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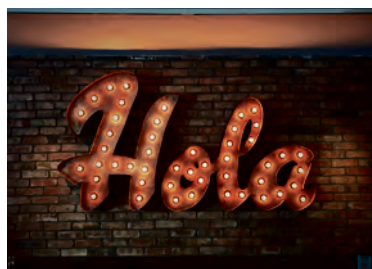
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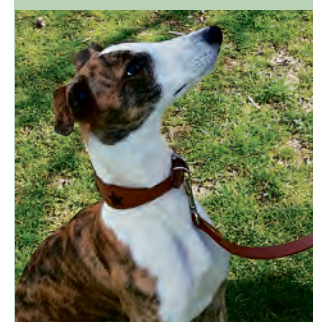
### In Brief

#### Pet service

**O**n a cold but sunny Thursday morning in April, Irthlingborough Methodist Church held a pet blessing service at the local recreational ground. The aim was to celebrate National Pet Day and the event was open to all creatures great or small.

In order to be part of the service, owners brought along their pets, in this case mainly dogs, or a photograph of their pet – lots of cats and one parrot. The short service was conducted by Reverend Kim Shorley and ended with a blessing for all the animals. A certificate of blessing was also given at the end.

The event was a success, with very well-behaved owners, and the organisers are already planning how they can make it bigger and better next year.



## Celebrating 10 years of the Stanwick Lakes Visitor Centre

**Hundreds of visitors to Stanwick Lakes have enjoyed a 10-day celebration to mark the 10th birthday of the iconic visitor centre.**

**R**ockingham Forest Trust (RFT), the environmental charity that manages Stanwick Lakes, officially opened

the Visitor Centre with East Northamptonshire Council (ENC) back in the spring of 2009.

Throughout April, visitors

of all ages took part in clubs and events with an anniversary twist including a Saxons and Vikings heritage day, Easter egg trails, health

walks, a choir session and 10th birthday parties at the Otters Holiday Club and in the Rainbow Café.

The 10-day celebration finished with an evening of memories, music and fabulous views of the lakes for invited guests, including RFT staff and ENC councillors and officers.

"It's hard to believe that 10 years have gone by already," said Trust Director, Alyson Allfree, "and in that time the visitor building has become a home for so many different activities all year round."

Julia Smith, Head of Customer and Community Services at East Northamptonshire Council, added: "The Visitor Centre is an iconic building in East Northamptonshire and

is the main focus of the Stanwick Lakes experience. It is our pleasure to be part of its 10th anniversary celebrations and I'm sure it will continue to play host to many more exciting years of activities and developments at the lakes."

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 events, visit [www.stanwicklakes.org.uk](http://www.stanwicklakes.org.uk), the Stanwick Lakes facebook page or call the Visitor Centre on 01933 625522.



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## European elections – what you need to know to vote in East Northamptonshire

European Parliamentary elections are scheduled to take place on Thursday 23rd May following agreement by the European Union and UK to extend the Brexit deadline to 31st October 2019.

Residents are reminded that there were no local council elections for East Northamptonshire Council on 2nd May. The Government has postponed Northamptonshire's local elections by one year following the proposals to restructure councils in the county. Any polling cards you receive in the coming weeks will be for the European election only.

The deadline for registering to vote in time for the European parliamentary election is midnight on Tuesday 7th May. Those registering to vote for the first time can do so online at [www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote)

If you've recently moved house or if you're

not sure if you're registered, please contact the Council's Electoral Services team on 01832 742119 or via email at [elections@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk](mailto:elections@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk)

All postal vote applications need to be completed and sent to East Northamptonshire Council's Electoral Registration Officer by 5pm on Wednesday 8th May.

Applications to vote by proxy – when someone votes on your behalf – must be received by East Northamptonshire Council's Electoral Registration Officer by 5pm on Wednesday 15th May. If an elector falls ill or is called away on business after that date, they may be able to apply for an emergency proxy up to 5pm on Thursday 23rd May.

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## Genealogy jottings

Over the weeks, I have made great mention of websites for searching for information about your ancestors, but not everything is available at the click of a mouse button. Just because something is not online, does not mean that it does not exist.

Although my great grandparents had been baptised in the Parish Church as babies, apart from the baptism of their eldest child, I could find no reference to their other 10 children! It was not until I visited the local museum that I discovered that they had become Baptists and had been baptised again as such as adults. This meant that 10 of their 11 children were also baptised as Baptists – but not until they were aged 10 and over. The Baptist records were not – and are still not – available on the internet. I had to do the legwork and visit the museum where the curator had the original records. Whilst I appreciate that this is not always possible owing to location, distance, availability etc, if you can, it is well worth the trip. Failing that, if you join a forum or family history society, there could well be someone locally who

By Jan Pearson

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would be able to check the records.

