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NEWS IN BRIEF

Oundle Festival of Music and Drama cancellation

Gwen Radcliffe, Festival Chairman, has contacted Nene Valley News with this update: "The Festival Committee has regretfully decided that the Festival must be cancelled. We hope that the 102nd Festival will take place in April 2021.

"Thank you to all who have helped in any way with the preparations this year. We hope to organise an event in early autumn for the Young Musician qualifying classes and the Young Singer competitors."

Death of a serving officer

A Northamptonshire Police spokeswoman has said: "We are very sad to confirm the death of one of our serving officers, Sergeant Paul Keany, who died while on duty on the evening of Wednesday 11th March.

"Our thoughts are with his family and friends at this devastating time and we would kindly ask the media to respect their privacy while they try to come to terms with his death.

"Sergeant Keany was an extremely popular officer and will be sadly missed by all who knew him."

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WILDLIFE NEWS

The days are now as long as the nights as we approach the 'spring equinox'. This is the mating season, when every species is forming new family groups, improving its chances of survival. If any should fail in their intention, especially if it happens year after year, that species could be doomed.

Drastic failures like that take huge bites out of the environment, ruining the hard work of many helpers (very often unpaid volunteers) trying to save a dying animal or plant. If the results are unsuccessful most of us will not hear about what went wrong, but when conditions are right we can all see the newcomers as numbers grow.

In our own district it is becoming increasingly possible to see species which, even within living memory, have started to make our 'fields and meadows' (and the river) their home again.

For example, half a century ago the red kite's lovely plumage was disappearing from the British countryside, but a project was started

to provide the right conditions for a bird which centuries ago was a common street species. Success in breeding and protection brought the hoped-for growth in numbers, and the species spread out from wilder areas such as mid-Wales back to lowland counties like ours, where the life habits, with constant circling looking for food, provides the opportunity for a closer approach, to appreciate the magnificent colours brought to the scene.

Mammals, too, have had success shown by the increasing number of reports about growing numbers of otters along the river valley; this creature has not been very common in the past, but it is one of the carnivores keeping the natural system in balance. Unfortunately it also starts arguments about what is important, but each of us needs to help both plants and animals to keep numbers high enough to stay a living part of the country scene. As one old saying goes, "use it or lose it".

GENEALOGY JOTTINGS

WORDS BY
JAN PEARSON

I am involved in genealogy one way or another every day, but not everyone is. It may be that you make great strides in your research, going back several generations, but then hit a brick wall. Or maybe you are suffering from information overload, as mentioned a couple of weeks ago. Those ancestors were not exactly imaginative with the names that they used as I mentioned before when alluding to naming patterns, and with information overload it is very easy to start to make mistakes.

You have Mary Brown, who died in 1823... and 1831...

and 1842. Which one is yours? You may even have three Mary Browns in your family and so could possibly claim all of them. But which date would fit which Mary? If your brain starts going round in circles, then leave the problem alone. Make a note of what you need to establish on your "To Do" list, if you have one, but then walk away. A different activity will help, whether it is walking the dog, going shopping or just meeting friends for coffee.

I was talking to a second cousin recently who was saying that she had a photograph of

her grandparents with another couple that she didn't know and was trying to work out who they were. Were they friends or relatives? When she described the photograph, I realised that I also had a copy and was able to tell her who the mystery couple were. She had left that line alone for a while, concentrating on another branch, and had only recently gone back to it. She thought that she had worked out who the man was but not the woman. It was only just before Christmas that I had found out who the woman was – and that had been annoying me for years!

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EDITOR'S NOTES

It's a pleasure to be able to issue our annual reminder to readers to move clocks forward by one hour to be ready for the change to Summer Time, or Daylight Saving Time, on 29th March.

The pleasure comes from a change which enables us to have lighter evenings, and hopefully warmer weather, in which to enjoy getting out and about (albeit on solitary pursuits!). It may not be at the top of anyone's list of things to do at present but there is an ongoing debate about whether or not we should continue to change our clocks twice each year.

You may recall that, just a year ago, the European Parliament voted to scrap the twice-yearly custom of changing the clocks, meaning that the century-old practice of Daylight Saving Time would come to an end by 2021. Although the EU's views may no longer be binding for us, it's telling that our own House of Lords' EU committee said last year that

Brussels had overstepped its competences with the proposals: "Geographical and other specificities leave member states best-placed to determine whether seasonal time changes remain appropriate within their jurisdiction," the Lords concluded.

The obvious focus of attention nationally and locally is the coronavirus outbreak and, at a personal level, the risk of becoming infected. There is plenty of advice from Government and in the media about what individuals should do to remain virus-free and the situation is moving sufficiently quickly for any advice we might publish to be swiftly overtaken by further reviews.

Beyond considerations of our own health, there is a great deal of concern about the state of the economy, with manufacturing industries having difficulties sourcing materials and latterly having to consider closing plants to protect their workforce;

just about every sector of the travel industry is also impacted as countries close borders.

Similarly, smaller businesses which rely on their customers coming through their doors will struggle if a large proportion of the community follows Government advice to stay away from social gatherings and work from home.

All this, of course, has the potential to leave many employees without an income; at the time of writing it's anticipated that the Government will unveil more financial plans to help the economy during the outbreak, and it remains to be seen what more they can do. Those of us fortunate enough to have gardens should be able to continue to take some exercise by tending them while staying within the "reduced social contact" guidelines.

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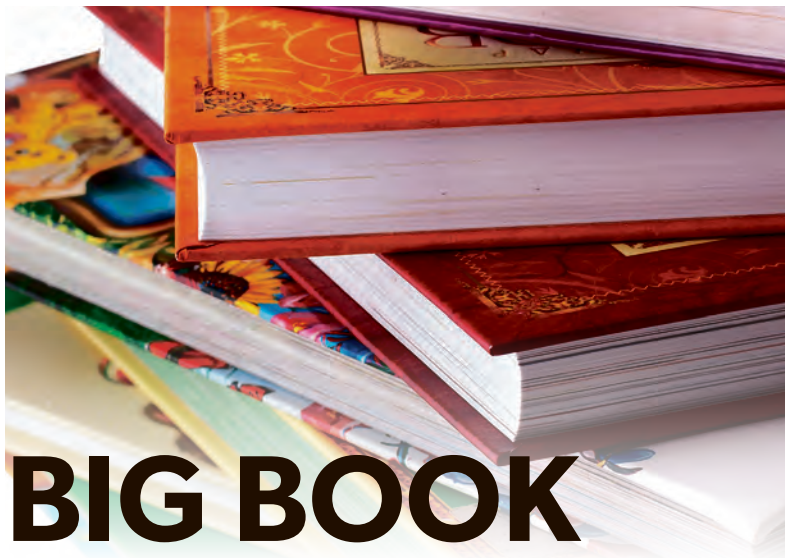
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BIG BOOK GIVEAWAY

As part of the UK's largest annual celebration of reading for pleasure, Bozeat Primary School and Nursery has been nominated to receive a number of books from the World of Books Group as part of their Big Book Giveaway project.

