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#### The Higham Ferrers Christmas Competitions are open

Come along to Higham Ferrers and join in the family friendly Christmas Victorian Toy Trail.

The Toy Trail is great fun for all the family, all you need to do to be in with a chance of winning a fantastic prize is to follow the Victorian images throughout the town then unscramble the letters you've collected to complete a well-known Christmas phrase.

Higham Ferrers Town Council have also organised the annual Best Dressed Shop Window competition.

Both competitions close on Monday 16th December, all winners will be invited to join the Mayor at the Higham Ferrers Christmas Market on Saturday 21st December.

Further information can be found at [www.highamferrers-tc.gov.uk](http://www.highamferrers-tc.gov.uk) or by calling Higham Ferrers Town Council 01933 312075.

# Northamptonshire Police launches annual drink and drug driving campaign

Drivers are once again being reminded of the dangers and consequences of getting behind the wheel while under the influence of drink or drugs as Northamptonshire Police tackle offenders over the festive period.

Northamptonshire Police officers carry out breath tests throughout the year, however with more people out celebrating

over Christmas and New Year, increased patrols and roadside checks will be held across the county.

These will also include early morning operations, when people may be driving after consuming alcohol or taking drugs the previous night and may not realise that they are still over the limit.

Chair of the Northamptonshire Safer Roads Alliance (NSRA), Chief Superintendent Mick Stamper, said: "We are committed to increasing road safety in Northamptonshire and through this campaign, we will continue to raise awareness of the dangers of drink or drug driving.

"There is absolutely no excuse or circumstance that could ever justify drink or drug driving – it is exceptionally selfish and reckless.

Not only are you risking your own life, but those of innocent road users."

As part of the campaign, drivers charged with drink or drug driving will be publicly named on the Northamptonshire Police website and social media. This is the third time the Force has taken such a hard line approach.

PC Dave Lee from the Safer Roads Team, said: "We will be out in force over Christmas and New Year, ready and waiting to seek strong penalties for all those found to be offending. If you do not want a conviction for drink or drug driving, please make sure your name is not included on our list."



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

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Thursday 23rd January 10am-2.30pm

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Days are filled with crafts and activities including, games, memory box making, bingo, stronger

seniors, arts, singing, seated yoga, old time movies, nutritional advice and advice on staying safe at home.

"We are inviting the public to come along on the open day to see what we are able to offer.

"Whether you can pop in for 30 minutes or an hour, the day will offer activities and refreshments,

a tombola and games – all proceeds or donations will go to the Day Centre.

"If not for yourself, you may know someone that would benefit from attending the day centre. Assessments are available on the day or an appointment can be made

"Come in for a cuppa and have a look around our day and activity centre."

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## Genealogy jottings

Trying to knit fog; that's what I was talking about last time: How to separate the names that are common in each generation into the right family. Another suggestion is to see how old the mother is. If she is in her 60s in the census and the child is 3, then the chances are that it is the incorrect pairing. Mind you, the child may have been born illegitimately to the daughter of the 'mother' and so a few fibs were being told to cover up the truth to the census takers! Then again, a helpful parish clerk may well have made a note in the margin of the parish register at the baptism if the family were well known locally.

After civil registration in 1837 for England and Wales, the birth certificates will provide the mother's maiden name. If you visit the GRO website (<https://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates/login.asp>) you can look them up without having to buy the certificates but bear in mind that compulsory registration did not happen until 1874.

By Jan Pearson  
*Genealogy Specialists, Tracing Our Past, Discovering Our Genes (TOP DOG)*  
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Have you tried writing out a timeline? That is another way of helping you to fit everything together as well as perhaps eliminating events and people that do not belong. Some of the software that is available will do this for you and will handily flag up a warning if you try to input a woman having children when she is aged 80. The family trees on Ancestry will also create a timeline but will not necessarily point out oddities. However, there is nothing wrong with paper and pencil! A roll of lining paper rather than a notebook might be useful in this instance. Oh yes – also invest in a good pencil or two and eraser. It is not the easiest to read through scribbling and to try to squash people and events into a timeline that is full of ink.

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## Editor's notes

The pre-Christmas event programme has been in full swing for a few days and there is still more to come but it's worth sparing a thought for all those who gave up, or will be giving up, their time to arrange the numerous events across the District. We often comment on the strength of the local voluntary effort, but at this season of the year in particular, it's worth making the effort to say thank you. We would like to do that on your behalf – thank you!

One event that will have passed by before we next go to print is the shortest day of the year, or the Winter Solstice, which occurs on 22nd December. On that day we will enjoy fewer than eight hours of daylight. In case you are wondering why the shortest day isn't on the 21st, it's because it takes the Earth 365 and a quarter days to go around the sun and this extra quarter day is why we add a day to the calendar every four years with a leap year – to stop the dates drifting gradually through the seasons. This time, astronomical winter will last until 20th March 2020, the date of the spring (or vernal) equinox in the northern hemisphere – so at least we have longer days and warmer weather to look forward to.

For those already thinking about undertaking new challenges in the New

Year, we report on the new Higham Ferrers Learning Group which will begin offering educational courses for adults in January. Keep up to date with the group to find out whether there is a course to suit you.

As usual, there are changes to the East Northants Council (ENC) operating hours over Christmas and New Year. Their Customer Service Centres will close for the Christmas and New Year holidays from noon on Tuesday 24th December and will re-open on Thursday 2nd January 2020 but the closure periods of the ENC Desks at Irthlingborough and Raunds Libraries vary.

Waste collections will be maintained over the holiday period albeit with some changes so that staff can enjoy the public holidays. You can check all the timings on the ENC website at [www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk](http://www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk) If you have an urgent problem which cannot wait until the New Year, you can call their out-of-hours service on 01832 733530.

Not surprisingly, there will be no Nene Valley News on 28th December. Our next publication date will be 11th January 2020. All of us at Nene Valley News take this opportunity to wish you a merry, peaceful Christmas and a happy, prosperous New Year.

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# Innovative charity Dogs for Good needs your help

Dogs for Good is calling upon the people of Northamptonshire to help them extend their services to more areas to reach twice as many people in local communities.

A charity which trains and provides assistance dogs to support people with a wide range of disabilities has launched an ambitious plan to double their provision.

Dogs for Good has been giving the gift of independence to people with a wide range of disabilities for over 30 years by providing them with a faithful four-legged friend.

The new campaign is called 'Imagine If' and will involve a public appeal.

The organisation trains assistance dogs to support adults and children with a range of disabilities, including autism, across the UK.

