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Government says yes to two unitary councils for Northamptonshire

Two brand new unitary councils will be established in Northamptonshire on 1st April 2021 (Vesting Day), the Government has confirmed. The North Northamptonshire unitary will cover Corby, East Northants, Kettering and Wellingborough and the West Northamptonshire unitary will cover Daventry, Northampton and South Northamptonshire. The existing district and borough councils and Northamptonshire County Council will all be abolished.



The Secretary of State James Brokenshire has reviewed all the evidence and representations received, and has now decided that replacing the eight councils with two unitary authorities is in the best interests of the residents of Northamptonshire.

Parliamentary Orders will follow later this year and there will be elections to the Shadow Authorities in May 2020. Shadow Executives for the two unitaries will be selected from those elected and will determine the structure, budget and service delivery models for the new councils.

Services which complement one

another but are currently divided between the district, borough and county councils – such as bin collections, waste disposal, planning and roads – will be brought together under each of the two unitary councils.

Leaders of the current authorities said that now that a decision has been made, the preparations to build a better future for Northamptonshire's residents and businesses, providing more responsive, innovative services, could continue with certainty.

In a joint comment, the council leaders of Corby Borough Council (Tom Beattie), Daventry District

Council (Chris Millar), East Northamptonshire Council (Steven North), Kettering Borough Council (Russell Roberts), Northampton Borough Council (Jonathan Nunn), Northamptonshire County Council (Matt Golby), South Northamptonshire Council (Cllr Ian McCord) and Borough Council of Wellingborough (Martin Griffiths), said: "We have been working hard towards an anticipated 2020 Vesting Day but that was always going to be a tight timetable to meet if we were going to transform services as well as ensuring that they were safe and legal on that date.

"We therefore welcome the announcement that Vesting Day will be 1st April 2021. That gives us more time to plan carefully and confidently for the future to ensure that we create two sustainable unitary councils that, while being very different in nature, will be exemplars of how to provide excellent services for our residents."

There will be elections to the Shadow Authorities in May 2020, so those newly-elected councillors will be able to work with officers to design and implement the new councils for several months ahead of Vesting Day.

In Brief

New home for flowers in Irthingborough

The Irthingborough Flower Company has moved down the High Street and into the Post Office.

The new premises have been given a back to basics makeover which now fits very well with the theme of the shop. In addition to flowers, they offer truffles and celebratory balloons, so it's a one-stop shop for party time.

Business owner Jenny Reece started selling flowers from her home back in May last year and when the business outgrew her kitchen she took premises on the High Street just before Christmas. Now there is a spacious look to the renovated space and Jenny and her team enjoy a much more relaxing environment.

There's a website coming soon but for now you can view the company's activities on Facebook at The Flower Company Of Irthingborough.

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Council scheme to fund more community projects

Community groups across the district are invited to apply for funding towards delivering their projects as East Northamptonshire Council's (ENC) Community Facilities Fund (CFF) opens for the seventh year.

The initiative was introduced by ENC in 2013 to support the development of public facilities throughout the district, and is funded by the money it receives from central government through the 'New Homes Bonus' as new homes are created in the district.

The council is committed to supporting as many community projects as possible and this round will be managed slightly differently to previous rounds. For round seven community groups will be able to apply for up to £10,000 with no requirement for match funding.

Constituted community groups including voluntary organisations and charities, as

well as town and parish councils, can submit one application for a grant of up to £10,000 for capital projects, with no requirement for match funding, which aim to enhance the district and benefit the whole community.

Previous recipients include Islip Parish Council, awarded £9,975 towards new play equipment; Thrapston Bowls Club, which received a grant of £10,000 towards maintenance equipment; and Different Direction Choir which benefitted from a new PA system and amp after securing £3,000.

For details about the process and eligibility, visit www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/cff. Please read the terms and conditions carefully before applying.

Email communitydevelopment@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk or call 01832 742268 for more information.

Eligibility application forms must be submitted by Friday 14th June at 5pm.

Genealogy jottings

Last time, I mentioned that if you can visit Record Offices or Archives to see original documents – or at least copies of them – it is better than relying on someone else's transcript. When looking for my 'Bailey' ancestors, the transcripts showed that there were rather a lot of them living in Theberton, Suffolk. So many, in fact, that further investigation showed that births and baptisms to the same couple, Thomas and Ann, were happening every few months – rather unrealistic timescales were discovered! On reading the originals I discovered that there was a family named 'Barley' with parents Thomas and Ann. The parish records were rather faded and so the transcriber had misread the 'r' in Barley to be a letter 'i' but without the dot over it. Easily done, but it does show how you should not take anything at face value.

But... if you are unable to make the journey, do contact the Archives or Record Office as they are practised in such matters and should be able to look information up

By Jan Pearson
Genealogy Specialists, Tracing Our Past, Discovering Our Genes (TOP DOG)
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for you. However, do keep the information that you give them concise and relevant. If you are wanting to know if there is a baptism for your great, great grandfather Albert, they need to know approximate dates and even the names of siblings and parents if you have those details. What they don't want to know is that Albert had a dog and was a bit of a lad about town! Keep waffle to a minimum and state clearly what it is that you want to know about your ancestor. Then, ask how much it would cost for a member of their staff to look up such details. You never know – if you provide clear information that enables them to look up the entries easily, you might even get away without being charged, although most charges are reasonable.