Thousands of books will be delivered to up to 200 nominated schools throughout the UK, as part of various initiatives to donate 1 million books to good causes by the end of 2020.

Bozeat Primary School will be using the books it has received to

encourage children to Share the Love of Reading. Each child will be able to choose a book to take home to keep.

In addition, on World Book Day pupils were encouraged to take part in class based book swapping activities using the books received from the World of Books as a starting point.

Moving forward the school will be adding some of the books to the school library and creating a book borrowing and sharing shelf, to enable children to share their favourite stories with others.

OWNER FINED FOR FILTHY CATERING BUSINESS WITH NO HOT WATER

The owner of a Wellingborough catering business has been prosecuted after the Borough Council of Wellingborough's Environmental Health officers discovered the premises had no hot water and filthy conditions.

Mr Rohit Patel, of R Caterers, Mill Road, Wellingborough, pleaded guilty to six food hygiene offences at Northampton Magistrates Court on 16th December 2019. However, due to the seriousness of the offences the Probation Service were asked to provide a report to the Magistrates Court on sentencing.

On Tuesday 10th March at Northampton Crown Court, Mr Patel was issued with a 12-month community order with 150 hours of unpaid work and ordered to pay £1,500 towards costs to the council.

Council officers carried out an inspection on 14th December 2019 at R Caterers, Mill Road, Wellingborough, a catering business which produces hot food for the elderly, and found the premises had no hot water supply to either the kitchen or toilet and to be in a filthy condition

throughout. Conditions were so bad officers believed there was an imminent health risk to the public.

The premises was filthy with dripping grease on walls, ingrained dirt on surfaces and food equipment, insufficient work surfaces, posing a significant risk of cross contamination to food.

The risk was so significant and the general conditions so poor that Mr Rohit Patel agreed to voluntarily close the business until such a time that the health risk to the public had been removed. Due to the conditions found at the time of the inspection, however, the owner was prosecuted.

Leader of the Borough Council of Wellingborough, Cllr Martin Griffiths, said: "Officers found appalling conditions when they inspected this catering business. There was no hot water to the premises and the whole place was filthy.

"We work informally with businesses where possible to make sure high standards are maintained. In this case we had visited the business on a number of occasions, but when considerable failings are found that

significantly risk public health, we won't hesitate to take enforcement action.

"These offences were particularly serious. The public's safety is a key priority and we will do whatever is necessary to make sure people have peace of mind when eating food from a registered food business within the borough."

Officers have now authorised for the premises to re-open following installation of a new hot water boiler, kitchen and toilet refurbishment and additional food preparation surfaces provided. The council is working proactively with Mr Rohit Patel to improve his businesses Food Hygiene Rating Score.



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Windmill Primary receives site safety tips

Pupils from Key Stage One at Windmill Primary School, Raunds received an assembly from industry experts recently – all about how to stay safe around construction sites.

Steve Cockram of ASHE Construction and James Tennant from East Northamptonshire Council, which is delivering Enterprise Centre East Northants at Warth Park, gave their top tips to pupils on the importance of staying safe near a construction site.

Year 2 pupil at Windmill Primary School, Myah, said: "It was fun and interactive learning about building site safety and I am excited about the competition and prizes!"

Year 1 pupil, Rose, added: "I really enjoyed it, the game was fun and it showed us the right and wrong things to wear on a building site."

Steven North, Leader of East Northamptonshire Council, said: "We are delighted to be working

in partnership with construction specialists ASHE to deliver the new enterprise centre. Together, we are passionate about providing youngsters with the tools they need to stay safe near any construction sites. I hope that the pupils enjoyed hearing all about our top tips and they can use these skills for many years to come."

Steve Cockram, Contracts Manager at ASHE Construction, added: "Safety is our number one concern. Whilst we try our very best to minimise construction risks both on and off site, there will always be potential risks around a construction

site as we temporarily change the environment in a project's location with deliveries of staff and materials to construct the scheme. It's great to be able to get to see the children at an early stage to explain the dangers that exist around a site and how best they can keep themselves safe."

Enterprise Centre, East Northants is due to open this spring and will offer start-up and growing businesses first-rate flexible workspace and business support. East Northamptonshire Council (ENC) which is delivering the project has received £1.69 million funding from the South East Midlands Local Enterprise Partnership (SEMLEP) Local Growth Fund towards Enterprise Centre, East Northants as part of Enterprising East Northants, the council's economic plan for sustainable job creation and business growth.

To find out more about Enterprise Centre, East Northants, please visit: <https://www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/ecen>

Your Health – A CONFESSION

**WORDS BY
CLAIRE SHORT**

Time for a confession: osteopaths get pain too! We're not immune to the inconvenience, exhaustion and frustration of pain. One of the things I find hard is lifting things from the ground. Carrying a heavy item is fine, but getting it off the ground sends me into a tizz because I know I'll be in pain later.

I've been asking chronic pain specialist and chartered physiotherapist, Pierre Bonnaud, and hypnotherapist Christian Baker, how to approach my problem.

Pierre says I need to start training my brain to remember that part of the movement

will NOT hurt me. Since I can bend forwards I started with that. Just as he expected, I could bend part of the way, then at a certain point my body resisted as my brain shouted: "Go any further, Claire, and it might hurt!"

Pierre explained that this is my body starting to develop a level of anxiety about the movement. I was hesitating, but there was no pain.

For the next few weeks, as soon as I feel that hesitation, Pierre says I have to return to standing and try again. No lifting, just taking my body

towards the movement that causes fear and then moving away from it.

Christian the hypnotherapist explained that when fear is present, it creates tension, which increases pain. The pain creates more fear and the cycle continues. It's important to break the cycle.

So that's my homework: to not lift something off the ground! I don't think I'll be carrying the nasty lawnmower in the next week, but let's see!

Have a pain-free week!

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

Spotlight on > Farmers' Markets

>HIGHAM FERRERS FARMERS' MARKET

Higham Ferrers Farmers' Market, held in our beautiful historic Market Square from 9am to 1pm on the last Saturday of each month except in December when it is the last Saturday before Christmas.

The market is accredited to FARMA Association and is very successful with over 20 traders offering a wonderful range of produce

including: pies, free range poultry, eggs, fruit & vegetables, organic meat, artisan bread, hot smoked meats, crayfish fishcakes, chilli sauces, honey, preserves, plants, hanging baskets, cheese, Punjabi cuisine, cakes, traybakes and sweet treats.

When you visit the market, you can purchase fresh produce direct from the stall holders and ask any questions with regards to the background of

the goods. They are always willing to offer you their advice and even some recipe ideas.