The dogs provide practical everyday support to people such as helping them to open automatic doors to get into buildings, getting dressed and undressed, fetching post, reminding people to take their medication, lifting things that have been dropped on the floor and even helping to wake them up in the morning and place dirty laundry in the basket!

Dogs for Good already has 350

one-on-one working partnerships in communities across the UK.

They also have a team of community dogs and specialist handlers that help people to improve their independence, wellbeing and skills and they currently support 3,000 people through this service. These teams work in colleges and schools with learning difficulties, with people with dementia, in hospitals



providing therapeutic care and more.

The charity also offers support and training to families of children with autism through dog training and ongoing support so that more people are able to benefit from the power of well-trained

dogs. This service supports over a 1,000 families and runs workshops all over the UK.

For more information visit [www.dogsforgood.org/joelandharry](http://www.dogsforgood.org/joelandharry)

## Bozeat Primary Activity Afternoon

On Friday 29th November, Bozeat Primary School pupils commenced their Christmas celebrations by inviting grandparents into school for the annual Christmas Activity Afternoon.

Grandparents are invited into class to spend time with their grandchildren, completing Christmas craft activities and making decorations for the school Christmas tree. This year the tree has been generously donated by a member

of the local community.

Head Teacher, Gillian Morton said: "It's lovely to see so many grandparents in school, spending time with their grandchildren and getting creative. As a small Community Primary School, many of the grandparents have lived in the local community most of their lives so have watched the school grow and develop.

"We often get comments about how much they enjoy returning to school

and seeing how things have changed. The event really enhances the sense of community in the village."

Following the event, children from the Reception class performed their Christmas Nativity to local residents at The Wesleyan Chapel.

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# Spotlight on Christmas

## The Forest Is The Museum

Like a magic trick, when a lost thing is found, it reappears with a new story.

Abigail Lane and Lala Meredith-Vula have been artists in residence at Fineshade Wood over the last six months, cataloguing the lost property found in the forest. Numbered, tagged and photographed, the objects' strange new existence is presented in an exhibition at Fermynwoods Contemporary Art's The Arches in Fineshade Wood.

The exhibition features new work made in collaboration with Loughborough University's Studio of Light, with artefacts forensically photographed and presented as incredibly detailed platinum prints, a highly specialised photographic and reprographic process that dates back to the 19th century.

This exhibition is also the first time the artists have worked together since the infamous Freeze exhibition in 1988, which launched the careers of Damien Hirst and other Young British Artists.

Perfect for a Boxing Day walk, The

Forest Is The Museum exhibition is open everyday except Christmas Day, from 10am – 4pm. A talk about the work will be held at Fineshade on 25th January 2020, featuring Leicester Print Workshop's Yasmin Canvin and artist Richard Wentworth. Visit [fermynwoods.org](http://fermynwoods.org) for more information.

## Colemans

If you are shopping for lovely traditional Christmas gifts for your family this year, then look no further than Colemans.

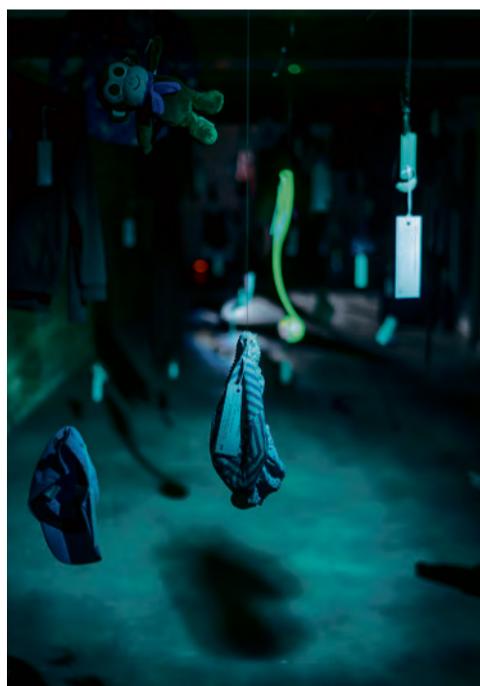
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# Manor School Christmas carols

**A group of student musicians from Manor School Raunds added fresh sparkle to the much loved Christmas carols and readings when they performed at the Thrapston and Raunds Rotary Club presentation at St Peter's Church recently.**

The Mayor of Raunds Town, Cllr Richard Levell was guest of honour at the well attended event. The evening was rounded off with mulled wine, and refreshments

provided and served by members of the church.

The Proceeds will be donated to Rotary Club charities, and the Rector Rev. Jon Aldwinckle thanked the students for their

musical contribution, and to everyone who took part in the service, and also to the church members for their generosity in providing and serving the excellent refreshments.



Cllr Richard Levell (Mayor of Raunds Town) with music students from Raunds Manor School

## Purchase a puppy with caution this Christmas

With Christmas just around the corner, you might be thinking of adding a four-legged friend to your family, but East Northamptonshire Council (ENC) is urging residents to think before they buy.

If you are thinking of purchasing a puppy from a breeder, ENC advises that the following advice from The Dogs Trust is followed:

### Do...

1. Ask to see mum and pup together
2. Visit your new pup more than once
3. Get all your pup's paperwork before going home including vaccinations and ensuring your puppy is microchipped
4. Walk away if you are at all unsure
5. Report suspicious sellers or breeders
6. Take your puppy to your own vet for a health check as soon as possible

### Don't...

1. Meet anywhere that isn't the pup's home

2. Buy a pup from anyone who can supply various breeds on demand
3. Buy a pup that looks too young/small or underweight
4. Feel pressured to buy a puppy
5. Buy a pup that you suspect has been illegally imported

A Council Spokesperson said: "As The Dogs Trust says, a dog is for life, not just for Christmas. This campaign slogan has now been around for over 35 years, but sadly rescue centres continue to see an increase in arrivals during the festive period. The decision to bring a new pet into the family should not be made on the spur of the moment."

If you have any concerns about where a dog was purchased from or would like further information, please contact the East Northamptonshire Council Animal Licensing team on 01832 742055.

## Wellingborough residents celebrate the countdown to Christmas

The festive season has officially begun in Wellingborough as the community came together to join the Borough Council of Wellingborough and celebrate the annual lights switch-on, on Saturday 23rd November.

Atomic Kitten's Natasha Hamilton and cast members of Castle Theatre's Pantomime Aladdin joined the Mayor of Wellingborough on stage to officially turn on this year's display, which boasts new lights for 2019!

Natasha took to the stage with the cast to treat the crowd to a taste of the festive fun on offer at the venue's 2019 pantomime which runs from 14th-31st December. Residents enjoyed performances from local community groups throughout the afternoon as Gary L Johnson hosted the afternoon of Christmas activities.