Editor's notes

Perhaps it's because the better weather is encouraging more outdoor activities but there seems to be a proliferation of date-expired posters around the District. It may be just about acceptable for event organisers to advertise at the roadside, although not everyone takes such a relaxed view and it's generally acknowledged that there are road safety implications, but when events are over please would organisers take responsibility for removing the bills!

The announcement on our front page of the decision to adopt a Two-Unitary-Authority structure in Northamptonshire is being broadly welcomed. What hasn't been so widely broadcast is the associated decision to make Children's Services across the county a standalone Trust, delivering services for these new authorities. The Children's Commissioner tasked with resolving the problems in Northamptonshire has said: "The service is still very fragile and there remain unacceptable risks in the system."

Malcolm Newsam's report was published by Local Government Secretary James Brokenshire at the same time as his long-awaited announcement about the Unitary Councils. Among other things, the Commissioner's report highlights: a prevalent culture of complacency within management and the lack of accountability or consequence for poor performance; unacceptable risks in the system which need to be addressed quickly; and a shortfall in

the very basics of professional social work standards with some teams demonstrating poor compliance. It adds that this situation has been exacerbated by the levels of remuneration for social workers which have been significantly less than many other councils in the region.

This is our last opportunity to remind you to exercise your vote in the elections to the European Parliament on 23rd May. The need for the UK to participate is based on the assumption that Parliament won't have approved a Withdrawal Agreement by 22nd May. East Midlands voters must choose between 40 candidates from eight different declared political persuasions, plus one independent candidate. This election is not based on the 'First past the post' (FPTP), but a form of proportional representation considered more representative but which may still result in many wasted votes, as it tends to favour larger parties.

Many commentators, and tellingly the bookmakers, believe the results will be heavily in favour of the new Brexit Party because of voters' disillusionment with the two main Westminster parties and the failure of the Remain parties to form a credible alliance. Voting across Europe won't be complete until 26th May. The new parliament sits for the first time on 2nd July; then there is an August recess and so, with Brexit due by 31st October, the new MEPs could have a very short working life.

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Northamptonshire business clocks up decades at RHS Chelsea Flower Show

A Northamptonshire summerhouse manufacturer will once again be exhibiting at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show, meaning it has had a presence at the world-famous horticultural event for more than forty years.

Scotts of Thrapston manufactures, supplies and installs timber summerhouses and garden buildings. Scotts will be exhibiting five summerhouses at Chelsea,

showing the main standard models: Burghley, Newhaven Corner Summerhouse, Sun Ray Garden Room, Baltimore and Balmoral.

Scotts of Thrapston is a family business established

almost 100 years ago and continues to be run by the founder's grandson and great-grandson, David and James Scott.

Managing Director, James Scott said: "We have a long

and proud history and the RHS Chelsea Flower Show has played a strong part in it. It was my father who decided that we should bring our summerhouses to this famous show and we have

been exhibiting at it ever since, so it is an important date in our calendar.

"This year during the event, we will be making a major announcement about our summerhouse products, which is very exciting."

Themes chosen by Scotts of Thrapston for the RHS Chelsea Flower Show include a celebratory garden party, a gin palace, a

botanical retreat, the seaside and a garden hideaway.

Kathryn Morris, Scotts summerhouse spokeswoman, said:

"Outdoor entertaining is a huge trend this year and we have chosen themes and designs that reflect that, producing a fun vibe to suit all generations. We are really looking forward to a great show."



Rusty Strings mark up their Callander

It's not every day that a group of amateur musicians saddle up with their musical instruments to travel 352 miles from Oundle to Callander, Scotland.

It's even rarer that the Rusty Strings of Oundle should join forces with the Rusty Strings of Callander to make music together. However, the opportunity seemed too obvious to avoid. So, on 5th May the two groups of enthusiastic Rusty players

presented a concert of shared popular music to the folk of Callander.

Their commitment to this extraordinary musical gathering was reflected in the Oundle players' commitment to meet their fellow Rusties the day before to run through a most varied list of popular, classic and traditional pieces. In the South, the event was meticulously co-ordinated by Rusty Strings leader, Douglas Butler, and nothing was

left to chance. Douglas learnt of the existence of Callander's Rusties through a friend he had not met for many years. Following the evening's concert, the players and their friends celebrated their achievement at the highly regarded and beautifully situated Venacher Lochside restaurant.

We can only hope that the Rusty folk will be marking a date in their calendars for a return match in Oundle.

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Sciatica is a prime example of this. We often hear that someone has sciatica, but the definition of it is pain affecting the leg, not what causes it.



There are things we can do at home to help stop aggravating pain such as active rest, avoiding things that make the pain worse whilst still keeping ourselves mobile, and being conscious that we don't have poor posture. However, sometimes the problem can get the better of us, and seeking further help is then a good idea, but where should you go?

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Uncertain future for Wicksteed Park Dragon Boats event

The popular event will not take place this year, but it is hoped that the successful fundraising will continue in the future.