On Saturday 25th April we will be celebrating our 18th birthday so you can come and join us for some delicious cake. On 30th May we will be taking part in the 'Love Your Local Market' campaign so there will be extra activities on the Market Square.

Market day there is a coffee morning at The Bede House next to

St Mary's Church and you can also wander around our Heritage Trail.

>Oundle Farmers' Market

Oundle Farmers' Market is on the second Saturday of every month, 8.30am-1.30pm. The market is well established, covering meats, bread, eggs, vegetables, cakes, chocolates, drinks, fruits, fish, plants and street food. You can buy the ingredients to cook a scrummy meal, all with

fresh local produce, and take home a plant or two. Let your senses be overwhelmed with all smells and sights.

It is set in the beautiful Market Place and provides a happy bustling morning in a lovely atmosphere. Please visit one of the coffee shops inbetween buying your delicious food.

Come and have an enjoyable morning at Oundle Farmers' Market. There are free car parks in Oundle town centre.



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Dates for 2020

APRIL	25th	JULY	25th
MAY	30th	AUGUST	29th
JUNE	27th	SEPTEMBER	26th
		OCTOBER	31st
		NOVEMBER	28th
		DECEMBER	19th



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Cooking still a **major cause** of **house fires** in Northamptonshire

Almost one-sixth of domestic fires attended by Northamptonshire firefighters last year involved cooking as a cause.

In 2018-2019, Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service (NFRS) attended 335 fires in people's homes, 51 (just over 15 per cent) of which were linked to cooking.

With many cooking fires affecting the elderly and those who live alone, NFRS is also reminding family members, neighbours and carers to keep a close eye on the cooking safety of those who might be vulnerable.

Each year the Service carries out thousands of Home Safety Checks in which experts visit the homes of elderly, immobile or vulnerable people in Northamptonshire to make sure their properties are not at risk of fire.

This valuable work includes carrying out an assessment of a person's home to check on a variety of safety points, for example, making sure exits are clear, appliances are being used safely and that there

are enough working smoke alarms throughout a property.

Darren Carson, Prevention Team Leader at NFRS, said: "Fires can be caused by becoming distracted, leaving pans unattended – perhaps even falling asleep while cooking is on.

"Across the country, cooking is known as one of the leading causes of house fires, so NFRS is keen to remind people how they can best keep safe.

"We are asking people to not only pay attention to their own cooking, but also the cooking safety of other people they know who may be vulnerable in some way. Even popping around to see an elderly neighbour to test their smoke alarms would be a thoughtful thing to do and could potentially save their life in the event of a fire."

Home Safety Checks can be requested via the NFRS website for

people over the age of 60 or those who have a physical or mental health need that affects their ability to react or escape in a fire.

For details on how to request one of these for yourself, a friend or family member, please see: <http://www.northantsfire.gov.uk/safety/hsc/>

> 10 TOP TIPS FOR COOKING SAFELY

- Avoid leaving children in the kitchen alone when cooking on the hob. Keep matches and saucepan handles out of their reach to keep them safe.
- Make sure saucepan handles don't stick out – so they don't get knocked off the stove.
- Take care if you're wearing loose clothing – this can easily catch fire.
- Keep tea towels and cloths away from the cooker and hob.
- Double check the cooker is off when you've finished cooking.
- Take care if you need to leave the kitchen while cooking, take pans off the heat or turn them down to avoid risk.



- Keep electrics (leads and appliances) away from water.
- Check toasters are clean and placed away from curtains and kitchen rolls.
- Keep the oven, hob and grill clean and in good working order.

A build-up of fat and grease can ignite a fire.

- Take care when cooking with hot oil – it sets alight easily. Lastly, if a fire breaks out, remember not to tackle the fire yourself – get out, stay out and call 999.

East Northants Council sets out final budget and Council Tax levels

At its last budget meeting on Monday 2nd March, East Northamptonshire Council (ENC) agreed to increase its share of Council Tax for 2020-21, which would add £5 per year to the average household in the district's Council Tax bill. This will fund services in the district, ensure ENC is financially secure for the next year and contribute to the preparation work for the new North Northamptonshire Council which will come into existence on 1st April 2021.

The council takes only around 9p in every pound of the total Council Tax collected, with the rest of the money going to Northamptonshire County Council, Northamptonshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner and town and parish councils. Only 9% of what is collected goes to ENC and enables the council to deliver the services it's responsible for, including waste collections and free car parking in council-owned car parks.

Cllr Steven North, Leader of ENC, said: "As a council, we have always been prudent on Council Tax and will go towards the new North Northamptonshire Council with one of the lowest rates in the country.

"Increasing Council Tax, even by a small amount, is not a decision we take lightly, however the financial climate in which local government operates continues to be a challenge and we always have one eye on the future, as well as delivering current projects and working with the community.

"Over the past year, we have continued to deliver economic growth, including developments such as Enterprise Centre East Northants and Rushden Lakes, whilst remaining mindful of residents and local businesses. ENC officers and councillors continue to work closely, supporting the community across the district and most recently our commercial and economic and business rates team have supported businesses at Rushden Lakes affected by recent bad weather.

"With all these factors in mind, we agreed a very small increase, which for a Band D property works out at £5 over the year and equates to 3.48% overall for all households."

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

> DENFORD

20/00253/FUL (11/04/2020) (LB/CA)

Erection of dwelling following demolition of car sales room and office at Denford Garage High Street Denford NN14 4EQ

> EASTON-ON-THE-HILL

20/00250/FUL (04/04/2020) (Info)

New front porch, ground floor and first floor rear extension at 7 Westfields Easton On The Hill PE9 3LY

20/00291/FUL (11/04/2020) (LB/CA)

Replacement of single storey rear extension at 21 High Street Easton On The Hill PE9 3LN

20/00292/LBC (11/04/2020) (LBRegs)

Replacement of a late 20th century single storey rear extension at 21 High Street Easton On The Hill PE9 3LN

> GREAT ADDINGTON

20/00199/FUL (11/04/2020) (Art8)

Renovation of derelict barns, demolition of unsafe structures and the implementation of a new build dwelling. As per the supporting information, there are 3 barns, named A, B and C, with B forming the new build element; Approval for associated car parking in the form of a car port with annexe above, hardstanding and sewage treatment accordingly at Rectory Farm Buildings Cranford Road Great Addington

> HIGHAM FERRERS

20/00090/FUL (11/04/2020) (Art8)

Conversion of former band club to form

10 dwellings with external alterations to provide new windows, doors and 15 off-street car parking spaces at 7 Wharf Road Higham Ferrers

20/00260/FUL (04/04/2020) (Info)

Demolition of existing single storey garage and erection of new 1 and 2 storey side extension at 3 Stanwick Road Higham Ferrers NN10 8JG

20/00266/FUL (04/04/2020) (Info)

