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### NEWS IN BRIEF

## ENCS needs you!

East Northants  
Community Services' new  
homeless accommodation  
in Rushden is now open  
– but they still need more  
volunteers.

The new property  
to reopen homeless  
accommodation, which  
was previously based at  
the Full Gospel Church, is  
in Duck Street, Rushden,  
and opened on Tuesday  
6th April.

The primary need is  
for individuals who can  
volunteer some of their  
time on a weekend day (it  
does not have to be every  
weekend) and individuals  
who can do evenings from  
4pm onwards.

They are also looking  
for individuals who can  
do collections from  
supermarkets late evenings  
and in the mornings,  
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# Local charity delivers over £1 million in emergency funding

*Between March 2020 and January 2021, Northamptonshire Community Foundation awarded nearly £1.1 million to over 100,000 local residents through their Coronavirus Response and Recovery Fund.*

The success of the appeal was the result of the extraordinary generosity from local donors and was delivered across UK community foundations in partnership with the National Emergencies Trust.

The Response and Recovery Fund supported over 300 projects across the county, including those providing food aid and medical supplies, counselling services and mental health support, community transport services, educational activities and general health and wellbeing support.

Funded groups included the Daylight Centre, who provided food supplies in Wellingborough; the Lewis

Foundation, who delivered funding packs to cancer patients at Northampton General Hospital and the Eloquent Fold, who provided online art classes to people who were shielding and self-isolating.

The Foundation has recently released an impact report highlighting the difference local groups and charities have made in providing support services during the public health crisis and the types of activities funded. It shows how philanthropy can make a huge difference in providing a lifeline during these very challenging times.

The work on the ground is testimony to the essential

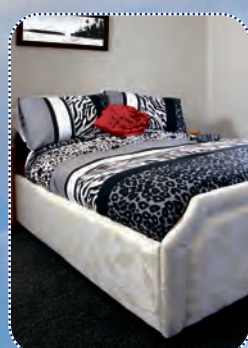
and crucial role that voluntary community organisations and small charities have in keeping local communities safe and well. Their work ensured that vulnerable residents got the support they needed and as long as they needed it for.

Victoria Miles DL, CEO of Northamptonshire Community Foundation, said: "We have been overwhelmed with the outpouring of generosity from people who gave to the Foundation's Coronavirus Response and Recovery Fund. Donations came in from individuals, families, businesses, Trusts and Foundations from the very start of the first lockdown.

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# WILDLIFE NEWS

WORDS BY  
ROY BURRELL

The number of sparrows arriving in our garden in their little flocks has gone down from a couple of months ago. That sounds like another of those disappointing but factual headlines, but this time it is not a warning of a species dying (even though the population of cats seems to have increased a little recently).

Adult birds now must keep the eggs and hatchlings warm, and then feed the growing flock. These are next autumn's birds; all nature-lovers are making sure environmental conditions are right for any arrival – or even passing stranger – to feel that they want to settle permanently.

Once the visitor's eye has been caught, or the right smell is hanging around, the area will provide a feeding, or even breeding patch. Onlookers will be curious to know what the attraction is, and find out for themselves; for many that will be by setting up their own territory, to be defended against the unwelcome and unexpected, but for others this is viewing a birds' housing block. It might seem

to advertise their presence to predators, but the flocks give security.

Of course sometimes this system for new populations misfires by becoming too successful, producing a population 'explosion', often only when humans change conditions without enough care. For example, great spotted woodpeckers were released into the wild, found it to their liking and became pests, and brown rats took their 'dirty habits' away from the seaside ports where they first landed.

Perhaps the best-known example of good intentions going wrong is the grey squirrel; not a native, it was introduced (in 1876!) to add an extra species to our list. The red squirrel was already established. Unfortunately the grey proved the more adaptable of the two cousins, and their numbers grew rapidly. After trying to improve the wildlife, balance was lost, needing more effort to control the problem. A moral? "Be careful what you wish for!"

# GENEALOGY JOTTINGS

WORDS BY  
JAN PEARSON

Have you stumbled across GENUKI ([www.genuki.org.uk](http://www.genuki.org.uk)) in your wanderings around the interwebby? It is my "go to" website for finding out about places that I have never heard of, or I am unfamiliar with.

It lists almost every town and parish in the UK and also gives a potted history about each place, which is very helpful for giving you an idea about what there was where your ancestors lived. The name comes from GENealogy in the UK and Ireland. Some of the places mentioned have historical details – do you know why Drummingwell Lane is so called? It is because the town had a number of mineral springs, 'among which is one that emits a singular noise and is called "Drumming Well"'. Now you know!

GENUKI also provides details of where else you might find the records that you are looking for. Not only does it say where parish records might be found, but in some cases, who holds those for Non-Conformists. It may be that your ancestor was a Wesleyan or Baptist, and it is worth bearing

in mind that you will not find those baptisms in the Parish Registers.

Chapman codes are also used on GENUKI as well as in other records. These were created by Dr Colin Chapman in the 1970s. Rather than writing the full county name of Northamptonshire or Northants in your records, you can use the code – in this case, NTH. You will find that many resources refer to these codes and so it is as well to be aware of them. A full list may be found on the GENUKI website.

One of the most useful aspects of the website is their Gazetteer. One of the functions is to list nearby places and, if like me, you have ancestors that straddled the border of two different counties, it is helpful to discover that they only walked a couple of miles to work rather than assuming that it was much further across the county borders!

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# Funding for county youth groups

Two worthy Northamptonshire youth groups have been awarded funding to support outdoor activities from housebuilder Persimmon Homes.

Rushden Sea Cadets and 31st Northampton Boys Brigade were selected to receive the donations through Persimmon's Community Champions fund, which seeks to help local clubs and charities in the areas where the company is building.

Rushden Sea Cadets will receive £360 to deliver essential first aid training for six volunteers, ensuring a

safe environment for cadets. The group is part of the national Marine Society and Sea Cadets charity, and its team of 14 volunteers enable hundreds of local youngsters to learn practical skills such as teamwork and communications as well as introducing them to the joy of sailing.

Based at Queensgrove Methodist Church, 31st Northampton Boys Brigade applied to Community Champions for £400 to buy extra sport and leisure equipment to enable its members to, once again,

participate in outdoor activities. The funding from Persimmon will also help to purchase new tents for use in Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme expeditions.

Claire Dearsley added: "We make two donations of up to £1,000 every month through the Community Champions scheme. For groups working specifically with the under-18s we have recently launched our Building Futures initiative, which will share more than £1million amongst good causes across England, Scotland and Wales."



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# Landowners encouraged to **plant trees**

*Landowners across the country are being asked to consider planting trees to help tackle the climate and nature emergencies.*

The Woodland Trust has just reopened applications for its flagship woodland creation scheme MOREwoods for anyone looking to get trees in the ground in the forthcoming 2021/22 planting season which starts in November.

Senior Project Lead for Woodland Creation at the

charity Emma Briggs said: "A common misconception about creating woodland is that you need a lot of land but the beauty of MOREwoods is that you only need half a hectare to be eligible, which is around the size of half a rugby pitch.