Julia Wells, Events Officer at the Borough Council of Wellingborough, said: "This year's event was bigger and better than ever, featuring new lights and the talented cast of the Castle Theatre's Pantomime, Aladdin. Thank you to everyone who came along to help us officially launch the festive season and we wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas."

Gary L Johnson,

Director of GLJ Theatre, said: "It was amazing to see the borough come together to start Christmas celebrations."

Cast members of GLJ Theatre also performed at the Christmas lights switch-on. Gary added: "It is events like this that will stay with our Jungle Book cast forever. It meant the world to them – and we know the audience enjoyed the performance too."



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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:

### Benefield

**19/01479/FUL (04/01/2020) (LB/CA)** Conversion and extension of redundant agricultural building to create a single family dwelling at land adjacent Ashley Farmhouse Main Street Upper Benefield

### Brigstock

**19/01667/FUL (28/12/2019) (Info)** Change of Use from (Current Timber pressure treatment works) to function as lorry park, commercial vehicle parking, storage and vehicle maintenance and proposed increased hardstanding area for parking at Timber Treatment Works Sudborough Road Brigstock NN14 4HT

**19/01672/FUL and 19/01673/LBC (04/01/2020) (LB/CA) (LBRegs)** Conversion of Mill building into 5 residential dwellings; removal of existing single storey rear extension and canopy to be replaced with two storey extension and erection of single storey detached bin and bike store at Wallis Mill Old Dry Lane Brigstock NN14 3HY

**19/01852/FUL (04/01/2020) (LB/CA) (Art8)** Installation of 2 no. new dormer windows; Replacement white UPVC rainwater goods with black cast iron; Removal of pre-cast concrete garage; New slate roof on small outbuilding; Replacement of concrete tile roof with slate roof on ancillary building; Change of use of the redundant village hall to create annexe ancillary to the main dwelling; Replacement of modern doorway to ancillary building with more in keeping panel door with side windows; Associated landscaping works at 12 Church Street Brigstock NN14 3EX

**19/01853/LBC (04/01/2020) (LBRegs)** Internal works to main dwelling including new staircase to loft; Installation of x 2 no. new dormer windows; Replacement of white UPVC rainwater goods with black cast iron; Removal of pre-cast concrete garage; Replacement of concrete tile roof with slate roof on ancillary building; Change of use of the redundant village hall to create annexe ancillary to the main dwelling; Replacement of modern doorway to ancillary building with more in keeping panel door with side windows at 12 Church Street Brigstock NN14 3EX

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**19/01769/FUL (04/01/2020) (Art8)** Erection of a maintenance building, a concrete inspection area and the resurfacing of loose gravel hardstanding to tarmac at Car Park and Land Rockingham Motor Speedway Mitchell Road

### Duddington With Fineshade

**19/01805/FUL (04/01/2020) (LB/CA)** Conversion to 3 dwellings at The Mill Mill Street Duddington PE9 3QG

**19/01806/LBC (04/01/2020) (LBRegs)** Replacement fenestration and doors; Repairs to roof; Repointing of wall; Create openings to form windows and doorways; Addition of internal walls to allow for conversion to 3 dwellings at The Mill Mill Street Duddington PE9 3QG

### Harringworth

**19/01836/FUL (04/01/2020) (LBRegs)** Single storey extension to the north of the property; External alterations to allow for new porch and hall area at Welland Barn Wakerley Road Harringworth NN17 3AH

**19/01837/LBC (04/01/2020) (LBRegs)** Single storey extension to the north of the property; internal alterations to main house to incorporate new porch, hall area and access to proposed extension at Welland Barn Wakerley Road Harringworth NN17 3AH

### Higham Ferrers

**19/01742/FUL (04/01/2020) (LB/CA)** Infilling of boundary wall and erection of new garden shed at 1 Hind Stile Higham Ferrers NN10 8EA

**19/01743/LBC (04/01/2020) (LBRegs)** Proposed infilling of boundary wall at 1 Hind Stile Higham Ferrers

**19/01804/FUL (28/12/2019) (Info)** Proposed hipped roof first floor side extension at Hetherset 83 Kimbolton Road Higham Ferrers NN10 8HL

**19/01847/FUL (28/12/2019) (Info)** Two 3-bed semi-detached dwellings at 37 Simpson Avenue Higham Ferrers NN10 8JH

### Kings Cliffe

**19/01801/FUL and 19/01802/LBC (04/01/2020) (LB/CA) (LBRegs)** Proposed front porch and single storey side extension at 2 The Dovecote Park Street Kings Cliffe Peterborough PE8 6YL

### Luddington

**19/01615/FUL (04/01/2020) (Art8)** Erection of new storage building with associated access drive and boundary treatment at Luddington Farm Winwick Road Thurning PE8 5BF

### Newton Bromswold

**19/01761/FUL (28/12/2019) (Info)** Enlargement of 3 existing window openings; Insertion of 1 new window, 10 roof lights and new conversion of roof and patio doors; rear gable extension

with balcony over existing first floor at College House 1 Rushden Road Newton Bromswold NN10 0SP

### Oundle

**19/01765/LBC (04/01/2020) (LBRegs)** Reinstatement of window to South elevation; Removal of vent to South elevation; Addition of wall mounted air conditioning unit to wall South courtyard; Installation of removable wall panelling to internal face of external walls at 4 St Osythys Lane Oundle PE8

**19/01850/FUL (28/12/2019) (Info)** Replacement 2 storey dwelling at 89 South Road Oundle PE8

### Raunds

**19/01575/FUL (28/12/2019) (Info)** Substitution of house type - 2 x 4 bed dwellings previously approved under 14/01082/REM proposed to be changed to 2 x 2 bed & 2 x 3 bed dwellings (net increase of 2 units) at land North of Raunds Fronting Brick Kiln Road North Street Brooks Road and Midland Road Raunds

**19/01800/FUL (28/12/2019) (Info)** Change of use from amenity to agricultural land in order to create a community orchard at Amos Lawrence Park Stanwick Road Raunds NN9 6DG

**19/01918/ADV (28/12/2019) (Info)** Installation of 6 non-illuminated banner advertisements (detailing logos of funding organisations) on temporary boundary fence of construction site at Enterprise Centre, Michael Way, Raunds

### Rushden

**19/01777/FUL (04/01/2020) (Art8)** Conversion and extension to create 14 one and two bed flats for occupation by persons over 55 years of age, including communal parking and amenity spaces (resubmission of 19/00594/FUL) at Rushden Memorial Clinic Hayway Rushden NN10 6AG

