

# Nene Valley

## NEWS

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**N**orthants Mini Club is a local club based around the iconic car. The club hosts numerous social events and also attends the big national shows. If you have a Mini – classic, modern, standard, modified, con-cours or workhorse – and are based in Northants, you are invited to get involved. To find on facebook: search for Northants Mini Club.

#### Singing for fun

**T**he Higham and Rushden Singing for Fun Group raised £633.50 at their Christmas Concert in aid of the Full Gospel Church Food Bank and Shelter. The venue was full and everyone was encouraged to join in. Tea and mince pies were provided in the interval and everyone seemed to have a good time. The cheque was presented in early January. The group are now rehearsing for their summer concert in June, details of which will be announced in due course.

# Behind the scenes with Northamptonshire Police

Officers and staff at Northamptonshire Police are back on our screens in the new series of 999: What's Your Emergency?, following an overwhelming response from viewers last summer.

**T**he first episode of the new series, which focuses on the night-time economy, was broadcast on Channel 4 on Monday 20th January. Filming for the documentary

began with the force in February last year, with four episodes hitting the screens in the summer, showcasing how officers and staff deal with crime among other things, against a backdrop of austerity.



The new episodes will give viewers another behind the scenes look at how the force tackles crime in the area.

Assistant Chief Constable, Pauline Sturman, said: "When the first four episodes broadcast last year, we received an overwhelming response from the public.

"Our communities were shocked by what our officers and staff deal with and sometimes, how poorly they are treated when they attend incidents or answer calls.

"Viewers were also immensely intrigued and appreciative of how we deal with crime and keep our county safe.

"We hope that people will continue to watch the new episodes in this fantastic documentary and get a first-hand insight into their local police force."



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## Playgroup seeks support of parents and children

**B**rigstock Pre-School Playgroup is a small village committee-run playgroup for children aged 2-5. They meet every morning during term time, from 9.15am-12.15pm in Brigstock Village Hall, Bridge Street.

However, despite the large space available, there are not currently enough children to make it viable. The pre-school is now inviting any interested parents to get in touch.

"The 10 children who come to us are aged 2-5 and would love some more playmates. We have a large hall for the main learning environment, covering all seven areas of the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum. The outside area is well-equipped, safe, fenced and used in all weathers.

"The staff are very friendly and well qualified and are waiting to hear from you."

Enquiries to Sarah on 01536 373197 or mobile 07708977714 during session times or email: [brigstock-playgroup@outlook.com](mailto:brigstock-playgroup@outlook.com) for more information. So if you want to bring your child(ren) to a small village community run playgroup during school term times we would love to hear from you soon.

## Genealogy jottings

**L**ast time, I told the tale of great uncle Walter and that family stories are not always 100% correct and can miss out important facts. However, they can also be embellished over time as imaginations fill in the gaps.

Some of you may remember Sue Thomas, former Head Teacher of Laxton Junior School, who died last July. Her parents lived in South Africa when she was small and Sue went to boarding school in Devon, staying with her grandparents when she was not with her parents. Sue's grandparents were Grandma Lil and Grandpa George. A lot of information was known about Grandma Lil's family but nothing was known about Grandpa George. Even on their marriage certificate there were no clues – the witnesses were Lil's parents and George's father was noted as deceased. With the name George Thomas, this was not going to be easy.

The known facts were that George was a Captain in the Merchant Navy and sailed between Britain and Poland. Sue and her

**By Jan Pearson**  
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cousins were convinced that George was Polish, had a family in Gdansk and had changed his name to something more British. However, after a lot of detective work, we discovered that George was in fact born in Chippenham, Wiltshire in 1895. Sadly, his father died in 1899 and his mother in 1900. The 1901 census found young George in an orphanage in Bristol. After contacting the orphanage archivist, she copied all of George's paperwork to us, which then gave us a trail to follow him first to the Royal Navy and then to the Merchant Navy. George worked on the Baltic Line, but was not Polish, did not have a family in Gdansk and was always George Thomas. A rather romantic theory was shattered but at least the truth was now known – and a whole new background to the family discovered.

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## Editor's notes

**O**ur focus in this edition is on weddings, which at their most simple are ceremonies where two people are united in marriage. However, in many cases the event itself can be a lavish affair and most couples at least seek to make their wedding an enjoyable and memorable day. Our contributors will be able to offer a range of ideas to make your wedding a very special event. It's interesting to note a few statistics on marriage which, although somewhat dated, tell us more about the institution today: in 2016, there were nearly a quarter of a million marriages in England and Wales, a total similar to each of the preceding two years; almost all marriages were between opposite-sex couples but of the just over 7,000 between same-sex couples (an increase of 8% from 2015) just over half were between female couples; marriage rates for opposite-sex couples in 2016 were lower at all ages compared with 2006, except for men aged 60 years and over and women aged 50 years and over; for the first time ever, less than a quarter of all marriages in 2016 were religious ceremonies; finally, 30th July was the most popular day to get married in 2016, with 4,742 marriages on that day.

While researching this topic one item popped out of the national news concerning a couple's wedding which was postponed after the groom's father and bride's mother both disappeared in a suspected elopement.

Relatives believe the missing parents vanished after rekindling a childhood romance. The young couple to be married, from India's westernmost state of Gujarat, were looking forward to tying the knot in February after a year of planning. However, the ceremony has been put on hold after the 48-year-old man and 46-year-old woman vanished. There is no indication of the marital state of the couple who disappeared.

There's one piece of local good news concerning a kitten which disappeared from its home last Saturday. Club runners out near the A45 early the following day heard cries from a lay-by near Stanwick Lakes. It turned out to be the missing kitten tied up in two bin bags. The animal was subsequently taken to the vet, where it was recognised as one reported missing, and was later reunited with its owner. A spokesman from Northamptonshire Police said: "This is obviously a very concerning incident and we are investigating it." One very fortunate little cat but it's beyond belief that anyone could attempt to dispose of it in such a way.

There is an update from a senior engineer at Northamptonshire County Council Highways about the Oundle north bridge. Work on arches 1 and 2, those closest to the town, is expected to be complete next week after some delays because of flood water. Work will then progress to arches 3 and 4. Completion is expected in late May or early June.

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# Enterprise Centre, East Northants reaches new heights

A pioneering project in East Northamptonshire, which will provide high-quality business accommodation and support to small and micro enterprises, is attracting international interest.

Enterprise Centre, East Northants will open its doors this spring. While construction is underway with the completion of the external fascia of the building, the centre has already received interest from more than 30 businesses, including one from France.

East Northamptonshire Council (ENC), South East Midlands Local Enterprise Partnership (SEMLEP) and ASHE construction are working in partnership to deliver the centre, which will provide small and micro enterprises with a

space for their business to start and grow.

Businesses will be offered support from a range of business support organisations including Enterprising East Northants, the council's economic development arm, and the SEMLEP Growth Hub.

Tenants will also be able to make meaningful connections with their neighbouring businesses through a variety of network events and the provision of a number of informal meeting and collaboration spaces within the centre.

Cllr Steven North, Leader of East Northamptonshire Council, said: "We are just a few months away

from opening our flagship project - Enterprise Centre, East Northants and we are pleased that we have already received interest from more than 30 businesses.

"We will soon celebrate having an operator on board who will work with us to drive this project forward ready for its official opening this spring."

ENC, which is delivering the £8 million project, received £1.69 million funding from SEMLEP's Local Growth Fund towards the project and is working with industry specialists ASHE construction and Total Project Integration to deliver the centre as part of Enterprising East Northants.

To register your interest or for more information please call: 0808 1787 060 or visit: [www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/ecen](http://www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/ecen)



## Harry Potter Book Night in Oundle

Oundle Library will be having an evening of wizardry to celebrate Harry Potter Book Night on Thursday 6th February from 5.00pm to 6.30pm.

They've invited 'Just Karen' to run some very special Harry Potter Magic Workshops and demonstrate some awesome magic tricks and spells, and these will be in addition to the Sorting Hat, a treasure hunt, crafts, games and refreshments. There will be lots going on!

The party is also a chance to dress up as your favourite Harry Potter character,

with prizes for the best dressed witch, wizard or muggle. In previous years, the library has welcomed everyone from Harry, Hermione and Ron, to Hagrid, Draco Malfoy and even Sybill Trelawney! Fancy dress is optional but children – and adults – are invited to join in the fun.

### How to book

Space will be limited, so booking is essential. Tickets £1 per child (ages 5-11, accompanied by an adult). Visit Oundle Library to reserve your tickets or email [oundlib@firstforwellbeing.co.uk](mailto:oundlib@firstforwellbeing.co.uk)

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Please submit the name and address of nominees, together with details of the reason for their nomination, to the Town Clerk at Rushden Town Council, Rushden Hall, Hall Park, Rushden, Northants, NN10 9NG, or e-mail the Town Clerk at [info@rushdentowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:info@rushdentowncouncil.gov.uk). All nominations should be received by **Friday 28th February 2020**.

# Spotlight on Weddings

## Wilson Browne Solicitors

"For richer, for poorer, in sickness and health, until death do us part." When citing these popular wedding vows the last thing the happy couple is likely to be considering is their Will and their new tax position. However, marriage can have a serious impact on individuals who already have Wills in place. Did you know that marriage automatically revokes a Will, unless you have included a clause which states your intention to marry your beloved? Marriage also has an impact on the rules surrounding Inheritance Tax and Capital Gains Tax.

