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NEWS IN BRIEF

Rushden Pensioners' Forum important notice

The next meeting of the Rushden Pensioners' Forum will be held on Wednesday 26th February at St Peter's Church Hall at 2pm when a decision will be made as to whether it is feasible for the club to continue.

The remaining members of the committee emphasise that it is very important that as many members as possible attend this meeting.

If you require any further information, please telephone either Irene Blanchard 01933 359810 or Barbara Clark 01933 359351.

Upgrade your driving

Lots of drivers do not participate in any training following their initial test and might feel that they could improve their driving. Your local group of Advanced Motorists is offering FREE taster sessions for all drivers. It will involve a drive in your own vehicle accompanied by a nationally trained Advanced Driver, who will observe and may give advice about your technique, etc.

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Richard James named Best Agent in Central Region at Relocation Agent Network awards dinner

Richard James Estate Agents are proud to announce that they have been crowned 'Best Agent in the Central Region' by Relocation Agent Network, receiving the 2019 award at a recent awards dinner, which followed the Network's National Conference and Exhibition.



Held at the Park Plaza Riverbank Hotel, London on Friday 22nd November, the Awards Dinner was hosted by the well-known national television broadcaster, Huw Edwards.

The annual prize gives the winning Network member the title of 'Best Agent in the Central Region' and is awarded on a number of strict criteria including customer satisfaction and a proven record of helping relocating buyers move in and out of the local area as well as their overall support to Relocation Agent Network and its members.

Richard Taylor, Director at the Rushden office, said: "We are delighted

to have received this award, which names us the best agent in the region. Not only does it show our customers that we are one of the area's leading agents, but it rewards all the Richard James team for their hard work and commitment over the last 12 months."

Richard Tucker, Relocation Agent Network's Managing Director said: "This Relocation Agent Network award demonstrates Richard James' ability to deliver industry-leading business innovation, whilst also remaining consistent when it comes to delivering the highest standard of customer service. Congratulations to everyone at Richard James for a thoroughly well-deserved win."

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Fairtrade Fortnight runs from 24th February to 8th March. This year the focus is on chocolate, and on the cocoa farmers in West Africa who grow the cocoa beans to make it. Many of them earn less than £1 per day, well below a living wage – and less than a bar of chocolate costs us in the shops.

Look out for campaign posters, for Fairtrade promotions in the shops and coffee bars and for Fairtrade goods on sale in St Peter's

Church, Oundle on Sundays 1st and 8th March. And buy some extra Fairtrade

chocolate to help the cocoa farmers get a fair price for all their hard work!



GENEALOGY JOTTINGS

WORDS BY
JAN PEARSON

My father was born in 1927. He is still going strong at the age of 92 and still drives – albeit not very far. He always said that his great grandfather, George Frank Hills, threw himself off the Sandridge Road railway bridge in St Albans, Hertfordshire. Dad was born in St Albans and the family had lived there since 1909.

Upon further investigation, I discovered that George was in fact killed by a train – but at Smarden in Kent. He had walked out in front of the main Ashford to London steam train. This happened in 1922 – five years before my father was born – but the family were still talking about it years later when Dad was old enough to understand.

However, Dad put 2 and 2 together but did not make 4. He used his own local knowledge and made the assumption. This is why it is so important to check out facts and not take things for granted.

Have you ever discovered in a census a mother of 53, for example, having a child aged 5? Not impossible, but not usual. You might discover an older sister to this child who is aged about 22. Could this be the "sister's" child? It is worth considering and finding out more. Rather than let the enumerator know of a possible illegitimate child, the grandparents claimed it as their own.

Always find out corroborating evidence. I have the death certificate and coroner's report for my great, great grandfather. A rummage in the parish records might throw some light on the possible illegitimate child – parish clerks were very fond of recording such facts! There could be a baptism of John Smith, son of Mary, a single woman – or even mentioning the name of a purported father! If there is just one single piece of evidence without corroboration, it is up to you to decide whether it is enough for your family tree, but do find others if you can.

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EDITOR'S NOTES

There's good news for those in Oundle who have been campaigning to retain the open space near the town centre known as Fletton Fields. At their meeting on 11th February, East Northamptonshire Council's (ENC) Planning Committee rejected Northamptonshire County Council's (NCC) proposal to build on the Fields which were previously the playing fields for the town's primary school. The scheme, which would have involved building and then selling off or renting one and two bed apartments, would have included communal facilities and 24-hour support staff.

Oundle Mayor, Tony Robinson accused the County Council of trying to use the asset to help solve their well documented financial problems. Councillor Robinson said: "This is the last piece of green space in Oundle town centre. It is being sold by Northamptonshire County Council to raise funds to cover its deficit. It was originally part of the workhouse then the infirmary and has always been used by the people as public land. There is no land registry record of them (NCC) taking the land, just an assumption. We have the moral case – this is the only piece of green space left in the town centre of Oundle and it should remain this way."

Officers had recommended the plan be refused on the grounds the County Council had not submitted sufficient evidence that the site was surplus to requirements and had not put forward an alternative area of open space. The

District Council's senior conservation officer also had strong objections to the plan because heritage assets need to be protected.

There is less good news for Oundle on the housing front. After the rejection of the Town's Neighbourhood Plan at Examination, ENC Councillors are to consider applications for developments at Cotterstock Road and St Christopher's Drive on 26th February and 23rd March respectively. These two sites are in the District Council's Local Plan but it was once again abundantly clear at a town meeting on 13th February that they are not what residents want; the well-attended meeting once again voted unanimously against the two developments and in favour of those in the Neighbourhood Plan. There are opportunities to lobby the local MP, as well as County and District Councillors on this topic; attending the two meetings mentioned above would also demonstrate the weight of local opinion.

Finally on Planning matters, the decision on whether or not to add 14 units to the Rushden Lakes retail site has been referred to the Secretary of State because it's beyond the initially planned area of the site. ENC's planning committee voted that it was 'minded' to approve the scheme, counter to officers' recommendations which were based on the loss of open countryside. The scheme by Crown Estates is on green land to the west of the popular shopping complex and will see more business units and leisure units added.

