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NEWS IN BRIEF

Vaccine offered to students aged 12-15

School pupils aged 12-15 will begin to receive the Covid-19 vaccine as the Northamptonshire Vaccination Programme begins its rollout to secondary schools across the county.

Following the Department of Health and Social Care's decision to extend vaccination to all in the 12-15 age group, youngsters will be offered the vaccine at school on a phased basis.

The programme is being led by the Northamptonshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust school-aged immunisation service, and parents or guardians will begin to receive letters with details of when the vaccine will be offered.

They will also be asked to provide consent for their child to receive the vaccination, either through an online e-consent process or via a paper form if required.

The local school-aged immunisation service has put in place processes to exclude children who have already received a first dose of the vaccine under previous advice from the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation, for example if they are clinically vulnerable.

TEA IS SERVED

Unable to meet up during the height of the Covid pandemic, 22 senior citizens finally got together for a tea party with a difference in Higham Ferrers recently.

Not only were they treated to a slap up high tea at the Bede House, next to St Mary's Church, but they all finally got to see the new World War 1 Memorial Garden next to the church.

The memorial garden has become a space to contemplate and reflect and is well used, guests were told during their tour.

As they strolled around the grounds, they also learned about the rewinding projects going on in the churchyard.

The Friends of St Mary's church hosted the tea party for Serve users. Serve is the agency which supports the elderly and vulnerable living in their own homes and the tea party guests belong to Serve's Befriender Group and Wellbeing Project.

The Friends of St Mary's chair, Barry Matson, told them that the tea party was made possible as a result of a grant from Nenescape's 10 day-long Nene Valley Festival which culminated in a Heritage Family Fun Day at Rushden Lakes.

The high tea guests later checked out an exhibition about the Higham Ferrers

Bedesmen which was on display at the Festival at Rushden Lakes.

The Bede House was founded in 1422 by Henry Chichele, the Archbishop of Canterbury, for a dozen local poor men aged 50 years and older with one Bedeswoman to look after them.

"It was like a retirement home. It's a wonderful building and next year it will be the 600th anniversary," Barry explained, adding that each of the 12 men got a penny a day, which is worth more than today's pension.

Bedesmen are still appointed and attend civic functions and one of them, Christopher O'Rourke, a member of the Higham Ferrers Tourism committee, attended the special tea party in his Bedesman cloak.

"It was a really lovely afternoon," said guest Marian Crouch as a scone and clotted cream and other delights were delivered to her table.

"It was tea at The Ritz with a piano," beamed another.



Bedesman Christopher O'Rourke, in his ceremonial cloak, was on hand to explain the history of the ancient charity



Guest Marie Webber (left) chats to a trustee of St Mary's and Chairman Barry Matson as they inspect the Bedesmen Exhibition



Rev Linda Bond (left) and Rev Michelle Dalliston who welcomed the guests of Friends of St Mary's, enjoying their tea

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WILDLIFE NEWS

WORDS BY
ROY BURRELL

'Equinox' is not the commonest of words but we all experience it twice a year. We know about "changing the clocks", when time seems to take a sudden leap of an hour; which way depends on the time of year (backwards this month).

But another "time event" close at hand also affects us and our wildlife, though this one occurs slowly and silently, easily missed if we rely on the calendar – the name gives the game away: the equinox. Even those with no knowledge of languages can make an 'educated guess' that it is when the two halves of day and night are, very briefly, equal.

Whatever changes of temperature, rainfall, wind or anything else we may have put up with during the year, the equinoxes will still be "on cue". Obviously, though, we have no control over the weather, to alter the effect of plant growth built up during the summer – whether or not our area was dried up or flooded in what was a very mixed bag for the year.

Changes in plant numbers inevitably are passed on to the animal kingdom where we see many things happening at the 'right' time while others are uncertain about when to take their yearly workout. One of the best examples is the 'fall', an Americanism which is now sometimes preferred over 'autumn'; depending on our memories older readers may decide that 21st-century weather is "not like it used to be in my day".