However, it is always possible that records may have been lost or destroyed. There might be gaps in parish registers but explanations could be in the margins; there might have not been an incumbent and so services took place at a different church. If you are at a records office when you discover that there are records missing, it is always worth asking the Archivist if the details are held elsewhere. Whilst a parish record may have been lost or destroyed, there could still be a Bishop's Transcript available. From 1598, church ministers were required to make copies of entries made in their parish registers and send them off to the Bishop each month. Sometimes these survive where the parish records do not and the practice continued until the middle of the 19th century. Very handy!

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## Editor's notes

We recently reported on two pubs in our area which had closed. We're pleased to be able to let you know that the Chequered Skipper in Ashton and the Lilacs Inn, Isham, are opening again under new management. The Skipper has been taken on by locals April McCully and Paul Andreff who aim, at least as a first step, to restore the pub to its former self. They will be open 7 days a week from Saturday 4th May and will be serving a selection of beers and wines as well as "home cooked" food. Perhaps this place's greatest asset is its location, on the Green at Ashton.

Meanwhile, the Lilacs in Church Street, Isham reopened last week after a huge community effort to renovate the last remaining pub in the village. The Friends of The Lilacs Inn, led by John and Heather Davis and Michele Mott, gained investments from locals in excess of more than £400,000 to buy the Inn and recover it from almost a year of neglect. More than 70 volunteers gave their time and effort to restore the pub with local tradesmen providing services at huge discounts. During the work, murals dating from the 1960s were uncovered which caricature locals of the day and these have been preserved. The Lilacs will be now be run by Peter Cruickshank and Katie Avery, who between them have 40 years of experience in the business.

There's potentially more good news for community groups across the District as they

have been invited to apply for funding to help deliver local projects. East Northamptonshire Council's (ENC) Community Facilities Fund has opened for the seventh year!

The initiative was introduced by ENC in 2013 to support the development of public facilities throughout the District and is funded by the money it receives from central government through the 'New Homes Bonus'. The Council is committed to supporting as many community projects as possible and this round will be managed slightly differently with community groups able to apply for up to £10,000 with no requirement for match funding.

Constituted community groups, including voluntary organisations and charities, as well as town and parish councils, can submit one application for a grant of up to £10,000 for capital projects, the aim being to enhance the District and benefit the whole community. Previous projects include Islip Parish Council, awarded £9,975 towards new play equipment; Thrapston Bowls Club, which received a grant of £10,000 towards maintenance equipment; and Different Direction Choir, which now benefits from a new PA system and amplifier after securing £3,000. For details about the process and eligibility, you can visit [www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/cff](http://www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/cff). You should read the terms and conditions carefully before submitting an application, which must be done by Friday 14th June at 5pm.

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# Duncan Barrett: Hitler's British Isles

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never happened due to our success in the Battle of Britain, and the prospect of German jackboots on British soil retreated into the realm of collective nightmares. Mainland Britain never had to face the reality of life under the Nazis, nor the compromise and complicity that went along with it.

More than 70 years later, the spectre of what might have been still haunts us in literature, such as Len Deighton's SSGB and Robert Harris's Fatherland. The passing decades have done nothing to dampen our fascination with such tales, and their closest American equivalent, Philip K Dick's The Man in the High Castle, was recently adapted into a major US TV series.

Just what would a British occupation have looked like? In fact, there's no need

to imagine such a scenario, because for five years during the Second World War 50,000 British subjects lived through it.

For the residents of the Channel Islands, occupation wasn't just the terrifying outcome if the war against the Germans was lost, it was the day-to-day reality of their lives. The story of how these men and women, and their children, coped under such difficult and dangerous circumstances is an important, but neglected, part of our own history of the Second World War. In their stories are reflected the experiences that almost came to pass for the rest of

us. Duncan Barrett's book tells the story of life under Nazi occupation.

'An absolutely fascinating account of life under German rule in the Channel Islands during the war. As a Guernsey girl I grew up with these stories and recognise family and friends in these pages. Duncan Barrett has done a brilliant job of reflecting the peculiar challenges that existed for those living under occupation. It is an under-told story of an extraordinary time in recent British history.' Sarah Montague, BBC Radio 4.

Duncan Barrett studied English at Cambridge University and now works as a writer and editor, specialising in biography and memoir. He is also the author of The Sugar Girls, GI Brides, and The Girls Who Went to War, all of which were top 10 Sunday Times bestsellers.

Tickets £8 (£6), £1 off early bird tickets bought before 2nd May, 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). For enquiries, call Helen on 07743988181 or email [oundlelitfestival@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:oundlelitfestival@hotmail.co.uk)

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# Spotlight on Weddings

## Getting hitched?

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It is better to have one than not; particularly in those instances where pre-acquired wealth, such as a family business, needs protecting.

In law, a pre-nuptial agreement is not automatically binding in the Court. So what's the point? The fairness of upholding an agreement (or part of it) will be considered on a case by case basis. The Court will attach more weight to an agreement if various formalities have been complied with at the drafting stage, and if it has been entered into freely; with a full appreciation of its implications.