"There are so many reasons to plant trees. We are in the grips of

a climate and nature emergency and trees are natural warriors in the fight against both. They lock up carbon, enrich soils, improve water quality, slow the flow of flooding, provide shade, shelter and a haven for wildlife and of course they look good too."

Landowners can benefit from the MOREwoods scheme while

helping the climate and nature emergencies.

The Woodland Trust's MOREwoods scheme is open to anyone wanting to plant woodland of at least 500 trees on at least half a hectare of land. The charity can visit your site with you to help design the woodland, create a bespoke

species mix, help with form filling, supply the agreed trees and protection, and cover up to 75% of costs as well as arrange for contractors to plant the trees.

All trees and shrubs are native broadleaved species that will help local landscapes become more diverse and therefore

more resilient to future threats such as pests and disease, and they're all UK sourced and grown.

MOREwoods is funded by Lloyds Bank and Bank of Scotland as part of a broader commitment to plant one million trees a year over the next decade.

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"We would like to thank all of those who gave so generously to our fund which enabled us to give to the most vulnerable in our communities who needed help, support and care during this incredibly challenging time."

Northamptonshire Community Foundation is in its 20th anniversary year and is well

placed with local grant making and philanthropic expertise to help galvanise and support a quick and effective response to local emergencies now and in the future.

In addition to emergency funding, Northamptonshire

Community Foundation staff were able to safely work from home and additionally gave out £1 million for other activities supporting healthy communities, meaning a total of over £2.5 million was distributed throughout 2020.

**To read Northamptonshire Community Foundation's latest impact report, please visit: <http://www.ncf.uk.com/about-us/our-impact>**



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# Spotlight on > HEALTH & FITNESS

## Plants that are proven to improve mental health and wellbeing

### Happiness is homegrown

A little birdsong, bees or butterflies floating by, the light breeze on your skin, the warmth of the sunshine on your face – there's no denying that gardening is good for the soul. In fact, with a few deep breaths, it is hard to remember why you felt so stressed.

Increasingly absorbed in the digital world, we turn to technology for news, entertainment, hobbies and even social interaction, unknowingly isolating ourselves more than ever before. It is no wonder that we start to feel that we are missing something, feel low and turn inward.

To help ease the worries and tensions of day-to-day life, here are some of the best plants and herbs for improving happiness, whilst giving some insight into how you can make the most of your gardening experience.

### Plants and herbs to boost your wellbeing

There are a number of plants and herbs that are scientifically proven to improve your happiness and wellbeing. From aroma to an ability to rid the air of harmful toxins, here are a few of our favourites:

#### Lavender

Lavender is well renowned for helping us sleep, with a number of sleep-related products including the herb, but did you know that it is also proven to improve your mood too? Floral scents like lavender help to make you feel happier and can actually have a calming effect on your emotions. Lavender is proven to help you ease anxious feelings, so pairing this with the soothing nature of gardening, and you're on to a winner.

Why not grow your own and reap multiple health benefits? Whilst shop-bought products are easily accessible, there's nothing quite like the real thing,

and lavender is extremely easy to look after and grow.

#### Basil

With its ability to vastly improve your mood, much like it improves almost any recipe you add it to, basil is a must if you're looking for a plant that's sure to have you happy in no time. Basil contains linalool, the component that gives the herb its distinct and pleasant aroma, which is proven to have a number of positive effects on the body.

You can secure yourself a basil seed starter kit for less than £10 and start experiencing the benefits it brings in just a few months!

#### Spider Plants

If you're short on outdoor space, you may be looking for an indoor plant to sit alongside your working setup. In which case, spider plants should be at the top of your list. Spider plants have been proven to be an extremely efficient



cleanser of air, with tests showing that the plant is capable of removing up to 90% of potentially cancer-causing chemical formaldehyde from the air. Not only will this plant make you happier, but it'll also make you much healthier!

Low maintenance and easy to grow, spider plants are ideal for gardening novices. Thanks to their cascading long leaves, they're ideal for use in vertical spaces around your home.

#### Geraniums

Geraniums are well known for having a positive impact on the nervous system. Brewing the leaves of this plant produces a tasty tea that has soothing properties, balancing hormones that cause stress and anxiety. Not only is

this plant perfect for making genuinely effective teas, its rich and warming aesthetic is complemented by a mild scent that promotes peace of mind.

Suitable to be grown both in and outdoors, this versatile plant offers you plenty of options. Whether you want to make use of geraniums as a fantastic centrepiece for your bedding plants, or want to give it pride of place in your living room window, the choice is up to you! They simply require at least 6 to 8 hours of sunlight per day and need to be protected from the cold where possible.

This article was provided by the team from Rhino Greenhouses Direct, a Norfolk-based greenhouse manufacturer with over 20 years of experience in all things gardening.

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# Visiting restrictions ease at community and mental health facilities

*It has been announced that visiting restrictions at Northamptonshire's community hospitals, hospices and mental health inpatient wards – including Children and Adolescent Mental Health (CAMHS) – are easing. This is in line with the lifting of national lockdown restrictions, and the recent announcement made by the county's two acute Trusts – Kettering General and Northampton General – about the easing of visiting restrictions at the two hospitals.*

Northamptonshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (NHFT) provides community and mental health services across the county. NHFT provides inpatient services at a number of community hospitals across Northamptonshire including Brackley Community Hospital, Corby Community Hospital, Isebrook Hospital in Wellingborough and Danetre Hospital in

Daventry. NHFT also provides inpatient care at the Cramley and Cynthia Spencer hospices, as well as mental health inpatient care at St Mary's Hospital in Kettering and Berrywood Hospital in Northampton, and CAMHS inpatient facilities at The Burrows and The Sett, both in Northampton.

NHFT is now easing visiting restrictions across its inpatient wards in the

county. Each ward or service will manage its own visiting procedure based on individual risk assessments of the ward, the nature of the care provided and the facilities available. Northamptonshire residents seeking to visit their loved ones are advised to get in touch with the relevant ward for more information.

Key visiting guidance for NHFT wards is as follows:

- Visitors should be free of

Covid-19 symptoms for 10 days preceding their visit date

- Individuals deemed clinically extremely vulnerable are advised not to visit
- All individuals intending to visit should take a lateral flow test not more than 72 hours before the visit date. Visitors will be required to show evidence of a negative test when they arrive
- All visitors must wash their hands on entry to the visiting area, and wear a suitable face mask or

covering. If exempt from wearing a face mask or covering, this must be declared and discussed with the ward team prior to the visit.

Julie Shepherd, Chief Nurse, said: "We know how important visiting is to our patients and service users, and their families, carers and loved ones. Understandably during the Covid-19 pandemic we have had to restrict visiting arrangements to keep everyone safe. We are pleased to be able to start return to visiting in a safe way, now that Covid-19 cases in

the county, and the country as a whole, are beginning to stabilise and lockdown restrictions are being lifted.

"Whilst this is very good news, it is still vitally important we continue to prioritise the safety of our service users, staff, visitors, and Northamptonshire residents as a whole. Therefore, we will still ask visitors to take sensible precautions, remember the Government's advice of 'hands, face, space', and to contact the local teams for specific arrangements in each area."