## Inheritance Tax (IHT)

Sadly, for cohabiting couples the tax system is wholly unsympathetic. Married couples and civil partners benefit enormously from an unlimited IHT exemption on transfers between them, whether on lifetime gifts or on death. The only exception is where the couple have a different residence status and the transfer is to the non-UK domiciled spouse or civil partner. In that case, the exemption is limited to £325,000.

Where the unlimited IHT exemption applies and the main asset is the family home, it means there's no need for the survivor to sell it to pay the tax. That's

the main risk for unmarried cohabiting couples. However, a suitable life insurance policy that pays out a sum equivalent to the likely tax on the second death can offer a cost-effective solution, particularly if the couple is in good health.

## Capital Gains Tax (CGT)

There are also significant CGT benefits for married couples and civil partners who make lifetime gifts to each other. The gift avoids an immediate CGT charge and instead the recipient takes over the spouse's original purchase cost. Transfers on death, however, are treated the same for all cohabiting couples whether or not they are married or in a civil partnership. The deceased's historic gain is simply wiped out and the recipient can then sell the asset without a CGT charge.

One area where unmarried couples have a better tax treatment is CGT main residence relief. If they each own their own home (one of which may very well simply be a holiday home), they can continue to claim the exemption on both whereas married couples and civil partners can only claim one relief between them.

## Second marriages

In this day and age it is very common to come across second marriage families;

to include step children. There are mechanisms in place to make sure that your share of your Estate (whether that be your half share of the property) is protected for your children whilst your spouse can still benefit from a life interest.

## How can we help?

Weddings are all about nice things, the dress, presents and, of course, the honeymoon, but don't overlook the more serious things such as your Will. We can go through all these matters with you at an initial meeting and advise you fully on the preparation of your Wills.

## Weddings at Rushden Hall

Rushden Hall is a unique and beautiful Grade II listed building located in Northamptonshire, 'The County of Squires and Spires'. This charismatic Hall dates back to the 14th century and is surrounded by 34 acres of idyllic parkland, creating a picturesque backdrop for wedding photographs. The hall offers a variety of options to accommodate civil weddings and partnerships.

The Fletcher Room boasts a charming open fireplace and impressive bay windows which look over the surrounding Parkland. It can accommodate a ceremony of up to 56 guests or a

reception of up to 40 guests seated at tables.

The Panelled Room is adorned with 15th century oak panelling and beautifully carved doors. It can accommodate a ceremony of up to 42 guests and is ideal for a more intimate wedding.

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A wedding package is available from £3,000 for 40 people which includes a three course wedding breakfast, tea, coffee and mints, evening buffet, one glass of prosecco, two glasses of wine, room hire, table covers, table runners, chair covering, cake stand and knife, and

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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:

### Significant applications

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

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

For more information on "significant" planning applications, visit [www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/dcnotification](http://www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/dcnotification)

### Apethorpe

20/00022/FUL (15/02/2020) (LB/CA)

Single storey side extension to enlarge kitchen; new roof light to proposed bathroom and first floor side extension to Bedroom 1 at 2 Orchard Cottage Laundry Road Apethorpe PE8 5DQ

### Clopton

19/01987/VAR (08/02/2020) (Info)

Variation of condition 2 to allow for amended materials pursuant to 19/01244/FUL Erection of three dwellings pursuant to outline permission 15/00548/OUT (part retrospective) at Motel Block The Red Lion Inn Main Street Clopton NN14 3DZ

### Harringworth

20/00010/FUL (15/02/2020) (LB/CA)

Construction of timber carport with one storage/stable room at Lime Grange Wakerley Road Harringworth NN17 3AH

### Higham Ferrers

19/02011/FUL (15/02/2020) (Art8)

The erection of a new 145 place secondary school for pupils with Special Education Needs with associated access,

sports facilities, playground, hard and soft landscaping, car and cycle parking, substation and other associated infrastructure at land between Newton Road and Chelveston Road Higham Ferrers

### Irthlingborough

19/01413/FUL (08/02/2020) (Info)

Extension to provide five 2-bed and two 1-bed extra care units for independent living at 153 Finedon Road Irthlingborough NN9 5TY

### Kings Cliffe

19/01992/FUL (15/02/2020) (LB/CA)

To re-roof existing barn at rear of the property and convert to new kitchen at 42 West Street Kings Cliffe PE8 6XA

### Nassington

19/01931/FUL (15/02/2020) (Art8)

Erection of new detached garage to rear access road at 39 Station Road Nassington PE8 6QB

20/00029/VAR (15/02/2020) (Art8)

Variation of condition 1 to allow extension of time limit for workers accommodation pursuant to 16/02079/VAR (13/01040/FUL stationing of five static caravans to accommodate seasonal agricultural workers, change of use of existing building to form welfare facilities installation of associated package treatment plant and erection of 15HA of polytunnels) Condition Number(s): 1 Conditions(s) Removal: To allow for the further retention of seasonal agricultural workers accommodation. Please see the covering letter at Lyveden Farm Fotheringhay Road Nassington PE8 6QX

### Raunds

19/01958/FUL (08/02/2020) (Info)

A 7m wide x 15m long covered car washing building with 3.2m clear headroom at Raunds Town Football Club London Road Raunds NN9 6EQ

### Ringstead

19/01999/FUL (08/02/2020) (Info)

Demolition of retaining walls and reconfiguration of a pedestrian access ramp at Pound Close Ringstead

### Rushden

19/00326/FUL (08/02/2020) (Info)

Dropped kerb at 145 Irchester Road Rushden NN10 9QX

19/01906/FUL (08/02/2020) (Info)

Erection of front porch at 8 Dean Close Rushden NN10 9EH

19/01976/FUL (15/02/2020) (Art8)

Construction of 14 no. 1 bedroom apartments for assisted living C3(b) include landscaping and car parking at Former Rushden Ambulance Station Station Road Rushden NN10

19/02006/FUL (15/02/2020) (LB/CA)

Change of use/conversion of the Wheatsheaf public house to part office A2 on the ground floor with ancillary storage at basement level with residential C3 above and to the rear associated parking and amenity space at 1 High Street South Rushden NN10 0QU

19/02013/FUL (15/02/2020) (LB/CA)

Demolition of existing rear conservatory to be replaced with two storey extension at 9 Park Road Rushden NN10 0RW

20/00017/FUL (08/02/2020) (Info)

Proposed new bungalow and detached double bungalow at 312A Newton Road Rushden NN10 0SY

20/00023/FUL (08/02/2020) (Info)

Single storey rear extension and upper floor extension over existing garage at 15 Richmond Close Rushden NN10 0NT

### Thrapston

19/01980/FUL (15/02/2020) (LB/CA)

To take down the existing brick wall and conifer hedge and replace with a newly built brick wall using salvaged brickwork and coping at 2 Church Walk Thrapston

19/02001/FUL (15/02/2020) (LB/CA)

Renewal of lapsed planning consent for the erection of 2 single storey dwellings with access and car parking, plots 4 & 5 at land between 15 and 15A Chancery Lane Thrapston

20/00001/LBC (15/02/2020) (LBRegs)

New front door in the archway at 9 Chancery Lane Thrapston NN14

### Titchmarsh

19/01903/FUL and 19/01904/LBC (15/02/2020) (LB/CA) (LBRegs)

Demolition of single storey section of detached outbuilding and erection of new extension, which would

result in the creation of a self contained annexe at 39 High Street Titchmarsh NN14 3DF

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.

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Paul Bland, Head Of Planning Services

Dated 25 January 2020

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...

Christmas seems a long time ago but we were fortunate to be invited to various carol services and concerts. At one, at St John's Church in Chelveston, the singing was accompanied by the Salvation Army Band.



The 'Army' do such good work throughout the year and on a personal note my father was very ill during WW2 and my mother used to recount how they helped as she sat with him and provided comfort – what a tremendous job they do for people in difficulty or with a personal crisis.

A new year means more meetings at ENC and these always include reports from the various committees, which study aspects of the Council's

work in detail. These meetings are open to the public and at the last meeting it was good to see a young man in the gallery with his family. When I spoke to him, he said he'd like to be involved in the future. He was rather too young, but soon it will be time to prepare for elections to the Shadow Council which will precede the new Unitary Council.

We must also remember the important work of the Parish and Town Councils and you can find out more about all they do,

alongside the District Council, on the ENC website.

I recently attended the AGM of the Northamptonshire Royal British Legion and it was an honour to sit with people who had served our country and to learn of the tremendous work RBL does to help ex-service men and woman and their families.

We are now well into 2020 and I wish you everything you could wish for in the year.

*Cllr Dudley Hughes*

## 'Wood' you believe it? Performers in the spotlight for panto success

Panto with a difference is on its way to Thrapston – thanks to the talents of a cast and backstage crew of more than 40 children and young people.

Supported by a small group of adults, the team from Thrapston Dreamers will be staging Babes in the Wood at The Plaza, Thrapston, on Friday 7th and Saturday 8th February (7pm both evenings).

Tickets are selling fast for their performances of the time-honoured tale, to which the Dreamers will add their own touch of magic through their dance routines, rousing songs and onstage laughs. While the story is traditional, the difference comes in that the young team members – the youngest is 5 – will take on all the onstage roles and many of the backstage and front-of-house jobs.

