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# Happy Birthday to Stanwick Lakes



**Stanwick Lakes' iconic Visitor Centre building is 10 years old this April.**

**R**ockingham Forest Trust, the environmental charity which runs Stanwick

Lakes, officially opened the Visitor Centre with East Northamptonshire Council in the spring of 2009, so to

celebrate they are hosting 10 days of activities with an anniversary 'twist' this April.

On Tuesday 16th April step back in time with a fun educational heritage event. Families can learn more about our ancestors who settled in the Nene valley

hundreds of years ago by dressing up in Saxon costume, making a Viking sword and shield and weaving on a loom with the Settlers Heritage project.

Over the Easter weekend (19th-22nd April) visitors can buy an Easter Egg Trail from the Visitor Centre for £2, then find the clues hidden around the lake to win a small chocolatey prize and a special 10th anniversary badge. Many of Stanwick Lakes' regular groups will also be getting involved. The weekly Health Walkers and Stanwick Lakes Choir will also be celebrating with cakes and coffee while

children taking part in the Otters Holiday Club and Rainbow Café will celebrate by holding 10th birthday parties.

The award-winning building at Stanwick Lakes was designed to be a welcoming focal point for visitors to this popular countryside attraction and nature reserve, with glass walls giving beautiful views across the lakes and wetland habitats. As well as housing a shop and café, the visitor centre has meeting and function rooms, an education room and craft spaces, making it a hub for the local community.

To find out about Stanwick Lakes, including April events, visit [www.stanwicklakes.org.uk](http://www.stanwicklakes.org.uk), the Stanwick Lakes Facebook page or call the Visitor Centre on 01933 625522.



## In Brief

### Irthlingborough and Finedon Schools Colour Run

A fun run (or walk, skip, dance or jog), short, long or 5km, whilst being splatted with paint! Take part with all the family, young and old.

This event is being organised by Irthlingborough and Finedon Schools PTAs and all funds raised will be shared between Irthlingborough Nursery & Infant School PTA, Irthlingborough Junior School PTA, Huxlow Science College PTFA, and Friends of Finedon School.

£10 per person, or £5 with a commitment to raise a minimum £5 sponsorship. Sponsor forms and sponsor money will need to be returned by Friday 3rd May to take part. Register online at <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/iborofinedonschools> or find Colour Run - Irthlingborough & Finedon Schools on Facebook.

Individual sponsorship forms for pupils at the schools will be entered into a prize draw. There will also be a prize for most sponsorship at each school.



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## YourTown NN10 Community Run

The first YourTown NN10 5K Community Run was held at Rushden Historical Transport Museum on Sunday 24th March. The event was proudly supported by Rushden and Higham Ferrers Town Councils, YourTown, Running Buddies, East Northants Council, Freedom Leisure and Rushden Lakes.

The event was a sell out, with 100 people signed up to run the circular route which started and finished at Rushden Historical Transport Museum. The 5K Community Run certainly achieved its primary aim, which was to bring local people together in a positive and energising way and at the same time raise funds for two local causes, the Rushden Historical Transport Society Victorian Goods Shed and the Higham Ferrers Community Library Group.

Rushden and Higham Ferrers Town Councils would like to say a big thank you to the many volunteers who gave up their time and helped make the day a success. Thanks also go to the

following local businesses who supported the event by donating items for the runners:

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- Freedom Leisure

A total of £742 was raised for local causes.

Rushden and Higham Ferrers Town Councils, YourTown, Running Buddies, East Northants Council, Freedom Leisure and Rushden Lakes are looking to organise future events under the NN10 banner. Please look out for further details at [www.rushdentowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.rushdentowncouncil.gov.uk) and [www.highamferrers-tc.gov.uk](http://www.highamferrers-tc.gov.uk)

## Genealogy jottings

If your ancestors were in the Armed Forces, it may be that you will be able to obtain a copy of their service papers. Please be careful when searching online for these as I know that there can be some websites that will charge you for information that is freely available elsewhere. A good place to start is The National Archives. They have some superb research guides, which can be found here: <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/research-guides/>

Not only is there help in finding the service records but also Army Operations in various wars. I recently found the records for a chap who fought in the Crimean War. He was abroad for 18 months, which ended suddenly with his being wounded at the Battle of the Alma on 20th September 1854. This led me to reading about the battle, finding out about his uniform and really getting a better understanding of what his life had been like. His army records also gave me the details of where he had been born, which has led me on to discovering who his parents were – something that I would not have been able to find without this help. I have

**By Jan Pearson**  
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now managed to research back a further two generations as a result.

It may be that you have an ancestor who was killed in one of the conflicts. Have you checked out the Commonwealth War Graves Commission website? It may be found at: <https://www.cwgc.org/> If your ancestor is amongst those mentioned, you will be able to find out where their memorial is and also where they fought. Many of the records (where known) also name any parents, spouses or siblings who were left behind as well as the age of the casualty. The service number is also recorded, which can then help with further research. Something to bear in mind is that the CWGC website has records not just from Britain, but other Commonwealth countries as well. Very useful if your ancestor fought with the Australian Forces, for example.

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## Editor's notes

A couple of editions ago, we reported that Northamptonshire County Council (NCC) now seems to have its finances under control, and this is reflected in new figures showing a forecast underspend in 2018/2019.

The latest finance monitoring report shows a forecast year-end position of an underspend of £0.1m – an improvement on the £0.9m overspend reported last month. The current financial position is regarded as being such a move in the right direction that last week the Commissioners, who are currently overseeing the running of the authority, recommended that the Section 114 Notice be withdrawn from 1st April. The other side to this improvement is of course the cuts in services that the Council have had to make to achieve the savings.

Certainly though, it's not all sweetness and light at NCC! The long-standing Chair of the authority's Pension Committee, Councillor Graham Lawman, has been sacked after overseeing a vote over a £2m payment from the pension fund. Last week members of the Committee voted against a proposal to hold back £2m of the £6.73m employer pension contribution as a one-off reduction and instead to make it in the next financial year. Councillor Lawman, who has been a County Councillor for 10 years, said: "I'm extremely disappointed as I feel I had done an excellent job. The pension fund is performing extremely well."

Since the decision, Councillor Lawman, who has asked the Leader to reconsider his decision, said he's had several messages of support from Councillors of all parties.