In fact, leaving out man-produced problems like climate change, nature's cycle revolves around not the yearly calendar but the sun's reminders. Solar energy is not new; plants were the first solar collectors, with one big difference: plants worked out a system using the 'left-overs' to move round the cycle. We call it 'composting', but it is turning over the page to next year when we know that the vernal equinox will restart the circle – though not until the darker months complete their work (on time!) with help from a third, often forgotten, contribution from organisms we call 'fungi' – but that's a different story.

GENEALOGY JOTTINGS

WORDS BY
JAN PEARSON

Many of us rely upon births, marriages and deaths to help us map out the lives of our ancestors. But have you ever considered looking into divorces in your family?

Prior to the 20th century in England, divorce was mainly on the grounds of adultery – or following seven years of desertion. However, this was really only available to wealthy men and, because of the high cost and the rules surrounding it, the "poor man's divorce" of bigamy could be more common.

Believe it or not, it was not until 1923 that made adultery by either a husband or wife grounds for divorce. This meant that the wife no longer had to prove additional reasons against her husband, but both spouses still had to prove the adultery. A further amendment to the Matrimonial Causes Act came along in 1937 when, in addition to adultery, grounds could also be cruelty, desertion and incurable insanity. As before, each allegation needed to be proved. That is not even 100 years ago!

It is possible to undertake an online search for divorce records from 1917 to 1937 at the

National Archives Discovery website: <http://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/> In section J77, you will be able to search by the name of the petitioner, respondent or correspondent, for divorce suits in England and Wales – both successful and unsuccessful. Earlier ones (from 1858 to 1916) are available to search on Ancestry – use your Library card to access this website if you do not have a subscription!

I obtained a copy of my Gran's divorce papers, which took place in 1926. She had only married her first husband three years earlier – and he went off with another woman less than a year later! The papers also provided the addresses of where the people were living at the time – something that I would not have otherwise known, but also that Gran was awarded 7 shillings a week in child support for their son.

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White Mills Marina wins top national accolade

White Mills Marina has been named Towergate's Inland Marina of the Year 2021. It is the second year running that the Northamptonshire marina, situated on the River Nene at Earls Barton, has been awarded the prestigious national award.

The announcement came at the virtual awards ceremony hosted by The Yacht Harbour Association on Thursday 16th September. And whilst there was no physical event to attend, the excitement and thrill of the announcement was hugely welcomed by the entire White Mills team.

Voted for by the public, White Mills was commended for its friendliness, hardworking team and stunning location. Commenting, Operations Manager Gary Butcher said: "We are over the moon to have won the title of Inland Marina of the Year again. It means a huge amount and it is great to get recognition for all the hard work we put in daily to ensure the boaters' experience is an excellent one."

"The past 18 months have been challenging, but we managed to get through and continue to provide boaters with first class customer service in a safe environment. We would like to thank everyone who voted for us. We really are very grateful."

The 141 purpose-built berth marina opened on 1st April 2016 offering moorings for wide beam boats, narrowboats and cruisers. Providing a wide range of on-site services from chandlery, gas, diesel and coal through to the



Operations Manager Gary Butcher and Marina Administrator Kay Elderkin with the 2020 and 2021 Inland Marina of the Year awards

award-winning boathouse café, White Mills is committed to attracting visitors to the River Nene and surrounding Nene Valley, working closely with Destination Nene Valley and the Friends of the River Nene. With its fantastic outlook over open fields and amazing views, promoting tourism is not just aimed at boaters but campers too. White Mills is the home of a thriving and much lauded Certificated Camping and Caravanning Club site.

PUBWATCH GETS BEHIND SNIFFER DOG CHECKING FOR DRUGS

Local licensees have joined forces with North Northamptonshire Council (NNC) and Northamptonshire Police to support a crackdown on illegal drug use in their pubs and nightspots.