Months of Tuesday evening rehearsals and, more recently, weekend rehearsals will culminate in the performances, which the team hope will appeal to audience members of all ages. The show will tell the traditional tale of plucky children who plan their escape after being captured on the dastardly sheriff's instructions.

Dreamers aims to offer children a chance to develop their skills onstage and backstage, as well as entertaining their audiences. Attending Dreamers is free, with the group financed through local business sponsorship, fundraising events and ticket sales. The show sponsor is

AC Binns Specialist Transport Services, whose ongoing commitment to the group is greatly appreciated by its members.

Show producer Lindsay Latimer said: "We aim to provide a much-needed creative outlet for both our children and young adults, allowing them to build on their talents, find their talent, or most importantly, to see their confidence grow. Throughout our rehearsals for Babes in the Wood, we have seen all those things achieved and we know the children are looking forward immensely to presenting a show not only to their family and friends but also to the wider community.

"Some of the Dreamers' children have joined us as quiet, shy children, wanting to just be part of the chorus, but once they've been allowed the confidence to grow, they find themselves singing solo on the stage with all eyes watching them. Having hugely appreciative audiences, as we have for all of our shows, makes the Dreamers experience even more rewarding for our children, and we're hoping that our Babes in the Wood audiences will give the children the same experience."

Babes in the Wood is the ninth show from the Thrapston Dreamers, which began in 2015. Tickets (£6 each) are available from Luke Williams Luxury Hair Design in High Street, Thrapston.

## Northamptonshire residents with long-term health problems urged to get flu jab

People living with long-term health conditions are being encouraged to have a flu jab, because of the life threatening risk caused by the flu virus.

The flu jab is free to people with certain health conditions including asthma, diabetes, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, bronchitis, heart disease, kidney disease, liver disease, Parkinson's disease, motor neurone disease or weakened immune system due to HIV or chemotherapy and damaged/no spleen. Carers who receive carer's allowance can also get a free flu jab – speak to your GP.

Councillor Ian Morris, Cabinet Member for Public Health Northamptonshire, said: "Around 87,000 people in Northamptonshire qualify for a free flu vaccination every year because their health is at risk, but not everyone takes up this offer of protection against a serious viral threat. Currently, only around 35,000 have received their free vaccination. I would urge everyone who is vulnerable to infection who has not yet had a vaccination to have the flu vaccine – it's the best way to protect your health."

Dr Azhar Ali, GP and Respiratory Disease Clinical Lead for NHS Northamptonshire, said: "Vulnerable people with long-term

health conditions are more likely to develop complications from flu, such as:

- Flu can worsen a lung condition and aggravate breathing problems in people with COPD, asthma and other chronic lung diseases which can even lead to respiratory failure
- Flu can make liver disease worse and increases the risk of rejecting of liver transplants
- People with neurological disease may find it more difficult to cough and clear fluid from their airways. Flu can give them very high temperature and make symptoms worse because neurological conditions can make it difficult to regulate body temperature
- A third of people with Multiple Sclerosis (MS) will have a relapse within 6 weeks of getting the flu
- Flu puts added stress on your body, which can affect your blood pressure, heart rate and overall heart function. That can raise your chances of having a heart attack or stroke."

Anyone in doubt about whether they qualify for a free vaccination should contact their GP. You can visit a local pharmacy for a vaccination.

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# Vintage Festival wants you to 'Love Oundle'

Following the runaway success of the inaugural event last year, Oundle Vintage Festival is set to return this spring with the 2020 main event being held on Saturday 16th May. As well as providing another memorable day out for thousands of visitors and residents who enjoy all things yesteryear, the organisers

have found a new fundraising focus, having recently launched the 'Love Oundle Fund'.

The 2019 event not only received rave reviews, but raised just over £10,000 for the Town Clock & Bells Repair Fund. Originally put on as a one-off, the organisers Oundle Business Association

took the decision to run the festival as a regular event following universally good feedback from festival-goers and many calls to repeat it. But with the Town Clock funded and now repaired they faced a question about the charitable side of the festival. It turned out that the answer was to create

a brand-new initiative, the Love Oundle Fund, which will support projects aimed at enhancing public spaces within the market town. Open to groups, individuals and businesses with local improvement in mind, applications for funding will be considered for projects big or small that aim to improve the fabric or appearance of the town in some way. One good example of this may be the recently formed Oundle in Bloom group, who are likely to be one of the early beneficiaries of the fund.

With the fundraising element agreed, the organising committee are now busy lining up plenty of vintage inspired displays and entertainments, which will all be contained in the central streets of Oundle from 10am to 4pm on 16th May. These will include: steam engines, vintage tractors, classic cars and motorbikes, a cycle rally, a vintage market, an old-style fairground, children's entertainers, a mini-railway, as well as an artisan food and drink area, and Festival

Stage which will buzz to the sights and sounds of vintage inspired acts. Also, the organisers have confirmed a repeat of the 1950s Dance on Friday 15th, the night before the festival day, at St Peter's Church. The main event on the Saturday will remain totally free to enter.

Chair of the Festival Committee, Philip Amps commented: "With all the hard work required to put on an event of this scale it was

not certain that we would be repeating it so soon. However, the Vintage Festival proved to be such a hit in so many ways that it was the obvious thing to do. This time around we are looking to raise the bar with even better quality vintage attractions. For example, there will be many more steam engines and classic vehicles on the streets of Oundle, and we are looking to invest in the sound stage acts."



The organisers are keen to hear from anyone with any vintage related displays, vehicles or acts, or indeed with offers of assistance on the day itself. To make contact or to find further details of the event, including more on the 'Love Oundle Fund', please visit the website: [www.oundlevintagefestival.co.uk](http://www.oundlevintagefestival.co.uk)

## Febfest for charity

Saturday 1st February 2020, Ringstead Village Social Club  
NN14 4DA, 5.30pm – Midnight.

John Gibbs, a Kettering musician, set out on 19th July last year to cycle from Land's End to John O'Groats.

He decided to solo cycle this challenge with minimal arrangements put in place for his "home comforts" as he did not want to create a "carbon footprint".

He calculated his daily miles to achieve getting to John O'Groats within his target of 14 days.

Before starting he set up a JustGiving page, aiming to raise a £1,000 minimum to support three Kettering charities: Johnny's Happy Place, Green Patch, a Groundwork-run community garden project, hosting volunteer days, children's clubs, education sessions and family events, and Equata, based in Grafton Underwood, who provide equine therapy for injured horses.

He successfully arrived at John O'Groats within 11 days 23hrs, completing the challenge and covering a distance of 1,048 miles.

En route he caused quite a response from several of the places he managed to "bed down" for the night with one landlord giving him a donation of £15, along with two others.

His target of £1,000 is just short of £103!

To ensure he reaches this target many well-known local musicians have agreed to hold Febfest, a special evening of music across a variety of genres at Ringstead Village Social Club, to be held on Saturday 1st February, starting at 5.30pm and continuing through till midnight.

John is asking for a donation of £5 – which includes 5 raffle tickets for the Grand Raffle, to be held on the evening – as your admission.

Donations of vouchers and gifts for the raffle would also be appreciated and can be sent, or left, at Ringstead Village Social Club on any evening from 7.30pm or on the evening of Febfest.

John is now aiming to raise a minimum of £1,500 for his chosen charities.

## Wildlife News

When you drew back the curtains this morning what did you see? More precisely, what wildlife did you see? There are not too many places, particularly round here, without any plant or animal life, but not everyone takes the trouble to look (especially early in the morning, and before breakfast!). For those who do show an interest in knowing a little more about what is 'out there', the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) have for quite a few years now been running a scheme which has several targets. Known as the Big Garden Birdwatch (and possibly some other unofficial names when conditions are not too comfortable), it collects loads of information from anyone who asks to take part.

It is not just a question of counting birds to see how many we can get into our little plot and see if we can beat the neighbours – imagine just how difficult even that could be. The information collected includes where and when the watching was done, and results are compared with past years to build a picture of whether a species is doing well or losing numbers, to determine what (if anything) could cause the problems, and whether

agricultural use could mix with the demands of housing an increasing human population, unemployment and leisure activities.

It's a change from the 'mud and wellies' brigade stumbling (falling?) around the countryside, but when statistical experts and their inevitable computers (an impossible task without them) have finished juggling those returns from hundreds of thousands of us amateur watchers then land can be better used for the lives of everyone, town-dwellers or 'country bumpkins'. Recent tragic news from Australia emphasises very frighteningly what can happen if we get it wrong.

Some see this 'birdwatch' idea as a sort of league table of results for birds we can see every day without knowing whether they are dying out. The information flowing back to headquarters, though, is not just about birds, but also many other aspects of the countryside affecting future generations. Counting sparrows on a cold wet January morning may not be very appealing but those reports are important and there is still time (just!) if you act now. Visit [rspb.org.uk/birdwatch](http://rspb.org.uk/birdwatch)

By Roy Burrell

## Volunteer Action-packed Christmas Lunch

Volunteer Action hosted a lunch for its members at Fletton House on Christmas Eve 2019. It was a very lovely occasion. Seventeen members enjoyed a delicious traditional Christmas lunch with all the trimmings, including mince pies, carol singing, Christmas gifts and great company.