## YOUR HEALTH – PUSH IT REAL GOOD

WORDS BY  
CLAIRE SHORT

We're allowed to socialise a bit again and to invite people into the garden. And it's been raining, which means the grass has been growing. And soon we'll be inviting people into our houses again.

You know where I'm going with this, don't you? It's time to get the blinking lawnmower out again, and that means injuries. What's more, with people coming into the house soon, the Hoover will need to come out too. Now, the Hoover isn't quite as lethal as the

lawnmower; for one thing the Hoover has a button to start it rather than a piece of string, which is good. But they have a few things in common that mean their proprietors often end up on our treatment couches!

So, having survived this awful virus please don't now cause yourself an injury with one of these two dreadful machines!

Remember:

1. Don't push them too far away from you – keep them close in the way you've not been able to do with your family for the past 12 months.
2. Don't push them at weird

angles – keep them straight in front of you.

3. Be careful how you carry them or move them when you've finished.
4. Empty them before they over-fill and break/explode/spontaneously combust.

Ok, so that last one might have been a slight exaggeration, but you know how I feel about the lawnmower. Do be careful – they're both heavy things to lift, and every year we see injuries caused by both.

Enjoy your socialising, but please prepare the house and garden carefully!

Have a socially fun week!



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**Notice is given that the following applications have been received by North Northamptonshire Council – Thrapston Office together with the last date for making representations:**

### >RUSHDEN

Change the use of the premises from Hairdressers (A1) to Tattoo Studio (Sui generis) at 64 High Street Rushden NN10 0PJ (LB/CA) (Info) NE/21/00382/FUL (8 June 2021)

### >OUNDLE

The demolition of an existing bungalow and the erection of 1 replacement dwelling and 1 new build dwelling at Dovedale Herne Park East Road Oundle PE8 4BZ (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/21/00625/FUL (8 June 2021)

### >DEENE

Reserved matters approval of appearance, landscaping, layout, access and scale, in respect of the creation of the KP4 Gateway, including: hard and soft landscaping; SuDS basins; Great Crested Newt ponds; leisure routes; and all ancillary works, associated infrastructure and engineering works pursuant to 19/01219/OUT: Application for outline planning permission with all matters reserved except for means of access in relation to the highway access from the A43 and means of access and landscaping in respect of the causeway crossing from Zone 1, for the development of a mixed use urban extension to include: residential development of up to 3,500 dwellings (C3), up to 1,000m<sup>2</sup> of A1-A5, D1 and D2 uses within two local centres, up to 1,000m<sup>2</sup> of D1/D2 (community building/ changing rooms uses), two primary schools (D1), a 0.5 hectare reserve site in Zone 3 for flexible land use (education or informal open space), green infrastructure including formal and informal open space, wildlife corridors, landscaping, allotments/ orchards and play areas, primary street and pedestrian and cycle network including diversions to existing PROWs, connections to the surrounding highway, sustainable urban drainage network, utilities and transport infrastructure and any necessary groundworks and demolition, and extension to Local Wildlife Sites at Priors Hall Site Kirby Lane Deene NN17 3EJ (Part3) (Info) (Part3) (Info) NE/21/00441/REM (8 June 2021)

### >HIGHAM FERRERS

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### >NASSINGTON

The proposed removal of French doors and side lights, from a rear elevation; moving and widening the opening to install a timber sliding door of similar appearance, style and materiality at 63 Church Street Nassington PE8 6QG (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/21/00654/FUL and NE/21/00655/LBC (8 June 2021)

### >ISLIP

Single storey side extension to replace existing conservatory at 10 School Lane Islip NN14 3LQ (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/21/00660/FUL (8 June 2021)

### >OUNDLE

Single storey rear extension for domestic use at 28 East Road Oundle PE8 4BX (LB/CA) (Info) NE/21/00663/FUL (8 June 2021)

### >ISLIP

Variation of condition 4 to allow for part of condition (Notwithstanding the approved plans, this consent does not extend to the removal of the first-floor structure in the easternmost room (item 19 on the plans)), relating to the removal of the first floor structure, to be removed allowing the floor structure to be removed and the mezzanine floor to be created, as per the originally submitted proposals pursuant to 20/01036/LBC: To replace the thatched roof for like-for-like structure alteration works to internal layout as listed on the Heritage Impact Assessment Application 20/01036/LBC at 1 The Green Islip NN14 3JR (LB/CA) (Info) (LBRegs) (Info) NE/21/00669/VAR (8 June 2021)

### >TANSOR

Variation of condition 3 to allow for revised garden building pursuant to 19/00428/FUL: Front and rear extensions to dwelling and garden building at Briar House Main Street Tansor PE8 5HS (Info) (Part3) (Info) NE/21/00555/VAR (8 June 2021)

### >KINGS CLIFFE

Replacement of windows and door to front aspect of house in conservation Article 4 area

at 56 West Street Kings Cliffe PE8 6XA (LB/CA) (Info) NE/21/00665/FUL (8 June 2021)

### >RUSHDEN

Grassed area to rear of building adjacent to service road: Conversion to concrete yard area to facilitate the efficient despatch of mobile homes and provide level ground floor access to the building to facilitate product movements in and out. Involves levelling the area and resurfacing with concrete, with the addition of a soakaway, retaining wall, fencing, and landscaping up to the existing service road and yard areas. Rear elevation of building: Addition of 2 no. large galvanised steel roller shutter doors to facilitate the entry and exit of product (mobile homes) into the building at ground floor level at Unit 4 Express Business Park Shipton Way Rushden NN10 6GL (Info) (Part3) (Info) NE/21/00635/FUL (8 June 2021)

### >THRAPSTON

Variation of condition 2 (Approved Plans) to allow amended drawings pursuant to planning permission 20/01089/FUL: Change of use from class A2 to Class C3 for the creation of two residential flats at 33 High Street Thrapston NN14 4JJ (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/21/00649/VAR (8 June 2021)

### >RUSHDEN

Construction of 138 affordable dwellings, internal roads, public open space, landscaping and other ancillary works, including creation of a new vehicular and pedestrian access from Prospect Avenue at Land Off Shirley Road Rushden (Info) (Part3) (Info) NE/21/00498/FUL (8 June 2021)

### >RUSHDEN

Change of use from A1 Retail to Sui Generis Tattoo Parlour at 119A High Street Rushden NN10 0NZ (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/21/00490/FUL (8 June 2021)

### >RAUNDS

Amendment to the proposed width of road west of Plots 229-236 at Land North Of Raunds Fronting Brick Kiln Road North Street Brooks Road And Midland Road Raunds (Info) (Part3) (Info) NE/21/00630/FUL (8 June 2021)

### >HARGRAVE

Maintenance works comprising repair of window and frames; replacement of

thatch ridges; replacement rotted and smashed windows; replacement front door; replacement of broken clay chimney pot; replacement of smashed roof tiles (to accompany application for the change of use from a public house with ancillary accommodation to a residential property with ancillary domestic workshop) at The Old Nags Head Church Street Hargrave NN9 6BW (LBRegs) (Info) NE/21/00675/LBC (8 June 2021)