**19/01818/FUL (28/12/2019) (Info)** Erect a white UPVC conservatory in the rear garden at 9 Barker Close Rushden NN10 0EJ

**19/01822/FUL (28/12/2019) (Info)** Demolition of single storey rear extension and erection of single storey rear extension and two storey side extension at 133 Westfield Avenue Rushden NN10 9RB

**19/01828/FUL (28/12/2019) (Info)** Loft conversion to create additional study/bedroom and ensuite including dormer window; Removal of front boundary hedge and replace with a metal powder coated fence at 1 Aintree Drive Rushden NN10 0YS

**19/01831/FUL (28/12/2019) (Info)** Erection of single storey side extension and a detached garage with a work room over at Yeomans Hayway Rushden NN10 6AQ

**19/01855/ADV (28/12/2019) (Info)** Erection of 4 non illuminated fascia signs at Unit 4 Plot 17 Sanders Lodge Industrial Estate Rushden NN10 6BQ

**19/01873/FUL (28/12/2019) (Info)** Erection of two storey and single storey rear extension at 75 Wellingborough Road Rushden NN10 9YG

### Stanwick

**19/01864/FUL (28/12/2019) (Info)** Proposed single storey front and rear extension; Second storey extension above garage at 15 Needham Road Stanwick NN9 6QU

### Wakerley

**19/01848/FUL and 19/01849/LBC (04/01/2020) (LB/CA) (LBRegs)** Addition of two windows to the south elevation at The Old Rectory Main Street Wakerley LE15 8PA

### Woodford

**19/01238/FUL (04/01/2020) (Art8)** Erection of 2 no. dog kennel buildings; an Exercise/training barn; a Quarantine unit; a Maintenance garage/workshop together with associated new site access from Addington Road at OP0061 SP9676 Addington Road Woodford

**19/01846/VAR (04/01/2020) (LB/CA)** Variation of condition 5 (approved drawings) to allow changes to internal layout and roof lights pursuant to application 18/02284/FUL: Part demolition of and change of use of Public House to a dwelling. Erection of a pair of 3 bedroom dwelling houses on the car park to rear with associated parking at 33 High Street Woodford NN14 4HE

The reason for applications being advertised is as follows:  
**Part3 - Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 2015.**

**Part16 - Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 2015.**

**Info - Non-statutory - included for information only.**  
**LB/CA - Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas Act 1990.**

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

Paul Bland, Head Of Planning Services  
Dated 14 December 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.

# From the Chairman...

It was great to see East Northamptonshire represented at the Northamptonshire Sports Awards, and many of the winners from the East Northamptonshire Sports and Physical Activity Awards were nominated in various categories.



Those nominated were Prince William School, Raunds Park Infant School, Rachael Lever, Eclipse Gymnastics Club and Ian Gow. Ian was fortunate to win the Northamptonshire Sports Award for Community Activator of the Year and all the entrants were examples of hard work and determination to success.

Thanksgiving in America is a time for turkey and pies and we were invited by the 501st Combat Wing Chaplain to a Service of 'Thanksgiving' at Alconbury followed by a great selection of pies, from peanut butter to strawberry and blueberry with vodka to the traditional pumpkin. Not only were the pies delicious but it was interesting to spend time socialising with the Americans who live and work locally.

Annually ENC hold a Youth Conference and this year

the theme was 'online risks and protective behaviours'. Various organisations working to reduce risks and self-harm were brought together by the TARGET (Targeting and Reducing Grooming, Exploitation and Trading) team from Service Six. The young people did a tour of the organisations and then took part in various activities to help them understand the ever changing landscape for children who use the internet, whilst understanding the dangers to themselves and others from online abuse, child sexual exploitation, online grooming and indecent images. The feedback sheets indicated that not only was the day enjoyed but the young people were now more aware of the potential harm from careless use of the internet.

On a lighter note a most enjoyable evening was held

by the Mayor of Rushden at Pizzeria Venezia only tempered by his son's account of having cancer; proceeds from the evening went to Teenage Cancer Trust and MIND. Also, I recently attended the Mayor of Godmanchester's civic dinner at a restaurant called The Exhibition, which was very pleasant and raised money for his chosen charity.

The Rotary Club of Thrapston and Raunds held its delightful carol service in the now restored St Peter's church in Raunds and we were pleased to support the club, which does a great deal of raising funds for charities.

All that is left for me to say is Merry Christmas and to wish you all a very happy and healthy New Year.

Chair of ENC,  
Dudley Hughes

# Grand Union Housing Group GiveaGift at Christmas

Local housing provider Grand Union Housing Group has teamed up with five local food banks to try and provide set items for their Christmas food parcels.



The five food banks in Central Beds, Milton Keynes, Brackley, Towcester and East Northants have each asked for specific goods which will help them put together Christmas food parcels being distributed to local families, single people and older people.

Aileen Evans, Grand Union's Group Chief Executive, said: "Christmas is a time for giving and sharing, and that's exactly what our staff, suppliers and stakeholders have been doing with our GiveaGift campaign by donating hundreds of food items, as well as money and vouchers, towards helping those in crisis this festive season.

"Every penny and item of food donated to a food bank will help those who find themselves experiencing difficulties or financial hardship."

Each of the food banks asked for set items to help with the putting together of food parcels for the festive period with the donations set to help over 1,700 people across the five areas.

# New courses for 2020

A new group is being set up for adults who wish to attend non-vocational courses of general interest. The group will meet in Hope Methodist Church, Higham Ferrers on Tuesday mornings 10am-12noon. There will be two terms per year, spring and autumn, each of 10 weeks duration if possible. Lectures should last for 90 minutes with a coffee/tea break halfway.

Experienced lecturers will be engaged to ensure the subjects are interesting. Colin Ray will be the first lecturer starting the first course on 'Castles of England and Wales' on 14th January. In autumn 2020 there will be a course on Gilbert and Sullivan.

A joining fee of £10 will be required of everyone, then as the group will be non-profit making, additional course fees may vary according to costs and numbers attending.

The group will welcome anyone, young or older of any gender, all that is needed is an interest in a variety of subjects. Potential learners could come from a wide area of Northamptonshire or beyond if able to travel.

The name of this group is Higham Ferrers Learning Group (HFLG) and is being set up by people experienced in running classes of this type. A new committee will be elected at the first meeting of HFLG in January.