Mrs G, one of the guests, said: "The menu was perfect and it was all much appreciated. The most important thing was meeting an ex-schoolteacher who I talked to a lot and it was great to meet a new friend."

One of the volunteer drivers said: "The ladies I drove to the lunch and home again were buzzing. They loved the food and entertainment, but particularly the companionship. They had a great time."

Stuart Anderson, Chairman of Trustees said: "The trustees of Volunteer Action were delighted that so many of our members were able to enjoy a Christmas lunch with others, at a time of year when isolation can be the norm. It was also inspiring to see so many volunteers; driving, working in the kitchen, serving at the table and entertaining, gladly giving up some of their Christmas Eve to help make the lunch a success."

Thanks go to Oundle Town Council, which provided the venue. The event also received very generous financial support from the local branches of Waitrose and Tesco, for which Volunteer Action is very grateful.

Volunteer Action is a local charity supporting

the elderly, unwell, disadvantaged and those with disabilities in Oundle, Thrapston and the surrounding villages from Easton-on-the-Hill to Titchmarsh. The charity aims to help people keep their independence, stay living in their own homes and remain an active part of the community. Volunteer Action provides a community car scheme and a befriending service. All the drivers and befrienders are volunteers.



If you are (or you know) someone who could benefit from Volunteer Action's help, or you are interested in becoming a volunteer driver or befriender, please get in touch on 01832 275433 or [admin@volunteeractionoundle.org](mailto:admin@volunteeractionoundle.org). Take a look at the charity's website for more information <http://www.volunteeractionoundle.org.uk/>

## Annual drink/drug drive campaign figures released

As part of Northamptonshire Police's Christmas drink and drug drive campaign, officers across the force carried out more roadside tests than in previous years – resulting in an increase in arrests.

Over the past month officers conducted 2,552 breath tests – an increase of 66 per cent on 2018, when 1,798 were carried out – while the number of roadside drug wipes rose by 90 per cent from 20 to 38 respectively.

The rise in the number of roadside checks is a direct result of the increased patrols and the various operations held across the Force throughout the festive period to tackle drink and drug driving offending over the festive period.

During the campaign, a total of 84 motorists were caught behind the wheel while under the influence of drink or

drugs. Sixty-seven were charged with drink driving, and 17 were arrested for failing a roadside drug test, pending the results of blood tests.

This was a small increase of 24 and 30 per cent respectively from 2018, when a total of 67 drivers were arrested and charged with drink (54) and drug (13) driving related offences.

As part of the campaign, all those charged with drink driving were publicly named on the Northamptonshire Police website and its social media, which included two drivers caught on Christmas Day and eight on New Year's Day.

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

## Recruitment and finance focus for North Northants Joint Committee

Councillors progressing preparations for a North Northamptonshire unitary council have backed a plan of action to recruit senior managers that will head the new shadow authority.

At their first meeting of 2020 in the Corby Cube on the evening of Thursday 16th January, Members of the North Northamptonshire Joint Committee also welcomed the robust and transparent financial process put in place for the Future Northants unitary programme, which is working to create two new unitary councils in the county by 1st April 2021.

The Committee supported proposals for appointing the chief officer roles required by law to be filled when the new North Shadow Authority is created in May this year. These arrangements include putting in place a series of 'caretaker' positions for a Head of Paid Service, Chief Finance (Section 151) Officer and Monitoring Officer from May, then appointing permanently to the posts later in the summer.

Members also endorsed a report that set out the programme's financial baseline position – the starting point of assumed costs for creating the new councils and potential savings that could be made.

The baseline figures estimate required investment of £43.5m, which includes £18m of Business Rates Pilot funding, to transform and move across their services to form the two new authorities, which could achieve a possible yearly budget saving of £85.9m. Members heard these were being used as benchmark figures to monitor and report future financial progress and are therefore likely to change.

The Committee also received updates from the Joint Committee's working groups that have been progressing key pieces of work on governance and other arrangements needed to set up a Shadow Authority for North Northamptonshire, which would deliver the new unitary council.

Chairman of the North Northamptonshire Joint Committee, Councillor Martin Griffiths said: "It's clear from the reports and updates received by the Committee that work is really gathering pace towards the creation of a new unitary council for North Northamptonshire on 1st April 2021.

"This is a huge task within a very tight timescale so it's reassuring to see the robust and transparent processes that are already in place to manage and monitor the progress being made. I would like to thank all councillors and members of staff and councils for their hard work on the programme so far and look forward to the positive journey ahead towards shaping an exemplary new authority."

The North Northamptonshire Joint Committee is made up of 15 councillors representing Kettering, Wellingborough, Corby and East Northants councils and the County Council. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday 10th February at 6.30pm at East Northamptonshire Council in Thrapston. Agendas and papers for this meeting will be available nearer the time at [www.kettering.gov.uk/meetings/committee/52/north-northamptonshire\\_joint\\_committee](http://www.kettering.gov.uk/meetings/committee/52/north-northamptonshire_joint_committee)

## Planning approval for new leisure centre

A proposal for a new leisure centre in Moulton to serve residents in the east of Daventry District has secured planning permission.

Daventry District Council (DDC) wants to convert the Chris Moody Centre into a public leisure centre for use by the wider community.

And work is expected to start in the spring after a planning application was approved by the Council's Planning Committee on Wednesday 15th January.

The new-look centre will make use of the existing 25-metre swimming pool and two hydrotherapy pools, and will also feature a state-of-the-art fitness suite/gym, a group exercise studio, a spin studio and a health suite with steam room, sauna and spa pool.

The car park will also be increased in size to 190 spaces, in order to accommodate the increase in its use.

Work on the new fitness suite/gym could start in the spring with a view to opening by late summer. The remainder of the works could then be completed by the end of this year.

Plans for a new leisure centre in the eastern part of Daventry District were identified as the top priority in the Council's Sports Facilities Investment Strategy, adopted last year following

public consultation. The area is experiencing major population growth and more leisure facilities are needed.

Councillors agreed last month to use £8.5m of funding from local housing developer contributions to buy the Chris Moody Centre from Moulton College and convert it for this purpose.

The new facility will be run by Everyone Active, which also operates Daventry Leisure Centre on behalf of DDC.

The Council hopes the new plans for the centre will make it financially sustainable so it can be used for a wider range of health and fitness activities for the whole community.

DDC is keen for community sports activities to continue at the centre and discussions about the changes continue to take place with existing users, including Northampton Swimming Club.

Councillor Alan Hills, DDC's Community Culture and Leisure Portfolio Holder, said: "The new leisure centre will meet the needs of the growing population in the east of our District while providing a sustainable long-term solution for the site.

"We are very pleased to have secured planning permission for this exciting project and I look forward to working with our partners to bring it to fruition."

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# Stay warm this winter with the Northants Warm Homes partnership

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In 2019, East Northamptonshire Council on behalf of the Northants Warm Homes partnership secured nearly £4 million to provide fully-funded central heating for homes across the district for the first time. The money awarded is matched by grants and contributions from landlords and local authorities to ensure that eligible homes are fully funded.

Leader of East Northamptonshire Council, Cllr Steven North, said: "As a council, we are always looking for ways to work with partner organisations to help residents across

East Northants and this scheme is the latest example.

"The Warm Homes Fund provides help to those in need, and with winter setting in, we urge everyone to check to see if they are eligible and stay warm for years to come.

"If you are not sure whether you can apply for the Warm Homes Fund do not hesitate to get in contact with a member of the Warm Homes Fund

team on 0800 038 5737 who will be happy to advise and talk you through eligibility."

Households eligible for the Warm Homes Fund are those most in need of support and include low income earners that have high energy bills, and those individuals who are vulnerable to the cold because of health conditions. Home owners and private tenants can apply for the Warm Homes Fund, but tenants will need permission from their landlord.

The scheme will run until 2021 and aims to fit efficient central heating in around 1,400 fuel-poor homes across the county.

All support through the Warm Homes Fund scheme is subject to the eligibility criteria. To find out more go to [www.northantswarmhomes.com](http://www.northantswarmhomes.com) or call freephone 0800 038 5737. All visits will be by appointment only and assessors will carry photo ID.

# New WEEE collection scheme gets off to a flying start

Approximately 13 tonnes of Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) have been collected across East Northamptonshire in just 6 weeks since a new collection was launched.

Following a successful pilot in Raunds, the Waste team at East Northamptonshire Council rolled out a weekly WEEE collection scheme in mid-December and have already seen a brilliant response.

Cllr Steven North, Leader of East Northamptonshire Council, said: "As a council, we are committed to helping residents with their recycling in the

district and are delighted that there has been such a high uptake of the WEEE collection scheme in a short space of time.

"But the work doesn't stop here and we encourage East Northants residents to carry on putting out their unwanted electrical items for collection, so we can maintain these high figures and avoid electrical products being sent for disposal

unnecessarily."

Since December 2019, electrical items including kettles, speakers, microwaves, printers and other small electrical items have all been collected from neighbourhoods across the district and will now be sent to a dedicated facility for sorting and recycling.

Residents across East Northamptonshire who have unwanted small electrical items should place them out for recycling on their usual collection day in a carrier bag, next to recycling or refuse bins and a full list of items which can be accepted is available on East Northamptonshire Council's website.