The agreement must be fair and any potential children considered; or at least a mechanism put in place to review the

agreement. If not, this is likely to be the single greatest factor resulting in a pre-nuptial agreement failing. So having one drawn up properly, by an expert, is important.

There is much sway for the validity and enforceability of pre-nuptial agreements to be enshrined in statute, because the current situation can sometimes create uncertainty. Getting legal advice is therefore essential.

The message for now is, if you have assets to protect and your future spouse is willing: enter into a pre-nuptial agreement before you get married. Not having one could result in a final order being made on divorce, that costs you your assets and wealth that you had before you got married.

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**19/00535/FUL (25/05/2019) (LB/CA)** Two storey side, front and rear extension at 5 Causin Way Lower Benefield PE8

### Chelveston-cum-Caldecott

**19/00499/FUL (18/05/2019) (Info)** Two storey rear extension and conversion of first floor of detached garage to habitable room with two new dormer windows and installation of heat pump at East View Raunds Road Chelveston NN9 6AB

### Cotterstock

**19/00567/FUL (25/05/2019) (LB/CA)** First floor rear extension and new car port (Re-submission of 19/00060/FUL) at Mill Cottage 2 Mill Lane Cotterstock PE8 5HH Higham Ferrers  
**19/00590/FUL (18/05/2019) (Info)** Erection of a detached two storey 4 bedroomed dwelling with new access to highway (resubmission of 18/01737/FUL) at Land at 53 Handcross Way Higham Ferrers

### Irthlingborough

**19/00018/FUL (18/05/2019) (Info)** Construction of compound on existing concrete slab (old filter bed for sewage works) with 1 x 40ft shipping container and 2 x 20ft shipping containers joined together to form a workshop/storage area, with a pitched felt roof and clad with feather edge wooden boards to front and rear, leaving both ends open for access at Frontier Centre Addington Road

### Irthlingborough

**19/00593/FUL (18/05/2019) (Info)** Installation of 3 no. mobile classroom units at Huxlow Science College Finedon Road Irthlingborough NN9 5TY

### Islip

**19/00601/FUL (18/05/2019) (Info)** Single storey rear extension; alterations to front elevation; replacement windows, doors, roof material, guttering and fascias; full render of property - revised planning application to the original 18/01848/FUL which has been approved at 89A Lowick Road Islip NN14

### Kings Cliffe

**19/00575/FUL (18/05/2019) (Info)** Detached triple garage with 3 rooflights and store above at Laurence House Wood Lane Kings Cliffe PE8 6YE

### Nassington

**19/00548/FUL (25/05/2019) (LB/CA)** Single storey side extension and rear covered terrace with chimney flues at 38A Church Street Nassington PE8 6QG

### Oundle

**19/00370/FUL (25/05/2019) (LB/CA)** Demolition of existing dwelling and construction a two storey dwelling and detached single storey outbuilding/garage including revised vehicular access at 91 South Road Oundle PE8 4BP  
**19/00555/FUL (18/05/2019) (Info)** Removal of first floor side extension; erection of two storey rear extension at 10 Victoria Road Oundle PE8 4AY  
**19/00644/FUL (18/05/2019) (Info)** Single storey front extension to principle elevation of house at 27 Victoria Road Oundle PE8 4AY

### Raunds

**19/00514/FUL (18/05/2019) (Info)** Proposed single storey rear extension, conversion of garage and alterations to enable wheelchair access at 24 Derling Drive Raunds NN9 6LF  
**19/00572/FUL (18/05/2019) (Info)** First floor side extension above existing garage at 5 Harris Close Raunds NN9 6TA  
**19/00585/FUL (18/05/2019) (Info)** Attached garage to side of dwelling at 24 Orwell Close Raunds

### Rushden

**19/00600/FUL (18/05/2019) (Info)** Single storey rear extension at 1 Castle Court Rushden NN10 9HG  
**19/00614/FUL (18/05/2019) (Info)** Two-storey side extension at 47 Manor Road Rushden NN10 9EX  
**19/00650/FUL (18/05/2019) (Info)** Single storey side extension at 65 Fairmead Crescent Rushden NN10 9NB

### Tansor

**19/00388/LBC (25/05/2019) (LBRegs)** Installation of two CCTV cameras to the front and east side of the property at Tansor House Main Street Tansor PE8 5HS  
**19/00605/FUL (18/05/2019) (Info)** Two storey rear extension and single storey porch extension to dwelling at Ash House 5 Main Street Tansor PE8 5HS

### Thrapston

**19/00539/FUL (18/05/2019) (Info)** Proposed Score Box and Store for Thrapston Cricket Club at Castle Playing Fields Chancery Lane Thrapston