On 27th August, NNC Licensing and Police officers were welcomed into 11 local premises in Rushden, Raunds, Thrapston, Islip, Irthlingborough and Higham Ferrers with drug dog Hulk and his handler, Marcus Hart from Alpha K9 Security. Rushden Town Council funded use of the sniffer dog whilst North Northamptonshire Council and Northamptonshire Police combined resources to carry out the activity.

Cllr Andy Mercer, Executive Member for Housing and Community, explained: "Neither drug nor knife misuse is a significant issue

in the licensed premises of North Northants. However, one incident is one too many, which is why we're working with our partners and the local PubWatch members to tackle drug misuse and associated crime.

"The night-time economy is an important component of North Northamptonshire's economy and we fully intend to protect it and its patrons."

"Like the Police, we have zero-tolerance of illegal drug use and knife crime. We will therefore continue to work with all our partners, including the Police and the licensees (who fully supported this operation), to ensure people in North Northants can enjoy a safe night out."

Sergeant Leigh Françoise Goodwin, Lead Officer in Wellingborough and East Northants, said: "The objective of this operation is

to deter and disrupt people supplying and using drugs and carrying offensive weapons."

"This was a very worthwhile and positive operation with searches resulting in the reduction of drug dealing and potentially violent behaviour. It sends out a clear warning to those thinking of selling drugs or carrying weapons in our local pubs – Hulk will sniff you out and we will take action."

Leader of North Northamptonshire Council, Jason Smithers, added: "The work we do with licensees and the Police to help promote safer drinking and responsible behaviour is all about making sure everyone can have a good night out in North Northamptonshire."

"My thanks go to our partners for their support of this work and to Hulk who did a great job searching premises."



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Public health officials encourage Northamptonshire's smokers to take part in Stoptober 2021

Stoptober is back to launch its 10th mass quit attempt on 1st October, calling on smokers in England to join the 2.3 million others who have made a quit attempt with the campaign since it launched a decade ago in 2012.

Over 6 million adults in England still smoke, and it remains the leading cause of premature death, with almost 75,000 preventable deaths a year. A new nationwide survey of 2,000 current smokers released today has found that nearly half (45%) have been smoking more since the first lockdown began. Key reasons reported are due to being bored in the lockdowns (43%) or the pandemic making them more anxious (42%).

Currently, there are more than 95,000 smokers in Northamptonshire.

Corby has the highest prevalence of smokers in England with 27.5% of the population classed as smokers. 21% of the population in the Wellingborough smoke and 18.8% in Northampton. Whilst the county's smoking prevalence

(16.4) is not too dissimilar to the national average (13.4), the high rates in some of our towns remain a cause for concern.

The disruptive impact of the pandemic on smoking patterns make this year's Stoptober mass quit attempt more important than ever. Stopping smoking brings multiple benefits to health, some immediate and others that build over time. These include being able to start moving better, being able to breathe more easily and saving money. The average smoker can save £1,875.60 a year by quitting smoking.

Last year, Northamptonshire's Stop Smoking Service set 274 quit dates for Stoptober, and 184 of those people successfully quit smoking. You are three times more likely to quit if you get support from a dedicated service, with ongoing support, advice and nicotine replacement products. Northamptonshire's Stop Smoking Service has set more than 1,400 quit dates since April this year.

Stoptober is based on research that if a smoker can

make it to 28 days smoke free, they are five times more likely to quit for good.

The campaign first launched in 2012 when one in five adults smoked (19.3%); this has since fallen to one seven in England (13.9%).

Richard Holley, Area Manager and Tobacco Control Lead, Northamptonshire Stop Smoking Service, said: "Stoptober is the perfect time to try and stop smoking, because thousands of other smokers are quitting at the same time as you."

"There is something very motivating about all being in it together, and I would encourage all smokers to get involved. Since April this year, our service has set quit dates with more than 1,400 Northamptonshire smokers."