Interested? Contact Tony Packham 01933 411145, email [tonypackham@gmail.com](mailto:tonypackham@gmail.com); Kim Eaves 01832 733565, email [m.eaves360@btinternet.com](mailto:m.eaves360@btinternet.com); Chris Ellson 07484847785, email [chrise57@btinternet.com](mailto:chrise57@btinternet.com)

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Wed 19 Boston Market & Springfields  
Fri 21 Coventry Market Day  
Fri 21 Coventry Transport Museums  
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Sat 22 London Dungeons  
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Thu 12 Seasonal Mystery Tour  
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# Taxi safety at Christmas

The festive season is fast approaching and many of us will be planning trips out with family and friends and nights out on the town. Residents are reminded of how they can make sure they get home safely by using licensed taxis.

All taxis must be licensed with the Borough Council of Wellingborough and display a licence plate and licence number on the rear of their vehicle, along with a smaller one in the front windscreen.

Here are a few tips on how you can stay

safe this Christmas:

- Plan how you are getting home from trips and evenings out well in advance and pre-book a taxi
- If you need a taxi home make sure that you use the official taxi ranks
- When the taxi arrives, check it is the one you booked by asking for the name in which it was booked. If in doubt, don't get in
- All licensed taxi drivers will be wearing an ID badge to help you identify your driver

- It is an offence for private hire drivers to accept unbooked fares and their insurance may be invalid, so always use hackney carriages (including the yellow saloon vehicles), unless you book a private hire journey in advance.

For more information about taxi licenses, visit: [www.wellingborough.gov.uk/info/632/licence\\_-\\_hackney\\_carriage\\_-\\_taxi/219/hackney\\_carriage\\_and\\_private\\_hire\\_licensing](http://www.wellingborough.gov.uk/info/632/licence_-_hackney_carriage_-_taxi/219/hackney_carriage_and_private_hire_licensing)

## Why wait to kick-start your fitness?

The NN10 5km fun run will take place on Sunday 29th December at 9am, starting and finishing at the Rushden Station and Transport Museum, and is the perfect way to kick-start the New Year.

We all know how important exercise is to our physical and mental health but it tends to get put on the back burner at Christmas while we enjoy the festive season.

Why not come along to the 5km run, which is suitable for everyone over 18 of all abilities, and start your New Year off on the right foot.

Rushden and Higham Ferrers Town Councils have partnered with Rushden Lakes, Freedom Leisure, local running group Running Buddies and UK Emergency Support Services to bring this 5k run together.

Johnathan Rudland, Active Communities Manager at Freedom Leisure, said: "We all know too well how hard it is to motivate yourself to put your trainers back on and get outside when it is dark and cold outside. That's why we're working with our partners to host this fun run which will get people off to a running start this New Year."

Residents are invited to fundraise for two local causes, Rushden Railway Heritage and Community Space and Higham Ferrers Community Fund.

Visit: [www.yourtown.community/runoffthepies](http://www.yourtown.community/runoffthepies) to sign up. For more information please call Freedom Leisure at the Pemberton Centre on 01933 350 324 or email [Pemberton@freedom-leisure.co.uk](mailto:Pemberton@freedom-leisure.co.uk)

## Wildlife News

In winter a bright and sunny afternoon is a clear message that the coming night could very well produce a ground frost by morning, particularly if no clouds push in during the dark hours to blanket the countryside and keep temperatures up. That was almost certainly not the thought of the lone magpie flying away from the lake; finding food would be uppermost in his/her mind, with low temperatures on the way. The bird is well over a foot (old measurement!) long; the tail uses a fairly large part of that but it still needs plenty of energy to move. The shape is good for identification, but the black-and-white plumage is what gives the bird its name; centuries ago it was simply 'pie' and the 'mag' seems to have come around the time of the first Queen Elizabeth.

As temperatures drop food becomes harder to find and the magpies show their bullying side. Recently four of them decided to include our garden, plus presumably better offers from the reserve just over the fence, in their food shopping, but they were not too friendly. A couple of them looked as if they

might be tackling the winter together, but one in particular did not like too many around at one time and staked his/her (distinguishing male and female is not simple matter with this bird) claim and defended it forcefully; even after the fight the others were not tolerated until hunger was satisfied.

So this bird is not a cheery character, and it is no surprise that its name has become linked with the gloomier side of folklore; its bad reputation dates back to a legend that the magpie was the only bird refusing to enter Noah's Ark, but flew around making that loud chattering which can disturb us early in the morning, even in the depth of winter. It eats most things (even tackling moss on the roof) and it spoils its reputation in spring/summer by stealing eggs or even young birds. Yet somehow, although a black-and-white bird does not sound particularly colourful or cheerful, it somehow provides a touch of contrast in what otherwise can be a dreary period of the year.

By Roy Burrell

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**Family Carol Service**  
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**Carols by Candlelight**

Thrapston Baptist Church  
6pm. Preacher: Mat Hussain  
Favourite carols and their stories – ‘Silent Night’.

**Tuesday 17th December  
Coffee Morning**

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

**Wednesday 18th December  
Christmas Carol Service at  
Rushden Lakes**

The Boardwalk, Rushden Lakes (or Cineworld entrance in poor weather) 7.30pm, 01933 316927. Includes Paul Needle’s Jazz Quartet and a short talk by Rev Richard Coles.

**Newton Road School Christmas  
Craft Fayre**

Newton Road School  
6pm-8pm, free admission. With raffle, craft stalls, refreshments and much more. Everyone is welcome!

**Thursday 19th December  
Guided Walk – 4.25 miles  
(Woodnewton)**

Meet at Woodnewton Church  
PE8 5EB  
2pm, £1.50, Sue 01780 782747. No need to book.

**Carols on the Car Park**

Rushden Mission Church  
Brookfield Road  
7pm, free, Alan 01933 355302. All welcome for hot food and music by Rushden Mission Band.

**RSPB Mid-Nene Local Group  
Indoor Meeting**

Saxon Hall, Raunds  
7.30pm, Penny 01933 350404. AGM followed by an Illustrated talk on WH Hudson by Conor Jameson. Meeting is open to everyone.

**Tiddlers Group for 0-3 year olds**

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

**Friday 20th December**

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

**Saturday 21st December  
Carols Around Irthlingborough’s  
Christmas Tree**

By the Christmas Tree, The High Street, Irthlingborough  
10am. You are invited to join in celebrating the joy of Christmas with some carol singing.

**Sunday 22nd December  
Family Communion**

Thrapston Baptist Church  
10.30am. Preacher: Mat Hussain  
Favourite carols and their stories – ‘O Little Town of Bethlehem’

**Whitefriars Church, Rushden –  
Carol Service**

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

**Hot chocolate, coffee or tea with  
mince pies**

Living Well Café, Irthlingborough  
Methodist Church, College Street,

Irthlingborough, NN9 5TU  
10am, Ruth 01933 652686. A warming drink (maybe after singing carols in the High Street!). Proceeds to Christian Aid.