### >OUNDLE

New surface mounted framed identity sign at 10 Stoke Hill Oundle PE8 4BH (LB/CA) (Info) NE/21/00571/ADV (8 June 2021)

### >DEENE

Reserved matters approval of access, appearance, landscape, layout and scale, in respect of the construction of the KP4 Primary and Secondary street network (details in cover letter) pursuant to application 19/01219/OUT: Application for outline planning permission with all matters reserved except for means of access in relation to the highway access from the A43 and means of access and landscaping in respect of the causeway crossing from Zone 1, for the development of a mixed use urban extension to include: residential development of up to 3,500 dwellings (C3), up to 1,000m<sup>2</sup> of A1-A5, D1 and D2 uses within two local centres, up to 1,000m<sup>2</sup> of D1/D2 (community building/ changing rooms uses), two primary schools (D1), a 0.5 hectare reserve site in Zone 3 for flexible land use (education or informal open space), green infrastructure including formal and informal open space, wildlife corridors, landscaping, allotments/ orchards and play areas, primary street and pedestrian and cycle network including diversions to existing PROWs, connections to the surrounding highway, sustainable urban drainage network, utilities and transport infrastructure and any necessary groundworks and demolition, and extension to Local Wildlife Sites at Priors Hall Site Kirby Lane Deene NN17 3EJ (Info) (Part3) (Info) NE/21/00440/REM (8 June 2021)

### >THRAPSTON

Erection of dwelling and associated parking at Land Rear Of 7 To 9 Chancery Lane Thrapston (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/21/00568/FUL (8 June 2021)

### >HIGHAM FERRERS

Change of use from residential to osteopathic, physiotherapy and sports therapy clinic with 6 treatment/consulting rooms, a waiting room and existing kitchen as a staff room at 11 Market Square Higham Ferrers NN10 8BT (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/21/00647/FUL (8 June 2021)

### >HARGRAVE

Change of use from a Public House with ancillary accommodation to a Residential Property with ancillary domestic workshop at The Old Nags Head Church Street Hargrave NN9 6BW (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/21/00616/FUL (8 June 2021)

**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.**

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

**Rob Harbour – Assistant Director Growth and Regeneration  
Dated 15 May 2021**

**Consultation deadlines will differ for each application.**

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## NSPCC Number Day adds up to great fun for local pupils

*School children across the East Midlands Academy Trust enjoyed a 'mathstastic' series of activities as part of NSPCC Number Day on Friday 7th May.*

Pupils from Stimpson Avenue Academy and Castle Academy in Northampton, Prince William School in Oundle and Orchard Academy in Milton Keynes dressed up in number-themed fancy dress and took part in a range of maths-related lessons as part of the fundraising day.

The NSPCC's nationwide event encourages schools to raise money

for the children's charity while also celebrating the importance of maths and numeracy skills.

Stimpson Avenue Academy Head of School Luci Clapton said: "The children really embraced NSPCC Number Day with some fantastic costumes, including a giant calculator and even some dice.

"This was a really fantastic event as

it encourages the children to improve their maths skills while also raising money for a really important cause."

The staff at Castle Academy dressed up as a human domino set, pupils at Orchard Academy held a non-uniform day, and Prince William School students took part in a Who Wants to be a Mathionaire? Quiz to see who could achieve 1 million points.





# MORE BUSINESSES COULD BENEFIT FROM PARTNERING WITH COLLEGES

*Businesses have long worked with education institutions to deliver work experience opportunities, strengthening their ties to industry, and supporting the next generation of skilled workers. However, some businesses remain hesitant to reach out to their local education providers and establish positive working relationships.*

Reasons include a lack of access to guidance and support, information on regulations, and time and resource constraints. This hesitancy could mean that businesses are missing out on the significant benefits of partnership for their own organisation.

Over the past decade, Moulton College in Northamptonshire has successfully partnered with businesses across its curriculum. These partnerships provide an avenue for its students to gain industry work experience, network with prospective employers and contribute to a sector they are passionate about. The College has both sought to partner with relevant businesses, and been approached by organisations keen to draw on the invaluable skill set of its students.

Chester House Estate is the College's most recent partnership, providing work experience opportunities across the Estate for students on animal, business, construction, food and nutrition and land-based courses. This £14.5m project funded by North Northamptonshire Council, West Northamptonshire Council and the National Lottery Heritage Fund is set to be complete by the end of this

year.

Jack Pishhorn, Business Manager of Chester House Estate says: "One of my first actions when I started working at Chester House was to reach out to Moulton College to seek an educational partnership. We have huge ambitions for the Estate and given the specialist nature of the College's courses, I knew there was a huge opportunity for both of us.

"The future of our Estate is reliant on the talent and passion of the next generation, and I knew that the College's students would thrive in our unique business environment."

In October, an Agriculture Focus Group was set up by the College to ensure the curriculum is consistently meeting the needs of industry. This Group includes farmers from across the county and Farol Ltd, an agricultural dealership, all with a vested interest in upskilling the next generation of young farmers.

Dylan Roberts, Director at Farol says: "What better way for Moulton's students to learn about agriculture than alongside us and with other farmers across Northamptonshire. All education providers need the support from businesses to help equip students for industry, whether that's by offering work experience, or

providing professional advice through a focus group.

"By working together, businesses not only tap into a pool of potential employees, but can be assured they are positively influencing the calibre of talent that ultimately joins the sector."

On the back of this focus group, the businesses involved have been working together to develop the UK's first certificate in agricultural technologies that will sit alongside a College course. This certificate provides a unique opportunity for the College's students to stand out to prospective employers.

Moulton College has also established partnerships across its sporting provision. Organisations include Coventry Rugby Club, AFC Rushden & Diamonds and Northamptonshire Titans to name a few. These partnerships not only provide opportunities for students to play alongside professionals, and get a taste for life as a pro athlete, but for top clubs to scout out talent.

John O'Shea, Vice Principal at Moulton College comments: "As an education provider, working with businesses couldn't be more important. It's essential our students have access to industry professionals to improve



their prospects, and these partnerships ensure we're identifying all of the means in which we can help them too.

"The benefits don't just end there though. In the last year or so, we've already witnessed the incredible outcomes of

these partnerships, from developing the UK's first agricultural technology certificate to improving inclusivity in sports. We are

committed to increasing our links with local businesses in the future, for the benefit of our students and the local business community."