Labour's Councillor Julie Brookfield, who was a member of the Committee until being removed last year, said: "I am deeply concerned by my County Council even considering raiding the pension fund. The Pension Committee took a decision not to accede to the NCC request for a £2m transfer because they have a fiduciary duty and need to have regard to the safety of the scheme."

It's difficult to understand the reasoning, if there was any, behind the tearing up of trees along the Greenway in Rushden reported elsewhere in this edition, especially when local people had put in so much effort in an attempt to improve the environment for everyone. This sort of vandalism obviously can't be compared with the increased level of knife crimes in some areas of the country; nonetheless, it ranks highly on the list of wanton, pointless and mindless actions which undermine our social fabric. We join the local Council in condemning it.

Speaking of local Councils, please note that the Thrapston offices and Customer Service Centres at Thrapston, Rushden and Oundle will close for the Easter weekend on Thursday 18th April and open again on Tuesday 23 April. More info can be found at [www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/news](http://www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/news)

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# Rupert Shortt: Does Religion Do More Harm Than Good?

Friday 26th April at 7.45pm, St Peter's Church, North Street, Oundle PE8 4AL

**History is littered with wars and atrocities apparently inspired by religion, and today there seems no end to reports of cruelty and violence carried out in the name of God. But is it belief in God that motivates these evils? Or do they spring from other motives?**

At the same time, history testifies to numerous benefits to humanity brought about by religious individuals and movements. But despite these positive outcomes might it be



true, as some atheists suggest, that religion in general does more harm than good? Is religion itself inherently toxic?

Or could it simply be that there is good religion and there is bad religion, and we just need to learn to tell the difference?

"Religious rhetoric – from several quarters – is one of the things that most threatens the peace and sanity of the world." If even a highly respected faith leader such as Rowan Williams can voice such a claim, the case against religion

would appear compelling.

So, are the major spiritual traditions greater sources of discord than harmony? Or are conflicts widely blamed on faith differences fundamentally social and political?

In his rich but highly succinct book, Rupert Shortt offers even-handed guidance on one of the most disputed questions of our time. Among much else he sheds light on the contrast between good and bad religion, and on why the distinction is of urgent relevance in an era increasingly described as post-secular.

Rupert Shortt is religion editor of The Times Literary Supplement. His books include Benedict XVI (2005), Christianophobia: A Faith under Attack (2012), Rowan's Rule: The Biography of the Archbishop (2014) and God Is No Thing: Coherent Christianity (2016).

Tickets £8 (£6), £1 off early bird tickets bought before 19th April, available from the Oundle Box Office, 4 New Street, Oundle. Open hours: 10am-4pm Mon to Fri: Tel 01832 274734, online at [www.oundlefestival.org.uk](http://www.oundlefestival.org.uk). Any queries email [oundlelitfestival@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:oundlelitfestival@hotmail.co.uk)

# Male voice choir sings for hope

On Saturday 16th March Northampton Male Voice Choir (NMVC) under its Musical Director, Stephen Bell, teamed up with Britain's Got Talent finalist, soprano Faryl Smith to perform at All Saints Church, Northampton before a large and highly appreciative audience, including the Mayor of Northampton, Cllr Tony Ansell and the mayors of several other Northamptonshire towns.

The concert was held in aid of the Northampton Hope Centre which helps the homeless, poor and vulnerable in our community. The Hope Centre is Councillor Ansell's nominated charity and he was delighted that the concert raised over £2,000 for such a deserving cause.

Faryl Smith, who is currently studying at The Guildhall School of Music, performed a spellbinding programme of songs and joined forces with NMVC in singing 'The Rose', 'You'll Never Walk Alone', and 'An American Trilogy'.

This was NMVC's first concert in what looks like being another very

busy year for the choir in which it will be continuing to expand its already extensive repertoire and further improve its very high standards. The programme showcased three newly learned songs 'Danny Boy', 'My Heart Will Go On' and 'Music of the Night'. Three more new songs are soon to be added, with more in the pipeline.

NMVC 'Lite', a smaller, mainly a capella chorus of NMVC choristers, performed 'Can You Feel the Love Tonight' from The Lion King and two barbershop songs, 'We Were Gathering up the Roses' and 'My Evaline'.

NMVC's next concert will be at The Holy Cross Church, Pattishall, Northants, on Saturday 27th April starting at 7.30pm.

For further details about Northampton Male Voice Choir and its full concert programme please check out the NMVC website on [www.nmvc.co.uk](http://www.nmvc.co.uk). Information about Faryl Smith may be found at <http://www.farylmusic.co.uk/index.html>

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# Spotlight on Education



## Laxton Junior School

Laxton Junior School is more than just a school: it is an engaging and inspiring experience that fosters the confidence and resilience children need to develop in the most fantastic ways across and beyond the curriculum.

Some of the children were asked what they considered to be so special and magical about the Laxton Junior School experience.

Sophie, in Reception, said: "I like to play outside on the grass best because I can play catch with my friends."

Jack, in Year 3, spoke of the "kind and helpful teachers. They listen to what we say and show us how to get better."

Henry, in Year 4, explained that "it's great how boys and girls can play every sport at LJS; boys can play rounders and girls can play cricket, I'm really looking forward to this exciting opportunity next term."



Whilst, for Gabriella, in Year 6, "having a suggestion box where we put our ideas for the School Council is something I really enjoy. I like that we have a voice and can help make our school a better place."

You are welcome to organise a meeting and a tour with the Head, Mr Sam Robertson. This can be organised through Mrs Lesley Taylor, the Registrar, by telephone (01832 277159) or email ([lat@laxtonjunior.org.uk](mailto:lat@laxtonjunior.org.uk)).

## St Peter's School

St Peter's School in Kettering was founded as an independent school in 1946, and has established a reputation as a warm, friendly and lively school with a strong family atmosphere.

Every child receives close individual care and attention on a safe and secure campus that offers lots of scope for exciting and

adventurous play, and sporting activity. The curriculum offers more than just the National Curriculum, with the development of reading and writing skills given high priority with a strong emphasis on mathematics, English, science and French.

Small classes ensure that teachers know every child's ability and learning style and the classroom atmosphere is bubbling and happy.

The result is that St Peter's School has an excellent academic record, with children leaving well prepared to go on to the schools of their parents' choice. Whether that choice falls in the independent or maintained state sector, our boys and girls leave us well equipped with the academic and social skills they need ready to meet the new challenges of secondary education.