### Titchmarsh

**19/00609/FUL (18/05/2019) (Info)** Erection of single storey extension at 56 Islington Titchmarsh NN14 3DG

### Wakerley

**19/00557/FUL (25/05/2019) (LB/CA)** Single storey extension to the rear; two storey side extension at 3 Main Street Wakerley LE15 8PA

### Warmington

**19/00587/FUL (18/05/2019) (Info)** Single storey rear kitchen extension to link part garage conversion at 12 Stamford Lane Warmington PE8 6TW

### Woodford

**18/01740/FUL (25/05/2019) (LB/CA)** Change of ground floor windows (retrospective) at 37 High Street Woodford NN14 4HE  
**19/00596/FUL (18/05/2019) (Info)** Change of Use of outbuilding from C3 (Residential Dwelling) to Sui Generis (Dog Grooming Parlour) at 64 Highfield Woodford NN14 4HD

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.**  
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**LBRegs - Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990.**

**Paul Bland, Head Of Planning Services**  
**Dated 4 May 2019**

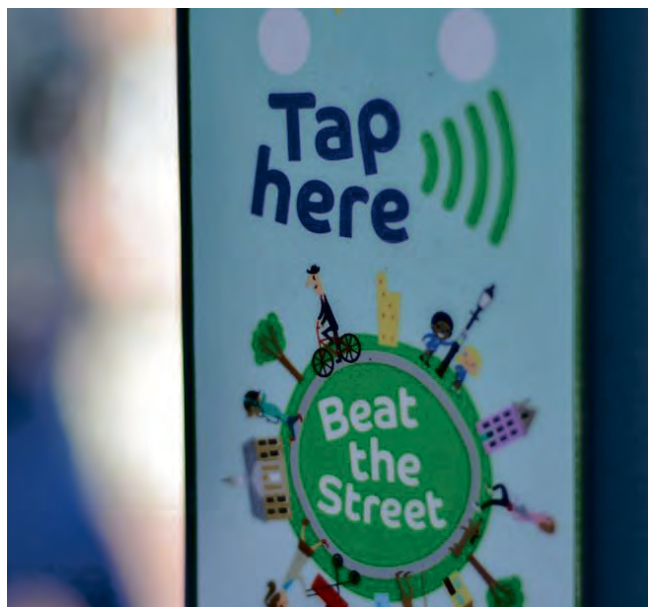
Consultation deadlines will differ for each application. Please go to [www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/planningapplications](http://www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/planningapplications) for details.

# News from the Chairman

It was good to see so many people out and about across the district over the Easter holidays, enjoying the wonderful weather. And it was great to see so many children and families still enjoying the Beat the Street game where walking, running and cycling between Beat Boxes can earn you prizes.

If you haven't already taken part, pop along to your local library to pick up a card and details of how to get involved. It closes on 8th May so get a move on and see if you can top the leaderboard! Find out more at [www.beatthestreet.me/](http://www.beatthestreet.me/) eastnorthants

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the Mayor of Raunds, Cllr Richard Levell's Civic Service as I was away but David attended on my behalf. The following week we travelled to Arthingworth for the Civic Service for the Chairman of Daventry District Council,



Cllr Cecile Irving Swift. The Mayor of Raunds also held a successful curry evening and we will be visiting Peterborough to support the 'Mayor of Peterborough's Curry Night' later this month.

The diary for the next few weeks is very busy as we approach the end of the Civic Year and I continue to

look forward to attending the numerous events scheduled. I must take this opportunity to thank Louise Tyers, PA to the Chairman, for the brilliant job she does in running the Chairman's diary and keeping me organised.

*ENC Chairman,  
Cllr Wendy Brackenbury*

# Wildlife News

At last! Perhaps our best-known summer visitor (though not as common as it once was) has turned up – or at least made itself known; for us it was at the very early hour of 4am that the well-known sound of the cuckoo found its way from across the reserve to our sleepy ears. It may stay with us till August but its call will become less frequent; it sounds a little odd to travel from Africa to our countryside to lay its egg(s) and set off back again without looking for a 'place to rent', or even meeting its offspring.

Have you actually seen a cuckoo? Most people remember what it sounds like; to be fair, its name gives the game away more clearly than other birds out there (the chiffchaff also tries, at a quieter level), so we should recognise that unique sound (whenever it decides to announce its presence!). If we simply see it, without sound, most watchers will be uncertain about the fairly large (over a foot long) grey hawk-like bird with chest-bars, skimming across our view, unless it is kind enough to shout its name at us as it goes by.

Its breeding habits are unusual. Like other summer visitors one of its first jobs is finding a suitable nesting site, or more correctly sites, already taken by one or other of the smaller birds like warblers or dunnocks. The cuckoo's only parental contribution to the next generation is to lay one egg in each of the chosen nests; the

feeding instinct of the foster-parents drives them to feed the rapidly growing 'monster' they have unknowingly adopted.