**To find out more about how your business could work with Moulton College please visit [www.moulton.ac.uk](http://www.moulton.ac.uk)**



## MAY

**Tue 18** Springfields or Spalding  
**Wed 19** Wye Valley River Cruise with Lunch  
**Fri 21** Savill Gardens  
**Sun 23** Camden Market  
**Mon 24** Kentish Lady River Cruise & Lunch  
**Sun 30** Brighton  
**Mon 31** Bakewell Bank Holiday Market  
**Mon 31** London Museums or Free Time  
**Mon 31** Tower of London

## JUNE

**Tue 1** Melton Mowbray  
**Tue 1** Trentham Estate & The Monkey Forest  
**Wed 2** Family Seaside Mystery  
**Thu 3** Cotswold Farm Park - Adam Hensons  
**Thu 3** Fakenham & Sheringham  
**Fri 4** Concorde at Aerospace Bristol  
**Sat 5** Skegness  
**Sun 6** Bekonscot Model Village & Railway  
**Wed 9** Haworth & Keighley Worth Valley Railway  
**Fri 11** Horse Sanctuary & Norwich  
**Sat 12** Hunstanton  
**Sun 13** Oxford or Oxford Castle  
**Mon 14** Epping & The Roddings of Essex  
**Thu 17** Nottingham Cruise & Lunch  
**Sat 19** Arundel Castle  
**Sat 19** Cromer  
**Sun 20** Great Yarmouth  
**Tue 22** Salisbury Market  
**Fri 25** National Arboretum & Lichfield  
**Fri 25** National Arboretum  
**Sat 26** Hyde Hall Gardens  
**Sun 27** Swanage  
**Tue 29** Windsor Luxury Afternoon Tea Cruise

## JULY

**Sat 3** Llangollen Horse Drawn Boat Trip  
**Sat 3** Llangollen Railway/Classic Transport Show  
**Sun 4** Hunstanton  
**Wed 7** Peter Beales Rose Garden  
**Sat 10** Hampton Court Garden Festival

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## BOURNEMOUTH AND BEYOND

**Departs: 14th June, 5 Days, £419 per person**

Known as the 'coast with the most', there are acres of space to enjoy outdoor pursuits or mess about on the water. Walk, run or cycle on sandy beaches, through Victorian gardens or along our majestic clifftops. Panoramic sea views and picture-perfect sunsets. Bournemouth is a prosperous town with a wealth of accommodation facilities, visitor attractions, bars and restaurants. Holiday includes entertainment and Dorset river cruise.

## LAKE DISTRICT STEAM RAILWAY & RIVER CRUISE

**Departs: 8th July, 5 Days, £469 per person**

Grange is a pretty resort with an Edwardian flavour on the shores of Morecambe Bay. The arrival of Furness railway in 1887 made it a popular seaside resort. The River Kent used to flow past the town's mile-long promenade but its course migrated south, away from Grange. Tour includes Ullswater steamers boat trip, Haverthwaite Railway, Windermere lake cruise and Ravenglass & Eskdale Railway.

## 70th EDINBURGH TATTOO

**Departs: 5th August, 5 Days, £579 per person**

Drymen is located in the beautiful Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park. The park consists of 40 mountains ranging from 2500ft to over 3000ft, 22 lochs, 50 rivers and two forest parks, The Argyll Forest Park and the Queen Elizabeth Forest Park. The Campsie Fells hills to the west are range of volcanic hills which hosts a variety of farmland, open moors, steep-flanked glens, attractive woodland and sparkling burns. Tour includes entrance and lunch to the Edinburgh Tattoo.

## SEVERN STEAM & CRUISE

**Departs: 15th August, 5 Days, £469 per person**

Worcestershire is a county of contrasts with charming villages, bustling towns and the magnificent city of Worcester, the cathedral is one of the oldest and finest in the country and final resting place of King John. Rolling landscape, open hills and breath taking views await you. Cattle graze in the shadows of Iron Age hill forts, medieval settlement remains or on the former battlefields of the English Civil War. Tour includes rail journey and boat trip.

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# Nene Valley News > RECIPES

Make Dad’s day with Guylian finishing touches cheesecake recipe.

Guylian has created a delicious recipe to make at home for Father’s Day, Sunday 20th June, beautifully finished with Guylian Belgian Chocolate. Guylian’s Chocolate Hazelnut Layered Cheesecake is the perfect sweet treat to end a Father’s Day celebration lunch for the whole family to enjoy.

Created in partnership with the talented Bethany Price-King of @bethypk, Guylian’s Chocolate Hazelnut Layered Cheesecake is part of a collection of tempting

recipes available to download from: <https://www.guylian.com/finishing-touches-spring-recipes/>

> **CHOCOLATE HAZELNUT LAYERED CHEESECAKE BY BETHANY PRICE-KING @BETHYPK**  
Serves 8–10

An easy but delicious dessert that’s every chocolate lover’s dream. Combining the delicious flavours of Guylian into a well-loved dessert with a little twist.

**Ingredients:**  
600g cream cheese  
200g digestive biscuits  
180g chocolate hazelnut spread  
120g toasted and chopped hazelnuts  
100g melted unsalted butter  
80g icing sugar  
1 tsp of vanilla extract  
A selection of Guylian Sea Horses

**Method:**

1. Put the digestive biscuits into a food processor and start to blitz. Put the crushed digestives into a bowl then add the melted butter and stir until it starts to clump. Add half of the hazelnuts and continue to mix until you have a sand-like consistency.
2. Spoon the biscuit base mixture into a 10-inch round springform pan and press down the base using the back of a spoon then place in the fridge to chill.
3. Whisk the cream cheese, icing sugar and vanilla extract until fully combined and then separate into two bowls, one with 400g and the other with 200g. Add the chocolate hazelnut spread to the 200g bowl of the cream cheese and beat until fully combined.
4. Take the base out of the fridge and pour the chocolate hazelnut cream cheese mixture onto the biscuit base and smooth using the back of a spoon. Then place



- in the fridge to set for 2 hours.
5. After 2 hours, take the cheesecake out of the fridge and now finally add the vanilla cream cheese mixture on the top. Place in the fridge to chill overnight.
6. Take the cheesecake out of

the fridge and pop it out of its pan. Sprinkle the remaining chopped hazelnuts on top of the cheesecake around the edge, then place your Guylian Sea Horses on top as the finishing touch. This is best served chilled!



> **PRAWN SLIDERS, CHARCOAL BUNS, JALAPENO WATERCRESS MAYO**

**Ingredients:**  
**Charcoal Buns**  
240g strong bread flour  
1 tsp salt  
2 tsp sugar  
130ml whole milk  
30ml water  
7g dried yeast  
1 egg  
35g butter, unsalted, room temperature  
10g Food-grade activated charcoal  
1 egg yolk mixed with 2 tsp milk  
1 tbsp white sesame seeds

**Prawn Sliders**  
500g raw prawns, shelled, chopped into 1cm pieces  
2 cloves garlic, minced  
1 tbsp ginger, minced  
3 tbsp coriander, finely chopped  
1 jalapeno, finely chopped  
1 tbsp lime juice  
2 tsp fish sauce  
1 tsp caster sugar  
1-2 tbsp oil

**Jalapeno Watercress Mayo**  
200g mayonnaise (Japanese is best)  
1 jalapeno, seeded  
20g watercress  
Watercress, lime and cucumber to serve

**Method:**

1. Begin with the buns. Add the flour, salt and sugar to the bowl of a stand mixer and mix to combine. Warm the milk to body temperature and add the yeast. Whisk in the egg.
2. Add the yeast and egg mixture to the flour and mix, using a dough hook, on medium speed for 2-3 minutes (this can also be kneaded by hand for 5 minutes).
3. Meanwhile, mix the butter with the activated charcoal. Add the butter charcoal mixture piece by piece to the dough whilst mixing on medium speed. Continue

to knead on medium high for 8-10 minutes or until it is smooth, silky and comes away from the bowl cleanly. If doing this by hand, the butter will need to be ‘slapped’ into the dough piece by piece before kneading for 10-15 minutes.