For full details about the weekly WEEE collections, residents in East Northamptonshire should visit [www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/WEEE](http://www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/WEEE)



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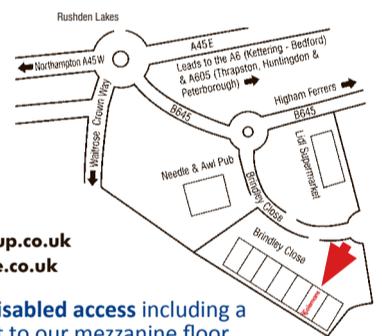
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**Sunday 26th January**  
**All-Age Family Service**  
 (with Communion)  
 Thrapston Baptist Church  
 10.30am  
 Preacher: AA Team, All Age Theme.

**Monday 27th 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.

**ALPHA**  
 Thrapston Baptist Church  
 7pm-9pm. An 11-week opportunity to explore the Christian faith in a fun, friendly and non-judgmental environment. Session 3: Why did Jesus die?

**Tuesday 28th January**  
**Coffee Morning**  
 Thrapston Baptist Church  
 10am-12noon. Friendly time for all to meet, chat, and share tea, coffee and cake.

**Thursday 30th January**  
**Tiddlers Group for 0-3 year olds**  
 Thrapston Baptist Church  
 9am-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 Historical Costumed Models**  
 Tansor Village Hall  
 1.45pm-3.45pm, members £4, non-members £6, Jane Sanders 01832 226495. Bring any media and paper to paint historical costumed people.

**Friday 31st January**  
**Fusion for 7-11 year olds**  
 Thrapston Baptist Church  
 6.30pm-8pm. Lively and fun group with games, songs and bible based illustrations.

**Saturday 1st February**  
**SOLID Dads**  
 Thrapston Baptist Church  
 9.30am-11am. A group for dads, granddads and all male carers with their children aged 0-6 years. Come and have fun with your children with games, craft and toys.

**Concert by Peterborough Cathedral Choir**  
 Church of St Mary the Blessed Virgin, Warmington PE8 6TE  
 7pm, free with donations invited to Warmington Church and the choir's 2020 tour to USA. John Miley 07710403380  
 An evening of stunning music by Peterborough Cathedral Choir directed by Tansy Castledine.

**Sunday 2nd February**  
**Morning Service**  
 Thrapston Baptist Church  
 10.30am  
 Preacher: Mat Hussain. New Series: Attributes of God. God is Sovereign (1).

**Higham Ferrers Footpath Group**  
 Saffron Road car park Higham Ferrers for car sharing  
 9am, free, 01933 663603.  
 6-mile walk from Woolstone.

**Monday 3rd February**  
**Ladies Keep Fit**  
 Thrapston Baptist Church  
 9am-10am, 50p per morning. A fun-time of exercise to music with an enthusiastic bunch of ladies.

**ALPHA**  
 Thrapston Baptist Church  
 7pm-9pm. Session 4: How can I have faith?

**Tuesday 4th February**  
**Coffee Morning**

Thrapston Baptist Church  
 10am-12noon

**Wednesday 5th February**  
**Talk: Victorian Gardens in Northamptonshire**  
 Methodist Hall, Drummingwell Lane, Oundle PE8 4AA  
 7.45pm, £2 patrons, £3 visitors, 07761 983350. An illustrated talk by David Bond preceded by a short AGM, free light refreshments, all welcome.

**Talk: 100 Fascinating 'Acer Palmatum's'**  
 The Memorial Hall, Great Addington NN14 4BS (opposite Church)  
 7.30pm, members free, visitors £4. Free Coffee/Biscuits. 01832 734750. The Addington's Horticultural Society presents a talk by Joanne Baxter on Acer Palmatum, cultivation etc. – both trees and shrubs.

**Thursday 6th February**  
**Painting Still Life**  
 Tansor Village Hall  
 1.45pm, members £2, non-members £3, Jane Sanders 01832 226495. Painting 'kitchenalia' still life. Bring any media.

**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 7th February**  
**Ringstead Cinema: Downton Abbey (PG)**  
 Ringstead Village Hall, High Street  
 Film starts 7.30pm, admission £4. 01933 460373. A Royal visit to the Crawley household brings excitement and surprises.

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

**Whitefriars Church Retireds' Group: Roger Handcock speaking about the work of Lions Clubs**  
 The Bridge Community Office at Whitefriars Primary School, Boughton Drive, Rushden NN10 9HX  
 1.30pm-3pm, free admission, Celia Underwood 01933 676989. A friendly group to which all of retirement age are welcome.

**Sunday 9th February**  
**Whitefriars Café Church**  
 Whitefriars Primary School, Boughton Drive, Rushden NN10 9HX  
 10.15am, free admission, 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, free admission Nisha 07958 477266 or Karen 07970 091133. A relaxed reading and discussion group, organised by Whitefriars Church, Rushden and open to all.

**Whitefriars Church**  
**Countryside Walk – Avoiding the Clay Pigeons**  
 Meet at the entrance to Sporting Targets (MK44 1BX) in Knotting Lane off the Sharnbrook to Riseley Road  
 10.30am, Andrew Presland 01933 316927. A 3-mile walk in the woods and countryside between Riseley and Melchbourne.

**Communion Service**  
 Thrapston Baptist Church  
 10.30am  
 Preacher: Mat Hussain  
 God is Holy (2).

**Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th February**  
**Snowdrop Weekend**  
 St John's Church, Chelveston  
 10am-4pm (Sat), 11am-4pm (Sun), free admission, John Ellred: john@ellred.co.uk or 07929 328827. Wonderful natural displays of snowdrops. Teas, cakes, soup and many stalls. Chelveston Chorus Sunday afternoon.

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

**Housing, Benefits and Employment Advice**  
 No 1 St Osyth's Lane, Oundle, Northants PE8 4BG  
 01832 770010/  
 office@oundlebaptist.org.uk

**Half-Term**  
**All-age Touch Typing Club**  
 Mon-Fri, 9.30am-10.30am, learn or refresh skills, £15 course intro with coffee. Diane Gifford 07432 123438

**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

**Oundle Ladies Running Group**  
 Oundle pool car park  
 6.45pm, Jane Walker 01832 27289/  
 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 Monday (term time)**  
**Praise and Play**  
 St James' Church Thrapston  
 1.30-2.45pm, refreshments available, Anita 735443

**Engage Open Youth Club for school years 7-13**  
 No.1 St Osyth's Lane, Oundle  
 7pm-9pm, free of charge. Pool, Xbox, crafts, chat, milkshake.

**1st Monday of the month**  
**Finedon Irthlingborough & District Branch Royal British Legion Branch Meeting**  
 Finedon Bowls Club  
 7.30pm, Peter Eames 07434 328237

**1st Monday of the month (except May when 2nd Monday)**  
**Oundle & District Royal British Legion Meeting**  
 The Talbot Hotel, Oundle  
 7pm, Roy Sparkes 07904 463707

**1st & 3rd Monday of the month**  
**Oundle Rotary**  
 The Ship Inn, West Street,



Oundle PE8 4EF  
 6.15pm, Jane Grant 07712 933574. Bring your skills, experience, enthusiasm, give something back to your community.

**2nd Monday of the month**  
**Thrapston & District Royal British Legion Branch Meeting**  
 Thrapston Town Council Centre, 77 High Street, Thrapston  
 7.30pm, 07876 716 478, ibyrnes@britishlegion.org.uk

**50+ Adventure Club**  
 For further information 01536 505548/www.fiftyplusadventureclub.org. Adventure and social activities for the over 50s.

**Royal British Legion Rushden Branch Monthly Meeting**  
 Rushden Football & Social Club, Hayden Road, Rushden  
 7.15pm, annual fee £17, Jake Baker 07525 441267

**3rd Monday of the month**  
**Higham Ladies Group**  
 Adult School, Westfield Terrace Higham Ferrers NN10 8BB  
 2pm-4pm, 01933 387073. Make some new friends and have fun. Interesting speakers.

**3rd Monday of the month (not Dec)**  
**Oundle Munch Club**  
 Oundle Primary School  
 £4, call 01832 275353 to book. Come for roast lunch and pudding.

**2nd & 4th Monday of the month**  
**StitChat**  
 No 1 St Osyth's Lane, Oundle  
 1.30pm-3.30pm, 01832 770010/  
 office@oundlebaptist.org.uk

**Monday once a month**  
**Woodturning Club**  
 Hardwick Village, nr Wellingborough NN9 5AL  
 7-10pm, Paul Lawman 01933 674260

**Every Monday & Thursday**  
**Oundle Bridge Club**  
 Fletton House, Fletton Way, Oundle PE8 4JA  
 7pm start, 01832 273044

**Every Tuesday**  
**Bell Ringing**  
 St Mary's Higham Ferrers  
 7.30pm, Bob Dennis 01933 317648. Bell Ringing practice for Sunday 10.30am service.

**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 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.

**Pensioners Club**  
 Rushden Hall  
 2pm-4pm, Secretary David Robinson 01933 313729. Speakers, bingo and whist. All welcome.

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

**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

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

**IT Assistance and Advice**  
 Irthlingborough Library  
 2pm-4.30pm, free service for anyone wishing to improve their IT skills or seeking support creating CVs/looking for work.