However heartless this sounds, their summer 'holiday' can have advantages in addition to that special call saying "now you know that summer is here". Their food through their stay will include spiders and centipedes, but in particular they like the hairy 'woolly bear' caterpillars of the tiger moth, which will poison many other insect-eaters. As so often happens, however, cuckoo calls are far less common than they were, just one more example of our wildlife not always able to win their battles of survival in a changing countryside.

*By Roy Burrell*





# Your Health – Remember to breathe!

Did you know that the area that your lung tissue would cover if it were spread out is the size of a tennis court? Yes, that big.

But the chances are you only use about a third of it. This is rather foolish of you because there's a high chance you would feel better if you breathed properly.

I know, it's rude of me to call you foolish, but sadly most of us don't think about our breathing until we are short of breath through exercise, illness or stress.

This is a ridiculous situation as we all feel better when we breathe properly. And it's free! A free way to feel better, and we don't use it. That's definitely foolish!

If you don't breathe well you can aggravate

conditions such as asthma and lung disease. Plus, your lungs can take longer to recover from illnesses such as chest infections and bronchitis.

So how do you breathe properly?

Try this exercise either standing up, sitting in a chair that supports your back, or lying down:

- Put both feet flat on the ground with your feet roughly hip-width apart.
- Put one hand on your belly.
- As you breathe in and try to push your hand away with your belly.
- If you get thinner while breathing in you're not using your lungs properly.

- Try breathing in through your nose as you count to five.

- Without pausing or holding your breath, let breath out slowly through your mouth for the count of five.

- Repeat four times.

As always, if you have serious breathing difficulties DON'T do this exercise! And if you have any problems doing it, call your GP for advice.

Top Tip: Remember, you don't have to be standing still to do this exercise. Do it while walking, mowing the lawn, watching TV...

Have a happy, lung-filled week!

Claire Short

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

## Irthlingborough's Crow Hill Community Centre is ready to make your wedding day a special one

A fully renovated community centre is opening its doors as a venue for weddings. Funding was raised for the renovation by District Cllr Marika Hillson-Iacobucci for Irthlingborough Town Council.

The National Lottery grant of £9,627 was spent on decorating the hall and remediating the acoustics at Crow Hill community centre, which is now ideal for hosting the perfect wedding.

The Centre has a large, fully fitted kitchen for your catering needs, plenty of space for a licensed bar and a large hall with a stage area and seating for up to 110 guests.

For summer weddings there is a romantic walled garden and a chill out room for guests to relax in.

The freshly renovated Community Centre was officially opened last year at its first wedding fayre by Irthlingborough Mayor



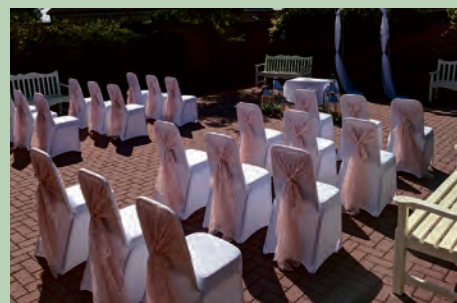
Cllr Matthew Maedge, Cllr Adrian Winkle (Chairman of the Community Centre) and District Cllr Marika Hillson-Iacobucci.

The hall looked great after its renovation and there were plenty of wedding stall holders at the fayre offering various services and goods for new brides to consider.

A second wedding fayre also went well, with many future brides looking for a venue and other ideas for their special day.

Cllr Marika Hillson-Iacobucci said: "I have held many community events in this hall over the years which has a great atmosphere and holds many special memories for me. I think it makes a great wedding venue with all the facilities needed for a day to remember."

For more information on future wedding fayres and wedding hire information please contact Irthlingborough Town Council on 01933 650866 or email: [finance@irthlingborough-tc.gov.uk](mailto:finance@irthlingborough-tc.gov.uk)



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### November

Fri 15 Warners Nidd Hall Hotel - Yorkshire - 4 days £375  
Fri 22 Warners Alveston Hall Hotel - Cheshire - 4 days £355

### December

Mon 2 A taste of Christmas - Lytham St Annes £425  
Fri 13 German Christmas Market - Koblenz - 4 days £339  
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# Wellingborough's new Mayor announced

Councillor Jo Beirne is proud to be announced as the new Mayor of Wellingborough for 2019-20.

Having served on the borough council for the last decade, representing Wollaston, Grendon and Strixton, she has served on a number of the council's committees, including Planning, Services, Development and Partnership & Performance.

Speaking about the announcement of being elected Mayor, Councillor Beirne, said: "It will be such an honour to be the Mayor of Wellingborough. I am looking forward to meeting lots of new people and promoting the borough.

"I am proud to come from a close local family.

My father Stan, who has sadly now passed away, and mother Pam, who was a borough councillor for the Brickhill Ward for 16 years, and mayor in 2001-02, always instilled in me the importance of working hard and treating people as you would want to be treated.