4. Place the dough in an oiled bowl covered with cling film and leave to prove for 60-90 minutes, or until doubled in size.
5. Once proved, knock back the dough and divide into 12 equal portions. Shape into a money bag shape, turn over and roll into balls.
6. Divide between two lined trays, cover once again with oiled cling film and leave to prove again for 40-60 minutes.
7. Meanwhile, preheat the oven 190°C. Once the buns have risen, mix the egg yolk with the milk and gently brush over the tops,



sprinkle with sesame seeds and bake for 10 minutes or until they sound hollow when the bases are tapped. Leave to cool completely.

8. Meanwhile add ½ of the prawns with the remaining ingredients to a food processor and blitz to a puree. Stir in the remaining

prawns and take a small ball of the mix.

9. Heat the oil to medium high in a large frying pan and fry the small ball for 2 minutes or until cooked. Taste, adjust the seasoning and shape the mix into 12 patties. Fry the patties in 2 batches for 2 minutes

each side or until cooked through.

10. Meanwhile, add the ingredients for the mayo to a blender and blitz to a chunky mayo.
11. Serve the buns with the patties and mayo with some extra watercress, cucumber and lime if liked.



# Local charity's shops are springing back!

*The past year has been financially devastating for many businesses and charities are no different. Age UK Northamptonshire's seven shops in Brackley, Burton Latimer, Kettering, Kingsthorpe, Northampton, Rothwell and Thrapston raise vital income that enables the local charity to improve life for thousands of older people every year.*

When Shops Co-ordinator Yvette Prior opened the door of the St Giles Street charity shop on 12th April, half a dozen customers were already

waiting.

"Our queue wasn't as big as Primark's but it was still a queue," says Yvette. "People tell us they are so glad we are open and



**Age UK Northamptonshire has provided services and support to older people throughout the coronavirus pandemic. For information on the services or if you would like to support the charity, please visit [www.ageuk.org.uk/northamptonshire](http://www.ageuk.org.uk/northamptonshire) or call 01604 611200.**

they have missed us. Several regular customers called in just to say hello, not necessarily to buy anything."

Diana Da Silva, Manager of Age UK Northamptonshire's Brackley shop, says it was hectic all week. "We are thrilled to welcome back our customers as we have really missed them," she adds.

Chris Duff, Age UK Northamptonshire's Chief Executive, said: "The average bag of donations is worth £12 to Age UK Northamptonshire. Please think of us if you're having a clear out. Your donations are vital to the survival of the charity and help us improve life for older people in the county."

In a 'normal' year Age UK shops provide just short of 15% of the charity's turnover, however during the year of the pandemic they provided just 4.5% due to the enforced closures during the national lockdowns.

As well as needing donations, Age UK Northamptonshire's shops are also short of

volunteers. A year of on-off lockdowns, and many older volunteers having to shield, has meant that people's lives have changed over the past

year. Around half of the shop volunteers have not been able to come back to work.

"Our amazing volunteers keep our charity shops running like

clockwork and are an essential part of everything that we do. If you're interested in joining our team, we'd love to hear from you," says Yvette.

## Northamptonshire Heritage Forum

**The Forum has existed since 2002 and provides its many members of museums, heritage attractions and historic houses with a friendly network of support and representation for the benefit of its members.**

It is run by a dedicated volunteer committee with a Chair, Secretary and Treasurer, and Charles, Ninth Earl Spencer, is its patron.

Membership of the Forum is open to local

churches that are heritage attractions as well as places of worship – e.g. for access to training for volunteers and advice on funding sources.

**More details are available on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/Northamptonshireheritageforum/](https://www.facebook.com/Northamptonshireheritageforum/). A website is also currently under development.**

## OUNDLÉ FESTIVAL OF LITERATURE EVENTS

**> JANET SKESLIEN CHARLES – THE PARIS LIBRARY**

**Tuesday 25th May, 8pm–9pm.**

**Venue: Zoom webinar, Tickets £6**

Based on the true World War II story of the heroic librarians at the American Library in Paris, this is an unforgettable story of romance, friendship, family, and the power of literature to bring us together.

Paris, 1939: Young and ambitious Odile Souchet has it all: her handsome police officer beau and a dream job at the American Library in Paris. When the Nazis march into Paris, Odile stands to lose everything she holds dear, including her beloved library. Together with her fellow librarians, Odile joins the Resistance with the best weapons she has: books. But when the war finally ends, instead of freedom, Odile tastes the bitter sting of unspeakable betrayal.

Montana, 1983: Lily is a lonely teenager looking for adventure in small-town Montana. Her interest is piqued by her solitary, elderly neighbour. As Lily uncovers more about her neighbour's mysterious past, she finds that they share a love of language, the same longings, and the same intense jealousy, never suspecting that a dark secret from the past connects them.

The Paris Library shows that extraordinary heroism can sometimes be found in the quietest of places.

Miss Dorothy Reeder and her library has inspired this book. She was the unassuming head of The American Library in Occupied Paris who, with her loyal band of supporters, defied the Nazis to smuggle hundreds of books to Jewish readers and send thousands more to Allied soldiers and prisoners of war.

Janet Skeslien Charles is the award-winning author of *Moonlight in Odessa* and *The Paris Library*. Her shorter work has appeared in revues such as *Slice* and *Montana Noir*. She learned about the history of the American Library in Paris while working there as the programmes manager. She divides her time between Montana and Paris.

**> CHARLES SPENCER – THE WHITE SHIP: CONQUEST, ANARCHY AND THE WRECKING OF HENRY I'S DREAM**

**Thursday 17th June, 8pm–9pm,**

**Venue: Zoom Webinar, Tickets £6**

The sinking of the White Ship on 25th November 1120, 900 years ago last November, is one of the greatest disasters that England has ever suffered. Its repercussions would change English and European history forever.

By 1120, Henry was the most formidable ruler in Europe with an enviable record on the battlefield, immense lands and wealth and unprecedented authority in his kingdoms. Everything he had worked for was finally achieved, and he was ready to hand it on to his beloved son, William Ætheling.

King Henry I sailed for England in triumph after four years of fighting the French. Sailing behind him on the White Ship was the cream of Anglo-Norman society and three of his children, including the only legitimate male heir to the throne. Spoiled and arrogant, William had plied his comrades and crew with drink from the minute he stepped aboard. It was the middle of the night when the drunken helmsman rammed the ship into rocks. There would be only one survivor from the gilded roll call of passengers...

Charles Spencer evokes this tragic and brutal story of the Normans from Conquest to Anarchy. With the heir dead, a civil war of untold violence erupted, a game of thrones which saw families turn in on each other with English and Norman barons, rebellious Welsh princes and the Scottish king all playing a part in a bloody, desperate scrum for power.