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East Northants Council litter picks major road routes across the district

Roads across East Northants have had an early spring clean as the Waste team from East Northants Council have collected nearly three tonnes of waste from major routes, with more litter picks planned for the coming months.

Over a two week period, rubbish was collected along stretches of the A14 and A45, and now the Waste team are planning a litter pick along a section of the A6, whilst the road is scheduled to be closed. Due to safety reasons, litter picking can only take place when the road is closed or under repair.

Councillor Steven North, Leader of East Northamptonshire Council said: "As a Council we have a duty to ensure that our district is kept tidy and we are pleased with how much rubbish was collected by the Waste team during these recent exercises.

"A small team worked hard over the course of the litter picks, and during the A45 tidy up, it is estimated that they worked for a total of 120 hours.

"We are grateful for the work that the Waste team did, however we would prefer that this resource, and the cost associated, was used elsewhere to further benefit the residents of East Northants, especially as it is important to remember that the rubbish could have been dropped by people travelling through the area, and not necessarily residents."

During the A45 clean-up, a weight of roughly 1.6 tonnes was collected by five people over the course of three days and current costs suggest that to dispose of this rubbish will cost approximately £90 per tonne - a cost which will be covered by East Northants Council.

Dedication of NEW CHURCH ORGAN

Hargrave is 'alive with the sound of music' following the installation of a superb new church organ. It replaces a 100 year-old, £160 secondhand instrument which, with its developing quirks and rotting woodwork, has now been pensioned off after amazing regular service.

The church was full when the rector Reverend Jon Aldwinckle led a service of dedication to the new organ, and expressed thanks to the many people (particularly Grace Farrington, whose legacy began the organ fund) whose hard work and generosity to the project made this day a reality.

As well as playing hymns for the dedication service, the congregation were delighted when Nicholas Pollard, the talented All Hallows church organist demonstrated the amazing range and musicality of the new organ when he performed music from many genre, including opera, musicals from yesteryear, jazz and pop, and the classics, with Toccata and Fugue as his magnificent finale.

Nicholas explained that a digital instrument (the Viscount Envoy 350) was chosen, rather than a pipe organ, for several reasons: the lower initial cost, and minimal

maintenance needs; its excellent and extensive musical range; its attractive appearance, and smaller size. He also pointed out that removal of the old pipe organ has exposed a beautiful window which had not

been seen for the past 100 years, and the church is also much lighter now. Nicholas enjoys playing the new organ, and sharing with his listeners the wonder of the sound it produces.



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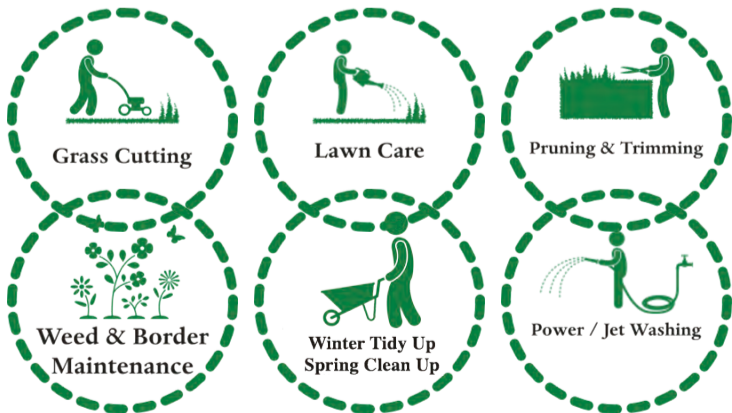
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THE CHARTER PROJECT SCHOOLS PLAY THEIR PART

The Heritage Lottery Funded Charter Project in Higham Ferrers is another step closer to meeting its objectives and local schools are playing a key role in this.

To help raise awareness of the existence, significance and purpose of the Charters, schools in the town have received on loan, until September 2021, a framed copy charter.

Higham Ferrers Nursery and Infant School now proudly display a copy of the Charter of Charles II 1664. The Higham Ferrers Junior School were presented with the Charter of Charles II of 1684. Henry Chichele Primary School hold the Charter of James I of 1604 and the Ferrers School were delighted to receive the Charter of Victoria of 1887.

To accompany the charters the schools have been presented

with the interpretative exhibition boards for their charter and a copy of the book 'Higham Ferrers 1251-1914, A Portrait of the Town and People through its Historic Charters'.

Further to the schools receiving copy charters, Carol Fitzgerald, the Chair of the Charter Project Group said: "We await permission from Historic England to hang a copy of the very first Charter of 1251, listing

the names of the freedmen and women, in the Chichele College, which is a Scheduled Monument. We also await permission from the Diocese of Peterborough to hang the Charter of Philip and Mary of 1556 in the Bede House. It seems fitting that both these buildings, well used for public events and due to celebrate their 600 year anniversary in 2022, are to display the oldest Charters."



Thrapston timber product manufacturer celebrates 100 years of achievement

A Northamptonshire timber product manufacturer has plenty to celebrate as 2020 marks its centenary.

Family business Scotts of Thrapston has a proud reputation of turning timber into a range of products. The company is well known for its summerhouses, stables, American barns, garages, car barns, pavilions, roof trusses, joinery, engineered flooring and education buildings.

The company was founded in 1920 by James Scott, and had humble beginnings delivering tools and services to local farmers. The mantle then passed to Douglas Scott and the business is now run by the third and fourth generations, chairman David Scott and his son James, managing director.

David said: "Since my grandfather's time, we have embraced modern technology to become the company we are today, creating attractive, innovative products and building a reputation that we are extremely proud of.

"We are a company ingrained with a passion for the beauty of wood and have seen our product portfolio grow and develop over the decades."

The business started out producing products such as

wheelbarrows and ladders and offered a selection of agricultural buildings, including poultry houses.