"I am lucky to have a stepfather, Allan, who gives me the same values. Like many other women in the borough I am a single, full-time working mother with a teenage daughter. Like all mothers I am very proud of my daughter who is an inspiration to me and who knows, perhaps another mayor one day!"

After she left school Councillor Beirne worked in the family's advertising business in Wellingborough with her

father and sister Karen, before going to live and work in Australia. On her return she became a special constable.

Educated at The Avenue Infant School, Park Street Juniors, Wellingborough, and St Peter's School, Kettering, her 15-year old daughter attends Wollaston School. Councillor Beirne works full-time as a Technical Support Manager for ASSA ABLOY T/A Traka.

Councillor Beirne is passionate about the theatre and enjoys seeing a wide range of productions, as well as spending time walking at the weekends.

Councillor Beirne will be officially appointed Mayor for 2019-20 at the Annual Council Meeting on Tuesday 21st May.

# Tom Jones & The Shades of the 60s

Thursday 16th May, 7.30pm

Tom Jones & The Shades of the 60s brings to the stage the story of Tom Jones's unprecedented rise through the charts with hit after hip-rocking hit!

Starring the age-defying voice of Daniel Chettoe, best known for his outstanding vocal performances on Britain's Got Talent, this exciting and nostalgic journey celebrating the voice and the star prized all over the world can be enjoyed at Castle Theatre, Wellingborough on Thursday 16th May at 7.30pm.

From the green, green grass of a small Welsh mining village to international superstar fame, Tom Jones always was unusual! His toe-tapping, hip-shaking moves and that unique pop tenor voice defined Tom Jones the man, and shaped a career over five decades long.

Now a star judge of The Voice, he has remained relevant to three generations of music lovers. Modern songs including 'Sex Bomb' and 'Mama Told Me Not To Come' introduced the star to 2000s pop music with a bang whilst his classics of 'Delilah', 'What's New Pussycat' and 'It's



Not Unusual' are still just as well-known today as they ever were.

Daniel Chettoe leads an exceptionally talented cast including the iconic trio, The Shades of the 60s, who come together to bring highlights of Tom's many friends and co-stars to life alongside him, enough to give you Chills and Fever!

Wide collars and tight trousers are back so Ladies, warm up those hips for shaking and Gents, bring along your dancing shoes... it's time to be Burnin' Down the House! Tickets for this evening of music hits are priced £21 (£19) and can be purchased by calling the Box Office on 01933 270 007 or online at [www.castletheatre.co.uk](http://www.castletheatre.co.uk).

# Practice Spanish in Oundle

Oundle Library has just opened a new language café for Spanish speakers. There is already a thriving French group which meets every Saturday morning to practice their French conversation. Now a new Spanish group will meet on Tuesday afternoons and will be led by two volunteers – one a native Spanish speaker and the other nearly fluent.

The idea of language cafés is simple. They offer the chance to practice your conversational skills in an informal group, without the pressure of studying for tests or exams. And the sessions are equally useful whether you are a beginner or speak a language

reasonably well.

Anne Brown has been running the French Language Café at Oundle Library for nearly five years. She says: "It's a lovely way to learn. I speak French fluently but

I'm not there to teach and it's definitely not a French Class. I help people with pronunciation and keep the conversation going. We chat about anything and everything, and we laugh... a lot!"



If you'd like to practice your Spanish or French conversation, drop in at Oundle Library. The sessions are free to attend. The French group meets every Saturday morning from 11am to 12noon; and the Spanish group meets on Tuesday afternoons from 2pm-3pm. All skill levels welcomed.

# Poem by Trevor Warland

"Mary, Mary, quite contrary, how does your garden grow?"

"By rain and sunshine, silly man! That's something you should know!

It causes seeds to swell and sprout, and gives us lots of plants Which bring the greenfly, slugs and snails, ladybirds and ants."

"So, Mary, Mary, quite contrary, what's in your garden now?"

"This year I've got some silver bells. I'm not quite certain how these silver bells are meant to grow, or even if they'll flower, but I shall give them TLC and care for them each hour."

"But, Mary, Mary quite contrary, surely not just bells!"

"Oh no, dear sir. You see, beside them I've got cockle shells!"

"So, what do you do at harvest time with these most unusual crops?"

"Dear sir, I'll harvest every one and sell them in the shops."

"And then I have these pretty maids all standing in a row.

They'll gather all the shells and bells, and to the shops they'll go."

**"BUT MARY, MARY, QUITE CONTRARY, HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?"**

"Look! I live with a prat in a high-rise flat, so how on earth should I know."

# Higham and Rushden Singing for Fun prepare for fifth show

The Higham and Rushden Singing for Fun Group are preparing for their fifth show on 11th May at the Heritage Chapel, Park Road, Rushden, in aid of the Wellingborough and District Branch of Parkinson's UK. So far the group have raised in excess of £3,000 for local charities and are hoping to continue this success.