"Locally, the Northamptonshire Stop Smoking Service offers 12 weeks of specialist support, which includes regular telephone appointments with a Stop Smoking Advisor and a free course of nicotine replacement therapy."

"If you would like support to stop smoking this Stoptober, visit www.northnouthants.gov.uk/stopsmoking for more information."

Lucy Wightman, Director of Public Health for North and West Northamptonshire Councils said: "Smoking remains the leading cause of premature death in England and sadly, we have seen increases in the rates of smoking prevalence during the pandemic."

"If you are thinking about quitting, doing so with the support of our service means you are not alone, you are three times more likely to succeed with the support of our service than going it alone, and you have 12 weeks of support to help you through the process. Many smokers across Northamptonshire are already benefitting from the additional support that the stop smoking service is able to provide."

"It's never too late to quit smoking. Start today and if you stay smoke free for 28 days you are five times more likely to quit for good."

YOUR HEALTH – EATING DUCT TAPE

WORDS BY CLAIRE SHORT

As you probably know, we're in the process of moving The Ashgrove Clinic to the Market Square in Higham. This means we're all having to deal with those common stresses from moving house:

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I asked three local professionals for advice on how to cope with the stress. The three were: Hypnotherapy consultant, Christian Baker; Mindfulness teacher, Nicola Smith; and CBT counsellor Debbie Kirton. Here are their top tips:

- Take some deep breaths – stress makes us shallow breathe. Counter this with deep calming breaths
- Pause – if you're trying to complete 20 tasks at once, stop (breathe!), and pick one to focus on.
- Step away from the booze – be careful with your alcohol intake. It's easy to increase it when you're feeling under pressure, but it can reduce your ability to focus.
- Get professional help when you get stuck.

If you're one of the many people moving house right now, or if you're struggling with stress or anxiety for other reasons, remember that expert professional help is available locally. Don't sit at home and suffer when there are people who can help you find your path again.

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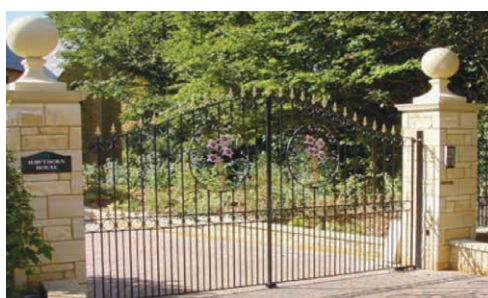
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> APETHORPE

Works to remove a modern 1970s partition that divides the King's Chamber and reinstate this space's pre 1970s appearance at Apethorpe Palace Hunting Way Apethorpe PE8 5DG (LBRegs) (Info) NE/21/01391/LBC (26 October 2021)

> KINGS CLIFFE

Relocation of internal motor units from storage room to external rear wall (Retrospective) at 47 West Street Kings Cliffe PE8 6XB (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/21/00813/FUL (26 October 2021)

> KINGS CLIFFE

Conversion of internal garage to bedroom and shower room, internal alterations to create first floor bathroom and bedroom at 28 Wood Road Kings Cliffe PE8 6XF (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/21/01268/FUL (26 October 2021)

> IRTHLINGBOROUGH

1 no 3-bedroom detached dwelling including highway access/parking and amenity space (Re-submission of 20/01196/FUL) at 28 College Street Irtlingborough NN9 5TX (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/21/01375/FUL (26 October 2021)

> ALDWINCLE

Works to refurbish 20th Century 2nd floor extension: change in configuration of internal stud wall layout; increase height of internal ceiling by c.1.2m; refurbishment and update of fixtures and fittings; installation of 4 additional conservation Velux windows at 5 Cross Lane Aldwincle NN14 3EG (LBRegs) (Info) NE/21/01167/LBC (26 October 2021)