In 2009 six local Rotary Clubs agreed to work together to organise a Dragon Boats Festival. It would be professionally run by Gable Events and Rotary would provide the venue, the teams and the finance. Sponsorship of the boats and the teams would raise the funds which would be distributed to local charities.

The first Dragon Boat Races were held at Lilford Lodge lakes in 2010 when £8,500 was raised for our Air Ambulance, Lakelands Hospice and Cransley Hospice. The following year

was a test of character: everyone arrived safely but by the time the races had started so had the rain and it continued until it was a total deluge and racers and supporters struggled to escape from the site.

The move to Wicksteed Park was a good one. The course was better and the venue more accessible. Local Rotary Clubs under the Chairmanship of Alan Armson from the Rushden Chichele Club and local businesses continued their support until the event was putting 40 teams onto

the water. Local traders and charities brought their stalls and amusements to make it a family event and most important of all the weather held good for the next five years.

Nene Valley Dragon Boats has raised over £200,000 during its lifetime with last year's event achieving a record £35,435. Cransley and Lakelands Hospices each received £9,524, and the organising Rotary Clubs received £1,632 each to distribute to their own special charities. The event also provided the opportunity for other charities to raise funds for themselves: Kettering Home Start raised £1,982, Northants Association for the Blind £1,647, Zachary's

Shack £1,912, SERVE £1,980 and Ramsey Rotary Club £800.

So it is particularly sad and disappointing that there will be no Dragon Boats Event in 2019. Chairman Alan Armson, with his committee, has nurtured the event and ensured its success but he is now unable to continue. Alan has given exemplary Rotary Service and regrets that no other individual or organisation is willing or able to take up the reins. The recipe for success is in place but it needs a committed individual or team to take up the challenge.

This is not necessarily the end for the Dragon Boats but there will be no event this year.

Charity swim



The Nene Valley Swimmers recently took part in the Cransley Hospice (Kettering) swimming challenge with not one but two teams. They decided to field a team of boys and another of girls, with each team challenged to swim as many lengths as possible in just one hour.

The winners were the girls, who completed 862 lengths to the boys' 848 – a close run thing. The more impressive result was that the teams raised £860 for the Hospice. Nene Valley Swimming Club is based in Thrapston and they train all their swimmers to a high standard in a very friendly and caring atmosphere.

For more information you can contact the Club at coachbellnvsc@hotmail.co.uk

Gardens open to the public in Little Staughton

Open Gardens, Sunday 16th June

Residents of Little Staughton, a pretty village on the Beds/Cambs border not far from Kimbolton and St Neots, are opening their gardens once again this summer in aid of charity.

Building on the success of 2017, when more than 200 people visited the open gardens, it is hoped to make the 2019 event as successful or more so!

The organiser, Mrs Brenda Foster says: "I want to do something to help improve the village

hall in our lovely village. It is a valued asset and in regular use so needs constant updating and maintenance. [Village Hall registered charity number: 286723] With such a wide variety of properties and gardens in the village, and being a keen gardener myself, it seemed logical

to plan another open gardens day this year."

Ten gardens throughout the village will be open from 1-5pm on Sunday 16th June. In addition there will be teas, stalls and toilets available at the village hall and a raffle with some amazing prizes.



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Notice of planning applications received

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

Barnwell

19/00726/FUL (08/06/2019) (Art8) Construction of new secure compound, outdoor storage area, and the installation of 3 additional steel containers forming stores and workshop. (re-submission of 18/02410/FUL) at Barnwell Country Park Barnwell Road Oundle PE8 5PB

Bulwick

19/00611/FUL (01/06/2019) (Info) Conversion and extension of redundant barns to form a single new dwelling and associated off road parking at The Estate Yard Main Street Bulwick

Easton-on-the-Hill

19/00563/FUL (08/06/2019) (LB/CA) To erect wooden gates across access to the rear garden of the property at 23 Church Street Easton On The Hill PE9 3LL
19/00564/LBC (08/06/2019) (LBReg) External works to the property to allow fixture of wooden gates across the rear access at 23 Church Street Easton On The Hill PE9 3LL

Great Addington

19/00651/FUL (01/06/2019) (Info) Proposed change of use of rear outbuilding from mixed use: domestic use (100sqm) and B1 (86sqm) to domestic use (50sqm) and B1 use (136sqm) at Unit 1 Denfield Lodge Lower Street Great Addington NN14 4BL

Hargrave

19/00527/FUL (01/06/2019) (Info) Erection of two storey annexe with wheelchair access for family/guest accommodation and seasonal workers at Brook House Bottom Farm Brook Street, Hargrave NN9

Harrington

19/00630/FUL (08/06/2019) (LB/CA) Insertion of 4 conservation roof lights at The Barns Gretton Road Harrington

Hemington

19/00704/FUL (01/06/2019) (Info) Proposed single storey rear extension for sun room and porch at Wiggington House Main Street, Hemington PE8 5QJ

Higham Ferrers

19/00674/FUL (01/06/2019) (Info) Single storey front and rear extension at 50 Oaks Drive Higham Ferrers NN10 8EY