**Rushden and District Photographic Society (RDPS) Members Meeting**  
 Irchester Village Hall  
 8pm, no admission fee - reasonable yearly membership. Secretary 01933 624286. For anyone interested in photography. Includes talks, competitions and days out.

**Every Tuesday (term time)**  
**Tuesday Tots**  
 No 1 St Osyth's Lane, Oundle  
 9.15am-11.30am, free, 01832 770010/office@oundlebaptist.org.uk

**1st Tuesday of every month**  
**Great Companions (singles 55+)**  
 Rushden Bowls Club, Northampton Road  
 7-9pm, yearly membership £6, Pat Bazeley 07931 964360

**Northamptonshire MS Society Meeting**  
 Barton Seagrave Village Hall, Bertone Road, Barton Seagrave, Kettering NN15 6WF  
 2pm, Stella Luck 01536 216135/  
 northamptonshire@mssociety.org.uk

**2nd Tuesday of the month**  
**East Northants Land Rover Owners Club Meeting**  
 Aviator Hotel, Sywell Aerodrome, Sywell NN6 0BN  
 8pm, free admission. Family friendly for anyone with an interest in Land Rovers of all ages. [www.enlroc.co.uk](http://www.enlroc.co.uk)

**Woodford WI Meeting**  
 Woodford Sports and Social Club  
 7.30pm, Lynn Sortwell 01832 732740

**Higham Ferrers Guided Tour**  
 Groups of 6 minimum. Trained guides. Tea & cakes, optional. 01933 411191

**Nene Valley Ladies**  
 St Peter's Roman Catholic Church Hall, Higham Road, Rushden  
 2pm-4pm, 01933 355478. Visiting speakers and outings

**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.

**3rd Tuesday of the month**  
**Rushden and District Stamp Club**  
 Park Road Baptist Church Hall, Rushden NN10 0RG  
 7.30pm, Malcolm Whitehead 01933 350646.

**Every Tuesday & Thursday**  
**Health Walks Stanwick Lakes**  
 10am-11am, free, car park charges 01933 625522/  
[www.stanwicklakes.org.uk](http://www.stanwicklakes.org.uk)

**Ladies Crochet Group**  
Irthlingborough  
2pm-4pm, £10 per session  
Contact Ros 07722593637

**Every Tuesday, Thursday & Friday**

**Partner Whist Drive**  
Rowlett Close, Higham Ferrers  
(Tuesday & Friday), Windmill Club,  
Rushden (Thursday). 7.30pm, £2,  
01933 313714

**Every Tuesday & Saturday**

**Coffee Mornings**  
St James Church, Thrapston  
10am-12noon, 01832 730019

**Last Tuesday of the month**

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

**Every Wednesday**

**Rhymetime**  
Irthlingborough Library  
10am-10.30am, free. A singing  
session aimed at Under 5s.

**Pemberton Maid Marions**

**Ladies Archery**  
The Pemberton Centre, H E Bates  
Way, Rushden NN10 9YP  
Diane 01933 314032 or Glenda  
01933 225057. Welcomes new and  
experienced archers.

**Dog Training, Socialisation**

**and Ringcraft**  
Halefield, Woodnewton,  
nr Oundle  
Classes from 6.45pm, 01832  
293432/oundledogs@aol.com/  
[www.oundledogs.co.uk](http://www.oundledogs.co.uk)

**Rainbow Cafe for Tots**

Stanwick Lakes  
10.30am-12noon and 1.30pm  
(term time only), £2.50 per child  
- car park charges apply. 01933  
625522/[www.stanwicklakes.org.uk](http://www.stanwicklakes.org.uk)

**Club Night Apethorpe**

**Tennis Club**

From 6pm

**Returners to Work**

No.1 St. Osyth's Lane  
10am-12noon, 01832 770011

**Art & Craft Class**

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

**Cambridge First**

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

**Jelly Babes Toddler Group**

Rushden Independent  
Wesleyan Church  
9.15am

**Walk and Chat**

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

**Homework Club**

Irthlingborough Library  
3.30pm-4.30pm. For ages 8-16,  
access the library's resources for  
free and have assistance with  
homework.

**Every Wednesday (term time)**

**Community ICT Classes**  
Needham Building, Oundle School  
SciTec, Glapthorn Road, Oundle  
2.30pm-4pm, 01832 277267 to  
enrol.

**Music Makers**

Prior Hall Park  
11.15am-12noon, £4 per child,  
£2 for siblings. Booking essential.  
Contact Jenni at [musicmakersnorthants@gmail.com](mailto:musicmakersnorthants@gmail.com)

**Tiny Tots**

Oundle C of E Primary School,  
Glapthorn Road  
1.45pm

**660 Club (Age 60+)**

Two Acre Club, off Milton Road  
2.15pm-3.45pm. Afternoon tea  
and entertainment by Oundle  
pupils.

**Every other Wednesday**

**Psychic and Spiritual  
Awareness**  
Rushden  
1pm-3pm, 7.30pm-9.30pm,  
£7 per session. 07712 740495

**1st Wednesday of the month**

**Raunds Coffee Afternoon**  
Saxon Hall, Raunds  
1.30pm-3pm, £1 entry (includes  
refreshments). Call 01933 622087

to reserve your seat. Meet new  
friends over tea & entertainment.

**Raunds Ladies Group**

The Saxon Hall, Raunds  
8pm-10pm, Visitors £3.50,  
01933 622451

**Home Instead**

**Companionship Café**  
M&S Café (Rushden Lakes)  
1pm-3pm (times will change during  
school holidays), Marie 01933  
678775. No booking needed.

**1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month**

**Thrapston Country Dancers**  
St Johns Ambulance Hall  
2pm-3.30pm, G Hearnden 01933  
622827/[ghearnden@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:ghearnden@tiscali.co.uk)

**2nd Wednesday of the month**

**Coffee Morning**  
Raunds Methodist Church  
10am-12noon, 01933 383378

**2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month**

**Northants Model Makers**  
Main meeting starts 7.30ish.  
First couple free. Bob Humpage  
07960 054405/[modelmaker@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:modelmaker@tiscali.co.uk)

**3rd Wednesday of the month**

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

**Raunds & Dist' British Legion**

Conservative Club, Raunds  
8pm, 01933 625333 for more  
details. You do NOT have to be  
ex-services.

**4th Wednesday of the month**

**Rushden Pensioners Forum**  
St Peters Church Hall,  
Midland Road, Rushden  
2pm-4pm, Mary Morby 01933  
312476 or [e.m.m@btinternet.com](mailto:e.m.m@btinternet.com)

**Wednesday & Thursday**

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

**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

**Health Walk**

Irthlingborough Library, High Street  
10.30am, [irthlib@firstforwellbeing.co.uk](mailto:irthlib@firstforwellbeing.co.uk). Walk lasts an hour and then  
back for refreshments and a  
chance to chat.

**Rushden Folk Dance Club**

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

**The Silver Fox Woodturning Club**

Dale End Scout Headquarters,  
Croyland Road, Wellingborough  
10am-1pm, £2 all members,  
Debbie 01604 751019

**Move to Health**

No 1 St Osyth's Lane, Oundle  
2.15pm-3pm, 01832 770010/  
[office@oundlebaptist.org.uk](mailto:office@oundlebaptist.org.uk)

**Thursday Drop-In**

No 1 St Osyth's Lane, Oundle  
10am-1pm, 01832 770010/  
[office@oundlebaptist.org.uk](mailto:office@oundlebaptist.org.uk)

**Little Ducklings Pre-School**

**Stay & Play 'Tea & Tots' Sessions**  
1.30pm-3pm, £1.50 per family.  
01832 358085

**Olde and Sequence Dancing**

Woodford Sports and Social Club  
7.30pm-9.30pm, £2, Dorothy 01832  
732534 or Keith 01832 731896

**Every Thursday (term time)**

**Music Makers**  
Titchmarsh Pavilion, 9.15am-10am;  
Joan Strong Centre, Oundle,  
11.15am-12noon, £4 per child,  
£2 for siblings. Booking essential.  
Contact Jenni at [musicmakersnorthants@gmail.com](mailto:musicmakersnorthants@gmail.com)

**Little Treasures Tots Group**

St Laurence's Church, Stanwick  
9.30am-11am, donations to cover  
costs, Nicki 01933 625658

**Community Art Classes**

Oundle School Art Department  
7.30pm-8.30pm, free classes for  
people with a disability.

**Coffee/tea and biscuits**

**in the Bede House**  
St Mary's Church, Higham Ferrers  
10am-12noon, no charge just a  
donation to cover costs.

**Adult & Child Swim Sessions**

Oundle School Swimming Pool,  
Milton Road Oundle  
9.15am-9.45am, booked in  
advance as a block (£4.75 per  
lesson) 01832 277208/277195

**Alternate Thursdays**

**Fettledine Afternoon Club**  
Crow Hill Community CTR,  
Fettledine Road, Irthlingborough  
NN9 5XF  
2pm-4pm, £2 all ages welcome  
for tea, cake, chat and activities.  
Caroline Cross 07527530529

**1st Thursday of the month**

**Royal British Legion Friends &  
Companionship Support Group**  
Athletics Club, Newton Road,  
Rushden  
10am-12noon. Pop in for a chat.

