

## NEWS FROM ENCS

As you may have seen in the local media, ENCS has gained the contract to run **Corby Night Shelter**. More details are at

<https://www.northantstelegraph.co.uk/news/people/corby-homeless-shelter-will-open-this-winter-1-9101295>

**Charity Banquet in aid of Recovery House:** 7 for 7.30pm on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at St Mary's Church Hall. Tickets (£25) are available from Jo Burns at [jo.burns@encs.org.uk](mailto:jo.burns@encs.org.uk).

**Volunteers needed:** we are desperately in need of individuals to support our work. You would be joining a great team and would be given an induction prior to starting.

- **We need a few individuals to either cook or serve in our community café on a Monday morning.** This café is open to all and provides a hot breakfast at a very low cost to the community.
- **We have some night shifts that need to be covered in the night shelter.** This is a sleeping shift from 10pm-8:30am/9am. We could not keep the night shelter open without volunteers. If you could do just one or two nights a month, this would help us continue supporting those who are homeless.
- **We are also looking for one or two trustworthy individuals to support our projects** by doing the shopping for us and some general administration as needed. This could be done as and when suits you, and is an independent once a week role.

If you are interested in any of the above, please get in touch with Jo Burns on [info@encs.org.uk](mailto:info@encs.org.uk) or 01933 733001

### Update from ROC (Redeeming Our Communities)

**ROC NORTHANTS**  
THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CHARITY

The next meeting of the Rushden & Raunds ROC Action Group will take place on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November: 7:30pm at Rush to the Den, Fitzwilliam Street, Rushden. You can just turn up - there's no need to register.

**Promoting health, wellbeing and traditional local industries at Rushden Lakes:** these are some of the items included in proposals for the Rushden Lakes 'Land to the West' development. Comments are invited until Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November. Details are at <https://www.rushdenlakeslandtothewest.co.uk/>

Please contact Andrew Presland at [andrew.presland.harborough58@gmail.com](mailto:andrew.presland.harborough58@gmail.com) or by phone on 01933 316927 if you would like any more information on anything mentioned on this sheet.

**About 20 people attended the East Northants Community Leaders' Lunch** on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

Slides of the three talks given – by Julia Smith (East Northants Council), Ed Walker (Hope into Action) and Jo Burns (East Northants Community Services) are available from Andrew Presland (details as below).

The next lunch will take place in the New Year and will include the results of a recent survey of **mental health training needs** among churches in Northamptonshire: *date and other details to follow.*

### Now open... Heavenly Cuppa Wellbeing Café

Every Thursday 1 to 4pm, Park Road Baptist Church, Nn10 0LH (use York Road entrance). A quiet friendly environment to meet others over tea and coffee and to enjoy craft and board game activities.

*"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest."*

### FORTHCOMING MEETING, OPEN TO ALL

7.30 to 8.45pm, Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November:  
**Living Christianity: Christian Institute event** at St Botolph's Church, Barton Seagrave.

Looking at:

- Raising children – responsibility of parents, or of the state?
- Gospel freedom, following the Asher's Baking Company case;
  - Responding to radical gender ideology

More details are available on 01536 414052.

**Volunteer befrienders needed for Home@lone Befriender Project**, as run by East Northants Community Services. Details are available from Cheryl Smith on 01933 313526. An information evening, intended particularly for potential volunteers from local churches will be taking place soon (details to be finalised) – more information on 01933 316927.

**Statistics section... Index of Deprivation 2019 figures were published recently**, at <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/english-indices-of-deprivation-2019>. These show East Northants to be the 90<sup>th</sup> most deprived local authority out of 317 in England, with Rutland 5<sup>th</sup>, South Northants 6<sup>th</sup> and Harborough 9<sup>th</sup>. Among the 47 'LSOA' areas within East Northants, the two least deprived are in the second-from-top 10% nationally and, at the other end of the scale, eight are in the bottom 10%.

*Coming next time: the 2018/19 happiness statistics*