**Tuesday 24th December  
Coffee Morning**

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

**Christingle Service**

Rushden Mission Church,  
Brookfield Road  
4pm, free. Everyone welcome for this delightful family time.

**Whitefriars Church, Rushden –  
Nativity Service**

Whitefriars Church at Whitefriars Primary School, Boughton Drive, Rushden NN10 9HX  
4.30pm, Chris Youngman 01933 551769. An informal church service open to all.

**Christmas Eve Services**

St Mary’s Higham Ferrers  
Crib Service 4pm, Midnight Mass 11.30pm, Revd Michelle Dalliston 07961003352

**Wednesday 25th December**

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

**Christmas Day**

Thrapston Baptist Church  
10am, Preacher: Mat Hussain  
Favourite carols and their stories – ‘O Come All Ye Faithful’

**Family Christmas Mass**

St Mary’s Higham Ferrers  
10am

**Thursday 26th December**

**Tiddlers Group for 0-3 year olds**  
Thrapston Baptist Church  
NO Tiddlers this week – Christmas break.

**RSPB Mid-Nene Local Group  
Local Walk**

Stanwick Lakes, Northamptonshire  
10am. For more information and booking please contact Bob 01933 460644. Normal car parking charges.

**Friday 27th December**

**Fusion for 7-11 year olds**  
Thrapston Baptist Church  
NO Fusion this week – Christmas break.

**Sunday 29th December**

**Morning Service – Joint Service**  
St. James’s Parish Church  
10.30am. Preacher: Mat Hussain

**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.

**Tuesday 31st December  
Coffee Morning**

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

**Thursday 2nd January 2020  
Tiddlers Group for 0-3 year olds**

Thrapston Baptist Church  
NO Tiddlers this week – Christmas break.

**Friday 3rd January**

**Whitefriars Church Retireds’  
Group**  
The Bridge Community Office at

Whitefriars Primary School,  
Boughton Drive, Rushden  
NN10 9HX  
1.30pm-3pm, Celia Underwood  
01933 676989. A friendly group to which all of retirement age are welcome.

**Fusion for 7-11 year olds**

Thrapston Baptist Church  
NO Fusion this week – Christmas break.

**Saturday 4th January  
SOLID Dads**

Thrapston Baptist Church  
NO SOLID Dads this month – Christmas break.

**Sunday 5th January**

**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.

**Morning Service – Covenant  
Service**

Thrapston Baptist Church  
10.30am. Preacher: Mat Hussain  
Why are we here?

**Higham Ferrers Footpath Group**

Saffron Road car park Higham Ferrers  
10am, free, 01933 386839.  
5-mile walk from Higham Ferrers.

**Oundle Cinema:**

**The White Crow (12A)**  
Stahl Theatre, West Street, Oundle PE8 4EJ  
1.30pm, admission: £6.50 / £3 under 18s (Double bill with Swan Lake) Oundle Festival, 4 West Street, Oundle PE8 4EA. Tel. 01832 274734 [www.oundlecinema.org.uk](http://www.oundlecinema.org.uk), [information@oundlefestival.org.uk](mailto:information@oundlefestival.org.uk). Fiennes captures the raw physicality and brilliance of Nureyev, whose escape to the West stunned the world at the height of the Cold War.

**Oundle Cinema: Swan Lake**

Stahl Theatre, West Street, Oundle PE8 4EJ  
4.30pm, admission: £12.50 / £5 under 18s. A never-before seen high definition restoration of a historic Rudolf Nureyev and Margot Fonteyn 1966 performance of Tchaikovsky’s ballet filmed at the Vienna State Opera.

**Monday 6th January**

**Ladies Keep Fit**  
Thrapston Baptist Church  
9am-10am, 50p per morning. A fun time of exercise to music with an enthusiastic bunch of ladies.

**Tuesday 7th January**

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

**Thursday 9th January**

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

**Painting in the Style of:  
Beryl Cook**

Tansor Village Hall  
1.45pm-3.45pm, members £2, non-members £3, Jane Sanders 01832 226495  
Bring paper and any media to paint in this bright colourful style.

**Friday 10th January**

**Fusion for 7 to 11 year olds**  
Thrapston Baptist Church

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

**Sunday 12th January  
Communion Service**

Thrapston Baptist Church  
10.30am. Preacher: Mat Hussain  
Values: Loving God

**dOCs+ Green Book (12A)**

Stahl Theatre, West Street, Oundle PE8 4EJ  
7.30pm, dmission: £6.50 / £3 under 18s Oundle Festival, 4 West Street, Oundle, PE8 4ED. Tel. 01832 274734 [www.oundlecinema.org.uk](http://www.oundlecinema.org.uk), [information@oundlefestival.org.uk](mailto:information@oundlefestival.org.uk) Set in 1962, Tony Lip, a working-class Italian-American bouncer, becomes chauffeur to Dr Don Shirley, a world-class black pianist. A handsomely made and watchable picture.

**Whitefriars Café Church**

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

**Books ‘n’ More**

Coffee Barne, College Street, Higham Ferrers NN10 8DZ  
10.30am-12noon, Nisha 07958 477266 or Karen 07970 091133  
A relaxed reading and discussion group, organised by Whitefriars Church, Rushden and open to all.

**Whitefriars Church, Rushden,  
Countryside Walk –  
a Finedon Foray**

Meet at the entrance to Finedon Pocket Park – between the cemetery and the cricket ground – in Station Road, Finedon  
10.30am, Andrew Presland 01933 316927. 3 to 4 mile walk in and near Finedon.

**By Appointment**

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

**Housing, Benefits and  
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No 1 St Osyth’s Lane, Oundle, Northants PE8 4BG  
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[office@oundlebaptist.org.uk](mailto:office@oundlebaptist.org.uk)

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**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.

**Islip Ladies Choir**

Thrapston Church Hall  
2pm-3.30pm, Barbara 01536 394431

**Yoga Classes**

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

**Titchmarsh Folk Dance Club**

The Club Room, High Street, Titchmarsh NN14 3DF  
8pm-10pm, £1 inc tea/coffee, Kev Prigmore 01536 514023/  
[titchmarshfdc@gmail.com](mailto:titchmarshfdc@gmail.com)

**Oundle Ladies Running Group**

Oundle pool car park  
6.45pm, Jane Walker 01832 27289/  
[janewalkercakes@icloud.com](mailto:janewalkercakes@icloud.com)

**Bounce and Rhyme**

Irthlingborough Library  
10am-10.30am, free. A singing session aimed specifically at babies (or toddlers who are not yet walking).