St Peter's School warmly welcomes parents to make an appointment to visit and meet the Headmistress who will show you around the school.

## The War and Momi's Dream

A child, playing with his toy soldiers, hears about his father's heroic actions at the front. He finds himself dreaming of a war undertaken by his own toys, magically animated.

The first guest project at Fermynwoods Contemporary Art's The Arches space in Fineshade Wood is an exciting opportunity to experience a silent film come to life with a live chamber music performance by TrackSound.

The War and Momi's Dream is a silent movie thought to be the first Italian animated film, directed by Segundo De Chomon in 1917.

Tickets available at <https://tracksound-thewarandmomisdream-tickets.eventbrite.co.uk>, or on the door. £10. 20th April, 5pm-6.30pm. The Arches, Top Lodge, Fineshade Wood, Nr. Corby NN17 3BB. For more information contact Charlotte Pietschmann via [charlotte.proj@gmail.com](mailto:charlotte.proj@gmail.com). <https://www.facebook.com/tracksound.projects>

## Jamie Poole

Last year, Irthlingborough artist Jamie Poole was commissioned by the BBC's The One Show to make a painting of the poet WB



Yeats, to commemorate the anniversary of his death in 1939. Jamie made the painting over three months and used his poems to collage a portrait of the poet. The television presenter Adebunji Alade visited Irthlingborough with a camera crew last year to see the artwork in progress. You can see the final film at [www.jamie-poole.com](http://www.jamie-poole.com).

You can join one of Jamie's art classes starting on 23rd April at Denford, Raunds or Irthlingborough. Email: [Jamie@jamie-poole.com](mailto:Jamie@jamie-poole.com) for more information.

## Candidates with STEM Potential Wanted

Oundle School's Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Potential programme is looking for candidates. The programme is modelled on the scheme of the same name at Imperial College London and is conducted

in partnership with the College. It aims to widen access to university by enabling pupils with academic potential and interest in STEM careers to access courses in scientific disciplines. Pupils will be supported through their GCSE and A level studies with workshops, lectures and non-residential summer schools over the course of each year at Oundle School.

At KS4 pupils take masterclasses in science, technology, engineering and maths to enhance their range of skills and experience, and to inform their choices for A-level. KS5 pupils will take part in workshops related to the subjects that they are undertaking at A-level and support with their university applications including course guidance and writing personal statements at appropriate times in their school career. Pupils who successfully complete STEM Potential in Years 10 and 11, and meet the entry criteria, will be offered a place on the post-16 STEM Potential programme which follows the same format through Years 12 and 13.

Current Year 9 pupils may apply for a place on STEM Potential to begin as they start Year 10 in September 2019. Pupils may apply for a place on STEM Potential (Oundle) using the Imperial College website. All enquiries should be directed to [partnerships@oundleschool.org.uk](mailto:partnerships@oundleschool.org.uk). The Twitter feed is @OpenLPLearning

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## Tansor residents brave the elements to participate in #GBSpringClean

Residents of Tansor turned out on Sunday 17th March for the annual litter pick, which was part of Keep Britain Tidy's #GBSpringClean.

A staggering 64 bags of rubbish and recyclables were collected as well as eight tyres, seven hubcaps, a car seat, parts of a sofa, a couple of roadwork signs and a significant amount of building rubbish. A fantastic effort all round.

Around 40 volunteers of all ages were equipped with kit, split into groups and allocated stretches of the roads around the village and the footpath beside the A605. A sharp hail storm blew through just as everyone set off, but thankfully the sun came out shortly afterwards.

Wet wipes (which, contrary to popular belief, do not biodegrade) and fast food and 'on the go' food packaging continue to be the main sources of litter. Additionally regular litter pickers from the village estimate they have collected over 300 empty red wine bottles since the beginning of this year, thrown into roadside hedges.

Unusual items: a pair of tights, a stash of pornography found under a hedge, part of a truck's suspension and a stolen wallet which was returned to its Oundle based owner.

Lucy Garrett headed up a team from Tansor Trust to serve a well deserved cup of tea and chocolate biscuits to all returning litter pickers

in the village hall and Gill Tuck kindly took over from her.

Special thanks are given to Richard Insall for collecting bags using his motorised wheelchair and towing a trailer, to Jeremy and Anne Green from Tansor Wold who collected bags beside the road, to East Northamptonshire Council for providing the litter picking equipment, and to all who took part for their muscle power, sense of community and sense of humour, with a special mention to the many children who helped!

"Litter is an emotive subject – it is difficult to understand why people toss it so thoughtlessly and it is a shame we have to arrange litter picks to tidy up their mess," said Camilla Sherwin, one of the organisers of the Tansor Litter Pick. "Litter is a demonstration of a bigger issue – a lack of regard for the environment as well as recyclable materials and resources which mankind is using up much more quickly than they are being replaced."

Please remember that litter picking does not need to be limited to an annual village event. Leading by example will educate our children and hopefully encourage those who see litter pickers to think twice before throwing litter out of a car window. Whilst littering is a universal problem, as the Tansor Litter Pick proved, there is tremendous power in the small efforts of the masses.



## Your Health – Glass Ankles

Glass ankles is a term for ankles that are prone to twists and sprains. And I bet you know someone who has them. The person who is always going over on their ankles, complaining of strains and sprains. Yes, that's the one.

Like glass, these ankles are fragile, and easily broken if not handled with care. For example, people with glass ankles should not kick heavy objects – lawnmowers, for example – or run on uneven ground in unstable, poorly fitting shoes.

Weak ankles can cause people to lose balance, or roll sideways on the ankle. The problem is often aggravated by joint hypermobility. To see if your ankles are wobbly, balance on one leg in front of a mirror. Hold onto something if you need to. Watch how much your foot and ankle

wobble. Can you maintain balance easily? Then try balancing while moving the other leg forward and back, as if running. Can you still keep your balance? If you're prone to falling over please DON'T try this!