Nowadays, that product range has grown and consolidated, seeing Scotts become the leading stable manufacturer in the UK, supplying products into the racing, show jumping, dressage and eventing worlds.

For nearly seven decades, the business has been at the forefront of summerhouse manufacture and produces a range of ethically sourced hardwood summerhouses, which was launched last year. The company is proud to be one of the longest exhibiting trade stands at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show, first appearing in the mid-1960s.

Scotts also has a strong timber

engineering business and enjoys a solid reputation with housebuilders, from volume to self-builders.

James Scott added: "We understand timber, we are used to working with it. The continuation of merging new technology with traditional craftsmanship to produce products that stand the test of time will help the business not only survive but thrive into the next 100 years."

As part of the centenary activities, the company has also carried out a corporate identity refresh to consolidate its digital presence, including updating its logo and branding to reflect the fact that the company is ingrained with a passion for wood.



SEA CADETS CHARITY 'Row 3000' virtual row across the Atlantic

The Rushden Sea Cadets is part of the Marine Society and Sea Cadets – a national charity that makes a huge difference to the lives of over 15,000 youngsters every year, providing life-changing opportunities that help them to gain valuable skills for life, feel more confident about themselves and work together with others, giving them a great head start in life.

To continue being able to do this, each sea cadet unit relies on charitable donations and so as part of a nationwide initiative, the Sea Cadets are coming together at the end of this month to collectively row 3000 miles – the length of the Atlantic – in one weekend.

Inspired by the Royal Navy's HMS Oardacious team, who recently rowed the Atlantic for real, the cadets will be using indoor rowing machines and competing against other sea cadet teams up and down the country.

Each unit will log their progress on a central live tracker, which will show their progress as they race to see which team can reach the finish line first! The money raised will be split evenly between the local unit and the nationwide bursary appeal that provides subsidised access to offshore sailing voyages for a wide range of youngsters, whatever their background.

Representing our local area, Rushden

Sea Cadets will be undertaking the Row 3000 challenge in the Canoe2 boathouse at Rushden Lakes shopping and leisure centre, from 9am–5pm on Saturday 29th February.

So, if you happen to be down there shopping, or visiting one of the many wonderful restaurants, spare a thought for the cadets who will be working hard. It would be even better if you could pop along to show them your support – and why not make a donation whilst you are there.

If you can't make it down to Rushden Lakes on the day, you can always make a donation online – just visit the Rushden Sea Cadets Row 3000 Just Giving Page – www.justgiving.com/fund.../msscrow3000-t-s-diamond2020. If you are a business, it's deductible and you'd be helping build a stronger community and a more resilient future workforce.

Any support would be hugely appreciated and will mean that Sea Cadets can keep on offering a whole world of activities to youngsters from all kinds of backgrounds within Rushden and the surrounding area. To find out more about the Rushden Sea Cadets, including information on how you can join, visit their website at www.sea-cadets.org/rushden, or find them on Facebook @SeaCadetsRushden.

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Notice of planning APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

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

> ALDWINCLE

20/00137/FUL (07/03/2020) (Info)

Extension to existing brick sheds to form an open, covered seating area with fireplace on existing patio area at 116 Main Street Aldwincle NN14 3EP

> BULWICK

20/00176/LBC (14/03/2020) (LBRegs)

Replacement plaster repairs to walls and ceiling on first floor and alterations to bathroom studwork at 15 Main Street Bulwick NN17 3DY

> GLAPTHORN

20/00148/FUL (14/03/2020) (LB/CA)

The removal of a modern agricultural building and construction of 1 no. 3 bedroom self-build residential dwelling to enhance the setting of the adjacent Listed Manor House at Manor Farm Cotterstock Road Glapthorn

> HARGRAVE

20/00139/FUL (07/03/2020) (Info)

Conversion and extension of existing detached garage to create 3-bedroom dwelling with associated access, parking and amenity space (Re-submission of 18/02362/FUL) at Idle Acre Nags Head Lane Hargrave NN9 6BJ

> HARRINGWORTH

20/00153/VAR (14/03/2020) (LB/CA)

Variation of condition 2 – the first floor element of the proposed side extension applicant does not wish to complete pursuant to planning permission 14/02160/VAR to allow alterations including the removal of the balcony dated 14.11.14 at Maple Cottage 40A Grettton Road Harringworth NN17 3AD

> HIGHAM FERRERS

20/00131/FUL (07/03/2020) (Info)

One 4-bedroom dwelling including access, parking and amenity area (Re-submission of 19/01847/FUL) at 37 Simpson Avenue Higham Ferrers NN10 8JH

> IRTHLINGBOROUGH

20/00152/VAR (14/03/2020) (LB/CA)

Variation of condition 1 – to remove drawing

reference 1608-05 in relation to parking space pursuant to 16/00647/FUL Creation of separate dwelling house (approved as ancillary accommodation on application 06/02277/FUL) (retrospective); Change of Use from ground floor garage business workshop and first floor flat to two storey dwelling house to include replacement garage doors with UPVC sliding doors and additional ground floor window at The Old Fire Station College Street Irthlingborough

> ISLIP

20/00026/FUL (14/03/2020) (LB/CA)

Two storey extension to include new double garage and kitchen with single storey link to main house. New vehicular access to site at 4 School Lane Islip NN14 3LQ

> KINGS CLIFFE

20/00031/FUL (14/03/2020) (LB/CA)

Replace grass area with block paving up to 1.8m of the kerb stop at 42 Wood Road Kings Cliffe PE8 6XF

20/00099/FUL (07/03/2020) (Info)

Removal of existing conservatory and replacement larger single storey extension at 9 Howards Meadow Kings Cliffe PE8 6YJ

20/00146/FUL (14/03/2020) (LB/CA)

Proposed new dwelling and double garage at land adjacent and rear of 43 West Street Kings Cliffe PE8 6XB

20/00154/FUL (14/03/2020) (LB/CA)

Proposed new house at 82 West Street Kings Cliffe PE8 6XA

> LOWICK AND SLIPTON

20/00126/VAR (07/03/2020) (Info)

Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) to allow amended drawings and Condition 3 (Materials to match) to change materials pursuant to application 17/02177/FUL - Two-storey side and rear extensions, single-storey rear extension and conversion of habitable room to integral garage at Rose Cottage 1 - 2 Main Street Slipton NN14 3AS

> LUTTON

20/00095/FUL (07/03/2020) (Info)

Renovation of old chapel (currently used as a workshop) to create 1 bedroom dwelling;

Part demolition of existing stables at Workshop Chapel Cottage Washingley Road Lutton

> NASSINGTON

20/00110/FUL (07/03/2020) (Info)

Erection of 3 bedroom two storey dwelling built in garden of 22 The Drove, Nassington; Single timber garage within curtilage of proposed development to be removed; Creation of new parking and access for the existing property at 22 The Drove Nassington PE8 6QP

> OUNDLE

20/00073/LBC (14/03/2020) (LBRegs)

Replacement of metal framed double glazed French doors with double glazed wood effect surround doors (retrospective) at 73A West Street Oundle PE8 4EJ

20/00108/VAR (07/03/2020) (Info)

Variation of condition 3 to allow for the crane to remain erected 7 days a week, 24 hours a day pursuant to 18/01736/FUL at 28 Nene Valley Business Park Oundle PE8 4HN

20/00109/LBC (14/03/2020) (LBRegs)

(LB/CA) Internal works to include the removal of multiple nib walls to enable reconfiguration of existing kitchen layout; at first floor the current WC will be knocked through to the bathroom, to create a larger family bathroom at 14 North Street Oundle PE8 4AL

20/00177/LBC (14/03/2020) (LBRegs)

Creation of opening in garden wall back wall of mid-C20 shed and install timber gate at 28 North Street Oundle PE8 4AL

> POLEBROOK

20/00130/FUL (14/03/2020) (LB/CA)

Single storey side extension at Barn House Highfields Main Street Polebrook PE8 5LN

> RAUNDS

20/00111/FUL (07/03/2020) (Info)

Two storey front and rear extensions at 2 Lundie Close Raunds

20/00155/ADV (07/03/2020) (Info)

2 no. high level non-illuminated building mounted signs and 5 no. low level, non-

illuminated ground mounted totem way finding signs at 100 Scalley Way Raunds NN9 6RJ

20/00162/FUL (07/03/2020) (Info)

First floor rear roof extension and the removal of 2 dormer windows within roof extension; change of materials from matching to timber cladding for first floor roof extension; change of materials on the remaining dormers from white plastic cladding to timber cladding and alterations to the rear elevation door openings as previously approved and amended under 00/00571/FUL at White Gables Brooks Road Raunds NN9 6NS

> RINGSTEAD

20/00086/FUL (07/03/2020) (Info)

Erection of a detached dwelling and double garage at Ringstead Business Centre 1 - 3 Spencer Street Ringstead NN14 4BX

> RUSHDEN

20/00101/FUL (14/03/2020) (LB/CA)

Change of Use from offices to 2 dwellings at first floor level, front extension to ground floor and creation of new shopfront. Change of use of store/garage to create a new retail unit accessed from Church Street. Installation of shutters to all 3 shopfronts (Resubmission of 18/01853/FUL) at 4 Church Street Rushden NN10 9YT

20/00115/FUL (07/03/2020) (Info)

Single storey extension to include roof lantern, to front of existing single storey side extension at 51 Balmoral Avenue Rushden NN10 0BE

20/00138/FUL (07/03/2020) (Info)

Single storey side and rear extension at 17 Rose Avenue Rushden NN10 9NU

> WADENHOE

20/00144/FUL and 20/00145/LBC

(14/03/2020) (LB/CA) (LBRegs) Change of Use from cafe / shop to business use B1. Fitting our interior including mezzanine

floor and staircase. External oil storage tank and bicycle stands at Mill Farm Barn Church Street Wadenhoe PE8 5SU

> WARMINGTON

20/00129/FUL (07/03/2020) (Info)

Single storey extension to rear elevation at 3 Buntings Lane Warmington PE8 6TT

> WOODFORD

19/01895/FUL (14/03/2020) (LB/CA)

Erection of sheds for agricultural use (retrospective) at Studio South Of Water Tower Addington Road Woodford

20/00074/FUL (14/03/2020) (LB/CA)

Dropped kerb for vehicle access at Welford House 30 High Street Woodford NN14 4HF

20/00091/FUL (07/03/2020) (Info)

Two storey rear extension at 10 The Leys Woodford NN14 4HG

20/00160/FUL (07/03/2020) (Info)

Two storey rear and side extension at 41 Mill Road Woodford NN14

> WOODNEWTON

19/02000/FUL (07/03/2020) (Info)

Two storey rear extension at 3 Main Street Woodnewton PE8 5EB

The reason for applications being advertised is as follows:

Part 3 - Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 2015.

Part 16 - 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 22 February 2020

Consultation deadlines will differ for each application. Please go to www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/planningapplications for details.

From the CHAIRMAN

At last work has started on the A45/A6 Chowns Mill Upgrade. There will be inconvenience while the work is being done but it should make such a difference to that stretch of road when completed.

**WORDS BY
CLLR DUDLEY HUGHES**

We visited the exhibition and saw the plans for the new configuration, all of which can be seen on highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/a45a6-chowns-mill-roundabout-improvement/

I was pleased to speak also to the lady with special responsibility for safeguarding the local wildlife. I was assured the Triple SSI (Site of Special Scientific Interest) will be carefully protected and the whole project is within the current boundary. I also took the opportunity to speak to the Highways Authority Project manager and asked about having traffic lights at the roundabout on the A45 by Stanwick Lakes. He assured me that it is on the list for

consideration and that the theme next year is helping pedestrians, cycles and horses crossing our highways which may help it move up the list.