**Every Tuesday**

**Library Explore a Story**  
Irthlingborough Library  
10.30-11am, free. A story with a craft or songs – definitely fun and interactive.

**Free and Friendly Health  
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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.

**Art Classes (10 weeks)**

Knuston Hall, Knuston  
7pm-9pm, 10 lessons £100, Jamie 07899 676769

**East Northants Classic  
Motorcycle Club**

New Inn Public House, Wymington  
Meet around 7.30pm

**Sling Walk**

11am, first Tuesday of the month there is Sling Library at 10am prior to the walk. Second Tuesday meet at Rushden CC Hayway instead of Higham Ferrers. 01933 410112

**Short Mat Bowls**

Saxon Hall, Raunds  
1.45pm-4pm, £3.50, 01933 623369

**Yoga Class**

Whitefriars Infant School, Boughton Drive, Rushden  
7.15pm-8.15pm, £5 per session, Carole 07873 743256/  
[carole.wyatt@virginmedia.com](mailto:carole.wyatt@virginmedia.com)

**Rushden and District  
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Irchester Village Hall  
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**2nd Tuesday of the month from  
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**Art Classes**  
Chelveston Village Hall NN9 6AT  
9.30am-3pm, £17, Janet 01933 389647/07599536813  
Gina (January only) 01933 623855. Tutor by professional artist ‘Catherine’. Beginners to Improvers. All mediums. Free tea and coffee.

**Every Wednesday**

**Rhymetime**  
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**Returners to Work**

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**Jelly Babes Toddler Group**

Rushden Independent  
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**Walk and Chat**

Woodford Village, meet at Tiggywinkles Tearooms, 10b Manor House Farm, Addington Road, Woodford NN14 4ES  
9.30am, free. Joe Bailey 01832 742195 or [jebailey@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk](mailto:jebailey@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk)

**Homework Club**

Irthlingborough Library  
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**Every Thursday**

**T & C at St Mary’s**  
Rushden St Mary’s Church Hall  
10am-12noon. Tea and Coffee available to the community. No charge (donations accepted).

**Raunds Bridge Club**

Saxon Hall  
7pm-10pm, £2.50, 01933 624767

**Rushden Folk Dance Club**

St Mary’s Church Hall, Rushden  
8-10pm, first visit free, £2 thereafter, 07796 865537

**The Silver Fox Woodturning Club**

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10am-1pm, £2 all members, Debbie 01604 751019

**Move to Health**

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**Every Friday**

**Over 60s Club Bingo**  
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**Walk and Chat**

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10am, Joe Bailey 01832 742195/  
[jebailey@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk](mailto:jebailey@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk)

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**Every Sunday**

**Sunday Tea**  
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Alexandra Mitchell 01832 226440

**Morning Worship**

Rushden Mission Church,  
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10.45am, Alan 01933 355302

**Morning Church Service**

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**Ringstead Shared Church**

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**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**  
**THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (EAST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE DISTRICT) (WAITING AND LOADING RESTRICTIONS AND ON-STREET PARKING PLACES) (CONSOLIDATION) ORDER 2009 (AMENDMENT No. 18) ORDER 2019**  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order under Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 32, 35 to 39, 45 to 55 and Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ("the Act") to amend "The Northamptonshire County Council (East Northamptonshire District) (Waiting and Loading Restrictions and On-Street Parking Places) (Consolidation) Order 2009". The amendments to the consolidation order include textual changes pertaining to definitions and the issue of electronic/ virtual parking permits.  
 A COPY of the Order may be inspected at Northamptonshire Highways, Brixworth Depot, Old Harborough Road, Brixworth, Northants, NN6 9BX during normal office hours.  
 If you wish to question the validity of the Order or of any provisions contained in it on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or on the grounds that any requirement of that Act, or of any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order, you may, within six weeks from the date of this Notice apply to the High Court for this purpose.  
 The Order will become effective on 16th December 2019.  
 Dated this 14th day of December 2019  
 DEBBIE CARTER-HUGHES  
 Executive Director LGSS Law Ltd  
 PKG/1825

**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14**  
**THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (PUBLIC BYWAY NH16 - PARISH OF LOWICK) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2019**  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit pedestrians (in sections), equestrians and motorists from proceeding along that length of Public Byway NH16 in the Parish of Lowick as specified below. Private access to land or premises adjacent to the said length of byway are unaffected.  
**RIGHT OF WAY TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES:** The existing route of Public Byway NH16 to be closed to all forms of traffic apart from pedestrians commences at NGR SP 9670 7873 at Islip Lodge at Point A in a northerly direction for approximately 360 metres to Point B at NGR SP 9678 7908.  
 The existing route of Public Byway NH16 to be closed to all forms of traffic including pedestrians commences at Point B at NGR SP 9678 7908 in a generally north then westerly direction for approximately 350 metres to Point C at NGR SP 9660 7932 then in a generally north easterly direction for approximately 240 metres to Point D at NGR SP 9673 7952.  
 The existing route of Public Byway NH16 to be closed to all forms of traffic apart from the pedestrians commences at Point D at NGR SP 9673 7952 in a north easterly direction for approximately 1140 metres to Point E at NGR SP 9743 8040 where it meets the unclassified road.  
**REASONS FOR RESTRICTION:** The restriction is required due to the unstable/rutted surface.  
**PERIOD OF CLOSURE:** The Order will come into effect on 17th December 2019 and will continue in force for a period of six months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for this Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such extent as is indicated by the display of notices.  
**ALTERNATIVE ROUTES:** The alternative route for pedestrians commences at Point B along Public Footpath ND12 at NGR SP 9678 7908 in a generally northerly direction for approximately 425 metres to Point D at NGR SP 9673 7952.  
 Dated this 14th day of December 2019  
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 If you require any further information please contact Francine Rainbow on 01604 364348.

**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14**  
**THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (STATION ROAD, IRTHLINGBOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2020**  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council intend, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of Station Road, Irthlingborough as set out below.  
**LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES:** That length of Station Road, Irthlingborough from Waterside House Business Centre to Fitzwilliam House.  
**REASONS FOR RESTRICTION:** The restriction is required for safety during signing and lining works.  
**PERIOD OF CLOSURE:** The proposed Order will come into effect on 20th January 2020 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.  
**EXPECTED DURATION:** It is expected that the road will be restricted for one day.  
**ALTERNATIVE ROUTES:** use A6.  
 Dated this 14th day of December 2019  
 DEBBIE CARTER-HUGHES  
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 If you require any further information please contact Gary Thorp ref: 19-20-N318 on 01604 883400.

