

PARISH BRIEFING



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CELEBRATING INDEPENDENCE



Preparations are now well underway for celebrations to mark 20 years of independence for Rutland.

Saturday 1st April 2017 will mark two decades since the formation of Rutland County Council and a return to independence for the county as a whole.

Oakham Castle will host a special ceremony in recognition of this historic milestone. This will be followed by a day of celebration and entertainment for people who want to share in this hugely special occasion.

Be on the lookout for further information in the local press and circulated to Parish Clerks by email very soon.

LEADERSHIP ELECTION

Councillor Tony Mathias has been elected as the new Leader of Rutland County Council.

Cllr Mathias was elected by majority vote at Special Council on 26th January and will serve as Leader until the next round of normal elections in 2019.

Following the vote, Cllr Mathias appointed Cllr Oliver Hemsley as Deputy Leader and announced that Cllr Alan Walters would be joining the Cabinet as Portfolio Holder for Portfolio Holder for Community Safety, Culture, Sport & Recreation and Environment.

Cllr Mathias said: "I consider it a huge honour to be elected Leader of Rutland County Council, having worked closely with both Roger Begy and Terry King throughout my time as a Ward Member and Deputy Leader. I'm very much looking forward to working together in the coming months and years to move the Council forward and achieve our long term goals."



Tony Mathias, Leader

Cabinet Members following Special Council on 26th January:

- Tony Mathias (Leader) – Portfolio Holder for Finance and Places (Highways, Transport and Market Towns)
- Oliver Hemsley (Deputy Leader) – Portfolio Holder for Growth, Trading Services and Resources (except Finance)
- Alan Walters – Portfolio Holder for Community Safety, Culture, Sport & Recreation and Environment
- David Wilby – Portfolio Holder for Lifelong Learning
- Richard Clifton – Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care and Health
- Richard Foster – Portfolio Holder for Children and Young

PARISH COUNCIL WORKING GROUP

The Parish Council Working Group meets quarterly to discuss and formulate the agenda for the next meeting of the Parish Council Forum. It also serves as the mechanism for discussing issues raised by the Parish Council Forum between its meetings and to broker or secure action on tasks arising from meetings of the Forum.

There is at present one vacancy for a Parish Council Representative and three vacancies for Parish Meeting representatives to join the PC Working Group. Any Parish Representative, nominated by their own Parish Council or Parish Meeting, interested in joining the PC Working Group is invited to send in their expression of interest to Marcelle Gamston – Corporate Support (mgamston@rutland.gov.uk)

ANNUAL BUSINESS SUMMIT



An invite to the Council's annual summit for local business is being distributed across Rutland.

Each year Rutland County Council invites representatives from local businesses to discuss the future of our economy. This year, the event will explore the impact that Brexit has had and will have on industries in the future.

The Rutland Business Summit runs from 8.15am to 10.30am on Thursday 9th February and takes place at Greetham Valley Golf Club. Anyone not able to attend can keep up to date with what's happening at the summit by following the hashtag [#RutlandBizSummit](#) on Twitter.

For more information about the summit or if you know someone who would like to attend, email: economicdevelopment@rutland.gov.uk

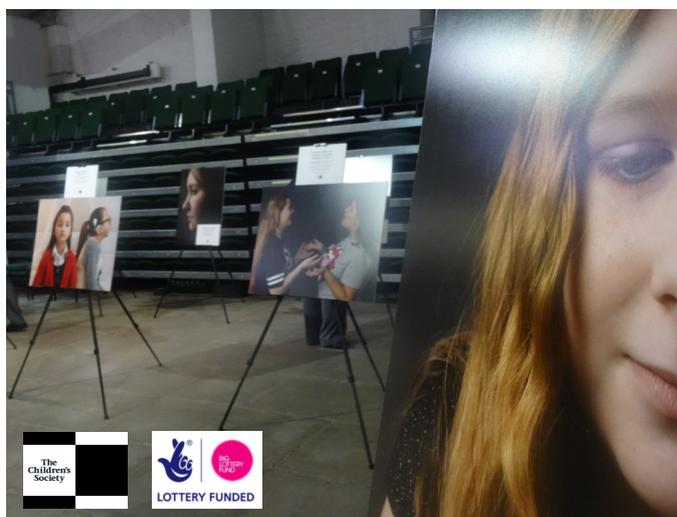
HIDDEN EXHIBITION

A national portrait exhibition that looks at the lives of young carers has arrived at Rutland County Museum.

'Hidden' captures the hidden lives and hardships – as well as hopes and resilience – faced by hundreds of thousands of young carers up and down the country, with some as young as seven.

The Council is helping to stage the exhibition, led by national charity The Children's Society, to help raise awareness of the many realities faced by young carers in Rutland and beyond.

A special event was held at the museum on Tuesday evening to officially launch the exhibition, attended by Rutland young carers. Hidden will remain on display at the museum until Monday 6th February 2017. See rutlandcountymuseum.org.uk for visitor hours.



END OF YEAR EMAIL SCAMS

As we approach the end of the financial year, be on the lookout for email scams which promise you a tax rebate or refund.

In previous years, phishing scams have used fraudulent HMRC tax refund emails to target unsuspecting victims, tricking them into sharing personal information such as their name, address, date of birth and bank details in order to claim money back.

HMRC will never send notifications of a tax rebate/refund by email, or ask you to disclose personal or payment information by email. For more information about cyber-security and how to protect yourself online, visit: www.getsafeonline.org