Single storey rear extension, replacement garage and erection of new 1.8m boundary fence at 47 Wharf Road Higham Ferrers NN10 8BQ

> OUNDLE

19/00152/LBC (11/04/2020) (LBRegs)

Removable shelving attached to stud wall and donation pens on first floor stock room, small removable changing room on shop floor. Small kitchen area in stock room installed by a previous tenant – retrospective (work due for completion 17.01.2019) at The Old Town Hall Market Place

20/00263/FUL (04/04/2020) (Info)

Detached dwelling to the side garden of existing dwelling house and new access (resubmission of 19/00371/FUL) at 15 St Peters Road Oundle PE8 4PH

20/00268/FUL (04/04/2020) (Info)

Single storey rear extension; addition of render to front and rear elevations and timber cladding to kitchen; alteration to access at 21 St Peters Road Oundle PE8

> RAUNDS

20/00155/ADV (04/04/2020) (Info)

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

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

20/00284/FUL (04/04/2020) (Info)

Demolish existing Entrance Porch, construct new Entrance Porch and Reception/Office Extension, replace existing timber external windows and doors with new polyester powder coated aluminium and replace existing timber fascias and soffits with new through coloured cement board at The Hall Thorpe Street Raunds NN9 6LT

> RUSHDEN

20/00200/FUL (11/04/2020) (Art8)

Excavate the embankment and install precast concrete 'L' sections to support the footpath and erection of a new palisade fence to match the existing. Creation of concreted area used for lorry and machine parking (Part retrospective) at Units 6 And 7 Sanders Lodge Industrial Estate Rushden

20/00274/FUL (04/04/2020) (Info)

Retention of farm shop (Resubmission of 19/01842/FUL) (retrospective) at Glebe Meadow Fishery Ditchford Lock Ditchford Lane Rushden NN8 1RL

20/00293/FUL (04/04/2020) (Info)

Single storey rear and side extension at 20A Kings Road Rushden NN10 0DL

> THRAPSTON

20/00289/FUL (11/04/2020) (LB/CA)

Demolition of existing garage/store; Change of Use from bank (A2) to retail (A1) and residential (C3) consisting of 4 no. apartments with amenity space; Erection of bin/cycle store, access gates; replacement of windows and creation of new window openings at 41 High Street Thrapston

> WAKERLEY

20/00076/FUL and 20/00077/LBC

(11/04/2020) (LB/CA)(LBRegs)

Proposed extension and alterations to dwelling to facilitate the creation of a new 4 bed dwelling with garage (Resubmission of 19/00393/FUL and 19/00394/LBC) at Manor Farm Barn Main Street Wakerley

> YARWELL

20/00157/LBC (11/04/2020) (LBRegs)

Replacement of the wooden, glass and plastic conservatory with newly constructed conservatory manufactured in dark grey powder coated aluminium and glass at 57 Main Street Yarwell PE8 6PR

20/00252/FUL (04/04/2020) (Info)

Single storey side extension and first floor extension above existing single

storey utility room at 20 Nassington Road Yarwell PE8 6PP

The reason for applications being advertised is as follows:

Part3 – Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 2015.

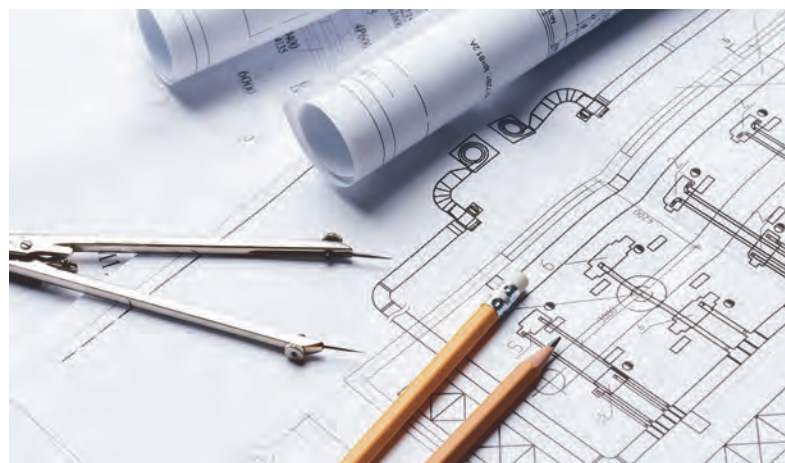
Part16 – Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 2015.

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**Paul Bland, Head Of Planning Services
Dated 21 March 2020**



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

From the CHAIRMAN

**WORDS BY
COUNCILLOR DUDLEY
HUGHES JP, CHAIR OF EAST
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL**

I was delighted that I was able to hold my Civic Service in the beautiful church in Chelveston. The snowdrops held on until the beginning of March as the Guard of Honour of the young people from Irthlingborough Scouts and the Emergency Services Cadets welcomed the guests including the Lord Lieutenant, High Sheriff, the Chairman of the County, and Mayors and Chairs from across the county as they came to St John's Church. The service was led by the Reverend Michelle and Father Paul as well as Bishop John of Brixworth who preached.

The theme was to recognise all the voluntary work done by so many people for our young people across the District. Musicians from Manor School, Raunds played and emphasised that all the young people at the service

were there because their teachers and leaders voluntarily organise them in such a wide range of activities.

Representatives were there from uniformed organisations such as the navy cadets as well as sports clubs, churches, youth clubs and the University of Northampton, through its Changemaker programme, and those who do such a tremendous work with young musicians, especially from the Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust, NMPAT. Many of our youth activities benefit from the work done by the Northamptonshire Association of Youth Clubs, training leaders and running activities for young people.

Those present represented the many volunteers who work for our young people and Bishop John emphasised in his sermon how important this work is to help our young people be the best they can be, as well as the tremendous work done by Service Six which supports troubled young people individually and in groups, including in our local schools.

All these organisations and many others not only provide brilliant



activities but also the leaders are there to listen to those young people who have no one else to talk to about issues that are troubling them.

Supporting the leaders are all those volunteers who are vital as governors and trustees enabling the leaders to run the activities.

So as Chair of East Northamptonshire, on behalf of the residents, I trust this service helped to recognise and thank all those who make tremendous efforts to help develop our young people and our prayers were for God's blessing and support for all who do so.

As a final note, it has been a very busy couple of weeks and I also had the great honour of raising the flag for Commonwealth Day at East Northants Council's offices at Thrapston alongside my consort Cllr Sylvia Hughes and Vice-Chairman Cllr Helen Howell.

ALL NEW AT THE TOP FOR RUSHDEN'S RAFA COMMITTEE

Following its AGM at the end of February, Rushden's Royal Air Forces Association (RAFA) has announced that Paul O'Dell and Jim Doran have been duly appointed as President and Vice President respectively.