This year the theme is music from the fabulous fifties, which will include songs from the shows and pop music of the

time. The audience can wear their fifties outfit should they so wish.

We are looking forward to a fun evening with group and solo singing, the odd sketch and some audience participation. The doors will open at 6.30pm for a start at 7pm.

Due to the size of the Chapel, tickets are limited so it will be first come, first served. Tickets are available at £5 from either Chris on 07778836094 or Gerry on 01933 770756.



**Monday 6th May**  
**Oundle Wildlife Trust Group's Short Wood Open Days**  
 Short Wood Nature Reserve, Southwick  
 10am-4pm, free entry. Keith Alvey 01832 272666. Bank Holiday Bluebells at Short Wood from 10am-4pm and teas at Glaphorn Village Hall from 2pm-5.30pm.

**Wednesday 8th May**  
**Transition Oundle AGM and Presentations**  
 Oundle Methodist Church, Drumming Well Lane, Oundle  
 7.45pm, free entry. Tony Hoyle Mob 07702952172. Transition Oundle's AGM will be followed by presentations from Kelly-Louise Belcher, Assistant Team Manager of Oundle Waitrose, and Stuart Foster, CEO of Recycling of Used Plastics Ltd, on 'Plastic Packaging: Essential or Excessive'.

**Thursday 9th May**  
**Guided Walk – 4 miles (Stoke Dry, Eyebrook)**  
 Meet at Eyebrook Reservoir car park, near Stoke Dry  
 2pm, £1.50. Sue 01780 782747. No need to book.

**Friday 10th May**  
**Oundle Historical Society: Talk by Stuart Orme on Oliver Cromwell**  
 Methodist Church, Drumming Well Lane, Oundle  
 7.30pm, members free, non-members £2. Perdita Cawthorne 01832 270372

**Saturday 11th May**  
**Rutland Sinfonia Orchestral Concert**  
 St Peter's Church, Oundle  
 7.30pm, tickets on the door £14 (£12 in advance), Concessions on the door £12 (£10 in advance), Children and students £3. Oundle Box Office (01832 274734 or [www.oundlefestival.org.uk](http://www.oundlefestival.org.uk))  
 Mozart Piano Concerto No. 20 (soloist Anne Bolt), Mahler Symphony No. 5, Conductor: Paul Hilliam.

**Richard Harris Book Signing**  
 Oundle Bookshop  
 10.30am-12.30pm. Local author Richard Harris will be signing copies of his book 'China's Oasis'.

**Coffee Morning**  
 St Mary's Church Hall, Rushden  
 10am-12noon, admission 50p  
 In aid of The Children's Society.

**Sunday 12th May**  
**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 – 'Sudborough Saunter'**  
 Meet next to the A6116 as it bypasses Sudborough village, near the sharp bend (NN14 3BX)  
 10.30am. Andrew Presland 01933 316927. A 4-mile walk on paths and tracks in and near woods to the east of Sudborough (between Corby and Thrapston). All welcome.

**Monday 13th May**  
**Oundle U3A Monthly Meeting**  
 Queen Victoria Hall, West Street, Oundle  
 Doors open 2pm, members £1, non-members £2. 01832 275933.  
 'Malcolm Sargent – Local Hero'. Sam Dobson gives an illustrated talk charting the fascinating rise of the superstar musician from the back streets of Stamford to worldwide fame.

**Tuesday 14th May**  
**Addingtons Ladies Group**  
 Memorial Hall, Gt Addington  
 7.30pm, visitors £3. 01832 731998.  
 Talk by Jayne Osborn - The Pam Ayres of Northamptonshire.

**Wednesday 15th May**  
**dOCs+ Three Identical Strangers (12A)**  
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 7.30pm, admission: £8 (£30 for all five dOCs+ screenings)  
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[www.oundlecinema.org.uk](http://www.oundlecinema.org.uk),  
[information@oundlefestival.org.uk](mailto:information@oundlefestival.org.uk)  
 Director Tim Wardle traces the extraordinary lives of identical triplets in the US, who knew nothing of one another's existence until being reunited by chance at the age of 19.

**Saturday 18th May**  
**Plant Sale and Coffee Morning**  
 Joan Strong Centre, East Road, Oundle  
 9.30am-11.30am, free entry, £1 for tea/coffee/biscuits. 01832 272623.  
 Wide range of flowers, vegetable, and herbaceous plants at good prices.

**Wellingborough Orpheus Choir Concert**  
 St Barnabas Church, College Street, Wellingborough  
 7.30pm, adults £9, students £5, accompanied under 12s free.  
 Rutter's 'Magnificat' and Vivaldi's 'Gloria' with chamber orchestra and award-winning soprano Michelle Todd.

**Sunday 19th May**  
**Higham Ferrers Footpath Group**  
 Saffron Road car park, Higham Ferrers for car sharing  
 9.15am, free. 01933 622895.  
 6.5 mile walk from Southwick.