To help glass ankles, try to work on your balance whenever you can. Using a wobble board at home or in the gym can help ankle sprains. If you don't have a wobble board there are plenty of easy exercises you can do at home. If you're prone to falling over you need more individual advice. Speak to one of us at the clinic, or a personal trainer – we're all here to help. Have a lovely week! Claire

Claire Short is a Registered Osteopath and runs The Ashgrove Clinic in Higham Ferrers. Send questions to [claire@ashgrovehealth.co.uk](mailto:claire@ashgrovehealth.co.uk) or @ashgroveclinic

## Council condemns mindless vandalism of Greenway trees planted by volunteers

Vandals who have ripped up newly planted trees on a stretch of the Greenway in Rushden will not stop volunteers and council staff from improving the much-loved route.

Friends of the Greenway, a group made up of volunteers and staff from East Northamptonshire Council, had recently spent a day tidying the foot and cycle path and planting trees, shrubs and bulbs to encourage wildlife to the area. Just two weeks later, vandals have ripped up trees and dumped them on the verges. Volunteers have taken to social media to share their disgust at the vandalism and to offer help to repair and re-plant the vandalised area.

Cllr Sarah Peacock, Chairman of the Greenway Board, said: "We were all on such a high following a great day of over 50 volunteers working hard to improve the look and feel of the Greenway. Now, we're horrified and angry to see the damage that has been done. It's hard to understand why anyone takes satisfaction in ripping up trees and damaging bins. Fortunately, most people do care for their environment and we won't be beaten so we have re-planted the trees and will repair any other damage so that residents and visitors can continue to enjoy the Greenway."

Community Partnerships Officer and project lead, Lucy Hawes added: "Having quality green space to enjoy

makes a huge difference to everyone – it gives us a chance to enjoy nature and the great outdoors as well as the satisfaction of creating and caring for something good as a group. We know that the Greenway is valued by locals and visitors alike so we will not give up on protecting and improving this valuable asset."

Please report any concerns about vandalism or damage to the Greenway to East Northamptonshire Council on 01832 742000 or [customerservices@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk](mailto:customerservices@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk)

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# Notice of planning applications received

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

**Aldwincle**  
**19/00417/FUL (27/04/2019) (LB/CA)** Change of use of existing annexe to separate dwelling with repair/partial rebuild of existing garage, new rear extension and oil tank. Provision of access driveway and parking at 50 Main Street Aldwincle NN14 3EL

**Apethorpe**  
**19/00445/FUL (27/04/2019) (LB/CA)** New side door to front elevation at Willowbrook 13 Manor Farm Apethorpe PE8 5DP

**Benefield**  
**19/00367/FUL and 19/00368/LBC (27/04/2019)(LB/CA) (LBRegs)** Proposed verandah to rear at Willow Barn Middle Farm Main Street Upper Benefield PE8 5AN

**Brigstock**  
**19/00452/FUL (27/04/2019) (LB/CA)** Demolition of existing single storey rear extension and erection of two storey rear extension at 9 Grafton Road Brigstock NN14 3EY  
**19/00467/FUL (27/04/2019) (LB/CA)** Two storey and single storey extensions to rear of property at 13 Kennel Hill Brigstock NN14 3HB

**Duddington With Fineshade**  
**19/00344/FUL (27/04/2019) (LB/CA)** Two storey and single storey extensions to side and rear of existing dwelling at Rose Cottage High Street Duddington PE9 3QE

**Easton-on-the-Hill**  
**18/02424/FUL (27/04/2019) (LB/CA)** Replace kitchen/ dining room window with French doors at 2 Priory Court West Street Easton On The Hill PE9 3LS  
**19/00398/FUL and 19/00399/LBC (27/04/2019) (LBRegs) (LB/CA)** Single storey extension to rear of house and replace door on front of house at 4 High Street Easton On The Hill PE9 3LR

**Harringworth**  
**19/00409/FUL (20/04/2019) (Info)** Erection of replacement hangar at Spanhoe Airfield Laxton Road Harringworth

**Higham Ferrers**  
**19/00183/ADV (27/04/2019) (LB/CA)** Installation of 2no fascia signs on right side of building at 5 Wood Street

Higham Ferrers NN10 8DL  
**19/00359/FUL (20/04/2019) (Info)** Change existing conservatory polycarbonate roof for a lightweight tiled alternative at 39 Larkin Gardens Higham Ferrers NN10 8PE  
**19/00381/FUL (20/04/2019) (Info)** Construction of two storey extensions and alterations at 79 Kimbolton Road Higham Ferrers NN10 8HL  
**19/00386/VAR (20/04/2019) (Info)** Vary condition 2 of 17/02513/PDU (Change of use under class Q from an agricultural building to a 4 bedroom residential property) at OP6486 SP9669 Stanwick Road Higham Ferrers

**Irthlingborough**  
**19/00402/REM (27/04/2019) (Art8) (LB/CA)** Reserved matters: for the erection of 88 dwellings with associated garages and works pursuant to application 16/01431/OUT for the erection of up to 100 residential units dated 22.02.19 at Nene Business Park Diamond Way Irthlingborough

**Kings Cliffe**  
**19/00355/FUL (20/04/2019) (Info)** Alterations to the external style, location and form of dwelling, current extant approved outline approval and Reserved Matters at land South of Wood Yard Wood Lane Kings Cliffe  
**19/00391/FUL (20/04/2019) (Info)** Erection of two-storey extension and porch to the rear at 73 Oak Lane Kings Cliffe PE8 6YY  
**19/00392/FUL (27/04/2019) (LB/CA)** Erection of single storey rear extension at 49 Park Street Kings Cliffe

**Lutton**  
**19/00478/FUL (27/04/2019) (LB/CA)** Erection of detached dwelling (Re-submission of 18/02356/FUL) at The Old Post Office Main Street Lutton PE8 5ND

**Nassington**  
**19/00385/FUL (20/04/2019) (Info)** Demolish rear conservatory, external store and outbuilding. Reconstruct roof, front dormer windows and chimneys. Move front door. Extend rear of property with part two storey and part single storey extension at 51 Church Street Nassington PE8 6QG

**Oundle**  
**19/00371/FUL (20/04/2019) (Info)** Proposed detached dwelling to the side garden of existing dwelling house at 15 St Peters Road Oundle PE8 4PH  
**19/00372/FUL (27/04/2019) (LB/CA)** Proposed detached work/study area to rear garden at 27 Benefield Road Oundle PE8 4EU