**1st & 3rd Thursday of the month**

**Woodturning Demonstrations  
and Instruction**  
Cranford Village Hall, Grafton  
Road, Cranford NN14 4JE  
7pm, members and first visit free.  
Peter Bond 07483809637.

**2nd Thursday of the month**

**More Natter than Knit**  
Mrs B's, Newton Hall, Rushden  
10am-12.30pm, see facebook  
page. If you like to knit, crochet or  
would like to learn and natter, come  
and join us.

**3rd Thursday of the month**

**Ise & Nene Valley Turners**  
Cranford Village Hall, Grafton  
Road, Cranford NN14 4JE  
7pm, members free, visitors £5,  
Peter Bond 01933 741835/  
[peterjbond@btinternet.com](mailto:peterjbond@btinternet.com)

**Higham and Rushden U3A**

Wesleyan Chapel, Rushden High  
Street (Queen Street entrance)  
1.30pm, visitors welcome  
(£3 charge). 01933 522934/  
[www.highamandrushdenu3a.org.uk](http://www.highamandrushdenu3a.org.uk)

**1st & 3rd Thursday of the month**

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

**Thursday Market Day**

**No.1 Cafe - Free Drop-In**  
No.1 St. Osyth's Lane  
10am-2pm, 01832 770011

**Every Friday**

**Over 60s Club Bingo**  
Working Men's Club,  
Higham Ferrers  
2-4pm, 01933 741286

**Walk and Chat**

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

**Walk and Chat**

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

**Every Friday (term time)**

**Playheroes:**  
**Learning Through Play**  
Highgate Hall, Elton  
11am-12 midday, £5 a session  
(multiple session discount). 07917  
100690/[playheroesinfo@gmail.com](mailto:playheroesinfo@gmail.com).  
Two teachers plan a range of  
interactive activities, linked to a  
weekly theme.

**Sparklers - a 0-5s toddler group**

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

**Friday Once a Month**

**Wildlife Trust Little Bugs Club**  
Nene Wetlands Visitor Centre,  
Rushden Lakes  
10-11.30am, £3 per child  
(intro rate), booking essential,  
01933 779587/[viktoria.marta@wildlifebcn.org](mailto:viktoria.marta@wildlifebcn.org)

**1st Friday of the month**

**(Check before travelling)**  
**Craft Cafe**  
Stanwick Lakes  
10.30am-1pm, modest charge for  
some materials and car park,  
01933 625522/  
[www.stanwicklakes.org.uk](http://www.stanwicklakes.org.uk)

**3rd Friday of the month**

**Raunds Tea Dance**  
Saxon Hall, Raunds  
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**1st Saturday of the month**

**Coffee Morning**  
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**2nd Saturday of the month**

**Coffee 'n' Cakes**  
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**Oundle Farmers' Market**

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**3rd Saturday of the month**

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**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14**  
**THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, EAST CARLTON, ROCKINGHAM, GRETTON, HARRINGWORTH & CORBY)**  
**(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC & TEMPORARY NO WAITING AT ANY TIME) ORDER 2020**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit traffic from proceeding or waiting along those lengths of the various roads in East Carlton, Rockingham, Gretton, Harringworth and Corby as specified in the Schedule below.

**REASONS FOR RESTRICTION:** The restriction is required for safety during carriageway works including patching, sweeping and lining.

**PERIOD OF CLOSURE:** The proposed Order will come into effect on 3rd February 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 roads will be restricted for five days per site.

**ALTERNATIVE ROUTES:** as specified in the Schedule below.

Dated this 25th day of January 2020  
DEBBIE CARTER-HUGHES  
Executive Director LGSS Law Ltd  
PKG/T20/052

If you require any further information please contact Gary Thorp ref: 19-20-N374 on 01604 883400.

Road Name	Termination Points	Alternative Route
Church Lane and Wire Lane, East Carlton	From A427 to Middleton Road	Use Middleton Road, Ashley Road, The Hill, Carlton Road, Middleton Road and A427 Corby Road
Gretton Road, Rockingham and Rockingham Road, Gretton	From Lyddington Road to A6003 Main Street	Use Station Road, High Street, Corby Road, Gretton Brook Road, A6116 and A6003
Harringworth Road, Gretton and Gretton Road, Harringworth	From Kirby Lane north to Harringworth 30mph signs	Use Wakerley Road, Deene Road, Main Street, Bulwick Road, Laxton Road, A43, A427, A6116, Gretton Brook Road, Corby Road and High Street
Willow Brook Road, Corby	From Shetland Way to Kingshorpe Avenue	Use Cottingham Road, Uppingham Road and Rockingham Road

**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14**  
**THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (PILTON ROAD, WADENHOE)**  
**(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 Pilton Road, Wadenhoe as set out below.

**LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES:** That length of Pilton Road, Wadenhoe from outside Dovecote.

**REASONS FOR RESTRICTION:** The restriction is required for safety during installation of new electricity connection.

**PERIOD OF CLOSURE:** The proposed Order will come into effect on 17th February 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 five days.

**ALTERNATIVE ROUTES:** use Main Street, Wadenhoe Lane, Pilton Road, Wadenhoe Road and Oundle Road.

Dated this 25th day of January 2020  
DEBBIE CARTER-HUGHES  
Executive Director LGSS Law Ltd  
PKG/T20/014

If you require any further information please contact Gary Thorp ref: 19-20-N333 on 01604 883400.

**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14**  
**THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (BACK LANE, RINGSTEAD)**  
**(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 Back Lane, Ringstead as set out below.

**LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES:** That length of Back Lane, Ringstead from Greenbank Terrace and Northfield Avenue.

**REASONS FOR RESTRICTION:** The restriction is required for safety during repairs to Anglian Water service.

**PERIOD OF CLOSURE:** The proposed Order will come into effect on 12th February 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 Carlow Road, High Street and Denford Road.

Dated this 25th day of January 2020  
DEBBIE CARTER-HUGHES  
Executive Director LGSS Law Ltd  
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If you require any further information please contact Gary Thorp ref: 19-20-N343 on 01604 883400.

**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14**  
**THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (STATION ROAD, ASHTON WOLD & OUNDLE)**  
**(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2020**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of Station Road, Ashton Wold and Oundle as set out below.

**LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES:** That length of Station Road, Ashton Wold and Oundle from A605 roundabout to Riverside Maltings.

**REASONS FOR RESTRICTION:** The restriction is required for safety during carriageway resurfacing works.

**PERIOD OF CLOSURE:** The proposed Order will come into effect on 1st February 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 until 7th February 2020.

**ALTERNATIVE ROUTES:** use A605, Oundle Road, Barnwell Road, Mill Road, West Street, Market Place and North Street.

Dated this 25th day of January 2020  
DEBBIE CARTER-HUGHES  
Executive Director LGSS Law Ltd  
PKG/T20/031

If you require any further information please contact Gary Thorp ref: 19-20-N351 on 01604 883400.

**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14**  
**THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (SPINNEY CLOSE, WARMINGTON)**  
**(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 Spinney Close, Warmington as set out below.

**LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES:** That length of Spinney Close, Warmington from Church Lane to Taylors Green.

**REASONS FOR RESTRICTION:** The restriction is required for safety during installation of new electricity supply.

**PERIOD OF CLOSURE:** The proposed Order will come into effect on 17th February 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 five days.

**ALTERNATIVE ROUTES:** use Church Lane, Broadgate Way and Taylors Green.

Dated this 25th day of January 2020  
DEBBIE CARTER-HUGHES  
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**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14**  
**THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (A6 STATION ROAD, HIGHAM FERRERS AND IRTHLINGBOROUGH; A6 HIGHAM FERRERS BYPASS, HIGHAM FERRERS; AND A5028 STATION ROAD, HIGHAM FERRERS)**  
**(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC; TEMPORARY 40 MPH SPEED RESTRICTION & TEMPORARY 50 MPH SPEED RESTRICTION) ORDER 2020**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit traffic from proceeding or exceeding 40 mph and 50 mph along those lengths of the various roads in Higham Ferrers and Irthlingborough as specified in the Schedule below.

**REASONS FOR RESTRICTION:** The restriction is required for safety during a major improvement scheme on Chown's Mill roundabout.

**PERIOD OF CLOSURE:** The proposed Order will come into effect on 3rd February 2020 and will continue in force for a period of twenty two months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

**EXPECTED DURATION:** It is expected that the road will be restricted until 31st December 2020.

**ALTERNATIVE ROUTES:** as specified in the Schedule below.

Dated this 25th day of January 2020  
DEBBIE CARTER-HUGHES  
Executive Director LGSS Law Ltd  
PKG/T20/036

If you require any further information please contact Gary Thorp ref: 19-20-N352 on 01604 883400.