Charles Spencer was awarded his degree in Modern History at Magdalen College, Oxford. He was a reporter on NBC's Today show from 1986 until 1995, and is the author of seven books, including the Sunday Times bestsellers *Blenheim: Battle for Europe* (shortlisted for History Book of the Year 2005, National Book Awards), *Prince Rupert: the Last Cavalier*, *Killers of the King*, and *To Catch A King* (a London Times bestseller).

## Guidance for those arranging funerals

**Public Health Officials are reminding Northamptonshire residents who are planning a funeral to respect official organisers who are adhering to Covid-19 government guidance when limiting numbers of attendees.**

Keeping overall numbers as low as possible at funeral services reduces the risk of spreading Covid-19 and funeral ceremonies until 17th May must have no more than 30 people attending, whether indoors or outdoors. This number does not include anyone working at the event.

The actual number of people permitted to attend depends on how many people can be accommodated safely within the premises with social distancing, and where the venue manager has carried

out a risk assessment and taken all reasonable measures to limit the risk of transmission of Covid-19.

New Government guidance for managing funerals officially allows for higher numbers than 30 to attend a service from 17th May. However, venues in Northamptonshire and across the nation will still only be able to host as many people as they can safely accommodate within social distancing guidelines.

The current social distancing guidelines dictate that all attendees at a funeral service are advised to remain 2m away from anyone they do not live with (unless they have formed a support bubble). This means that whilst the Government guidance on attendee numbers may change, it will only affect

larger venues which can host larger numbers safely.

Lucy Wightman Joint Director of Public Health, North and West Northamptonshire Councils says: "We are living through very distressing times and I understand that the guidelines are arbitrary and may even feel cruel. However, the regulations are in place for your safety and the safety of all attendees."

"When organising a funeral service, it is really important to remember that indoor venues in Northamptonshire, and across the nation, are still only legally permitted to host as many people as can safely be accommodated within social distancing regulations. Until the social distancing guidelines are reviewed, we must abide by the rules."



# Nene Valley News > MOTORING

## New Audi A3 Sportback review



**WORDS BY**  
**TIM BARNES-CLAY**

Audi's A3 resolutely created the premium compact car segment back in 1996. Now, 25 years on, the fourth generation of this incredibly successful motor is here.

All powerplants in the latest A3 Sportback excite with their commanding torque and erudite running characteristics. In Britain, the premium five-door model comes with a few engine versions, both with quattro and front-wheel drive. The 1.5 TFSI, reviewed here, is fitted with a mild hybrid system (MHEV).

With this unit, the German automaker is continuing its electrification policy in the premium compact sector. A belt alternator starter (BAS) nourishes a 48-volt electrical system that incorporates a lithium-ion battery. During

brake applications or when decelerating, the BAS recuperates power and feeds it to the A3's energy storage unit. When driving away and gathering speed, it supports the TFSI with torque. With the MHEV system, the Sportback can glide with its powerplant deactivated for around 40 seconds, helping with better consumption. Got that? Good.

Aside from a fidgety ride around London's rutted roads, I found the Audi A3 Sportback to be a decent alternative to the likes of BMW and Mercedes-Benz. Once out of the clogged urban sprawl and on the motorway, my review car was tranquil, quick, and planted. The unity of the slick-changing manual gearbox and the 1.5-litre engine makes for a confidence-inducing, dynamic

and comfy ride.

The suspension is not blatantly soft like some Mercedes models can be, but it doesn't jar you, either. When I swung off the M1 onto snaking rural routes, the A3 did a fine job of ironing out imperfections in the tarmac. And it's on the country bends that you begin to become cognisant of the 35 TFSI S line's assured and flat cornering conduct.

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## How the pandemic has changed what we want from our homes

**New research reveals post-Covid demands of house hunters, with homeworking and more outdoor space among top reasons for moving. British homeowners are even now citing better broadband connectivity as a key reason to up sticks and are willing to pay £1,500 more for a house with full fibre broadband.**

In a new survey, 72 per cent of people said that Covid was a factor in why they have or are moving home, with more than a third of people naming homeworking needs within their reasons to move.

The poll of 2,000 UK house buyers by broadband provider Zen Internet also discovered that the legacy of the pandemic is not only driving people to buy a new home but has marked a fundamental shift in how they're choosing a property, with more people saying the following factors are now more important than before the pandemic: low crime rate, good schools and local amenities, close to family and an area with better internet services.

Conversely, less important factors are now proximity to travel hubs, commute

to work and local hospitality venues.

Working from home and more outdoor space is driving the desire to move.

The need for more space (29 per cent), a bigger garden (19 per cent), being near the countryside (15 per cent) and proximity to family and friends (14 per cent) were amongst the top 10 reasons for wanting to move.

But new ways of working are also driving people to move with people citing the need for a property more suited to long term home working (27 per cent), a home office (nine per cent) and because no longer need to be near the office (seven per cent) as their reasons.

In contrast only nine per cent of those questioned are intending to relocate to a major city for a job or better amenities in the next 12 months.

When asked what the key factors of a new home are now, compared to before Covid-19, there were some significant shifts, where our sense of community has increased – and so has our desire for connectivity.

Schools, crime rate, local amenities and being close to family are more

important to our home buying decisions now than they were pre-Covid, according to the research – highlighting an increased focus on community in choosing a new home.

In contrast, commute time and proximity to travel hubs have declined in importance as more people accept home working will be the norm long term.

Among the top five most important factors when moving to a new home is now good internet/broadband connectivity (up from 22 per cent to 26 per cent). In fact, internet connectivity is now such a crucial factor in our household set up that

- 75 per cent of house hunters would not buy a home if they knew that the internet connectivity was poor.
- And three quarters (75 per cent) would be more inclined to buy a house that was full fibre enabled and would also pay on average £1,514 more for a full fibre enabled house – offering faster and more reliable internet connectivity – increasing property value by approximately 0.6% of the average UK house price.
- 91% would rate the consistency

and reliability of their broadband connectivity as more important than ever in the home-buying process. Such is the importance of reliable internet connectivity, nearly eight in

10 (79%) homebuyers are calling for housing developers and estate agents to offer broadband quality tests before they move in so this can be factored into the decision-making process.





# Pet crematorium in Weedon

*New crematorium offering services to Northamptonshire pet owners.*

A pet crematorium has recently launched in Weedon. Located at The Depot, Pet Divine joins the wide variety of businesses at the former army stores and barracks, now mixed used business centre.

Pet owners who have lost a pet can arrange with Pet Divine to have the pet collected or take it directly to The Depot, where cremation is conducted on site. Once the cremation has been

completed the ashes of the pet are returned to the owner in an urn of their choice.

Cremation is a regulated activity and providers must be licensed by the Animal and Plant Health Agency, an executive branch of the Department for Environment Food & Rural Affairs (DEFRA). Pet Divine obtained registration in April 2021.