**Whitefriars Church, Rushden – Morning Worship**  
 Whitefriars Church at Whitefriars

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

**Oundle Tennis Club Open Day**  
 Occupation Road, Oundle PE8 4RU  
 10am-3pm. [pr@oundletennis.org](mailto:pr@oundletennis.org)  
 Try tennis for free! All ages/abilities welcome. Discounted membership fees for those joining as a result.

**Every Monday**  
**Stanwick Handbell Ringers Group**  
 The Stanwick Village Hall  
 7pm-9pm, 01933 623855, see website for more details. Everyone welcome, come and have a go.

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

**Oundle Ladies Running Group**  
 Oundle pool car park  
 6.45pm, Jane Walker 01832 272898/  
[janewalkercakes@icloud.com](mailto:janewalkercakes@icloud.com)

**Every Tuesday**  
**Free and Friendly Health Walks – Kings Cliffe**  
 Meet at the Ex-Servicemen's Club, Wood Road  
 11am. Barry Hurcombe 01780 471070. Explore the local area and make new friends. Open to everyone. Refreshments available afterwards.

**Phoenix Gaming Club (Age 12+)**  
 The Rushden Scouts Hall, Brooke Close behind Orbit Tyres (Skinners Lane, Rushden NN10 0XH)  
 7pm-11pm, membership £5pa, Aron 07739 563657/  
[aron.phoenix@virginmedia.com](mailto:aron.phoenix@virginmedia.com)

**East Northants Classic Motorcycle Club**  
 New Inn Public House, Wymington  
 Meet around 7.30pm

**Short Mat Bowls**  
 Saxon Hall, Raunds  
 1.45pm-4pm, £3, 01933 624545

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

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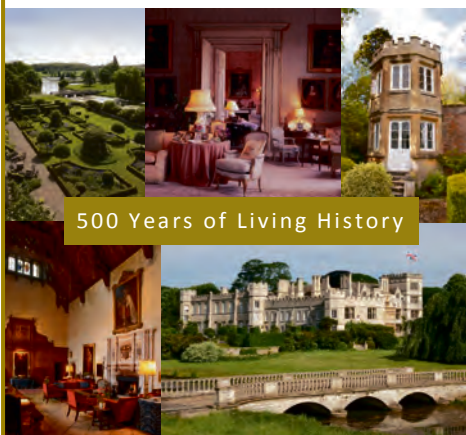


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- SECTION 14

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(HIGH STREET, WOODFORD)

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH  
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County  
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Notice, to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit  
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LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES:  
That length of High Street, Woodford from the junction of High  
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REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required to  
replace a faulty linking box.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into  
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(PUBLIC FOOTPATH NM20 (PART)  
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Next up was Richard Wright for the Warriors and he was playing Adam Underwood. Whilst Richard is the better player on paper, he had to give away a sizeable head start based on the handicap differential. This, coupled with the 57 deficit, meant that Wright really did have his work cut out. In frame three, Underwood led for most of the way and it looked as though Higham's advantage was going to grow. That was until Richard managed to clear the

colours to neutralise the scores in that frame. Unfortunately for Wright the tip of his cue flew off in the next frame meaning that he would have to play on with a spare cue. A seemingly huge disadvantage. But, despite this, Wright played brilliantly and clawed back a lot of points and closed the overall deficit to around 40 points.

Whilst Wright had slightly closed the gap, it would still be a mountain to climb for Paul Lewis who was up next. The Warriors captain was to play the Higham captain, Pete Beerten. Similar to the previous frames, Lewis had to give away a substantial handicap advantage to Beerten. Pete came out all guns blazing in frame 5 and knocked in a 20 break rather quickly. Paul Lewis experienced some bad luck, handing foul points away. By the end of frame 5 Pete Beerten had done more than enough to win the match for the Higham SAS. They were now leading by way over 100 points before frame 6 had even got underway. The two players agreed to play frame 6 to show good sportsmanship, but

the scores would be somewhat inconsequential. The players finished on a similar points tally in that frame but overall Higham SAS beat the Warriors very convincingly. All of the Higham players played better than usual and thoroughly deserved to win. Congratulations to Higham SAS, the defending champions – this is a huge achievement for them.

The finals for the three other winter competitions will all take place next week. These will each be the best of seven and will be held and hosted at the Rushden Windmill Club. In the Scratch Singles sponsored by Home Outlet Rushden, Marc Brett managed to knockout out his teammate Stewart Brown in the semi-final to set up a meeting with Richard Wright in the final. In the Handicap Singles, Darren Fenner plays Paul Lewis in that final. And in the Handicap Doubles, father and son partnership Tony Jupp and Alan Jupp will play Pete Beerten and Adam Burns. They're all playing for the prestigious silverware as well as some very sizeable cash prizes!



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