Irlingborough

19/00403/FUL (01/06/2019) (Info) Conversion of garage/store to study and demolition of bin store at 48 Jubilee Street, Irlingborough NN9 5RL

19/00579/FUL (01/06/2019) (Info) Erection of two semi-detached dwellings with off road parking at land adjacent 42 Jubilee Street, Irlingborough

Oundle

19/00599/FUL (01/06/2019) (Info) New balcony extension to front elevation of existing dwelling at Waters Edge Riverside Close, Oundle PE8 4DN

19/00646/FUL (01/06/2019) (Info) Single storey rear extension to an existing dwelling at 20 Lytham Park Oundle

19/00686/FUL (08/06/2019) (LB/CA) Demolition of outbuildings, and external alterations to No.6 - Re-submission of 18/01552/FUL at Lime House 4 East Road Oundle PE8 4BX

19/00687/LBC (08/06/2019) (LBReg) Demolition of outbuildings, internal and external alterations to No.6, Internal connection between No.6 and No.4 and internal alterations to No.4 - Re-submission 18/01553/LBC at Lime House 4 East Road Oundle PE8 4BX

Raunds

19/00678/FUL (01/06/2019) (Info) Single storey kitchen extension at rear of property at 16 Rotton Row Raunds NN9 6HU

Rushden

19/00418/FUL (01/06/2019) (Info) Conversion from police houses (Class D1) to two family houses (Class C3) at 71–73 North Street, Rushden NN10 6BU

19/00482/FUL (01/06/2019) (Info) Detached stable block, incorporating home office/workshop. Removal of existing tennis court and proposed new outdoor manege, including fencing gates and hardstanding at 84 Avenue Road, Rushden NN10 0SJ

19/00696/FUL (01/06/2019) (Info) Proposed external lighting (retrospective) at Unit R2 Boardwalk Rushden Lakes Rushden NN10 6FA

Thorpe Achurch

19/00657/FUL (01/06/2019) (Info) Rear glazed extension to garage to form gym at Thorpe Castle House Aldwincle Road Thorpe, Waterville Kettering NN14 3ED

Thrapston

19/00524/ADV (01/06/2019) (Info) Various signs at land off Huntingdon and Market Road Thrapston

19/00675/FUL (01/06/2019) (Info) Change of use of land to residential garden land; construction of 2.0m high fence to western site boundary and proposed double garage at 10 Brambleside Thrapston NN14

Titchmarsh

19/00608/FUL (08/06/2019) (LB/CA) Demolition of single storey extension and erection of non-single storey extension at 4 High Street Titchmarsh NN14 3DF

Warmington

19/00597/FUL (08/06/2019) (LB/CA) Erection of single storey dwelling, accessed via 3 Spinney Close (Resubmission of 19/00027/FUL) at Land Between 53 And 59 Church Street Warmington

19/00598/FUL (08/06/2019) (LB/CA) Conversion and extension of existing barns to form dwelling at 3 Spinney Close Warmington PE8 6TF

19/00671/FUL (08/06/2019) (LB/CA) Erect PVCu conservatory to side of property at 29 Chapel Street Warmington PE8 6TR

19/00688/FUL (01/06/2019) (Info) Single storey rear extension at 11 Broadgate Way Warmington

Woodford

19/00607/FUL (08/06/2019) (LB/CA) Proposed first floor side extension, ground floor rear extension and rear facing balcony at 4A Church Street Woodford NN14 4EX

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.

Info - Non-statutory - included for information only.

LB/CA - Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas Act 1990).

LBReg - Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990.

Paul Bland, Head Of Planning Services
Dated 18 May 2019

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News from the Chairman

As my term of office comes to an end on 15th May, this will be my last write-up as Chairman.

It has been a privilege to represent the Council as Chairman of East Northants over the past year, David and I have visited some beautiful places and met some wonderful people. As mentioned in previous columns, there is a wealth of talent and groups that do fantastic work across the District.

I would like to thank everyone David and I have visited, the warm receptions we have received and for the valued work those people do for their communities. As my term comes to an end, I have had a busy couple of weeks, attending Mayor Makings in Raunds and Higham Ferrers, visiting Rushden Sea Cadets at TS Diamond and a number of engagements outside of



the District. One of our final duties was to host a formal end of term dinner, which in addition to raising funds for my chosen charities, Northamptonshire Search and Rescue and Pancreatic Cancer UK, gave us the opportunity to reflect on the past year.

Thank you for reading this column and to everyone who has supported me in my role over the past year, I wish the new Chairman of the Council all the very best for the Civic Year 2019/20.

ENC Chairman,
Cllr Wendy Brackenbury

European Elections to be held in district

Following agreements by the European Union and the UK to extend the Brexit deadline to 31st October 2019, it has been confirmed that European Elections to elect MEPs will go ahead on Thursday 23rd May and East Northamptonshire Council is making final preparations for the polling day.

If you are registered to vote, polling cards have now been sent out and will be delivered by post in time for Election

Day on Thursday 23 May. A full list of candidates standing in the European Elections can be found at: <https://www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/EuropeanElections2019>.

If you have any questions or would like further information on the election, please contact the Council's elections team on elections@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk or 01832 742155.



