: [www.nenevalleycrematorium.co.uk](http://www.nenevalleycrematorium.co.uk)





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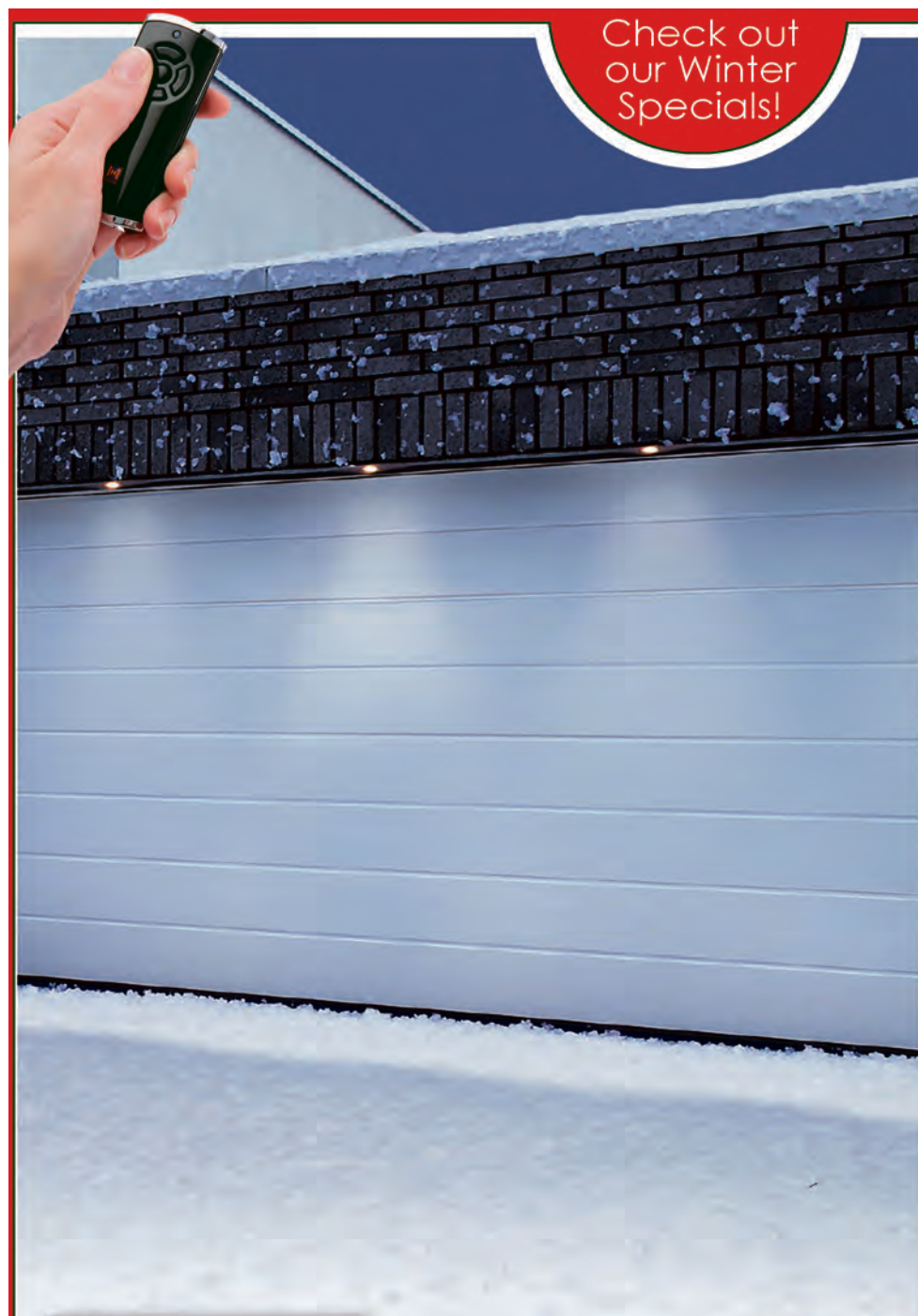
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**Wednesday 16th January****dOCs+ A Woman Captured (12A)**

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**Friday 18th January****Oundle Wildlife Trusts  
Group talk**

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**Sunday 20th January****Whitefriars Church –  
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**Tuesday 22nd January****Coffee Morning**

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Morning Worship with  
Holy Communion**

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