We attended the Daventry Mayor's Civic Service, which was held at the Church of St Peter and St Paul, Weedon Bec. After the service, which included beautiful music from Daventry Choral Society's Chorale, we went for tea at the Depot. The Royal Ordnance Depot, which was established during the Napoleonic Wars, is strategically placed in the centre of England furthest from foreign invasion. Now it is the same as originally created but has been restored to provide business work spaces with a heritage feel.

Windmill School turned its hall into a pop-up Chinese restaurant for a celebration of the Year of the Rat. I was pleased to join a good



number of parents for food prepared and served by the children who had done a great job cooking a delicious selection of dishes. By way of contrast we represented ENC at the March Civic Dinner which was a pleasant occasion.

I am looking forward to my events in the near future including the Civic Service at St John's Church, Chelveston on 1st March and a Pirate Evening with entertainment provided by Doctor Busker at Saxon Hall, Raunds on 21st March which should be a fun evening. If you are interested in either of these events please contact Louise Tyers on ltyers@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk.

Residents HAVE THEIR SAY

Residents and stakeholders are able to submit their views on three new planning documents following the launch of a public consultation by East Northamptonshire Council on Monday 10th February. The council is consulting on three planning documents, due to be finalised in the coming months. This is in advance of the proposed changes to councils in Northamptonshire, coming into effect on 1st April 2021, when two new unitary authorities are formed.

The three documents available for the public to view and comment on are:

- Rushden East Sustainable Urban Extension Masterplan, which was approved for consultation by the council on 27th January 2020
- District-wide Local Plan Part 2 – additional site specific proposals at Rushden and Higham Ferrers
- Householder Extensions Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)

The Rushden East SUE Masterplan is a 20-year strategy to build at least 2,500 dwellings, balanced by job opportunities, community facilities, greenspaces, and improved infrastructure. This strategic development will work alongside the district-wide Local Plan Part 2 and Householder Extensions SPD, which when finalised and adopted, will cover the remainder of the current Local Plan period to 2031.

The documents are now available for consultation with all responses to be received by 4.30pm on Monday 23rd March.

Leader of East Northamptonshire Council, Steven North, said: "The three documents will help the council to deliver sustainable development across the district. The Rushden East Masterplan is a significant milestone in delivering the largest single development scheme within East Northamptonshire and will provide much needed new homes, as well as complementing the wider area, which will benefit from enhanced connections to Rushden. We are

pleased to be continuing work on The Local Plan Part 2 and the latest proposals will help deliver additional housing, jobs and educational facilities in Rushden and Higham Ferrers, whilst The Householder Extensions Supplementary Planning Document will provide detailed guidance for householders looking to submit planning applications. We value our residents' and stakeholders' feedback and I would encourage the community to have their say."

Residents in the area will get an opportunity to comment on the Rushden East Masterplan and the additional site specific proposals for the Local Plan Part 2 at public exhibitions held at Canoe 2, Rushden Lakes on 27th February between 10.30am-6.30pm and 28th February between 10.30am-3.30pm.

Full details about each of the consultations can be found at www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/consultation. To submit a comment on the Householder Extensions Supplementary Planning Document (SPD), please email planningpolicy@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk. Copies of the document are available via www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/consultation and in Oundle, Thrapston, Irthlingborough, Raunds and Rushden Libraries, as well as via ENC's customer contact centres. To view the consultation documents and complete an online response form for the Rushden East Sustainable Urban Extension Masterplan and District-wide Local Plan Part 2, please visit www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/consultation. Alternatively paper copies of these two consultations can be collected from Rushden Library or the council's offices at East Northamptonshire House, Thrapston.

WILDLIFE NEWS

WORDS BY
ROY BURRELL

The farming year is inevitably closely linked to weather patterns, and with or without climate change we know that farming has altered greatly in the last century.

Timing of routine actions has shifted with different sowing and harvest dates, with new plants and new machines designed for maximum yield. This shows in country sayings like that for the Church festival called Candlemas (2nd February), which reads: "If Candlemas be fair and bright winter will have another flight; but if Candlemas brings cloud and rain winter is gone and won't come again." That is too kind to winter – there are probably some cold nights still in store at this time of year, and in ancient times the heaviest snowfall of the year was expected to come on Saint Dorothea's Day, 6th February; it remains a cold (cruelly so at times) month, still called the 'Gateway to the year'.

The main factor for our plants and animals is temperature. A layer of cloud over the sky at bedtime may help to avoid a frost, but clear skies

lower the temperatures. We humans ease problems with more clothes or more fuel, but wildlife must cope without artificial help, and most vulnerable are those choosing any form of hibernation. Trouble can start with a warm spell or, like this year, with warmer-than-usual autumn temperatures. Higher temperatures can tempt all into thinking that spring is on its way ("time to get up"), affecting any creature relying on a long winter sleep. Our CCTV stood outside through the winter, rarely switched on until a random decision to look on the monitor showed a hedgehog crossing the grass in the early hours of a January night – far too early in the year.

Hibernation is timed for the months when food is scarce, without enough nutrition for a "midnight snack" – lack of food can prove fatal if the warm snap does not last. The question really was "to feed or not to feed?", because extra food lying around can attract rats and other unauthorised thieves. More filming suggested that this was a one-off visit (remembering the summer, perhaps?), so hopefully we guessed right. But it is a reminder that wildlife does not always win every battle of the elements.


SHORT MAT BOWLS

Whether you would like to start something new, take part in an activity, socialise, or benefit from some gentle exercise – come along and give it a try

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David Starkey: Boris Johnson – Churchill, Charles II or Coco the Clown?

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In this lecture Starkey blends his knowledge of history and current politics into a sparkling (and very strong) cocktail.

David Starkey is a Cambridge educated grammar schoolboy who became a respected LSE lecturer.

He has been a uniquely abrasive debater on Radio 4's Moral Maze, a controversial contributor to Question Time, and the creator and presenter

of many popular historical TV series on such subjects as Henry VIII, Elizabeth I, the Monarchy, the Churchills, and Luther.