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 Proposed development at:  
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 Take notice that application is being made by:  
 Marklin Developments, Mr Mark Kennedy.  
 For planning permission to:  
 Construct 1 no detached 3-bed dwelling, including access parking and amenity land.  
 Local planning authority to whom the application is being submitted:  
 East Northamptonshire Council, Cedar Drive, Thrapston, Northants NN14 4LZ.  
 Any owner of the land or tenant who wishes to make representations about this application, should write to the council within 21 days of the date of this notice.  
 Signatory: Mr Jonathan Sidey  
 Date: 14.12.19  
 Statement of owners' rights: The grant of planning permission does not affect owners' rights to retain or dispose of their property, unless there is some provision to the contrary in an agreement or lease.  
 Statement of agricultural tenants' rights: The grant of planning permission for non-agricultural development may affect agricultural tenants' security of tenure.  
 'Owner' means a person having a freehold interest or a leasehold interest the unexpired term of which is not less than seven years.  
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**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14**  
**THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (CALDECOTT ROAD, CHELVESTON) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2020**  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council intend, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of Caldecott Road, Chelveston as set out below.  
**LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES:** That length of Caldecott Road, Chelveston from Bidwell Lane to Higham Road.  
**REASONS FOR RESTRICTION:** The restriction is required for safety during installation of new water connection.  
**PERIOD OF CLOSURE:** The proposed Order will come into effect on 13th January 2020 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.  
**EXPECTED DURATION:** It is expected that the road will be restricted for up to three days.  
**ALTERNATIVE ROUTES:** use Higham Road, Chelveston Road, Upper Higham Lane and Caldecott.  
 Dated this 14th day of December 2019  
 DEBBIE CARTER-HUGHES  
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 If you require any further information please contact Gary Thorp ref: 19-20-N323 on 01604 883400.

**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14**  
**THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (STATION ROAD, IRTHLINGBOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2020**  
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**LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES:** That length of Station Road, Irthlingborough from Waterside House Business Centre to Fitzwilliam House.  
**REASONS FOR RESTRICTION:** The restriction is required for safety during signing and lining works.  
**PERIOD OF CLOSURE:** The proposed Order will come into effect on 20th January 2020 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.  
**EXPECTED DURATION:** It is expected that the road will be restricted for one day.  
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# East Northants Snooker League

Into week 7 of the ENSL winter league and of the five matches this week, three were decided by a narrow 4-2 outcome and the other two resulted in a draw, showing just how close and competitive the league has become. Also, in an unprecedented first for the league, we saw three frames going down to a re-spotted black. This is where the final frame scores are level and the black is re-spotted in a sudden-death shootout.

The league leaders, Higham SAS, hosted their close rivals Cue Sports A in a hotly anticipated match this week. Cue Sports' Justin Gaggini fought hard to beat Michael Wilson in frame one, but Wilson came on strong in frame two to win by a mile. Up next was Higham's captain Pete Beerten as he faced Mick Tartaglia. Pete missed a few in frame three which Tartaglia capitalised on to take the frame. Pete turned the tables in the next frame as he won on the black. At 2-2, it was over to Adam Burns and Steve Biggs to conclude the match. Burns scored heavily again this week as he won frame five and six to extend his current winning streak and in doing so, converted a 4-2 win for Higham SAS, making it six weeks unbeaten for them.

Over at the Windmill Rushden on the match table, bottom place Windmill D faced Windmill C in a local derby match. Sean Britchford and Marc Brett got proceedings underway. Sean thought he'd done enough to win

frame one, as he held a substantial lead with Brett requiring two snookers. Remarkably, Brett got the two snookers he needed and cleared the colours which took the frame to a re-spotted black. Both players had chances to pot the black, but Brett potted it to steal the frame. Sean won frame two with relative ease. Stewart Brown took frame three for Windmill C as Neal Vaughan struggled. But Vaughan managed to put an end to his recent losing streak as he took frame four. Kevin Freeman was up last against James Rawlins, of similar ability. Freeman won frame five by a considerable margin. However, frame six unbelievably saw the second re-spotted black of the match, which Freeman managed to pot making it four wins in a row for him. Final match score: 4-2 to Windmill D.

On the neighbouring table, Windmill Warriors entertained Windmill B, with both teams in search of a much-needed victory. Tony Jupp produced his best display of the season in totally outplaying Michael Ducks who was forced to concede the first frame with three reds remaining and the second with two still on the table. Richard Wright and Mark Douglas shared two tight frames, both decided on the pink ball. Up stepped Warriors captain Paul Lewis needing both frames to salvage a draw. He found himself needing the last four colours which he duly potted to force a re-spotted black in the first and win

the frame before comfortably beating the out of form Alan Jupp in the second with a fine display. The 3-3 draw helping neither side to make an impact on the leading pack.

The newly formed Windmill A continued their campaign against Cue Sports D. Dave Whitmill and Ricky Johnson shared the opening two frames. Dan Brown looked certain to win frame three but Justin White was clinical as he potted the black to win. He took the momentum into frame four as he won that one too. At 3-1 up the away team Cue Sports D were odds-on to win the match. But, in a first for the league, Alvin Thomas failed to score a single point in frame five as Chris Goldsworthy compiled a 30 break and hoovered up every ball on the table. Alvin did pot a few in frame six but Goldsworthy won again on the colours. A masterclass from Goldsworthy to rescue the 3-3 draw for his

## This week's results:

Higham SAS 4-2 Cue Sports A  
Windmill D 4-2 Windmill C  
Cue Sports C 4-2 Cue Sports B  
Windmill Warriors 3-3 Windmill B  
Windmill A 3-3 Cue Sports D

team and keep them in third place.

At the Wellingborough Cue Sports club, Cue Sports C took on Cue Sports B where almost all of these players can be described as pool players turned snooker players. Clive Howe and Glen Whittemore had a close contest and took a frame each. Tom Carvell made his debut for the B team against Ryan Ball. A very low scoring frame three went the way of the debutant, but Ball went up a gear to win frame four. Luke Clinton continued his impressive run of form as he battled against Lee Bunker to win both of his frames, including frame five, which was decided by another re-spotted black which Clinton fired home. Overall: 4-2 to Cue Sports C.

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Position	Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points
1	Higham SAS	7	5	1	1	28
2	Cue Sports A	7	4	2	1	25
3	Windmill A	7	3	3	1	24
4	Windmill C	7	2	3	2	20
5	Cue Sports C	7	2	4	1	20
6	Windmill Warriors	7	2	2	3	19
7	Windmill B	7	1	4	2	19
8	Windmill D	7	1	3	3	19
9	Cue Sports B	7	1	2	4	18
10	Cue Sports D	7	1	2	4	18

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