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September Events



**Proms
in the Park**
In aid of the Mayor's Chosen Charities
Music by
Rushden Town Band
With performances from
**Northampton Opera Group and
Soprano Jeni Melia**

Saturday 7 September 2019
in the
Walled Garden of RUSHDEN Hall Park
6.30 pm start
(Gates open at 5.30 pm)

Please bring your own champagne, picnic, chairs and rugs.
NO PRESALE TICKETS
£5.00 ON THE GATE FROM 5.30 PM
Including FREE Union Flag

Promoted by
Rushden Town Council
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The show will go on (indoors if necessary) come rain or shine!
*** Please note change of time ***



Rushden Town Council
5TH ANNIVERSARY OF

**Bark
in the
Park**

Fun Dog Show
Sunday 8th September 2019
The Walled Garden, Hall Park, NN10 9ES
10am - 4pm

Have a go Agility + Fun Scurry + Hog Roast
Refreshments & Cakes + Charity & Trade Stalls
Pimm's Tent / Bar + Milo's Magnificent Tombola
Grand Prize Draw + Vets, Therapists and Groomers
and much more!

Follow us on Facebook:
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Kindly supported by:
Local Businesses

Vet on call
Rushden
VETS

Show sponsored by
GLADWELLS
PET AND COUNTRY STORE
Unit 5 Sanders Lodge Industrial Estate, Wellingborough Road, NN10 6BQ



**ANNUAL CIVIC OPENING
OF RUSHDEN FEAST**

FRIDAY 13th SEPTEMBER 2019
Spencer Park, Washbrook Road, Rushden
6.30 p.m.

Followed by a fish & chip supper at the Railway Station
Tickets £10.00 each

To include a ride on the Dodgems and a
look around the Station and Station Museum
Available from Rushden Town Council 01933 316216

PROCEEDS TO THE MAYOR'S CHOSEN CHARITIES



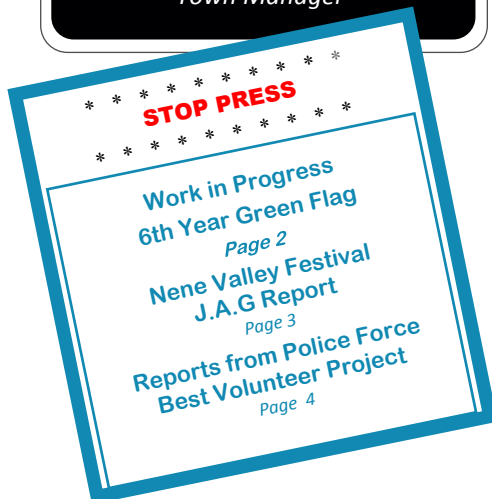
**MAYOR
OF RUSHDEN
CHARITY
GOLF DAY**
MONDAY
23rd SEP

TEAMS OF FOUR
£200
STABLEFORD FORMAT

RUSHDEN GOLF CLUB - NN9 6AN
FIRST T 12.00PM ARRIVE FOR 11.00AM

Bacon Roll & Coffee on Arrival Followed by
A Three Course Meal at Pizzeria Venezia to Include
Presentation of Trophies and Raffle, Auction.

To Book a Team Please Contact Cesare on:
info@pizzeriaavenzia.co.uk or 07973 298 063



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Update on Council Projects

Cllr. Sarah Peacock

Chairman of Policy & Resources Committee

The committee continues to monitor the day to day expenditure of the Council to ensure we remain within our annual budget parameters.

The committee has recently given Shop Front Grants to Elegance by Leah, Crystelle Belle Weddings & Speedy Repair. These grants are up to a maximum of £750 and help support local businesses and enhance the appeal of the High Street.

A Community Grant was also awarded to Rushden Hall Ladies to help them with future room hire for their meetings.

The provision of Defibrillators within the town, was also discussed and an article appears in this edition as to the way forward.

A report on the Local Government Reform (LGR) was also received, this helps to keep members up to date with the new Unitary progress. A prospectus for change is available on the Northamptonshire County Council website at Unitary Council – Local Government Reform

Cllr Martin Griffith (Wellingborough Borough Council) has been elected leader for the North Northamptonshire Unitary and will lead the way forward supported by the leaders of East Northamptonshire, Corby and Kettering Councils.