He is a winner of the WHSmith Prize for Biography (for Elizabeth), and the Norton Medlicott Medal for Service to History presented by the Historical Association.

In 1984 Starkey was elected a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society

and in 1994 a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of London.

He was also given an Honorary Fellowship at his Cambridge College, Fitzwilliam College.

He was appointed Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) in the 2007 Birthday Honours for services to history.

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HISTORIC VICTORIAN CHARTER unveiled at The Ferrers School

History comes to life as the Higham Ferrers Victorian Town Charter goes on display.

The Mayor of Higham Ferrers and members of the Higham Ferrers Charters Project visited the Ferrers School recently to unveil the Victorian charter, which will be on display for the next 18 months.

Angela Smith, Principal of The Ferrers School, said: "We are delighted to be able to showcase this incredible Victorian charter in our school for the next 18 months. This is a fantastic opportunity to bring history to life for our students and we hope it will help them to connect to their local heritage. Thank you to everyone involved for organising such a wonderful event."

Higham Ferrers Town Council, supported by Higham

Ferrers Tourism, Business and Community Partnership, successfully achieved Heritage Lottery Funding in 2018 to restore and safely house the five Royal Charters of the Ancient Borough of Higham Ferrers and one set of byelaws for the public to see and enjoy. Due to the aged, deteriorated parchment, many of the original charters are too fragile to display. To combat this, the group created copies to exhibit in the town and present online.

Carol Fitzgerald, Chair of the Higham Ferrers Charter Project said: "Many individuals and community organisations have worked together to ensure the success of this project, including students from the Ferrers School. We are delighted that the copy of the Charter of Queen Victoria of 1886 and accompanying exhibition is now on display at the Ferrers School and look forward to many more students learning about the special heritage of Higham Ferrers."

For more information about The Ferrers School, please visit: www.theferrers.org. For more information on Higham Ferrers Charters Project, please visit: <https://sites.google.com/view/highamferrerstowcharters-3>

NMVC "Lite" goes live

Northampton Male Voice Choir (NMVC) has recently diversified by forming a small, predominantly a cappella chorus to perform repertoire which the main choir would not normally sing.

With no more than 20 members – selected by NMVC Musical Director, Stephen Bell – NMVC Lite is ideal for performing at smaller venues in which the 80 strong main Northampton Male Voice choir could not be accommodated.

Currently "The Lite" is excitedly gearing up for its very first competitive event, having entered the Milton Keynes Festival of the Arts on 13th March.

And the first two concert bookings for The Lite have already been taken:

Saturday 18 April: The Lite will perform at a Rotary Club Charity Concert in the Bede House, Higham Ferrers.

Saturday 18 July: The Lite will perform as the special guests of Kettering's "Decibelles" ladies choir at their "Showtime" concert in the United Reform Church, London Road, Kettering.

For further information about NMVC Lite and all Lite booking enquiries please contact Stephen Bell on 07749 111171.

Lent Lunches in Oundle

Homemade soup, cheese and bread lunches (gluten-free available) will again be held every Thursday in Lent (27th February–9th April incl), between 12 noon and 1.30pm in Oundle Methodist Church, Drummingwell

Lane. All are welcome, there is no fixed charge but donations will go to Christian Aid.

Christian Aid, now in its 75th year, works in 37 countries to support sustainable development,

fight injustice, respond to humanitarian emergencies and campaign for change for the world's poorest people. It works with people of all faiths and none.

Last year the Oundle Lent Lunches raised over £800.



Stanwick Races 2020

On Easter Monday, 13th April the village of Stanwick will be holding its annual 10km Road Race for senior lady and gentleman runners and also a 2km Fun Run for children under 15.

The main race starts in the High Street at 10.30am close to Stanwick Club. The 2km Fun Run starts from the same place about 10 minutes after the big race and winds its way around the village and back to the Start/Finish area.

All competitors that finish receive a medal and there are trophies for the winners in various categories. After the races any excess funds are distributed between local good causes such as Stanwick Rovers Football Club and Friends of Stanwick School. This usually amounts to around £2,000.

As this event is organised by a small group of people they are always glad of some volunteers to assist in setting up first thing in the morning and also with marshalling the races.

Anyone who is interested in either competing or assisting in any way can go to: www.stanwickraces.co.uk for further information.

Note: A road closure order will be in place for High Street and Higham Road Stanwick during the races.

STUDENTS WELCOME SPECIALIST-TRAINED POLICE DOGS INTO THEIR SCHOOLS

Members of the East Northants Neighbourhood Policing Team went back to school last week to educate students on the dangers of getting involved with drugs, knife crime and gangs.

The team were joined by colleagues from the Force's Dog Section for the visits to the secondary schools in Rushden, Higham Ferrers, Irthlingborough, Oundle and Raunds on Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th February.

Specialist Search Police Dogs, PD Charlie and PD Flint led the way during the visits, walking around the classrooms and communal areas of Rushden Academy, Huxlow Science College, Ferrers School, Prince William

School and Manor School, to see if there was anything untoward which needed sniffing out.

East Northants Neighbourhood Policing Team Sergeant, Leigh-Francoise Goodwin, said: "This was the second time we made unannounced visits following the success of our operation in May.

"Once again the schools were great in facilitating our visits and provided their full support. Although they were

not expecting us, the students were very positive as PD Charlie and PD Flint searched their classrooms.

"The visits weren't designed to scare students or make them feel like they were in trouble, but instead to educate them at a time of life when they are making choices which will determine the rest of their future.

"While there was no drug finds, the dogs detected a number of students had been around drugs within the past

few days, and one student was found in possession of a pair of garden secateurs.

"These students have been referred to the Force CIRV programme for some early intervention work to ensure they understand the dangers carrying weapons or taking drugs and hopefully make the right choice in choosing to stop.

"We are working hard to support the schools with prevention work around drugs and to provide a clear message which will hopefully mean these students choose to live lives free of drugs and violence."