**19/00389/FUL and 19/00390/LBC (27/04/2019) (LB/CA) (LBRegs)** Removal of existing masonry planters to the front of the Cobthorne building and the construction of new planting beds, dwarf walls, piers and railings. Reinstate paving to existing crossovers. Close existing crossovers and form new central crossover to forecourt at Cobthorne 16 West Street Oundle PE8 4EF  
**19/00419/FUL (20/04/2019) (Info)** First floor front, side and rear extension at 3 St Peters Road Oundle PE8 4PH  
**19/00479/FUL (27/04/2019) (LB/CA)** Erection of new store building at 14A Market Place Oundle PE8 4BQ

**Raunds**  
**19/00400/FUL (20/04/2019) (Info)** Proposed first floor rear extension at Grombold Lodge 1A Chelveston Road Raunds NN9 6DA  
**19/00421/FUL (20/04/2019) (Info)** Installation of pitched roof dormer window in position of former 'Hayloft' doors (Retrospective) at The Carriage House 13 Chelveston Road Raunds NN9 6DA

**Rushden**  
**19/00273/FUL (27/04/2019) (LB/CA)** Demolition, external alterations, extension and change of use to existing outbuildings to form new dwelling at 12A Church Street Rushden NN10 9YT  
**19/00353/FUL (20/04/2019) (Info)** Single storey rear extension and garage conversion at 12 Larkin Gardens Rushden NN10 8PE  
**19/00380/FUL (20/04/2019) (Info)** The proposal includes creating a linking extension between the existing nursing home and the existing dwelling, which the scheme proposes to change use from a dwelling to a nursing home. At 173 - 175 Avenue Road Rushden NN10 0SN  
**19/00430/FUL (27/04/2019) (LB/CA)** Single storey rear extension (resubmission of 18/01364/FUL) at 33 High Street Rushden NN10 0QE  
**19/00486/FUL () (Info)** Two-storey side and rear extension at 37 St Marys Avenue Rushden NN10 9EP  
**19/00502/FUL (20/04/2019) (Info)** First floor side extension over Garage at 3 Bluebell Rise Rushden NN10 0TU

**Stanwick**  
**18/02020/FUL (27/04/2019) (LB/CA)** Single storey first floor side extension at 8 Raunds Road Stanwick NN9 6PP

**Tansor**  
**19/00428/FUL (27/04/2019) (Art8)** Front and rear extensions to dwelling and garden building at Briar House Main Street Tansor PE8 5HS

**Thrapston**  
**19/00382/FUL (20/04/2019) (Info)** Two-storey side extension at 4 Ablett Close Thrapston NN14 4QJ  
**19/00383/FUL (27/04/2019) (LB/CA)** Change of use from current class A4 to B8 Storage and Distribution at 32 Huntingdon Road Thrapston NN14 4NQ

**Wakerley**  
**19/00393/FUL and 19/00394/LBC (27/04/2019) (LB/CA) (LBRegs)** Proposed extension to existing dwelling and alterations to part of the ground floor of the existing dwelling in order to create a new dwelling consisting of 4no bedrooms with an integral garage (1no bedroom located above the garage and 3no within the existing dwelling at ground floor level) the existing remaining dwelling being served by 4no bedroom at first and 2nd floor level at Manor Farm Barn Main Street Wakerley LE15 8PA  
**19/00404/LBC (27/04/2019) (LBRegs)** Excavation of contaminated soils and underpinning of courtyard wall at The Old Rectory Main Street Wakerley LE15 8PA

**Woodford**  
**19/00420/FUL (27/04/2019) (LB/CA)** Replacement windows and rear door at 13 Church Street Woodford

**Outside the District**  
**19/00336/FUL (27/04/2019) (Art8)** Application for cut and fill earthworks within Zone 2 and 3 (south) of Priors Hall Park, including the excavation, reengineering, compaction, surcharging and re-profiling of existing quarry backfill material, to provide development platforms and facilitate future development and the removal/treatment of any contamination encountered during the works, construction of a temporary works compound, haul routes and boundary treatments to secure the site perimeter at Priors Hall development site Stamford Road Weldon

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**Paul Bland, Head Of Planning Services**  
**Dated 6 April 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.

# News from the Chairman

What a great fortnight it has been raising funds for charity and enjoying local musical talent.

Firstly, a big thank you to all of the staff at Thrapston Tandoori for helping me host a charity curry evening for my two chosen charities, Northamptonshire Search and Rescue (NSAR) and Pancreatic Cancer UK. The food was great and the company was delightful with civic dignitaries from across the county, HM Lord Lieutenant and his wife and representatives of NSAR who told us all about the charity and the work they do. Thank you to everyone who supported the event and helped to raise funds

for both charities. David and I were delighted to support the mayor of Brackley, Councillor Mark Morrell at his Civic Service. We were also fortunate to attend the Wind Band Spectacular, part of the Spring Festival of Music by the Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust (NMPAT) at the Derngate in Northampton. What a spectacular evening it turned out to be! We loved the County Junior Wind Orchestra, the County Training Wind Orchestra and the County

Youth Concert Band, a truly talented and dedicated group of young people from across Northamptonshire. Another great musical evening followed this one with a charity concert hosted by the Chairman of South Cambridgeshire District Council, Councillor de Lacey. 'An Evening with Handel' was wonderful as we listened to a selection from Water Music and Messiah, all in aid of The Trussell Trust and Carers Trust.

ENC Chairman,  
Cllr Wendy Brackenbury



L to R, Manik Hussain of Thrapston Tandoori Restaurant, Chris Otterwell from Northamptonshire Search and Rescue (NSAR), Cllr David Brackenbury, ENC Chairman, Cllr Wendy Brackenbury and Gareth Williams of NSAR

# A pathway to heaven

A celebratory coffee morning was held at Ringstead Baptist Church this weekend in recognition of the splendid new footpath that has been installed to improve safety and accessibility, in and around the same community amenity.

Courtesy of a £15,000 grant from local construction firm Mick George Ltd, the existing walkway which runs the full length between High Street and Black Lane, has been replaced with a durable, resin-bound gravel sidewalk.

The pathway in question is extensively used as the gradient is considered less steep than the parallel road (Cherry Street).

In addition to the aforementioned improvements, a new set of double doors have been added at the Church entrance, as well as the creation of a striking Indian Sandstone slabbed area, further enhancing the location's appearance for all visitors and passersby.