Plantagenet harmonies to celebrate restored historic church

A very special concert will take place on Saturday 25th May in Fotheringhay Church in the presence of HRH The Duke of Gloucester, with commentary by historian Dr David Starkey.

A newly formed vocal ensemble from Cambridge University will be singing a special programme of early sacred music associated with the church, in celebration of the completion of the building's lengthy restoration.

'Echoes of the Plantagenets', recreating the church's rich musical heritage, will be performed by the Almire Scholars, conducted by Dr David Skinner, and acclaimed organist James Parsons

will play solos on the Wingfield Early English Organ, a modern reconstruction of an early 16th century organ, on temporary loan from the Royal College of Organists.

HRH the Duke of Gloucester, Patron of the Church Fundraising Appeal, will be present and the distinguished academic and BBC historian Dr David Starkey will introduce parts of the performance. Guests will be able to enjoy canapés and a specially created Plantagenet

cocktail, made with Fotheringhay Gin, as they admire the beautiful newly restored church.

On show for the first time at the concert will be the church's newly commissioned altar cloth, with a stunning embroidered Falcon and Fetterlock, created by Jane Drummond and her team. The falcon and fetterlock was a badge used by the House of York. The Friends of Fotheringhay Church have their own pin sporting the design.

A very small number of tickets are left, priced at £25, £20 with restricted view, or £10 for Friends of Fotheringhay Church, all proceeds going to the ongoing church repair fund. The concert starts at 7pm and tickets can be booked through Oundle Bookshop or Oundle Box Office 01832 274734 or www.oundlefestival.org.uk

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New Oxfam Books & Music shop in Oundle

Oxfam have opened a new and separate Books and Music shop at 37a West Street, Oundle. Oxfam Oundle's longest serving volunteer of 37 years, Sheila Mills, cut the ribbon at the opening ceremony.

The new shop, which will be open Monday to Saturday, 9am to 5pm, is located alongside the existing Oxfam Fashion and Homeware shop and is fully stocked with books, vinyl and music CDs, generously donated by the local community. Manager Stephanie Robinson is currently receiving enquiries for volunteer vacancies on 01832 274025 or by email at SRobinson3@oxfam.org.uk. Stephanie has already recruited over 25 volunteers for the new shop by engaging with the local community

and there are still plenty of vacancies available. Those enlisting with this welcoming team will be joining thousands of Oxfam shop volunteers who "won't live with poverty".

There are significant opportunities for volunteers too. There is the possibility to train for Retail NVQ diplomas while based in the shop, so long as individuals meet the required criteria, and Oxfam are the second largest charity shop provider of Duke of Edinburgh placements; the Oundle shop recruits volunteers from age 14 years upwards.

There is also an online shop operation, where volunteers can share their skills or gain new and transferable skills including digital photography and ecommerce and listing

collectable books and music generously donated by the local community.

The books section of the shop includes many genres and there will also be a need for volunteers with interests in history, art, travel, and academic subjects, as well as fiction and non-fiction, to name but a few. Books and music online research vacancies also still exist to ensure that a fair price is achieved for both donor and customer.

This interesting Oxfam shop is also looking for a volunteer to help sort and price the large donations of vinyl records recently received from local donors. All volunteer roles offer flexible working from 4 hours per week or more. No experience is required and a full induction programme and specialist training is provided for all roles.

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Be footsure with Ryan

An ambitious shoe store manager is hot-footing it to more qualifications to ensure Oundle customers stay on the right road with their foot health.

Ryan Clements, manager of the North Shoes store in Bourne, has just achieved a full qualification in biomechanics and orthotics for lower limb patients with the College of Foot Health Practitioners.

And now he is embarking on a year-long course with leading Harley Street foot consultant/surgeon Stuart Metcalfe to focus on more complex biomechanical cases and gait analysis.

Ryan will work alongside some of the biggest names in the industry to gain further experience and bring even more knowledge to the already successful foot health clinic run through North Shoes in Bourne.

The 29-year-old, who is also a partner in North Shoes' NC Foot Health Clinic, which serves customers at their Market Place, Oundle, store, says: "My latest qualification means we are offering a brilliant service to our customers at all of our five stores.

"If someone comes in and says they're in pain – whether it's an ingrowing toenail, or a muscular or joint problem – we can assess the problem, correct it and ensure the right footwear is provided.

"It makes perfect sense for a shoe store to have a foot clinic – but we are the only one in the area offering this service."

Through his biomechanics and orthotics qualification Ryan is able to make a full foot health assessment – looking at how customers walk and run, if their body is correctly aligned and if there are any ankle, knee, hip or shoulder problems.

Looking closely at how the foot is working and using the latest 3D scanner, Ryan is

able to decide if the customer also needs the help of orthotics – tailor-made inserts – in their shoes.

He says: "Foot pain might stem from the back, for example. We can spot the problem in the first place and link with physios and osteopaths if appropriate.

"We have the latest 3D scanner available, which we take to all of our stores, and we work with one of Europe's leading orthotics companies – the latest technology working with the best in the business, it's an all-round brilliant service."

Ryan has just completed the Manchester Marathon and is keen to work with running/sports groups to help them achieve optimum performance.