Paul served in the RAF from 1960-1963 as Senior Air Craftsman with the Ground Signals Unit, joined

RAFA in 1990 and was appointed a committee trustee in 2018 before being appointed as President. Jim served as Sergeant from 1970 to 1985 as an electronics engineer, joining RAFA in 2011, and was appointed as a committee trustee in 2014.

Other appointments to the committee include Peter Trafford-Smith as Honourable Secretary. Peter is a Royal Aeronautical Society Affiliate and was an RAF Historical Society Associate.

Branch membership is open to all, not just RAF veterans, and includes an active social calendar. Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm, Rushden Bowls Club.

For more information, please contact secretary@rafrushden.org.uk or www.rafa.org.uk/rushden



The Mayor of Wellingborough joins night patrols with Wellingborough Police Specials



On Saturday 22nd February, the Mayor of Wellingborough, Cllr Jo Beirne, joined officers for a patrol of Wellingborough to find out more about the work they do to keep residents safe.

Wellingborough Police Specials, which form part of Northamptonshire Police, carry out regular patrols of parts of the borough where there are high levels of reported anti-social behaviour and public nuisance.

The Mayor of Wellingborough, Cllr Jo Beirne, was part of the Specials in Wellingborough in the 1990s and spent many hours policing special events, working with other specials and regular officers on their day and

night shifts. She experienced a variety of different incidents.

As part of a recent visit to the Wellingborough Sea Cadets she began speaking with Philip J Warr, Specials & Volunteers Coordinator at Northamptonshire Police, and wanted to find out more about the great work which the Wellingborough Specials team carries out today in 2020.

Cllr Jo Beirne, Mayor of Wellingborough, said: "It was wonderful to meet the Wellingborough Specials and to see them in action and volunteering in our local community. They work hard and offer valuable support to our regular

officers and safety to our residents in the Borough."

PS Scott Desrochers, Wellingborough Town and Rural Neighbourhood Team added: "This was a fantastic opportunity for the Wellingborough Neighbourhood Policing team to showcase the great working relationship we have with our colleagues from the Special Constabulary.

"It was also an opportunity to both discuss and show the Mayor some of the work we have ongoing in Wellingborough.

"In typical fashion, our evening didn't quite go as I had first planned, with a spontaneous incident leading to an arrest and subsequent investigative enquiries.

"However, this was actually a good thing because it allowed the team to show exactly what we're capable of when we work together.

"I would like to thank the Mayor for taking the time to come out on patrol with us and I hope the experience was both insightful and enjoyable."

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> **THURSDAY 26TH MARCH**
Harringworth – 4.5 mile walk
Meet at Market Cross, Harringworth NN17 3AF
2pm, £1.50, Sue 01780 782747

Watercolour Portraits with Catherine Staveley
Tansor Village Hall
1.45-3.45pm, members £4, non-members £6. Bring watercolours and paper for an informative session.

> **FRIDAY 27TH MARCH**
Concert by Raunds Manor School
All Saints Church, Great Addington 7.30pm, £5. For tickets call 07570 969 997 or 07952 856 761. Varied musical programme to raise funds for church roof repairs.

Waterloo – An Evening of Film and Music
Raunds Library
Doors 7pm, starts 7.30pm, £5, YP £1. A film shot in Northamptonshire over 100 years ago about the Battle of Waterloo is being shown, with music provided by Ock ‘n’ Dough.

> **SATURDAY 28TH MARCH**
Calligraphy for Beginners
Oundle Library, Glapthorn Road, Oundle
10am-12noon, £30 for 6 sessions, Email oundlib@firstforwellbeing.co.uk or Tel: 0300 126 1000. Learn how to develop your own calligraphy hand over six sessions. Fee includes refreshments and Library fee.

The Swivel Club presents a Rock and Roll event with The Jive Aces and Johnny Red – with supporting disco
Rushden Town Bowls Club, Northampton Road NN10 6AN
Doors open 7pm till late
Tickets £20 available from www.swivelclub.org.uk or Rushden Graphics, Alfred Street; The Barbers Shop, Wharf Road, Higham Ferrers or 07738080470.
A great night with jive, rock ‘n’ roll and swing from a live energetic band.

Botanical artist Norma Gregory SBA at The Barn Garden Centre
Barnwell, near Oundle
10.30am. Norma has been awarded 3 RHS Gold medals and 2 Silver-Gilt for her paintings of plants. You are invited to come along and meet her and see her at work.

> **SUNDAY 29TH MARCH**
RSPB Mid-Nene Local Group coach trip to Pensthorpe Natural Park, Norfolk
For more information and booking please contact Bob 01933 460644.

St Peter’s Singers in Concert
St Rumbald Church, Church Lane, Stoke Doyle
3pm, tickets £10 including tea and cake. Email emdoherty@sky.com or Tel: 01832 273525. St Peter’s Singers present a beautiful and moving programme entitled ‘Passiontide’, in the lovely St Rumbald Church, to mark the season of Lent. Tickets £10 including tea and cake.

> **MONDAY 30TH MARCH**
Oundle and District Choral Society performs Bach’s St John Passion
Oundle School Chapel
7.30pm, tickets available on the door at £8 or from Oundle Festival Box Office: 01832 274919. Directed by Quentin Thomas, Director of Music at Oundle School and together with choirs and musicians from Oundle School, in English. All are warmly invited.

> **TUESDAY 31ST MARCH**
Coffee with a Conscience
Oundle Golf Club

10am-12noon, free entry, 01832 273267 or email office@oundlegolfclub.com
Support your local businesses, come have coffee/cake and Air Ambulance benefits from raffle proceeds.

> **WEDNESDAY 1ST APRIL**
Lyvden – From the Manor Born by Susan Lees
Methodist Hall, Drummingwell Lane, Oundle PE8 4AA
7.45pm, £2 patrons, £3 visitors, 01832 272623. An Oundle Horticultural Society talk about Lyvden New Bield, free light refreshments, all welcome.

The Addington’s Horticultural Society welcomes Howard Drury to lecture on ‘The Latest 50 of the Very Best of Gardening Tips’
The Memorial Hall, Great Addington opposite The Church (NN14 4BS)
Members free (only £12pa) Visitors £4, 01832 734750. A hugely valuable and popularly topical for all horticultural folk, new or old!

> **THURSDAY 2ND APRIL**
RBL Wreath Laying at Oundle War Memorial
11am. Anniversary of the Falklands Conflict

> **FRIDAY 3RD APRIL**
Film: Blinded by the Light (12A)
Ringstead Village Hall, High Street
Doors open 7pm, film starts 7.30pm, admission £4. Contact 01933 460373. An aspiring young journalist fights both racism and his own culture to achieve his dream.

> **SUNDAY 5TH APRIL**
Higham Ferrers Footpath Group
Saffron Road car park Higham Ferrers for car sharing
9.35am, free admission, 07879 577433. 5.8 mile walk from Woodford.