PD Charlie and PD Flint were joined by police officers and PCSOs who were on hand to provide education to the students about the dangers of drugs and put in safeguarding measures to provide further support were necessary.

Letters were sent to all the parents of students at the



schools at the beginning of the academic year in October, to explain how a drugs dog would visit the schools

unannounced and what it would mean if their child was found in possession of illicit items.

And East Northamptonshire will walk 500,000 steps

Residents across East Northamptonshire are being urged to put their best foot forward and join East Northamptonshire Council's Active Communities and Freedom Leisure on Sunday 8th March from 9am to join in an attempt to walk 500,000 steps in aid of Sport Relief.

Starting at the entrance to the Greenway at Washbrook Rd in Rushden, participants will join a guided walk along the Greenway, a designated walking and cycle route to connect the town to nearby greenspaces, to Rushden Lakes and back.

Sport Relief inspires the nation to raise life-changing amounts of money and take on some of the world's most pressing problems through the power of sport. Those taking part can raise funds on a dedicated JustGiving page or donate on the day.

The event runs alongside the one year anniversary of the Beat The Street game, which saw people across the district walk 73,000 miles over six weeks from 27th March tapping beat boxes and earning points to win prizes.

Leader of East Northamptonshire Council, Cllr Steven North, said: "Sport Relief is a great annual event that encourages people to get up

and active in aid of an importance cause.

"I would encourage everyone to come along and join us for this event. The Greenway provides a peaceful and scenic route from the town to Rushden Lakes, and you can see an array of nature along the way."

Active Communities Manager at Freedom Leisure, Johnathan Rudland, added: "We are passionate about encouraging people of all ages and abilities to get outside and get active, and this event provides a perfect opportunity to explore the Greenway and raise money for Sport Relief. The walk will be led by our team, who will be on hand to provide support and encouragement along the way."

Morrisons will be providing water and fruit for participants of the event.

All participants are advised to secure their space by registering before the event via Eventbrite. For more information about the event, to sign up on Eventbrite and donate on the JustGiving page visit: www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/steps

GET CREATIVE DAY

Pink House Arts, a Community Interest Company, will be holding a 'Get Creative Day' in Warmington Village Hall in June.

There will be craft demonstrations and opportunities to have a go at a range of different activities.

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Raunds Town Council launches Vision for Raunds II Consultation

The original "Vision for Raunds" was a community led plan setting out future aims and aspirations for the town. The Vision also assisted in the production of the Raunds Neighbourhood Plan. Over the last five years Raunds Town Council has successfully implemented this plan, ensuring that the projects the council has worked on all stem from the community's views.

The plan assisted the council in gaining funding for projects like the re-development of the Webb Road Play area, new film equipment for Saxon Hall and the development of a community orchard, all because the Town Council were clearly able to demonstrate what the community wanted for Raunds.

Cllr Lee Wilkes, Chairman of the Environment Leisure and Recreation Committee said: "We've also taken part in Community Speedwatch, increased our community litter picks, introduced hanging baskets and planters in the town and more, all because our residents told us this is what they wanted for the town.

"We've achieved a great deal over the last five years and now it's time to find out what the community's vision is for the next five years."

As well as this, the Town Council have increased the number of events in the town, with

the introduction of the Mayor's Show, Summer Picnic and Saturday Markets to name but a few!

The Mayor of Raunds, Cllr Richard Levell said: "We hope everyone will take part in this consultation. We will be sending a copy to every home in the town, but anyone can complete the questionnaire online. We really want to get a response from the whole community. Please tell us what you want for your town."

The questionnaire can be completed online at www.raunds-tc.gov.uk alternatively paper copies will be delivered to every home and additional hard copies will be available from The Nook, Jesters, The Co-Op, Post Office, Town Council and Library. You can also return your completed hard copy to any of these locations.

The consultation remains open until 15th March 2020.

CORBY FLY-TIPPER FINED OVER £3,900

On Monday 10th February a man from Corby received a fine of over £3,900 for fly-tipping in East Northamptonshire.

East Northamptonshire Council received reports of fly-tipping on Benefield Road, Deenethorpe in March 2019. The dumped waste consisted of a large skip bag filled with bathroom renovation material and related plumbing waste.

East Northamptonshire Council's Waste Management Team identified Mr Ndlovu as the individual who disposed of the waste. Mr Ndlovu offered his services for waste removal and deposited the waste where it was discovered without holding a valid Waste Carrier Licence.

Magistrates found Mr Ndlovu guilty and ordered him to pay £3,925.97. Mr

Ndlovu advised that he would be pleading guilty to the offence. He accepted full responsibility, and advised the Court that he cares about the environment, expressing remorse for his actions and also informed the Court that he has since applied for a waste disposal licence.

Steven North, Leader of East Northamptonshire Council, said: "Officers will investigate all reports

of illegally dumped waste and take action, where necessary, to prosecute fly-tippers.

"Fly-tipping has a negative impact on our environment and there is no excuse for ruining our countryside. I would encourage all waste traders to ensure that they have the relevant licences and dispose of waste appropriately, avoiding a hefty four-figure fine."

You can help in the fight against fly-tipping by reporting any offences online at www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/flytipping or by calling 01832 742026. To dispose of unwanted waste responsibly, please visit one of Northamptonshire County Council's Household Waste Recycling Centres, or visit www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/bulkywaste to find out about ENC's bulky waste collection service.