Angela Davis, Administrator at Ringstead Baptist Church said: "The grant has enabled us to

transform the footpath, making it safe and accessible for all members of our community. Our limited resources would only have allowed us to carry out the bare minimum of repairs. However, the funding provided by Mick George Ltd has allowed us to improve the whole appearance and practicality of the surface, making it adequate for buggies and mobility scooters, as well as walking pedestrians."

The project arose after safety concerns were raised as to the suitability of the previous combination of roughly layed tarmac and concrete which was increasing the likelihood of accidents.

Stuart Costello, Marketing Director of Mick George Ltd commented: "Ringstead is an area that we have operated from for many years and the support that we have received from the local community during that time, has been incredible. That is something we very much appreciate."



# North Northants selected for prestigious programme

North Northamptonshire has been named one of five areas in the country to be selected for a programme to implement the vision for the area that will support high quality places to live.

The Joint Planning Unit, which supports Corby, East Northamptonshire, Kettering, Wellingborough and Northamptonshire County councils submitted the bid for the area.

The Future Place programme, which is delivered by the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA), Chartered Institute of Housing (CIH), Local Government Association (LGA) and the Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI), promotes best practice and innovative delivery at local level.

Bradford, Great Exeter, Great Yarmouth, Gateshead and North Northamptonshire have

been selected based on their visions to deliver meaningful change that will improve community wellbeing and create sustainable environments.

Cllr David Jenney, Chairman of the North Northamptonshire Joint Planning Committee, is delighted that North Northamptonshire is one of just five places, chosen from over 40 bids, to take part in the Future Place initiative: "It's excellent that North Northamptonshire has been recognised as somewhere that is working hard to raise the quality of new development and to improve existing places through good design."

"We have adopted strong design policies in the Core Strategy and our Joint Planning and Delivery

Unit provides exceptional design expertise to support the partner local planning authorities in considering development proposals.

"We have been extremely successful in attracting support from the Government and organisations such as the Commission for Architecture and the Architecture Centre for the East Midlands.

"The Future Place initiative will allow us to build on this success, with training and expert advice from the professional bodies involved, and the opportunity to learn from good practice elsewhere. Most importantly, it will help us to continue to promote North Northamptonshire as a superb place to live, work and invest in."

For more information about the Future Place programme, visit: <https://www.architecture.com/knowledge-and-resources/knowledge-landing-page/future-place-north-northamptonshire>

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<b>Sun 5</b>	Melton Mowbray Cheese Festival
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<b>Sat 18</b>	Cardiff or Cardiff Castle
<b>Sat 18</b>	Mad About Wool
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<b>Fri 24</b>	Savill Garden
<b>Sat 25</b>	Great Yarmouth
<b>Sun 26</b>	Camden Markets
<b>Sun 26</b>	Gloucester Tall Ships
<b>Mon 27</b>	Bakewell Bank Holiday Market
<b>Wed 29</b>	Family Seaside Mystery

## JUNE

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# School inspires future generation

The Ferrers School, Higham Ferrers recently held a careers fair which was attended by over 30 exhibitors including employers, training and apprenticeship providers, colleges and universities.

The event aimed to inspire, inform and help students gain an insight into potential careers that may be available to them when they leave education. Students from the school had the opportunity to look around the fair, speak to professionals and ask any questions they had.

Head Teacher at The Ferrers School, Angela Smith, said: "It is important to us that

our students are not only thriving in school, but that they have the tools to succeed in later life. The careers fair was a good opportunity for our students to think about what they would like to do and begin thinking about how to work towards their goals. It was great to see them talking so enthusiastically about their futures.

"I would like to say a huge thank you to all the organisations that came along and engaged with our students. A special thanks also to Kate Allen from The Mallows and Mrs Kenton for organising the whole event."

## Irthlingborough centre offers good food and company

The College Street Centre in Irthlingborough is offering the town's residents the opportunity to come along to its pleasant surroundings and enjoy a good meal.

Run by volunteers, the purpose-built centre provides meals for the elderly, disabled and their carers on Monday, Tuesday and Friday lunchtimes. The meals are made fresh on the day and are reasonably priced. The centre also offers a pick-up/drop-off service on Mondays as it opens at 9.30am until 2pm, so visitors can enjoy a full day of socialising.

Visitors can arrive from 10.30am on

Tuesdays and Fridays, where coffee and biscuits will be available to start the day.

Janice Childs from The College Street Centre said: "The centre has become a vital meeting point for the elderly and disabled in the town and we're keen to invite more people to join us. We are also in need of volunteers to help at the centre or to be a driver to collect members."

Anyone wishing to visit the lunch club, or just drop in for a coffee and chat can ring Janice on 01933 681373 or call the centre direct on 01933 651241.

## Wildlife News

We guessed right: the unusual, even record-breaking, weather as winter drew to a close held a sting in its tail, with overnight frosts as normal for this time of year. This can pose extra problems for gardeners, as pests may get a head start on breeding before enough hunters – of all sizes and species – come out from wherever they have spent the winter months. And the small (but growing) number of those pest-hunters will not keep up with the pests until the spring migration rush of birds reaches our shores – even if they only pass through they will hunt for food before journeying on.

Those staying in our countryside will be faced with a problem which is important in our own society – somewhere to live. Humans face shortages of suitable houses because the population has grown so rapidly and demand outstrips supply. For our wildlife friends the trouble is often due to human interference including destruction of suitable habitat, land used for housing development, suitable food plants removed, agricultural additives attacking pests and increasing crops, or

other changes.

After the problems of getting here the birds (or is it a job for just one of them?) must find a suitable 'plot' and face the difficulty of all builders – supply and delivery of materials. A very wide range is needed to meet the demands of the bird population: smaller species will need good insulation, because little bodies do not have much warmth to spare either for stopping the eggs from developing or, later, keeping the tiny young ones alive; nests will probably contain feathers (hundreds or even thousands, quite a task for the parents-to-be) or even moss.

Large birds can meet heating demands but the greater nest weight requires more strength, using sturdier twigs than leaves used by smaller birds. A pair of turtle doves were working on the front lawn a few days ago because a nearby silver birch in recent strong winds left numerous fine twigs on the ground. And just like some humans, if the twig's length did not fit there was only one way to correct the problem – throw it away and find a better one!

By Roy Burrell

## Wellingborough's Tresham College campus to receive a new lease of life

Planning permission has been granted for Tresham College's Wellingborough campus to be regenerated to provide modern post-16 educational facilities in the town centre.