Rushden Town Council's responsibilities will remain unchanged, with its principle authority remaining the same for the time being. However, I am sure there will be some extra responsibilities heading our way once the Unitary process has been completed. As a Town Council we see this as a positive step as we can then make improvements to benefit the town.

As part of the Unitary process for North Northamptonshire there will be NEW town councils formed as the old Borough Councils disappear. This will most likely include Kettering and Wellingborough.

Rushden Town Council is always looking at ways to improve our amenities and environment and our ongoing list of projects is discussed at every meeting of this Committee. This list is updated regularly and some of the articles in this edition will give details of our current projects being progressed.

If you have a project you would like to be considered then please contact your ward member or the Town Clerk.

Work in Progress

• Speed Camera

The Town Council are looking to purchase a Vehicle Activated mobile speed camera that can be used in various locations through out the Town. We are at present compiling a list of suitable locations for the camera and therefore please contact us if you know of a location where excessive speeding regularly occurs. Please contact us via email on info@rushdentowncouncil.gov.uk or telephone 01933 316216 with details.

• Spencer Park

We are at present updating some of the facilities within Spencer Park. The Tennis Courts and Multi Use Games Area are being revamped and we will be creating an enclosed Football Area on the redundant Tennis Court. This work has started and should be finished by early Autumn. At the request of Rushden resident Sharon Yates we have installed additional seating in Spencer Park. Ward member Councillor Peacock said she is delighted the town council were able to action Sharon's request and Spencer Ward residents will benefit from the additional seating and other improvements.

• Disabled Toilet in Hall Park

We have recently submitted a planning application to build a disabled toilet within Hall Park. We are hoping, subject to planning we will be able to commence work on this project in October 2019. Once the new toilet has been completed we will then start the refurbishment of the existing toilets in Hall Park.

• Defibrillators

The Town Council had agreed to put defibrillators into Hall Park, Spencer Park and Jubilee Park, however we have since been approached by several Community groups and Business groups who wish to make a financial contribution to the purchase of defibrillators. We are therefore now looking at additional locations throughout the town. We are aiming to create a list of all defibrillator sites within the town and hope to publish this once the new ones have been installed.



6th Green Flag Award

For a 6th successive year, Rushden Town Council has been awarded a Green Flag Award® scheme recognises and rewards well managed parks and green spaces, setting the benchmark standard for the management of recreational outdoor spaces across the United Kingdom and around the world.

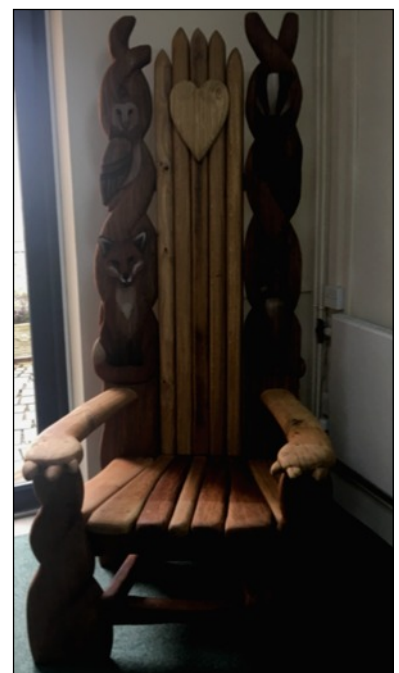
As the international standard for parks and green spaces, holding a Green Flag Award® brings with it a vast amount of prestige. It indicates an excellent example of civic achievement and should be a source of great pride to our community.

Thank you to all the staff involved in working so hard to ensure Hall Park continues to hold this prestigious award and for their work on all our open spaces throughout the year.



New Addition to Nature Trail

There will soon be an impressive addition to the nature trail in Hall Park. Our beautiful new Storytelling chair was recently on display at Party in the Park and, once installed, will provide a perfect focal point to our outdoor classroom area. Children love listening to stories and inventing their own. Storytelling helps them to develop their literacy skills through a love of stories and will stimulate their imaginations.



NEWS FROM THE MAYOR Cllr Cesare Marinaro



My time as Mayor of Rushden so far has been extremely enjoyable and it has been a huge pleasure to represent the town at a large variety of events.

I have had the pleasure of meeting so many groups and societies that our town offers to a range of people. The U3A organised a tea party for the over 55's, bringing people together accommodating everybody's interests such as dancing, arranging days out and country park walks, there really is something for everybody!