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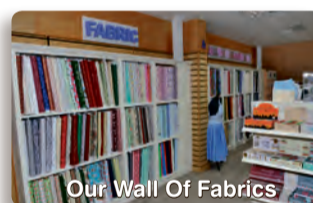
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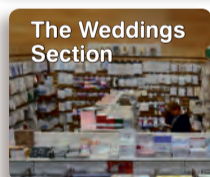
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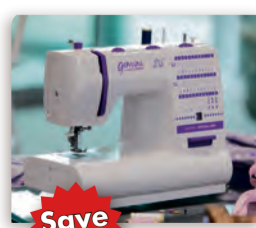
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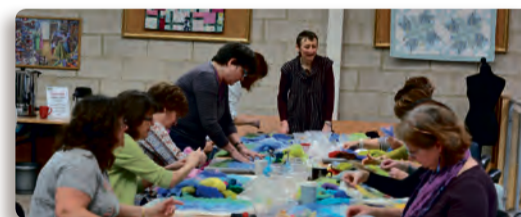
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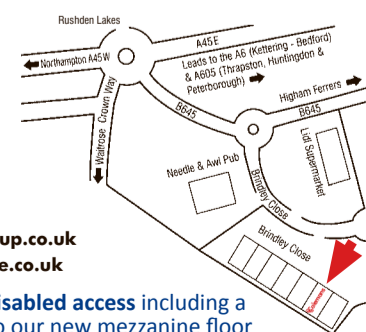
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THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (PUBLIC BYWAY MC17 (PART) - PARISH OF ALDWINCLE)

(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2019

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above Order made by Northamptonshire County Council on 22nd August 2019 and which came into effect on 28th August 2019 has been extended until the works to which it relates have been completed or until midnight on 28th August 2020 whichever is sooner by the Secretary of State for Transport. Private access to land or premises adjacent to the said byway is unaffected.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required due to health and safety.

Dated this 22nd day of February 2020
DEBBIE CARTER-HUGHES
Executive Director LGSS Law Ltd

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To view the map for this Order please visit www.northamptonshire.gov.uk and enter "Temporary Traffic Regulations Orders" in the search box. If you require any further information please contact Sarah Cureton on 01604 883400.

SCHEDULE

The existing route to be closed begins at point A at National Grid Reference ("NGR") SP9930 8239. The route travels generally south for approximately 1539 metres to point B at NGR SP9886 8094. The route is shown by a solid black line between points A - B.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES:

There is no suitable alternative route.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14

THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (MARKET ROAD, THRAPSTON)

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF 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 waiting at any time long that length of Market Road, Thrapston as set out below.

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

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 22nd 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 nights.

Dated this 22nd day of February 2020
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PKG/T20/070

If you require any further information please contact Gary Thorp - 19-20-N413 on 01604 883400.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14

THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (A616 ISLIP ROAD, ALDWINCLE, ISLIP BYPASS, ISLIP & LOWICK BYPASS, LOWICK)

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2020

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

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East Northants Snooker League

Into week 15 of the ENSL, sponsored by Belgian Pete's Home Improvements, and only three more weeks remaining. Higham SAS hang onto their five point lead at the top, Cue Sports A maintain second spot, but Cue Sports D have made steady progress recently as they now sit just a point behind in third, looking to cause an upset.

Windmill A beat their B team counterparts by 4 frames to 2. Dan Godson and Dave Whitmill comfortably beat Alan Jupp and Mark Douglas respectively in two one-sided contests. B team captain Tony Jupp then came up against the leader of the averages, Chris Goldsworthy and turned the form book upside down, winning the first frame easily and the second on the black to pull two frames back for his side and ensure a respectable final score line.

Top placed Higham SAS played bottom placed Cue Sports B this week. It was all Higham SAS for the first three frames. Michael 'Ferret' Wilson got off to a flying start as he

beat Lee Bunker in the opening frames. Wilson knocked in breaks of 29, 27 and 24 in frame two to win the frame in record time. Adam Burns kept the momentum for the home side as he fired in a 31 break to win frame three. But Richard Symons responded well to win frame four. Pete Beerten and Martyn Hatton faced off in the final frames. Hatton played well to win both by a whisker and convert a neutral 3-3 result.

Cue Sports D played Windmill C. Ricky Johnson produced an upset in his contest with Marc Brett, as he won both of their frames, thanks to his good potting and being aided by the handicap head start. Aaron Whittemore and Stewart Brown shared the next two frames, to make it 3-1 to the home team at that point. Paul Whyte made a positive return for Cue Sports D after a few months away, as he won frame five against James Rawlins. Rawlins answered back by winning frame six. Overall result, Cue Sports D 4 - 2 Windmill C.

Craig Savage and Mick Tartagliani got things underway as Windmill Warriors played Cue Sports A. Mick utilised his experience as he beat Savage in both frames. Snooker rivals, Michael Dicks and Justin Gaggini were up next - a good battle which resulted in a frame each. Richard Wright of the Warriors put in the performance of the night as he played very well to beat snooker legend, Steve Biggs. 3-3 on the night, a fair result.

In the player statistics leaderboard, sponsored by Semilong Services Ltd, Adam Burns has just moved into the top spot on 68% after winning one of his frames this week. His teammate Michael Wilson moves into second place on 67% thanks to his 2-0 victory this week, suggesting that this trophy could well be

heading to the Higham SAS at the end of the season. Chris Goldsworthy drops to third place on 65% due to his defeat this week. Tony Jupp is close behind on 64%. Colin Hinds' break of 84 remains the highest break of the winter season so far. Marc Brett has threatened a couple of times, most recently with his sublime contribution of 71 in last week's match. 22 players have compiled over 50 high breaks combined so far.

> THIS WEEK'S RESULTS:

Windmill A 4-2 Windmill B
Cue Sports C 3-3 Windmill D
Windmill Warriors 3-3 Cue Sports A
Higham SAS 3-3 Cue Sports B
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> ENSL WINTER LEAGUE 2019/20 - SPONSORED BY BELGIAN PETE'S HOME IMPROVEMENTS

POSITION	TEAM	PLAYED	WON	DRAWN	LOST	POINTS
1	Higham SAS	15	9	4	2	56
2	Cue Sports A	15	7	5	3	51
3	Cue Sports D	15	7	4	4	50
4	Windmill D	15	6	5	4	47
5	Windmill B	15	5	5	5	44
6	Windmill A	15	5	4	6	44
7	Windmill C	15	5	3	7	42
8	Cue Sports C	15	2	7	6	39
9	Windmill Warriors	15	4	4	7	39
10	Cue Sports B	15	2	5	8	38



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