> OUNDLE

Reserved Matters: design, parking and landscaping for the Extra Care facility comprising of 65 no apartments, communal and support facilities pursuant to 19/01355/OUT - Outline planning application for the erection of up to 65 dwellings and an extra care facility of up to 65 units on land at St Christopher's Drive, Oundle (All matters reserved except access) at land between St Christopher's Drive And A605 Oundle Bypass Oundle (Info) (Part3) (Info) NE/21/01330/REM (26 October 2021)

> RUSHDEN

Part demolition of existing buildings, and creation of residential dwelling with private amenity space (revised resubmission of 20/01681/FUL) at 126 High Street Rushden NN10 0PD (LB/CA) (Info) NE/21/01378/FUL (26 October 2021)

> SUDBOROUGH

Triple bay garage at The Old Granary Main Street Sudborough NN14 3BX (Info)

(LB/CA) (Info) NE/21/01404/FUL (26 October 2021)

> LOWER BENEFIELD

Repairs to the property as per schedule of works to stabilise the building structure at Blackthorn Lodge Brigstock Road Lower Benefield PE8 5AG (Info) (LBRegs) (Info) NE/21/01418/LBC (26 October 2021)

> OUNDLE

Reserved Matters approval of Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale pursuant to application number 19/01355/OUT - Outline planning permission for the erection of 65 dwellings and an extra-care facility of up to 65 units at Land Between St Christopher's Drive And A605 Oundle Bypass Oundle (Info) (Part3) (Info) NE/21/01309/REM (26 October 2021)

> BRIGSTOCK

Infill extension to the rear of the property, new pitched roof and windows at 7 Lyveden Road Brigstock NN14 3HE (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/21/01341/FUL (26 October 2021)

> DUDDINGTON

Variation of condition 4 to re-word the condition to state 'Prior to the operation and generation of electricity'. Pursuant to 18/01985/FUL: Installation of waterwheel in existing waterwheel pit within the mill building. Installation of generator, gearbox and associated

equipment for hydroelectric generation. Condition Number(s): 4 - Flooding at The Mill Mill Street Duddington PE9 3QG (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/21/01408/VAR (26 October 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.

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Rob Harbour, Assistant Director Growth And Regeneration

Dated 2 October 2021

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Consultation deadlines will differ for each application. Please go to www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/planningapplications for details.

Garden blossoms during lockdown

A unique community garden which took shape during lockdown has now been captured on film for all to see.

Inspirational footage of the recently opened Duchy Barn Garden in the heart of Higham Ferrers – alongside the 15th Century Chichele College – will soon be available on social media and YouTube.

And it is hoped there is also the chance that the film, commissioned by Higham Ferrers Tourism, could be aired on one of the country's popular TV gardening shows.

"We would love to show the world exactly what can be done by a variety of enthusiastic and dedicated volunteers," said organiser and Higham Ferrers Tourism committee member, Carol Fitzgerald.

"The film is a tribute to all the people who gave their time, money, skills and gifts to turn an idea into a fascinating reality and the perfect social haven for years to come."

The film, by Gareth Hughes of HGA Studios in Northampton, was shot as part of the recent Nene Valley Festival, which culminated in the Heritage Family Day at nearby Rushden Lakes on

Sunday 19th September.

The film was made possible following a grant from Nene Valley Festival.

The garden, on a strip of land owned by the Duchy of Lancaster and sandwiched between the side of Chichele College and a row of nearby barns used by local community charities, is part of the story of the pandemic, Carol explained.

It all began in November 2019 when volunteers from the local Co-op food store started clearing what was a derelict and overgrown, messy, muddy site.

Carol saw the potential of the site and various funds and grants enabled the mud to be transformed into a showpiece community garden with walkways, wheelchair-friendly paths, an arch and well-positioned seating.

And as it was a historical site, the Higham Ferrers Archaeology and Research Society (HiFARS) was called in and their excavations duly unearthed a wealth of ancient finds.

Then the HiFARS chair, Olwen Mayes, who doesn't believe in leaving a stone unturned, discovered one interesting stone, which in turn led to



Celia Ingram (left) and Pat Barber, who turn out in all weathers to tend the Duchy Barn Garden

further investigations. And when members got digging, they discovered some beautiful historic cobblestones.