My consort and I have attended services at RAF Molesworth and RAF Alconbury. It has been extremely interesting to learn about the range of ranks of American soldiers and enjoying spectacular firework displays!

Myself and my family were lucky to attend the opening of the brand new Cineworld (the 100th Cineworld) in Rushden. We thoroughly enjoyed watching Spiderman in 4DX.

Party in the Park was a huge success this year, it was fantastic to meet the hard working people at the large variety of charity stalls, my family and I loved participating in the range of games and activities they were hosting to raise money for their chosen charities. It is brilliant to see so many people of our town raising money for their charities! The atmosphere in the evening was amazing and the crowd enjoyed the Beatles Tribute Band. '

We also attended music in the Walled Garden on 11 August and enjoyed listening to music from two talented guitarists and the Brookettes from Sharnbrook - three ladies performing a range of songs from the 40s, 50s and 60s. We are extremely lucky as a town to have the Walled Garden as a music venue.

We still have lots of events planned that we are looking forward to. Proms in the Park on Saturday 7 September, Bark in the Park on Sunday 8 September. My Charity Golf Day on Monday 23 September is now fully sold out but raffle prizes are still needed and would be very much appreciated.

Best wishes Cesare

JAG Meeting Aug 2019

Irthlingborough Town Council requested that they be allowed to join Rushden and Higham Ferrers J.A.G. group. This was thought to be a good idea as we all work in close proximity with each other. Mrs Angie Daly, Irthlingborough Town Clerk and Cllr. Jon Gray were welcomed to our meeting on 16th July 2019.

A further location for CCTV within our towns was discussed, and evaluations would take place to ascertain where the new CCTV would have the most impact within the towns.

There have been good results regarding drug use and dealing from the police proactive team.

Anti-social behaviour continues to be a problem in our towns, parks and open public spaces.

We have previously been allowed three priorities, but this is to be reduced to one priority per town only. Therefore it was decided to ask the police to concentrate on all parks and open public spaces within Higham Ferrers, Rushden and Irthlingborough.

We were informed that Drug Dogs would be making a presence around all the local pubs.

An excess of graffiti had been reported and East Northamptonshire Council's Waste Management Department will be dealing with this.

The date of the next meeting is 8 October 2019. If anyone has any issues that they would like raised then please inform the relevant Town Clerks

Nene Valley Festival

The festival which is now in its 6th year will take place from Saturday 14 September - Sunday 22 September. As with previous years, the festival will offer a variety of activities for the whole family and with funding from Heritage Lottery, via Nenescape, this year's Nene Valley Festival will be bigger and better than ever. Featuring more than 100 events at key locations across the Nene Valley from Northampton to Peterborough, the festival will include a wide range of activities for all ages. Programmes can be obtained from libraries, tourism outlets or email info@nenevalley.net

Grounds Maintenance

A new Grounds' Maintenance contract has been awarded to Turney Landscapes Ltd of Milton Keynes which will run for the next 7 years.

New Link Road

The new link road to be built between Ditchford Lane and Rushden Lakes is to be named Glenn Harwood Way after local Higham Ferrers and East Northamptonshire Councillor Lt. Col. Glenn Harwood MBE.

Town Manager's Report Julie Thorneycroft

Heritage Family Fun Day Sunday 15th September 10am til 4pm

Plans for the Heritage Family Fun Day on Sunday 15th September at Rushden Lakes are taking shape, the heritage day is one of the many events taking place as part of the Nene Valley Festival (14th to 22nd September) and the National Heritage Open Weekends. The aim of the heritage day is to strengthen partnership working between Rushden and Higham Ferrers Town Councils and Rushden Lakes and also to raise awareness of the local high street offer.

The family fun day is based around local heritage and brings together a wide array of interesting information about the local towns of Rushden and Higham Ferrers. Entertainment lined up so far includes performances from local bands, medieval fun, games and entertainment, face painting, pottery making and many other activities. As part of the event many local heritage groups and nearby high street businesses have signed up for the opportunity to have a stand for the day to promote their business. Members from Rushden Town Council and Higham Ferrers Town Council will be handing out goody bags to encourage visitors to explore further afield; the promotional bags will include the latest "Shop Local" booklet of shopping vouchers and concessions which can be spent in Rushden and Higham Ferrers throughout the autumn. Further information about this event can be found at www.rushdentowncouncil.gov.uk or for more details about the Nene Valley Festival please visit nenevalley.net

We hope you will come along and join us.