The college will provide first-class facilities for up to 1,000 additional students by 2021, and create employment opportunities for residents across the borough.

The Borough Council of Wellingborough, which is the local planning authority, granted planning permission on Wednesday 6th March to redevelop the external façades of the main tower of the existing campus.

100 car parking spaces will be provided where part of the building has been previously demolished and a new vehicle access point will be created off Queen Street, as well pedestrian access from Church Street.

The council is working with key partners to redevelop areas of the town as part of the town centre's regeneration, and work started earlier this month to renovate the external appearance of the historic Hind Hotel.

Leader of the Borough Council of Wellingborough, Cllr Martin Griffiths, said: "This is one of the most significant developments to take place in Wellingborough. Councillors and staff at the council are working closely with colleagues at Tresham College, and SEMLEP, who have provided funding of £7.5 million through the Local Growth Fund, to deliver this ambitious project and I would like to thank everyone involved.

"I look forward to seeing this key site take shape, and the brand new facility being fully open in September 2020. Providing

opportunities for young people and promoting growth across the borough are both major priorities for the council. This development helps both priorities by opening doors to young people and providing the local economy with the skills required."

Principal and CEO of The Bedford College Group which incorporates Tresham College, Ian Pryce CBE added: "We are delighted to have been given the go-ahead for the next step of our redevelopment plans for the Church Street campus to ensure that we are able to offer high quality skills training that is wanted by the local community, both school leavers and adults wishing to train for new careers and promotions. The Borough Council of Wellingborough has been very supportive for our plans together with SEMLEP who have granted the majority of funding to allow this project to go ahead and I am looking forward to seeing students and staff based at the campus from September 2020."

Judith Barker, Director for Programmes and Governance, SEMLEP added: "As one of SEMLEP area's key growth areas, supporting Wellingborough to develop their local skilled workforce is a crucial part of promoting the type of growth our communities and businesses want to see. To achieve this, students need good quality learning environments. We're delighted that The Bedford College Group has got the go-ahead to commence works on their Tresham Campus."

For more information regarding the planning application visit: [www.wellingborough.gov.uk/viewplanningapplications](http://www.wellingborough.gov.uk/viewplanningapplications)

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**Saturday 6th April –  
Monday 22nd April****Easter Egg Trail**

Nene Wetlands Visitor Centre (on the boardwalk at Rushden Lakes) 10am-4pm, £2 per trail 01933 779587, [nenewetlands@wildlifebcn.org](mailto:nenewetlands@wildlifebcn.org), [wildlifebcn.org](http://wildlifebcn.org). Look for birds' eggs around the lake, find them all and collect your prize!

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Nene Wetlands Visitor Centre (on the Boardwalk at Rushden Lakes) 10.30am-3pm Drop-in, £3-6 per activity, 01933 779587, [nenewetlands@wildlifebcn.org](mailto:nenewetlands@wildlifebcn.org). Join us for a variety of Easter crafts throughout the school holidays. Visit [wildlifebcn.org/nene-wetlands](http://wildlifebcn.org/nene-wetlands) for more details.

**Monday 8th April****Oundle U3A Monthly Meeting**

Queen Victoria Hall, West Street, Oundle  
Doors open 2pm, members £1, non-members £2, 01832 275933. Sue Jakeman talks about the Life Cycle of Bees and Beekeeping.

**Tuesday 9th April****Coffee Morning**

Thrapston Baptist Church 10am-12noon. Friendly time for all to meet, chat and share tea, coffee and cake.

**Wednesday 10th April****Irthlingborough Christian Aid Lent Lunch**

The David Room, The Wesley Centre, Irthlingborough Methodist Church, College Street, Irthlingborough NN9 5TU 12noon-1.30pm, minimum donation £2.50. Soup with a roll and cheese and a choice of coffee or tea. Everyone welcome.

**Bird Box Building**

Nene Wetlands Visitor Centre (on the Boardwalk at Rushden Lakes) Hourly 10am-3pm (booking advised), £10 per box, 01933 779587, [nenewetlands@wildlifebcn.org](mailto:nenewetlands@wildlifebcn.org). Encourage birds to nest in your garden next year by building your own bird box.

**Thursday 11th April****Talk: 'Northampton before the Castle' by Andy Chapman**

Sports Pavilion, Vine Hill Drive, Higham Ferrers NN10 8EF 7.30pm, HiFARS members £3, visitors £4. Olwen Mayes 07904 014750. A talk on the excavation of a Middle Saxon timber hall in Northampton.

**Tiddlers Group for 0 to 3 Year Olds**

Thrapston Baptist Church  
NO Tiddlers this week – Easter break.

**Thursday 11th April and****Thursday 18th April****Pond Dipping and Bug Hunting**

Nene Wetlands Visitor Centre (on the Boardwalk at Rushden Lakes) 10.30am-12noon, £5 per child – Booking essential, 01933 779587, [nenewetlands@wildlifebcn.org](mailto:nenewetlands@wildlifebcn.org). Look for bugs and water creatures and learn more about the wildlife of the Nene Wetlands.

**Friday 12th April****Fusion for 7 to 11 Year Olds**

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NO Fusion this week – Easter break.

**Oundle Historical Society –  
'Memories in Stone: Grafitti at Lyveden' (Talk by Susan Lees)**

Methodist Church, Drummingwell Lane, Oundle  
7.30pm, members free, non-members £2, Perdita Cawthorne 01832 270372.

**Easter Krafty Kids**

Rushden Mission Church, Wellingborough Road 2pm-4pm, free, Gill 01933 413112. Family fun and crafts with refreshments. Everyone welcome.

**Saturday 13th April****Spring Bulbs & Flowers  
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Irthlingborough 10am-5pm, programmes £4 (accompanied children free) from 1st April. From Salvation Army Shop, Irthlingborough also St Peter's Church and gardens on the day. Margaret 01933 651360, Alan 01933 650369. Refreshments and items for sale available from the Church and some gardens. All in support of Christian Aid.

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**Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th April****Cowslip and Fritillary Weekend**

St Peter's Church, Newton Bromswold 2pm-4pm, Helen Lines 01933 315864

**Sunday 14th April****Whitefriars Church Silver Service**

The Bridge Community Office at Whitefriars Primary School, Boughton Drive, Rushden NN10 9HX 10.30am. Melvyn Hunter 01933 222910. A traditional church service open to anyone of any age.