The family-owned North Shoes business also has stores in Bourne, Stamford, Lincoln and Cambridge.



Ryan Clements (left), with North Shoes managing director, James North, and his biomechanics and orthotics certificates from the College of Foot Health Practitioners

The search for lost words

The children of Titchmarsh Church of England Primary School are going on an adventure to find the lost words of the natural world.

As part of the school's creative curriculum in the Summer term the whole school will be expanding their language and knowledge of the natural world. Magpie, Kingfisher, Otter, Bramble, Heron and Conker are all words that describe our natural world and they are words that are slowly being lost, something Titchmarsh C of E Primary School are on a mission to stop!

The initiative follows the recent publication of the book 'The Lost Words' written by Robert Macfarlane and illustrated by Jackie Morris; this beautifully presented work responds to the disappearance of words associated with nature but no longer found in dictionaries.

The Titchmarsh pupils, together with those from the junior schools in Warmington and Brigstock, are using the book as a platform to gain a better understanding of our natural world. The three schools are committing their summer term to inspiring, educating and motivating their pupils in all things nature.

For one afternoon a week, pupils will be analysing natural habitats, looking at

wildlife in detail, tasting and making natural produce, acting out scenes found in nature and lots more.

The children will be meeting local natural world experts, taking part in sensory nature experiences, protecting their own words from being lost and producing fact files. Certainly, if the recent launch event at Titchmarsh is anything to go by, the children are already inspired by the subject and are reacting to their new specialist teachers with amazing energy and enthusiasm.



Raunds Garage Sale

There were 59 addresses signed up for this year's sale and although it was cold there were lots of people visiting them. We heard of people that come from as far away as Milton Keynes who visit the event each year.

Our mayor Richard Levell did us the honour of visiting many of the locations, well done Richard!

There were several stalls raising money for charity including Imogen's Next Step and Canine Partners. A report from Canine Partners follows:

"I would like to thank Raunds Garage

Sale for the opportunity to raise funds for Canine Partners, a wonderful charity that trains dogs to help people in wheelchairs, transforming their lives. This year we had already made £290 in pre-sales and on the day took a further £375 from all those generous people who visited us in Mallows Drive and gave us their support, making a running total of £665. I just want to say a big Thank You to everyone involved.

"We still have monies to come from promised sales and we are confident that our total will grow to £700. See you next year."

Don't believe a word of it!

*As I went home the other night I saw a most unusual sight...
a cow, a Friesian I believe, had of her senses taken leave,
and I could only stand and stare as this silly cow jumped in the air.
Where it came from I can't tell, but it cast on me a dreadful spell!
For, as it floated higher and higher – near the Church, and over the spire,
it seemed to head towards the moon. And then I heard this eerie tune!
I turned and listened. Then I saw a cat with a fiddle in its paw
and, as the cow approached the moon, the cat, it fiddled another tune.*

*I rubbed my eyes at what I'd seen, thinking it was some awful dream,
but No! The cow and cat were there and, as I breathed the evening air,
suddenly I heard a laugh, and saw a dog down in the grass
flat on its back, legs in the air – it really gave me quite a scare!!
For it was lying near its dish (which smelt to me of rotting fish) -
and, laughing there at pussy's tune, it must have seen the big, bright moon
with the cow approaching it quite fast – it was enough to make ME laugh!
The cow, the cat and dog, all three had, on this night, astounded me.*

*And as I turned to go my way, wond'ring who taught the cat to play,
I heard a little clinking noise; and I could not believe moi oise!
For, in the grass the dish had found a silver spoon upon the ground –
and they made off, both hand in hand, swiftly across the grassy land.
Over the moon the cow had gone, and still the dog went chuckling on;
the cat still fiddled, then I saw the dish and spoon were seen no more.
I'd had enough! I turned away to continue on my homeward way
and, when I'd travelled half a mile, I met a girl who made me smile –*

*She turned to me and grabbed my arm; "Please sir, I don't mean any harm,"
(It was enough to make me weep)...
"BUT CAN YOU HELP ME FIND MY SHEEP?"*

By Trevor Warland

Outstanding entertainment on your doorstep

The Oundle International Festival returns this July with a programme broad enough to appeal to absolutely everyone. Running from 4th-13th July there are new delights as well as welcome returnees. Launching with a 'Welcome' Ceilidh hosted with the Oundle Fringe, the Festival sees returning this year both Kathryn Tickell with her band The Darkening, and Ronnie Scotts' All Stars, this year celebrating their 60th Anniversary. In a more classical vein there's an evening celebrating Wagner with local pianists Alec Hone and Quentin Thomas, and two events dedicated to Bach: James McVinnie launches his Big Bach Project, while the annual Bach Walk offers two concerts as well as a delicious supper. The popular Lunchtime recitals return

featuring young musicians starting out in their professional careers.

The eco-friendly Handlebars perform Much Ado About Nothing in front of Lyveden's National Trust property, while for those slightly younger of heart, Barnwell Country Park sees the return of a David Walliams best seller, this year Gangsta Granny. Oundle's party of the year is not to be missed; the Party at the Wharf is thrilled to be presenting ABBAMANIA. Dance, sing and relax with lots on offer there for all to enjoy.

