

Fairtrade status renewed

Oundle's status as a Fairtrade Town has successfully been renewed again this year. Oundle was first awarded Fairtrade Town status in May 2007, when it had satisfied the criteria laid down by the Fairtrade Foundation (www.fairtrade.org.uk). These criteria include the support of the Town Council, the availability of a variety of Fairtrade marked goods in local shops, cafes and restaurants, and the involvement of businesses, churches and community groups.

Fairtrade is about better prices, decent working conditions, local sustainability, and fair terms of trade for farmers and workers in the developing world.

The Fairtrade mark on goods and products guarantees that Fairtrade standards have been satisfied. There are now over 3000

certified Fairtrade products available, from coffee to cotton, bananas to body scrubs, flowers to footballs.

'We are delighted that the message of Fairtrade is spreading, and that shoppers here in Oundle are choosing to buy Fairtrade products,' said Eleanor Rayden, chair of the Oundle

Fairtrade Town steering group. 'It shows that people in this community are increasingly aware of the benefits that Fairtrade brings to farmers and producers in the developing world.'

Look out for special promotions in Fairtrade Fortnight (28th February – 13th March).

To find out how your school, club or business could become registered as Fairtrade, or for more information, contact oundle.retail@midlandsco-op.com.



Oundle Walking Pilgrimage

This is a big thank you to all those who have already taken part in the Oundle Walking Pilgrimage.

You can still take part in this ongoing initiative which involves a walk between quaint village pubs. The aim is to raise money for Sue Ryder Care and Cancer Research UK, while introducing local people to the beauty of the local area.

Oundle is the starting point for the walk, which is approximately 50 miles long. Participants collect a passport showing the route, priced at £5, which is then stamped at various points along the route. A book describing the route is also available. Passports and books are available from Trek-kits and Colemans in Oundle and pubs along the route.



Pilgrimage leader Robin Moore is well known in the area for his endurance walking. He has marched over 22,000 miles for charity. As well as expeditions in the Commonwealth, he has walked around the British Isles and Southern Europe. "This area is one of the Kingdom's best kept secrets, a region abundant in history and architectural grandeur," enthuses Robin.

Robin (2nd from left) and his team managed to raise an impressive £649. The presentation was held at Polebrook Pub on Monday 1st November.

Claire Crosby

An Invitation from Oundle School

Members of the public will be warmly welcomed at these Sixth Form lectures which usually take place in The Great Hall starting at 2.30pm.

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| Friday 3 December | <i>Politics of Climate Change</i>
Prof Ian Plimer, University of Adelaide |
| Thursday 27 January | <i>Bad Science?</i> (5.00pm start)
Prof Lord Winston, Imperial College |
| Friday 28 January | <i>Mugabe and White Africa</i>
Lucy Bailey, Co-Director |
| Friday 4 February | <i>Plato's Republic</i>
Prof Simon Blackburn, University of Cambridge |
| Friday 11 February | <i>Surviving the 21st Century</i>
Lord Patten, Chancellor, University of Oxford |
| Friday 25 February | <i>Qur'an</i>
Prof Bruce Lawrence, Duke University |



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From November 27th East Northamptonshire Council services will no longer be available at the Customer Service Centre (still affectionately known as the "TIC"). The facility will move to the Oundle International Festival Office, New Street, sometime in December.

Opening hours will be
Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays
10am to 4pm

Council Meetings

Dec 2nd Dec 16th Jan 6th Jan 20th Feb 3rd Feb 17th Mar 3rd

Meetings are held at the Courthouse starting at 7.30pm.

A public participation spot is provided towards the beginning of each meeting as your attendance at all Council meetings is most welcome. This is for contributions relating to the agenda.

If you wish to speak on a planning application please advise the Clerk to the Council at least 48 hours in advance.

Additionally if you want to ask questions

or share your views on Oundle issues

join us at the Courthouse for informal discussions

from 6.45pm to 7.30pm on

Thursday Jan 6th

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