The design plans were then changed to incorporate the cobblestones, which are now a major feature in the garden.

Meanwhile, a group of five volunteers, sticking to safe social distancing rules, turned out in all types of weather to plant, weed and fashion the flower and vegetable gardens.



Carol Fitzgerald and Gary Hunt, a member of the Gateway Club, make sure the giant sunflowers don't fall down



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Whether you come to relive your childhood memories or you just simply want to see what your parents have been raving about for all these years, come and experience the musical phenomena of the 1960s for yourself. Full of timeless classics, this is the must see 60s show for 2021.

Starring:

- MIKE PENDER MBE (original voice of The Searchers) – The Searchers were formed by Mike Pender and John McNally, originally as a Skiffle group in Liverpool in 1959. The band notched up 6 UK top ten hits with three of those reaching number one. Hits include 'Needles And Pins', 'Don't Throw Your Love Away', 'Sweets For My Sweet', 'When You Walk In The Room'.
- THE TREMS (all former members of The Tremeloes) – Hits include 'Even The Bad Times Are Good', 'Do You Love Me', 'Call Me Number One' and 'Silence Is Golden'.
- DOZY BEAKY MICK & TICH

– Originally called Dave Dee and The Bostons. Hits include 'Bend It', 'Zabadak' and 'The Legend Of Xanadu'.

- THE FORTUNES – Hailing from Birmingham, England, the band came to prominence in 1964 with their hit 'Caroline'. Other classics include 'Storm In A Teacup', 'You've Got Your Troubles', 'Freedom Come Freedom Go'.
- THE DAKOTAS – Originally convened as a backing group from Manchester, the band were largely associated with Billy J Kramer. Hits include 'Little Children', 'The Cruel Sea', 'Do You Want To Know A Secret'. Step back in time to when pop music was at its very best.

Spooktacular Halloween fun at Stanwick Lakes

This Halloween families can explore the Spooktacular trail at Stanwick Lakes!

As part of their Natureworks Project and Heritage Projects, Rockingham Forest Trust have created a 'spellbinding' self-led event this year! From 25th October – 31st October families can visit the site to help The Stanwick Sorceress remember the spell for her magic potion. A spooky prize can be won by completing the Halloween trail using the 'Book of Spells' to find all of the missing ingredients.

This family fun trail includes spooky Halloween decorations, hidden nature facts and a look into

Stanwick Lakes' magical history – plus fun live demonstrations on selected days.

Booking is not required, just purchase your 'Book of Spells' activity leaflet for £2.75 from The Snack Shack or Visitor Centre Reception (one prize for each leaflet sold). Dressing up is of course encouraged but is optional.

The 'Natureworks' project celebrates and supports nature, bringing it centre stage at Stanwick Lakes. It has been made possible thanks to a grant from the government's £80 million Green Recovery Challenge Fund, and of course to players of the National Lottery.



STANWICK LAKES HALLOWEEN TRAIL

25th October - 31st October 2021

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Earn your Witch or Wizard powers by helping The Stanwick Sorceress remember the spell for her magic potion.

Use her 'Book of Spells' to follow the spooktacular trail and find all of the missing ingredients to win a prize... but beware, it is Halloween after all Mwahaha!

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World famous Northants champion brass band prepares to return to the stage

The GUS Band is preparing for a Royal Albert Hall return following the Covid-19 pandemic.

You may not know it, but tucked away in Northampton is one of the world's finest and most famous brass bands, and they will soon be representing the region at the National Brass Band Championships at the Royal Albert Hall.

The GUS Band, originally named the Munn and Felton Works Band was formed by Fred Felton in 1933 in Kettering.

During its 88-year history, thousands have applauded the band in concert, and the Midlands have dented the northern pride of Yorkshire and Lancashire, traditionally the home of brass bands, by winning no less than six national titles, the British Open Championships and being proclaimed World Champions.