With all this, and many more free and ticketed events be sure to visit the website or pick up a brochure so you don't miss out! Further information and tickets are available online at www.oundlefestival.org.uk, calling 01832 274734 or visiting the Box Office, 4 New Street, Oundle PE8 4EA.

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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14

THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (HIGH STREET, WOODFORD)

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019

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, Woodford as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of High Street, Woodford from the junction of High Street to Whittlesea Terrace.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required to replace a faulty linking box.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 10th June 2019 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 sixteen days.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: Use Club Lane, Church Street, Church Green, Addington Road and The Green.

Dated this 18th day of May 2019
DEBBIE CARTER-HUGHES
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THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
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(30 MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2019

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council has made an Order under Sections 82, 83, 84 and Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ("the Act") to prohibit any motor vehicle from travelling at a speed exceeding 30 mph along those lengths of roads as specified in the Schedule below.

A COPY of the Order may be inspected at The Traffic Orders Section, Northamptonshire Highways, Brixworth Depot, Old Towcester Road, Brixworth, NN6 9BX during normal office hours.

If you wish to question the validity of the Order or of any provisions contained in it on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or on the grounds that any requirement of that Act, or of any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order, you may, within six weeks from the date of this Notice apply to the High Court for this purpose.

The Order will become effective on 20th May 2019.

Dated this 18th day of May 2019

DEBBIE CARTER-HUGHES
Head of Property & Planning Law
PKG/1713

SCHEDULE
30 MPH SPEED LIMIT

Rushden -	Northampton Road from a point 250 metres west of its junction with Hayway to a point 19 metres east of its junction with Skew Bridge roundabout.
Rushden -	Northampton Road from a point 25 metres south of its junction with Skew Bridge roundabout to a point 20 metres northwest of the roundabout with Wellingborough Road.
Rushden -	Northampton Road (new link road) from its entry point 40 metres southwest of the junction with Skew Bridge roundabout to its entry 50 metres southeast of its junction with Skew Bridge roundabout.
Rushden -	Rushden Lakes Access Road from its junction with Skew Bridge roundabout for its entire length.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14

THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (PUBLIC BYWAY NH16 – PARISH OF LOWICK)

(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2019

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit pedestrians, equestrians, cyclists and motorists from proceeding along that length of Public Byway NH16 in the Parish of Lowick as specified below. Private access to land or premises adjacent to the said length of byway is unaffected.

RIGHTS OF WAYS TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: The existing route of Public Byway NH16 to be closed to all forms of traffic apart from pedestrians commences at NGR SP 9670 7873 at Islip Lodge at Point A in a northerly direction for approximately 360 metres to Point B at NGR SP 9678 7908. The existing route of Public Byway NH16 to be closed to all forms of traffic including pedestrians commences at Point A at NGR SP 9678 7908 in a generally north then westerly direction for approximately 350 metres to Point C at NGR SP 9660 7932 then in a generally north easterly direction for approximately 240 metres to Point D at NGR SP 9673 7952. The existing route of Public Byway NH16 to be closed to all forms of traffic apart from pedestrians commences at Point D at NGR SP 9673 7952 in a north easterly direction for approximately 1140 metres to Point E at NGR SP 9743 8040 where it meets the unclassified road.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required in the interest of public health and safety due to the unstable/rutted surface.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The Order will come into effect on 29th May 2019 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 for pedestrians commences at Point B along Public Footpath ND12 at NGR SP 9678 7908 in a generally northerly direction for approximately 425 metres to Point D at NGR SP 9673 7952.

Dated this 18th day of May 2019
DEBBIE CARTER-HUGHES
Head of Property & Planning Law
PKG/ROW/342

If you require any further information please contact Francine Rainbow on 01604 364348.



Members' Allowances 2018/19

In accordance with the provisions of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, the Local Government Act 2000 and the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) Regulations 2003, the following allowances and expenses were paid to or on behalf of councillors, as well as town or parish councillors who are members of the Joint Standards Complaints Committee and the independent person (and their reserve) appointed to be consulted by the Monitoring Officer in respect of complaints over councillor conduct, in 2018/19. The value of the basic and special responsibility allowances and travel and subsistence expenses paid were in line with the adopted Members' Allowances Scheme for East Northamptonshire.