> **SUNDAY 5TH – MONDAY 13TH APRIL**
Stanwick Pre-School Easter Trail 2020
Stanwick Village.
Find eggs any reasonable time
Trail maps £2 from Shop@Stanwick.stanwickpre-school@outlook.com
Hunt giant eggs, solving puzzles and quizzes as you go, in aid of Stanwick Pre-School.

> **UNTIL WEDNESDAY 24TH JUNE (ALTERNATE WEDNESDAYS)**
Flower Arranging Classes
Melchbourne Village Hall
1pm-3pm, Jackie – jandbashby@btinternet.com. Looking for a new hobby? Got a couple of free hours on a Wednesday afternoon and you’d like to find something to do? Why not join us at Melchbourne Village Hall on alternate Wednesdays to learn to arrange flowers.

> **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**
Rushden Walking Netball
The Pemberton Centre, H E Bates Way, Rushden NN10 9YP

3pm-4pm, £3, first session free, 01933 350324. Netball at a slower pace with a friendly group of ladies. No experience needed.

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

Praise and Play (Term time)
St James’ Church, Thrapston
1.30-2.45pm, refreshments available, Anita 735443

Engage Open Youth Club for school years 7-13 (Term time)
No.1 St Osyths 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 OF THE MONTH)**
Oundle & District Royal British Legion Meeting
The Greedy Piglet Cafe, 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.



Oundle Munch Club (NOT DEC)
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

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.

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

> **1ST TUESDAY OF THE 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

Widows’ Friendship Group
St Mary’s Church Hall, Rushden
2-4pm, £2.50pm + £10pa, Carole 07752801971. Interesting Speakers plus Sunday Lunch once a month. Refreshments provided. New members very welcome.

> **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

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

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, near Oundle
Classes from 6.45pm, 01832 293432/[oundledogs@aol.com/](mailto:oundledogs@aol.com)
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

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@antlerlanguages.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

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

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

Music Makers (Term time)
Prior Hall Park
11.15am-12noon, £4 per child, £2 for siblings. Booking essential.
Contact Jenni at musicmakersnorthants@gmail.com

Tiny Tots (Term time)
Oundle C of E Primary School, Glapthorn Road
1.45pm

660 Club (Age 60+)(Term time)
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

**> 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

**> 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

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

**> EVERY THURSDAY
Low Impact Zumba followed by Zumba Fitness**
Islip Sports Pavilion
Zumba Gold starts 6.45pm, Zumba Fitness starts 7.45pm, £5 per session.
Contact Sarah 07527834157 for more details.

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. 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

Thursday Drop-In
No 1 St Osyth's Lane, Oundle
10am-1pm, 01832 770010/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

Music Makers (Term time)
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

Little Treasures Tots Group (Term time)
St Laurence's Church, Stanwick
9.30am-11am, donations to cover costs, Nicki 01933 625658

Community Art Classes (Term time)
Oundle School Art Department
7.30pm-8.30pm, free classes for people with a disability.

Coffee/tea and biscuits in the Bede House (Term time)
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. More natter than knit is a group who love to knit/crochet while they chat. It doesn't matter if you can't knit, we'll show you how. Just come along.

**> 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

Higham and Rushden U3A
Wesleyan Chapel, Rushden High Street (Queen Street entrance)
1.30pm, visitors welcome (£3 charge), 01933 522934/
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

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

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

Sparklers – a 0-5s toddler group (Term time)
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

**> 1ST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH
Craft Cafe (check before travelling)**
Stanwick Lakes
10.30am-1pm, modest charge for some materials and car park, 01933 625522/www.stanwicklakes.org.uk

First Friday Club
Bede House, Higham Ferrers.
5.30pm-7pm. Free. Revd Michelle Dalliston 07961003352. Activities and fun for all young people!

**> 3RD FRIDAY OF THE MONTH
Raunds Tea Dance**
Saxon Hall, Raunds
2pm-4.15pm, £4 (50p for raffle) Mrs Wicks 01933 312623

U3A Meeting
The Plaza, Cosy Nook, Thrapston NN14 4PS
10am-12noon, £2 (visitors), free for members, includes refreshments. Guest speakers each month.

Former Carers Group
No 1 St Osyth's Lane, Oundle PE8 4BG

2pm-3.30pm, free, 01832 770010/
office@oundlebaptist.org.uk

Stanwick Stitchers (check before travelling)
Stanwick Lakes
10.30am, free, car park charges. 01933 625522 or Pauline on 01933 229817/www.stanwicklakes.org.uk

**> LAST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH (NOT DEC)
Farmers' Market**
Market Square, Higham Ferrers
9am-1pm
danielle@highamferrers-tc.gov.uk

**> 1ST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH
Coffee Morning**
St Mary's Church, Ringstead
10am-12noon, 01933 624262

Thrapston Farmers' Market
Thrapston High Street
9am-1pm, www.thrapstonfarmersmarket.moonfruit.com

**> 2ND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH
Coffee 'n' Cakes**
Oundle Methodist Church, Drummingwell Lane
10am-12noon, John Hewitson 01832 272209

WE Watch
Stanwick Lakes
01933 625522/
wewatchstanwick@hotmail.co.uk

Oundle Farmers' Market
Market Place, Oundle,
8am-1.30pm, Oundle Town Council 01832 272055

**> 3RD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH
Phoenix Group**
Stanwick Lakes
01933 625522/
wewatchstanwick@hotmail.co.uk

Messy Church
Rushden Salvation Army, Church Street, Rushden
4pm, George Ellitson 01933 313106

**> EVERY SATURDAY & SUNDAY
Coffee & cakes/Sunday Worship**
Rushden Independent Wesleyan Church (entrance Queen Street)
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12noon, £12 per head, 07850 864537 to book.

Morning Worship
Rushden Mission Church, Wellingborough Road
10.45am, Alan 01933 355302

Morning Church Service
Heritage Chapel, Park Road, Rushden NN10 0RW
10.30am

Ringstead Shared Church
Service for all (Communion first Sunday each month), 10.30am, Mike Freeman 01933 389796/
rbc-rsc@angeladavis.net

Church Services at St Peter's Church
Midland Road, Rushden
10am. Bring all your family, children and young people activities too.

**> 1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH
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St Laurence's Church, Stanwick
9.30am-10.15am

**> 2ND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH
Sunday's Cool**
St Mary's Church, Higham Ferrers. During the 10.30am mass. Revd Michelle Dalliston. 07961003352. Sunday School with a difference!