Fast forward to 2021 and for the 25 members of the GUS Band, the Covid pandemic has meant the cancellation of many concerts and contest appearances, much to the disappointment of both players and supporters. The last time the band performed together was at the Midlands

Area National Championship qualifiers way back in March 2020. The band came off-stage that day having played a winning performance but with no idea that this was to be the last time that they would play together as a band for another 15 months!

Now with only a few weeks to go until their Royal Albert Hall comeback, preparations are in full swing for their performance.

Talking of the first rehearsal back following the pandemic, the band's Musical and Artistic Director, Chris Jeans commented: "It was fantastic to be playing together again and although surreal at first, a couple of notes in, it was like we'd never been away."

"Representing the Midlands at the Albert Hall is always an honour, but to do so after the challenges of the last 18 months makes it even more special."

For more details of the band's upcoming performances, visit: The GUS Band website: www.thegusband.com Follow on Facebook: The GUS Band

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- Whitefriars Church, Rushden, is delighted to say that it is able to start its Retireds' Group meetings again. We will be meeting as before, on the 1st Friday of each month, beginning on Friday 1st October from 1.30 to 3.30pm in The Bridge, in the car park of Whitefriars Primary School, Boughton Drive, Rushden NN10 9HX.

We are very much aware that Covid hasn't gone away and would like to assure you that your safety is our priority, so we are complying with government guidelines. Everywhere will be thoroughly cleaned before you arrive, chairs will be set up with at least 1 metre between them, hand sanitiser will be provided and we ask that you wear a face covering unless exempt. Refreshments will be served, but please bring your own mug/cup. Cakes will be provided, individually wrapped, but no homemade

ones yet. We are looking forward to meeting up with old friends and making new ones. For more information, please ring Celia Underwood on 07929 567268.

- Sunday 3rd October, 10.15am: Morning Worship for Homelessness Sunday at Whitefriars Primary School, Boughton Drive, Rushden NN10 9HX. No need to book. More details from office@whitefriarschurch.org.uk
- Sundays 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st October, 10.15am: Morning Worship at Whitefriars Primary School, Boughton Drive, Rushden NN10 9HX. No need to book. More details from office@whitefriarschurch.org.uk.
- Also on Sunday 10th October: Countryside Walk: 'Walking Wisely near Riseley' - a four mile circular walk in countryside near Riseley. Meet near DNS Stores at 91 High Street, Riseley MK44 1DD (opposite the road to

Keysoe) in time for a 10.30am start. Please contact Andrew Presland at andrew.presland.harborough58@gmail.com or 01933 316927 for more details.

- 11.30am for 12noon on Wednesday 13th October: East Northants Faith Group Community Leaders' Lunch at the Frontier Centre, near Irthlingborough. Short talks on East Northants Community Services' projects (local food banks and homeless projects etc) and community news, such as social prescribing and the Rushden East development, followed by a buffet lunch. Open to everyone. £5 per person. Places can be booked by contacting Andrew Presland on 01933 316927 or andrew.presland.harborough58@gmail.com.
- Get OWT (out with toddlers) Hall Park, Rushden near the play area. Every Friday 9.30am to 10.30am: no booking needed. Parents/carers and toddlers are welcome to just come along and collect an activity pack. Details from Emma Croxon at emma@whitefriarschurch.org.uk or 07957 080074.
- Thursday 14th October, 7.30pm: meeting on Zoom of Friends of Refugees - East Northants: including an update on Afghan refugees. The Zoom link will be available from Andrew Presland (andrew.presland.harborough58@gmail.com).

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14

NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL (PUBLIC FOOTPATH VC3 (PART) - HIGHAM FERRERS)

(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2021

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that North Northamptonshire Council intend, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit pedestrians from proceeding along that length of Public Footpath VC3 (Part) in Higham Ferrers as specified below. Private access to land or premises adjacent to the said length of footpath are unaffected.