COMMUNITY NEWS

FORCE LAUNCHES MAJOR NEW RECRUITMENT DRIVE

An ambition to recruit more than 200 police officers by 2021 has started with a major new recruitment campaign.

In April, Police Fire and Crime Commissioner Stephen Mold and Chief Constable Nick Adderley, announced the Force would be recruiting more than 200 new police officers over the next two years, taking the numbers above 1300 for the first time since 2010.

To increase applications and help bolster the ranks, the Force is using the strap line #FitTheBill alongside a recruitment campaign.

An inspirational video, available on the Force website and You Tube channel, is hoping to motivate and attract applications from a diverse background. Chief Constable Nick Adderley, said: "This job really is like no other. There are few careers that offer the variety of a police constable role. There are many diverse areas that police officers develop into, from detective to specialist dog handler, from cyber crime expert to financial crime investigator. The list is endless. How far an officer goes, is really up to them. One thing that is guaranteed, is that the role gives people a real opportunity to give back to the community and make a real difference to people's lives, while developing real life skills that will transform who they are."

For more information and to apply, go online: www.northants.police.uk/careers

Open Meeting

An Open Meeting held at Pizzeria Venezia on 7 August by Rushden Town Partnership (RTP) was well attended by a broad mix of people including residents, local businesspeople, representatives of community groups and the local authority.



Not everyone was there just for the free pizza! The aim of the meeting was to set out the role RTP has to play but mainly to hear the views of those also passionate about keeping the town at the heart of our community.

From the questions raised, access to spaces in public car parks was a major concern. To help answer some of the questions, consideration would be given to holding surveys to establish whether visitors to Rushden Lakes also come into the town to shop but also whether spaces were being taken up by staff/visitors going to Rushden Lakes who park in the public car parks and catch a bus to Rushden Lakes.

There were many more questions to be asked but time ran out. RTP therefore plan to hold another Open meeting in the near future.

COMMUNITY INITIATIVE TO REDUCE VIOLENCE

CIRV - Community Initiative to Reduce Violence is a gang's intervention programme to help reduce violence and drugs associated with gangs.

If you're worried about someone who you think might be involved in a gang, you can refer them to CIRV - anyone can refer.

If you're in a gang and you want to get out, you can also contact CIRV.

There's no age limit - if you have concerns, contact them directly.

CIRV has contacts with a huge number of support agencies that they can refer to.

Visit www.aimonline.org.uk



Best Volunteer Project

Rushden Museum has won The Best Volunteer Project in the Northamptonshire Heritage Forum Awards 2019. A big thank you goes to all the volunteers who helped with the 'Store Room Blitz' - a major task of unpacking, checking and repacking all the artefacts. It was supported by Nenescape Project.

The Museum will be open on Tuesday 17 September as part of Destination Nene Valley Week and tours will also be conducted of Rushden Hall at 2 pm followed by tea and cakes. £5. Contact info@rushdenmuseum.com Booking essential.

Next year's display has already been planned, that of VE Day and the Museum would like to hear from anyone with photographs or memories of the occasion.



Museum volunteers

Royal British Legion



To commemorate Merchant Navy Day, you are invited to attend the raising of the Red Ensign Flag on Tuesday 3rd September at the War Memorial at 10.00 am. Afterwards the Royal British Legion Rushden Branch will hold a short service to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of the start of the Second World War

OTHER EVENTS

Weds. 6 Nov - GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE Service at the War Memorial 10.50 am.

Sun 10 Nov - REMEMBRANCE PARADE AND SERVICE. Parade from Robinson Road at 10.30 am for Service at War Memorial and afterwards in St Mary's Church.

Sat 16 Nov - REMEMBRANCE BAND CONCERT at Park Road Baptist 2 pm. Rushden Town Band.

Rain Did Not Stop Play!

Even the rain didn't dampen the spirits at the final Music in the Walled Garden on Sunday 11 August. Those present were treated to a fabulous afternoon of entertainment by a guitar duo and newly formed trio The Brookettes. In typical theatrical terms "the show must go on" the afternoon was enjoyed by all. The Events group provided refreshments to say thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who have helped throughout the year including the Royal British Legion and many others, but with copious food, most enjoyed the tasty goodies. The stage became not only the performance area but the viewing area as well. Our grateful thanks to all who attended.