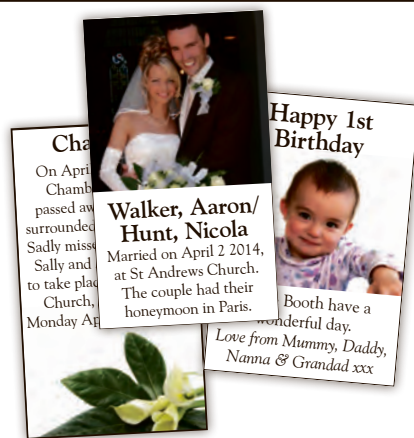
Stella Martin, Client Services Manager, said: "Losing a family pet can be a sad and traumatic time. Pet Divine hope that our personalised service can help grieving owners deal with their pet's passing. Our trained staff help you say goodbye in the way that you want. Pet Divine are pleased to offer a caring and dignified service specialising in individual cremation locally to those in Weedon, Northamptonshire and further afield."

**Pet Divine can be contacted on 0800 368 9805 or [hello@petdivine.org](mailto:hello@petdivine.org) for more information.**

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## OBITUARIES

### POTTER, PHILLIP

Clerk of Works for Oundle School, 1998 - 2015  
Passed away 10th April 2021. A private funeral service will be taking place due to current restrictions. Donations in lieu of flowers to the Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage Centre and The Royal British Legion may be sent c/o W. Bryder & Sons, The Gables, Tillington, GU28 9AB.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### EILEEN VYVYENNE TARRY (née Perks) (date of death: 15 December 2020)

Notice is hereby given pursuant to section 27 of the Trustee Act 1925 that any person having a claim against or interest in the estate of Eileen Vyvyenne Tarry (née Perks) late of 33 Meadow View, Higham Ferrers, Rushden, Northamptonshire, NN10 8EN is hereby required to send particulars in writing of their claim and/or interest to the executor of the deceased's estate (the said written particulars to be sent to c/o Sloan Plumb Wood LLP, Apollo House, Isis Way, Minerva Business Park, Lynch Wood, Peterborough PE2 6QR) on or before 16 July 2021, after which date the estate shall be distributed among the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims and interests of which the executor has had notice and will not, as respects the property so distributed, be liable to any person of whose claim and/or interest they have not had notice.

### NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL

#### ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14

#### NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL (WEST STREET, KINGS CLIFFE)

#### (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2021

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that North Northamptonshire Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of West Street, Kings Cliffe as set out below.

**LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES:** That length of West Street, Kings Cliffe from Forest Approach to Park Street.

**REASON FOR RESTRICTION:** The restriction is required for safety during installation of new gas connection.

**PERIOD OF CLOSURE:** The proposed Order will come into effect on 18th May 2021 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 until 21st May 2021.

**ALTERNATIVE ROUTES:** use Park Street, Station Road and Wood Road.

Dated this 15th day of May 2021  
DEBBIE CARTER-HUGHES  
Executive Director LGSS Law Ltd  
PKG/T21/160

If you require any further information please contact Gary Thorp ref: 20/21 – N020 on 01604 651072.

### TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (AMENDED BY THE LOCALISM ACT 2011)

#### NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLANNING (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 2012 (as amended): CONSULTATION UNDER REGULATION 16 OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 2012

SUBMISSION OF THE FOLLOWING NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLANS:

- RINGSTEAD NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2011-2031 (PARISH OF RINGSTEAD)
- HARGRAVE NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2011-2031 (PARISH OF HARGRAVE)

Notice is given that the following draft neighbourhood development plans have been submitted to the local planning authority for independent examination under Regulation 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended).

- Ringstead Neighbourhood Development Plan 2011-2031 (submitted by Ringstead Parish Council, 10 February 2021).
- Hargrave Neighbourhood Development Plan 2011-2031 (submitted by Hargrave Parish Council, 23 April 2021).

#### The 'plan proposals'

In accordance with Regulation 16, the local planning authority is now consulting upon the draft Ringstead and Hargrave Neighbourhood Plans. Comments are invited, regarding whether these 'plan proposals', as submitted under Regulation 15 fulfil the "basic conditions", as required by paragraph 8 (1) (a) (2) of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (inserted by the Localism Act 2011).

The plan proposals, as submitted, comprise the following documents:

- A map identifying the area to which the proposed neighbourhood development plan relates;
- A consultation statement;
- The proposed neighbourhood development plan;
- A statement (the "Basic Conditions Statement") explaining how the proposed neighbourhood development plan meets the requirements of paragraph 8 of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

#### The "basic conditions"

Representations received under Regulation 16 regarding the plan proposal will be forwarded to appointed examiners, who will assess the Ringstead and Hargrave Neighbourhood Development Plans and supporting documents against the "basic conditions".

- These require that each plan:
1. Has regard to national policy and guidance from the Secretary of State;
  2. Contributes to sustainable development;
  3. Is in general conformity with the strategic policy of the development plan for the area or any part of that area;
  4. Does not breach or is otherwise compatible with retained EU obligations – this includes the SEA Directive of 2001/42/EC; and that -
  5. The making of the Neighbourhood Development Plan is not likely to have a significant effect on a European site (as defined in the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017, either alone or in combination with other plans or projects).

#### Submitting representations under Regulation 16

Comments are sought as to whether or not each of the plan proposals (Ringstead and Hargrave Neighbourhood Plans and supporting documentation for each) fulfil the "basic conditions".

The consultation for both Neighbourhood Plans will run from 17 May 2021 – 28 June 2021, inclusive.

The Smart Survey consultation tool will be used to manage these consultations to enable more efficient processing and management of representations. Further information regarding responding to the consultation is available through the Neighbourhood Planning web page of the legacy East Northamptonshire Council: [www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplanning](http://www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplanning).

**Representations should be made no later than 4pm on Monday 28 June 2021**

**NOTE:** Due to the ongoing Covid-19 National Pandemic restrictions, hard copies of these consultation documents will not be available to view at the Council's Contact Centres or Public Libraries.

Rob Harbour  
Assistant Director of Growth and Regeneration  
North Northamptonshire Council



# Oundle Tennis Club Offers Discount on Annual Membership

Oundle Tennis Club has been a hive of activity since play restarted at the end of March. Judged to be the sport with the lowest risk of catching coronavirus, club membership and usage has increased since the beginning of the pandemic and to encourage more people to pick up a racquet and play, the Club is offering an up to 30% discount on annual membership until the end of June.



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The Club offers five full-size and two mini courts. A schedule of extensive upgrade work has recently been completed and all of the full-size courts have free-to-use floodlights which allow play until 9.30pm each night.

A busy coaching programme of group and individual lessons as well as junior tennis camps led by Level 4 LTA CCA Performance Coach, James Muir, provide an opportunity for players of all ages and abilities to improve their game. Regular social club sessions, junior and senior club tournaments, a busy singles ladder and doubles entry in local leagues offer play throughout the year. Members can also book courts to play in their own time, use the ball machine or bring a guest along for a small fee.

"Tennis is a fantastic sport. As well as being good exercise (burning up to 1,000 calories per hour!), it can be as social or as competitive as you choose," said Jason Atkinson, Club Chairman. "Oundle Tennis Club provides great facilities and a range of opportunities to play. Contact us to arrange a trial session, or sign up through our website. We look forward to seeing you on court!"

The membership discount offer runs until the end of June. All details are available on the website, or the contact details below can be used to arrange a visit or to answer questions.

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