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Pete's Pack (For children 3+)**
St Peter's Church, Newton Bromswold
Bible based activities, 10am-11am
Helen Lines 07917 001924

**> 3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH
All Age Worship**
St Laurence's Church, Stanwick
9.30am

Leisurely, Sociable Strolls
Pub start – if not lunching do not use pub car park. 10am for 10.30am start. Guests £2/join for year £8, secretary@northamptonshireshamblers.org.uk

**> 4TH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH
AND BANK HOLIDAYS (NOT NOV-JAN)
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— SECTION 14**THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**
(PUBLIC FOOTPATH NM20 (PART) – PARISH OF
NASSINGTON)**(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2020**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit pedestrians from proceeding along that length of Public Footpath NM20 in the Parish of Nassington as specified in the Schedule below. Private access to land or premises adjacent to the said length of footpath are unaffected.

RIGHT OF WAY TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: The existing route of NM20 to be closed starts at point A at NGR TL0372 9742. The route travels generally north east for approximately 345 metres to point B at NGR TL0404 9754. The route is shown by a solid black line between points A – B.**REASONS FOR RESTRICTION:** The restriction is required to accommodate construction activities.**PERIOD OF CLOSURE:** The Order will come into effect on 30th March 2020 and will continue in force for a period of six months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for this Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such extent as is indicated by the display of notices.**ALTERNATIVE ROUTES:** The alternative route starts at point A at NGR TL0372 9742. The route travels south east approximately 126 metres to point C at NGR TL0380 9733. The route then heads east for approximately 127 metres to point D at NGR TL0392 9734. The route then follow bridleway NM30 north east for approximately 235 metres to point B at NGR TL0404 9754. The route is shown by a broken black line between points A – C – D – B.Dated this 21st day of March 2020
DEBBIE CARTER-HUGHES,
Executive Director LGSS Law Ltd

PKG/ROW/376

If you require any further information please contact Ian Sharp on 01780784875.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14****THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**
(HIGH STREET, RAUNDS)**(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 High Street, Raunds as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of High Street, Raunds from Midland Road to first junction with Church Street.**REASONS FOR RESTRICTION:** The restriction is required for safety during installation of water connection.**PERIOD OF CLOSURE:** The proposed Order will come into effect on 23rd March 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 Brook Street, Grove Street, Wellington Road, London Road and Brick Kiln Road.Dated this 21st day of March 2020
DEBBIE CARTER-HUGHES,
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PKG/T20/139

If you require any further information please contact Gary Thorp ref: 19-20-N505 on 01604-883400.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**
— SECTION 14**THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**
(MAIN STREET, COTTERSTOCK)**(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 Main Street, Cotterstock as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Main Street, Cotterstock from Barleymead to Oundle Road.**REASONS FOR RESTRICTION:** The restriction is required for safety during installation of rumble strip and slow markings.**PERIOD OF CLOSURE:** The proposed Order will come into effect on 23rd March 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 one day.**ALTERNATIVE ROUTES:** Use Tansor Road, A605, A427, Glapthorn Road, Cotterstock Road and Oundle Road.Dated this 21st day of March 2020
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If you require any further information please contact Gary Thorp ref: 19-20-N502 on 01604-883400.

**EAST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL**
LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE ACT 1992**COUNCIL TAX**

The Council, at its meeting on 2nd March 2020, calculated the following amounts for 2020/21 in accordance with regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992 made under section 33 (5) of the LGF Act 1992 and the Local Authorities (Calculation of Tax Base) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 and (No 2) Regulations 2003.

TOTAL COUNCIL TAX DUE 2020/21

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Aldwincle	1,209.70	1,411.32	1,612.93	1,814.55	2,217.78	2,621.02	3,024.25	3,629.10
Apethorpe	1,178.40	1,374.80	1,571.19	1,767.60	2,160.40	2,553.20	2,946.00	3,535.20
Ashton	1,208.42	1,409.81	1,611.21	1,812.62	2,215.43	2,618.23	3,021.04	3,625.24
Barnwell	1,205.48	1,406.38	1,607.29	1,808.21	2,210.04	2,611.86	3,013.69	3,616.42
Benefield	1,193.83	1,392.80	1,591.76	1,790.74	2,188.68	2,586.63	2,984.57	3,581.48
Brigstock	1,204.53	1,405.28	1,606.03	1,806.79	2,208.30	2,609.81	3,011.32	3,613.58
Bulwick	1,186.02	1,383.68	1,581.35	1,779.02	2,174.36	2,569.70	2,965.04	3,558.04
Chelveston cum Caldecott	1,202.00	1,402.33	1,602.66	1,803.00	2,203.67	2,604.34	3,005.00	3,606.00
Collyweston	1,242.36	1,449.41	1,656.47	1,863.53	2,277.65	2,691.77	3,105.89	3,727.06
Deene & Deenethorpe	1,231.81	1,437.11	1,642.40	1,847.71	2,258.31	2,668.92	3,079.52	3,695.42
Denford	1,196.54	1,395.95	1,595.37	1,794.80	2,193.65	2,592.49	2,991.34	3,589.60
Duddington with Fineshade	1,232.58	1,438.01	1,643.43	1,848.87	2,259.73	2,670.59	3,081.45	3,697.74
Easton-on-the-Hill	1,214.84	1,417.31	1,619.78	1,822.26	2,227.21	2,632.16	3,037.10	3,644.52
Glapthorn	1,228.18	1,432.87	1,637.56	1,842.26	2,251.65	2,661.04	3,070.44	3,684.52
Great Addington	1,214.00	1,416.32	1,618.65	1,820.99	2,225.66	2,630.32	3,034.99	3,641.98
Hargrave	1,208.86	1,410.33	1,611.80	1,813.28	2,216.23	2,619.18	3,022.14	3,626.56
Harringworth	1,197.51	1,397.09	1,596.67	1,796.26	2,195.43	2,594.60	2,993.77	3,592.52
Hemington, Luddington & Thurning	1,182.73	1,379.85	1,576.96	1,774.09	2,168.33	2,562.58	2,956.82	3,548.18
Higham Ferrers	1,268.50	1,479.92	1,691.33	1,902.75	2,325.58	2,748.42	3,171.25	3,805.50
Irthlingborough	1,284.08	1,498.09	1,712.10	1,926.12	2,354.15	2,782.18	3,210.20	3,852.24
Islip	1,221.04	1,424.54	1,628.04	1,831.55	2,238.56	2,645.57	3,052.59	3,663.10
Kings Cliffe	1,196.66	1,396.09	1,595.53	1,794.98	2,193.87	2,592.75	2,991.64	3,589.96
Lilford cum Wigsthorpe & Thorpe Achurch	1,190.27	1,388.64	1,587.02	1,785.40	2,182.16	2,578.91	2,975.67	3,570.80
Little Addington	1,223.42	1,427.31	1,631.21	1,835.12	2,242.93	2,650.73	3,058.54	3,670.24
Lowick & Slipton	1,197.59	1,397.18	1,596.78	1,796.38	2,195.58	2,594.77	2,993.97	3,592.76
Lutton	1,177.03	1,373.20	1,569.36	1,765.54	2,157.88	2,550.23	2,942.57	3,531.08
Nassington	1,259.90	1,469.87	1,679.85	1,889.84	2,309.81	2,729.77	3,149.74	3,779.68
Oundle	1,313.54	1,532.45	1,751.37	1,970.30	2,408.15	2,845.99	3,283.84	3,940.60
Pilton, Stoke Doyle & Wadenhoe	1,194.04	1,393.04	1,592.04	1,791.05	2,189.06	2,587.07	2,985.09	3,582.10
Polebrook	1,194.49	1,393.57	1,592.64	1,791.73	2,189.89	2,588.06	2,986.22	3,583.46
Raunds	1,270.68	1,482.46	1,694.23	1,906.02	2,329.58	2,753.14	3,176.70	3,812.04
Ringstead	1,264.44	1,475.17	1,685.91	1,896.65	2,318.13	2,739.61	3,161.09	3,793.30
Rushden	1,241.90	1,448.87	1,655.85	1,862.84	2,276.81	2,690.77	3,104.74	3,725.68
Stanwick	1,235.58	1,441.50	1,647.43	1,853.36	2,265.22	2,677.08	3,088.94	3,706.72
Sudborough	1,233.85	1,439.49	1,645.12	1,850.77	2,262.05	2,673.34	3,084.62	3,701.54
Thrapston	1,269.53	1,481.11	1,692.70	1,904.29	2,327.47	2,750.64	3,173.82	3,808.58
Titchmarsh	1,206.20	1,407.23	1,608.26	1,809.30	2,211.37	2,613.44	3,015.50	3,618.60
Twywell	1,218.91	1,422.06	1,625.20	1,828.36	2,234.66	2,640.97	3,047.27	3,656.72
Warmington	1,275.14	1,487.65	1,700.17	1,912.70	2,337.75	2,762.79	3,187.84	3,825.40
Woodford	1,194.90	1,394.05	1,593.19	1,792.35	2,190.65	2,588.95	2,987.25	3,584.70
Woodnewton	1,211.74	1,413.69	1,615.64	1,817.60	2,221.51	2,625.42	3,029.34	3,635.20
Yarwell	1,216.14	1,418.83	1,621.51	1,824.21	2,229.59	2,634.97	3,040.35	3,648.42
Other	1,167.39	1,361.95	1,556.51	1,751.08	2,140.21	2,529.34	2,918.47	3,502.16