Name	Allowances			Expenses			Total
	Chairman of the Council £	Basic £	Special Responsibility £	Travel and Subsistence £	IT provision £	Provision of car for civic duties £	
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Boto T		5125.33	2,300.77	229.05	387.88		8,043.03
Brackenbury D		5125.33	3,683.04		250.00		9,058.37
Brackenbury W	5,100.00	5125.33		1,025.40	250.00		11,500.73
Carter V		5125.33					5,125.33
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Farrar J		5125.33	1,841.52		407.20		7,374.05
Gell R		5125.33	1,841.52	158.40	266.40		7,391.65
Glichero R		5125.33	1,227.96	965.70	465.16		7,784.15
Greenwood-Smith G		5125.33	2,398.30	353.90	457.60		8,335.13
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Jenney B		5125.33	3,293.52	723.15			9,142.00
Jenney D		5125.33	7,184.13	1,081.95	250.00		13,641.41
Jones L		5125.33			250.00		5,375.33
Lewis R		5125.33	3,683.04	734.20	380.00		9,922.57
Maxwell D		5125.33			250.00		5,375.33
Mercer A		5125.33			181.80	433.72	5,740.85
Mercer G		5125.33	3,373.58	648.00	250.00		9,396.91
North S		5125.33	12,567.42	1,927.38	250.00		19,870.13
Peacock S		5125.33			183.72		5,309.05
Pentland H		5125.33			250.00		5,375.33
Pinnock J		5125.33			250.00		5,375.33
Pinnock R		5125.33			490.00		5,615.33
Powell R		5125.33			250.00		5,375.33
Reichhold C		5125.33		367.60		146.00	5,638.93
Sauntson A		5125.33			258.00		5,383.33
Shacklock G		5125.33		181.80	288.00		5,595.13
Smith A		5125.33	1,209.64				6,334.97
Stearn P		5125.33	3,683.04	339.50	409.72		9,557.59
Underwood R		5125.33		178.20	247.44		5,550.97
Vowles J		5125.33	410.61		538.00		6,073.94
Wathen P		5125.33	3,628.32	242.20	252.00		9,247.85
Whiting P		5125.33			90.00		5,215.33
Wright C		5125.33	1,072.81	45.90	466.00		6,710.04
Joint Standards Complaints Committee							
Munday D - Parish Council Representative			1,072.81				1,072.81
Others							
Owen E - Members Remuneration Panel		400.00		22.95			422.95
Leach S - Members Remuneration Panel		2,100.00		532.61			2,632.61
Dempsey G - Members Remuneration Panel		400.00		51.66			451.66
Barnard V - Independent (non elected) Person		1,221.65		99.00			1,320.65
Sortwell A - Independent (non elected) Reserve		595.97					595.97
	5,950.00	205,013.20	62,544.19	10,631.25	10,322.72	146.00	294,607.36

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East Northants Snooker League

This week saw the finals of the three winter competitions. Over 30 players from the ENSL league participated in the competitions and it boiled down to the best of seven frames for the remaining cueists.

The Scratch Singles final, sponsored by Home Outlet Rushden, was contested between Marc Brett and Richard Wright. Marc Brett was the hot favourite going into the final as the defending champion from last year and having performed brilliantly throughout the winter season. Whilst the odds were stacked against Wright, he has enjoyed a return to form in recent weeks and more than deserved his place in the final.

First blood went the way of the favourite with a couple of tidy breaks in the 40s.

The second frame was a more tactical affair with Wright pulling the score level at one frame each. Marc Brett then went into overdrive, knocking in breaks of 45, 47 and 61, winning frames in just a few visits. He then compiled a spectacular break of 74 in frame five to put frame and match beyond all doubt. A deserved 4-1 win for Marc Brett as the reigning Scratch

Singles champion and well done to Richard Wright as the runner-up.

In the Handicap Doubles Final, father and son partnership Tony Jupp and Alan Jupp played Pete Beerten and Adam Burns. This match turned out to be the Adam Burns show as the Higham SAS player dominated proceedings. In the opening frame Burns made a cool 35 break to put them 1-0 up.

The Jupps potted well in frame two and led throughout. That was until Adam Burns produced an impressive 37 clearance to win that frame. The 2-0 advantage suddenly became 3-0 as Pete's safety play and Adam's potting proved a strong combination. Alan Jupp pulled one back by potting the final blue in the fourth frame to make the scores 3-1. Burns was again to the fore with a splendid 43 break in what turned out to be the final frame of a final played in good spirit by both pairings. Congratulations to Burns and Beerten as the Doubles champions, adding to their trophy haul for 2019.

In the Handicap Singles, Darren Fenner took on Paul Lewis, with

both players being very evenly matched with almost identical records throughout 2018/19.

Frame one was a rather scrappy affair which Darren led for the most part, but Paul Lewis cleared the last remaining colours to equal on points and force a re-spotted black. Darren Fenner won the toss and opted to play first and immediately took on the full-length double which flew straight in the pocket. A great way to win that frame.

The next frame was very close but Lewis managed to win that one. Lewis also won frame three and four as Darren failed to take his chances and Lewis was helped along with some good fortune. Paul Lewis dominated frame five and made a 35 break at the end to seal a 4-1 victory in becoming the new Handicap Singles Champion. Well done to Darren Fenner as the runner-up.

The ENSL now has a few weeks off, and the players hit the practice tables to get ready for the Summer League. If you are interested in joining the League, you can find us via Facebook or Google.

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Scratch Singles (Left to Right) – Marc Brett, Richard Wright



Handicap Doubles (Left to Right) – Pete Beerten, Adam Burns, Alan Jupp, Tony Jupp



Handicap Singles (Left to Right) Darren Fenner, Paul Lewis



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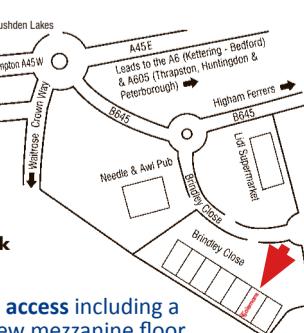


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