**SCHEDULE**  
**Temporary 40mph Speed Restriction**

Road Name	Termination Points
A5028 Station Road, Higham Ferrers	From A45 roundabout to Nightingale Way
A6 Station Road, Higham Ferrers and Irthlingborough	From A45 roundabout to northern junction of Station Road (unclassified)
A6 Higham Ferrers bypass, Higham Ferrers (southbound)	From A45 roundabout to Stanwick Road
A6 Higham Ferrers bypass, Higham Ferrers (northbound)	From 400m south of A45 roundabout to A45 roundabout

**Temporary 50mph Speed Restriction**

Road Name	Termination Points
A6 Higham Ferrers bypass, Higham Ferrers (southbound)	From Stanwick Road to Kimbolton Road roundabout
A6 Higham Ferrers bypass, Higham Ferrers (northbound)	From Kimbolton Road roundabout to the start of temporary 40mph signs

**Temporary Prohibition of Through Traffic**

Road Name	Termination Points	Alternative Route
A5028 Station Road, Higham Ferrers	From A45 roundabout to Nightingale Way	Use A6, Kimbolton Road and North End or A45, Northampton Road, High Street, College Street and North End
A6 Station Road, Higham Ferrers and Irthlingborough	From A45 roundabout to northern junction of Station Road (unclassified)	Use A45, A14 or A45, A509 and A14
A6 Higham Ferrers bypass, Higham Ferrers (southbound)	From A45 roundabout to Stanwick Road	Use A45, A509, A428 and A4280 or A45, A14, A509, A428 and A4280
A6 Higham Ferrers bypass, Higham Ferrers (northbound)	From Kimbolton Road roundabout to A145 roundabout	Use A4280, A428, A509 and A45 or A4280, A428, A509, A14 and A45

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**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14**  
**THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, HIGHAM FERRERS, RUSHDEN, LOWER BENEFIELD, UPPER BENEFIELD, BRIGSTOCK, ASHTON WOLD, POLEBROOK, BLATHERWYKE, RAUNDS, RINGSTEAD, DEENE, WOODNEWTON, LILFORD & WIGSTHORPE)**  
**(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC & TEMPORARY NO WAITING AT ANY TIME) ORDER 2020**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit traffic from proceeding or waiting along those lengths of the various roads as specified in the Schedule below.

**REASONS FOR RESTRICTION:** The restriction is required for safety during carriageway works including patching, sweeping and lining.

**PERIOD OF CLOSURE:** The proposed Order will come into effect on 3rd February 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 roads will be restricted for five days per site.

**ALTERNATIVE ROUTES:** as specified in the Schedule below.

Dated this 25th day of January 2020  
DEBBIE CARTER-HUGHES  
Executive Director LGSS Law Ltd  
PKG/T20/054

If you require any further information please contact Gary Thorp ref: 19-20-N372 on 01604 883400.

**SCHEDULE**  
**Temporary Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time**

Road Name	Extent
Keswick Drive, Ennerdale Road, Cartmel Way and Hayden Road	Entire lengths

**Temporary Prohibition of Traffic & Temporary Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time**

Road Name	Termination Points	Alternative Route
George Street, Upper George Street and Newnan Street, Higham Ferrers	From junctions with Simpson Avenue	Use Simpson Avenue
Hayden Road, Rushden	From Cornwell Road to Grafton Road	Use Cromwell Road, Newton Road, Oval Road and Grafton Road
Harley Way, Lower Benefield, Upper Benefield, Pilton and Brigstock	From A427 Benefield Road to A6116 Sudborough Road	Use A6116, Sudborough Road, Church Street, Stable Hill, Benefield Road, Causin Way and A427
Oundle Road, Tansor and Tansor Road, Ashton Wold	From A605 to Cotterstock Road	Use Main Road, Glaphorn Road, Cotterstock Road, Southwick Road, Oundle Road, Glaphorn Road, New Street, Market Place, North Street, Station Road and A605
Armston, Polebrook	From Armston Road to end of carriageway	None
Duddington Road, Blatherwycke	From Stamford Road to Kings Cliffe Road	Use Kings Cliffe Road, Laxton Road and Stamford Road
Laxton Road, Blatherwycke	From Stamford Road to Kings Cliffe Road	Use Kings Cliffe Road, Duddington Road and Stamford Road
Brooks Road, Raunds and Ringstead; and Denford Ash, Raunds	From Middle Road to Denford Road	Use Denford Road, Raunds Road, London Road, Brick Kiln Road, North Street and Midland Road
Kirby Lane, Deene	From Harringworth Road to Gretton Road	Use Stamford Road, Steel Road, Birchington Road, Gretton Brook Road and Gretton Road
Main Street, Woodnewton	From Oundle Road to Apethorpe Road	Use Oundle Road, Woodnewton Road, Main Street, Nassington Road, Fotheringhay Road, Church Street, Apethorpe Road, Nassington Road, Woodnewton Road and Apethorpe Road
Clopton Road, Lilford	From B662 to Wigthorpe Road Use Wigthorpe Road, A605 and B662	Use Wigthorpe Road, A605 and B662
Main Street and Wigthorpe Road, Lilford	From A605 to 50m eastbound of Clopton Road	Use Clopton Road, B662 and A605



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# East Northants Snooker League

**W**eek 11 of the ENSL winter league. With only seven matches left to play, the league is really starting to stretch out and the top two teams appear to be running away. Chris Goldsworthy has regained his position as leader of the player stats, just getting his nose in front of Adam Burns. Both with an impressive win-rate of more than 75% so far this season.

Windmill B entertained their Cue Sports counterparts and managed a 4-2 victory to cement their place in mid-table. Tony Jupp bounced back from last week's defeat to beat Martyn Hatton in the opening two frames. Ian Wiggins hit back for the visitors after trailing for the whole of his first frame to sink three excellent pots on blue, pink and black to pip Mark Douglas, who comfortably led early on in the second but managed to hold off another late rally from Wiggins to increase his side's lead to 3-1. Lee Bunker dominated his first frame versus Alan Jupp to reduce the deficit but Jupp potted the pink in the second to see his side home to victory.

Nearby, 3rd place Windmill A took on 8th place Cue Sports C. Captain Dan Godson got his team off to a positive start as he managed to get the better of Ryan Ball in frame one, but Ryan managed to find a bit of form to beat Godson on the colours in frame two. This was to be the first of three frames on the spin for the visiting Cue Sports C. John Sharp played well to beat Dan Brown in both of their frames. Dan appeared to be struggling with an arm injury. At 3-1 behind, it was down to Windmill A's Chris

Goldsworthy to try to rescue the score line. Chris was able to put last week's heavy defeat to the back of his mind and got back to his winning ways. He produced the best snooker of the night in his 2-0 rout of Luke Clinton. This converted a 3-3 draw for the two teams, keeping them in 3rd and 8th respectively.

To complete three matches out of the Windmill Rushden Club, the Warriors hosted the current leaders Higham SAS. Bottom placed Warriors were hoping to cause an upset to stop Higham SAS from running away with the league. This was not to be. Michael Dicks ran into Adam Burns who was playing brilliantly. Despite Michael's efforts, he was no match for Burns as he ran out the 2-0 winner of that encounter.

Richard Wright and Michael Wilson then got down to business. In their previous clashes it would usually end up in a pot-fest, but Wilson was keen to change tack and slow things down. Some great safety play from him and some clinical pots allowed him to win both of those frames. Pete Beerten then made it five out of five frames for the away team as he got the better of Paul Lewis on the colours. Paul won frame six, which was more for pride in reality. An impressive 5-1 win for Higham SAS.

Over at Cue Sports Wellingborough, Cue Sports A faced Windmill C. A great match in prospect as these two teams sit near the top of the table and they boast several of the league's top scoring players. One of these players is Colin Hinds of Cue Sports A who played against James Rawlins. Hinds added a

cool 49 break to his season's tally as he beat Rawlins in frames one and two. Rawlins hardly scored a point. Steve Biggs and Marc Brett then shared the next two frames. Marc Brett fired in an excellent 62 break in frame three; his second highest contribution so far this season and third highest in the winter league overall. Justin Gaggini and Ricky Ellis played last. Both players very evenly matched in terms of snooker ability. But, on the night, it was all Gaggini. He made lots of little breaks at the business end of the table to beat Ricky very comfortably and secured a 5-1 win, cementing his team's place in second spot and sending Windmill C down to 5th.

On the neighbouring table, Cue Sports D were playing Windmill D. Ricky Johnson got things underway as he played Kevin Freeman. It was all one-way traffic as Ricky won both frames with ease. Next up was league debutant

Tony Johnson – Ricky's father. Tony made an excellent debut, playing very well to beat the experienced Sean Britchford with balls to spare. Alvin Thomas made it five frames in a row for the home team as he muscled past Neal Vaughan. But Vaughan stepped things up to make sure of winning frame six to give his team a consolation point away from home. A 5-1 victory for Cue Sports D which moves them into joint 3rd place.

#### This week's results:

Windmill Warriors 1-5 Higham SAS  
Cue Sports D 5-1 Windmill D  
Cue Sports A 5-1 Windmill C  
Windmill A 3-3 Cue Sports C  
Windmill B 4-2 Cue Sports B

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

#### ENSL Winter League 2019/20 - Sponsored by Belgian Pete's Home Improvements

Position	Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points
1	Higham SAS	11	7	3	1	43
2	Cue Sports A	11	6	3	2	39
3	Windmill A	11	4	4	3	35
4	Cue Sports D	11	4	3	4	35
5	Windmill C	11	4	3	4	33
6	Windmill B	11	3	5	3	32
7	Windmill D	11	3	4	4	31
8	Cue Sports C	11	2	5	4	29
9	Cue Sports B	11	1	4	6	28
10	Windmill Warriors	10	3	2	5	24

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