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East Northants Snooker League

The ENSL winter league drew to a conclusion this week and we congratulate Higham SAS on becoming the 2019-20 champions. This is a thoroughly deserved victory as they have topped the table for many weeks. Quite surprisingly, Cue Sports D claimed the runners-up place, much to Cue Sports A's disappointment.

At the Cue Sports club in Wellingborough, the two top teams played their matches side by side, both in contention of becoming league victors. Whilst Higham SAS held a two-point lead going into this final match and looked likely to finish top, Cue Sports A knew a big win against Windmill D could see them leapfrog Higham into first.

Cue Sports A's Colin Hinds stepped up against Windmill's Kev Freeman. Freeman was too good for Hinds and took both opening frames. Not the start that Cue Sports A were hoping for. Over on the other table, Cue Sports D's Ricky Johnson and Higham's Adam Burns shared frames one and two. This gave Higham the edge, but with four frames still to play, the race was very much still on. Meanwhile, back in the Cue Sports A and Windmill D clash, Justin Gaggini was hoping to take some frames against Neal Vaughan. But Vaughan played extremely well and won both frames, to make it 4-0 for the visiting Windmill D team. Based on this score line, Cue Sports A knew their hopes of winning the title had been dashed, but they still needed to win the final two frames to guarantee the consolation

prize of becoming this year's runners-up. In the Higham SAS match, Alvin Thomas and Pete Beerten shared the next two frames to make it 2-2 and Higham SAS had done enough to assure them of the champions' trophy. However, Cue Sports D knew that if they could win the last two frames then they might be able to jump into the runner-up position and snatch this away from Cue Sports A. It was really nail-biting stuff going into the conclusive frames in the two Cue Sports matches. Steve Biggs took on Windmill D's Sean Britchford and on the other table, Aaron Whittemore played Mike Wilson. In a massive turn up for the books, Steve Biggs lost both frames to an in-form Sean Britchford and Aaron Whittemore won both of his frames against an understandably relaxed Mike Wilson. This meant that Cue Sports A would finish third and Cue Sports A would now finish second!

Over at the Windmill Club in Rushden, Windmill A took on Windmill Warriors. These teams were playing mainly for pride as these teams are positioned in the bottom half of the table. Dan Godson and Richard Wright had a good fight and won a frame each. Michael Dicks of the Warriors cleared up with a fine 32 break to win frame three. David Whitmill responded well to win frame four to make it 2-2. Chris Goldsworthy struggled to find his normal form against Paul Lewis. Lewis prevailed as the winner of both frames to make it a 4-2 away win for the Warriors.

Windmill C hosted Cue Sports B this week. Marc Brett lost out to Steve Williams in frame one, but came back strong in frame two with a 45 break to win that one. From then on it was one-way traffic for Windmill C. Stewart Brown won both of his frames against Lee Bunker, albeit extremely close. James Rawlins managed to edge past Martyn Hatton, just, to make it a 5-1 victory.

Despite a 4-2 victory over Windmill B, Cue Sports C still couldn't avoid the wooden spoon position in the league table following the final game of the season. Jon Sharpe got them off to a flyer by destroying any chance that home skipper Tony Jupp had of finishing top of the averages courtesy of an easy two-frame victory that included a break of 41. Ryan Ball and Roy Barlow then shared the next two closely fought frames. Alan Jupp then had an

emphatic victory over Luke Clinton in their first frame before Clinton hit back impressively in winning the second comfortably.

After his fantastic performance throughout the whole season, Adam Burns deservedly scooped the top spot on the player statistics leaderboard, sponsored by Semilong Services Ltd, with his impressive 68% win-rate. Marc Brett won the high break prize this year with his contribution of 88, with many other high breaks in his tally.

> THIS WEEK'S RESULTS:

Windmill B 2-4 Cue Sports C
Cue Sports A 0-6 Windmill D
Cue Sports D 4-2 Higham SAS
Windmill C 5-1 Cue Sports B
Windmill A 2-4 Windmill Warriors

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POSITION	TEAM	PLAYED	WON	DRAWN	LOST	POINTS
1	Higham SAS	18	10	4	4	64
2	Cue Sports D	18	9	5	4	61
3	Cue Sports A	18	9	5	4	60
4	Cue Sports D	18	8	3	7	56
5	Windmill C	18	7	5	6	56
6	Windmill B	18	6	5	7	52
7	Windmill A	18	5	4	9	50
8	Windmill Warriors	18	5	5	8	48
9	Cue Sports B	18	4	5	9	47
10	Cue Sports C	18	3	7	8	46

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