**Whitefriars Café Church**

Whitefriars Primary School, Boughton Drive, Rushden NN10 9HX 10.15am, free admission. Rosie Benn 07856 764771. A chance to have breakfast, chat and find out what church is all about.

**Whitefriars Church,****Rushden Countryside Walk –  
'Hiking near Harrold'**

Meet where White Lane (a wide track) leads the road from Hinwick to Harrold, about a mile outside Harrold. 10.30am. Andrew Presland 01933 316927. A 3-to-4 mile walk near Harrold and in countryside near Odell Great Wood – all welcome.

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**Palm Sunday Morning Service**

Thrapston Baptist Church 10.30am  
Preacher: Mat Hussain  
The King is here: Mark 11:1-11.

**Tuesday 16th April****Coffee Morning**

Thrapston Baptist Church 10am-12noon. Friendly time for all to meet, chat, and share tea, coffee and cake.

**'Dress Up Like a Settler'**

Stanwick Lakes 10.30am-3.30pm. Free event but standard car parking charges apply. Neolithic to Medieval costumes, have your picture taken with Willow or Stan, our Settlers characters.

**Wednesday 17th April****Family Bird Song Walk**

Nene Wetlands Visitor Centre (on the Boardwalk at Rushden Lakes) 10.30am-12noon, £5 per adult, £3 per child – booking essential. 01933 779587, [nenewetlands@wildlifebcn.org](mailto:nenewetlands@wildlifebcn.org). Learn how to identify different birds and their songs. Binoculars available to borrow.

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**Friday 19th April****Rushden & Higham Churches' Open Air Good Friday March and Service**

Starts at Salvation Army, Church Street at 10.30am, followed by service in the High Street from 11am. Andrew Presland 01933 316927. Open to people from any church or none: all are welcome.

**Good Friday Service**

Thrapston Baptist Church 11am  
Preacher: Stuart Rankin.

**Sunday 21st April****Easter Sunday Morning Service**

Thrapston Baptist Church 10.30am  
Preacher: Mat Hussain  
The giver of life: Mark 16:1-8.

**Whitefriars Church, Rushden –  
Easter Sunday Service with Holy Communion**

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

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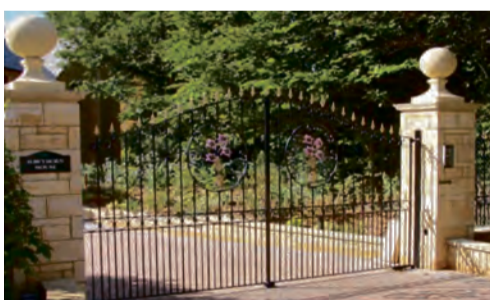
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Katriona Gilmore (fiddle, mandolin) and Jamie Roberts (guitar) have been nominated three times at the BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards.

Blair Dunlop is a well-known British singer, songwriter and guitarist who has toured widely around the globe. Many of you will have seen him at Raunds with the Albion Band. The Guardian stated that Blair Dunlop is 'an increasingly adventurous songwriter'. Blair will perform with his band.

Saturday, Saxon Hall 8-11pm (doors open 7.30pm), £18 Adults, £2 Young Persons.

On Saturday afternoon the Festival welcomes the Frank Burfitt Band, who will be coming all the way from New Zealand to perform in Raunds. Frank is a storyteller, songwriter, singer and guitarist, inspired by artists such as Van Morrison, James Taylor

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Saturday, Saxon Hall 3.30-5.30pm (doors open 3pm), £10 Adults, £2 YP.

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They will be supported by Dovetail Trio. This trio combines the distinctive voices and acclaimed instrumental talents of BBC Radio 2 Folk Award nominee Jamie Roberts, (second performance at this year's festival) BBC Performing Arts Award winner Rosie Hood, and Newcastle Folk Degree alumnus Matt Quinn.

Sunday, Saxon Hall, 8-11 pm (doors open 7.30pm), £18 Adults, £2 YP.

On Sunday afternoon there is a great chance to see up-and-coming duo Will Finn and Rosie Calvert from the heart of Newcastle. They play traditional music with a contemporary flair. Saxon Hall 3-5pm

(doors open 2.30pm) £8 Adults, £2 YP.

The Festival will open on Thursday 2nd May at 8pm with a Song 'n' Tune Session. Whether you sing, play an instrument or compose, this is your chance to perform (or listen) in a welcoming atmosphere. All welcome at The World Upside Down, free admission.

There will also be another Lunchtime Song 'n' Tune Session at the same venue on Sunday, 12noon-3pm.

On Saturday morning there will be the return of Dancing on the Square, 10am-12noon.

New for this year there are singalong sessions for adults and children.

Big Sing – come and join in, song sheets provided. Sunday 6.30–7.15pm Saxon Hall, Free.

Little Sing – aimed at 4-11 year olds. Sunday 10.30–11.30am Saxon Hall, Free.

On Friday 3rd May there will be a Festival Ceilidh with Ock 'n' Roks. The combined talents of Tautas Roks and Ock 'n' Dough blend to provide the exciting high energy sound that is guaranteed to get you onto the dance floor. A wonderful evening for all ages is promised. Saxon Hall, Friday 8pm (doors 7.30pm), £10 Adults, £2 YP.

As usual there will also be a strong focus on local talent. This year the Festival will feature a concert at the Raunds Methodist



Chapel, with inspirational music presented by the Raunds Community Choir. Saturday, 2.30pm (doors 2pm), £5 Adults, £1 YP.

The Saturday lunchtime concert features three local groups: The Raunds Ukulele Orchestra, the choir 'A Different Direction' and the Wellingborough Music School Folk Band. Saxon Hall, 12.30pm-2.45pm (doors 12.15), £5 Adults, £1 YP.

The Festival is staged in a very comfortable hall, with good seats and the opportunity to choose from many real ales and cider, soft drinks, hot drinks and food to keep you going. Tickets are available from Raunds Hardware & Pet Supplies, Brook St Newsagents, call the Festival Hotline 07756 015615 or go to the NEW website: <https://www.raundsfestival.com> (previous links should be redirected), where you can see a full list of acts (for afternoon sessions) and more details.

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