RIGHT OF WAY TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: The route commences at point A at the start of Public Footpath VC3 off Kimbolton Road at NGR SP9641 6882. It then proceeds west of south for 258 metres to point B at the junction with Bury Close at NGR SP9633 6857. The route to be closed is shown by a solid black line between points A – B.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required to build new changers and lay duct in the footway.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The Order will come into effect on 25th October 2021 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 ROUTE: The alternative route starts at point A at NGR SP9641 6882. The route travels west along the footway of Kimbolton Road for 59 metres to point C at NGR SP9635 6882. The route then proceeds west of south along the footway of Bury Close for 223 metres to point D at NGR SP9627 6862. The route then continues along the footway travelling generally south east for 75 metres to terminate at point B at NGR SP9633 6857 at the junction with Public Footpath VC3. The alternative route is shown by a broken black line between points A-C-D-B.

Dated this 2nd day of October 2021

DEBBIE CARTER-HUGHES
 Executive Director LGSS Law Ltd
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If you require any further information please contact Martin Rodgers on 07480434252.

NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14

NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL (A6 STATION ROAD & STATION ROAD, IRTHLINGBOROUGH & HIGHAM FERRERS)

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF MOTOR VEHICLES, TEMPORARY NO RIGHT TURN & TEMPORARY NO LEFT TURN) ORDER 2021

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that North Northamptonshire Council intend, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit traffic from proceeding along, turning right and turning left along those lengths of A6 Station Road and Station Road, Irtlingborough and Higham Ferrers as specified in the Schedule below.

REASON FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during Chown's Mill roundabout major scheme.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 20th October 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 roads will be restricted until 31st December 2021.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use next roundabout to change direction.

Dated this 2nd day of October 2021
 DEBBIE CARTER-HUGHES
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If you require any further information please contact Gary Thorp ref:- 19/20 – N546 on 01604 651072.

SCHEDULE

Temporary Prohibition of Motor Vehicles

Road Name	Termination Points
Station Road, Irtlingborough/Higham Ferrers	50m north of bridge structure extending 200m southwards

Temporary Prohibition of Left Turn

Road Name	Termination Points
A6 Station Road, Higham Ferrers	Onto Station Road
Station Road, Irtlingborough	Onto A6

Temporary Prohibition of Right Turn

Road Name	Termination Points
A6 Station Road, Irtlingborough	Onto Station Road
Station Road, Higham Ferrers	Onto A6

NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14

NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL (PUBLIC FOOTPATH MF12 (PART) - BARNWELL)

(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2021

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that North Northamptonshire Council intend, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit pedestrians from proceeding along that length of Public Footpath MF12 (Part) in Barnwell as specified below. Private access to land or premises adjacent to the said length of footpath are unaffected.

RIGHT OF WAY TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: The existing route of MF12 (Part) to be closed begins at National Grid Reference ('NGR') TL0419 8738. The route travels generally south east then south west for approximately 25 metres to point B at NGR TL0418 8736. The route is shown by a solid black line between points A – B.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for essential maintenance works.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The Order will come into effect on 1st November 2021 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 ROUTE: The alternative route starts at point A at NGR TL0419 8738. The route travels south west for approximately 18 metres to point C at NGR TL0417 8737. The route then heads south east for approximately 11 metres to point B at NGR TL0418 8736.

Dated this 2nd day of October 2021

DEBBIE CARTER-HUGHES
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If you require any further information please contact Ben Fabian on 07943 054557.

NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14

NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL (SCHOOL LANE, HIGHAM FERRERS)

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2021

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that North Northamptonshire Council intend, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of School Lane, Higham Ferrers as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of School Lane, Higham Ferrers from the junction of School Lane to Patenhall Way.

REASON FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during use of a crane.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 27th October 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 for four days.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Patenhall Way and School Lane.

Dated this 2nd day of October 2021
 DEBBIE CARTER-HUGHES
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If you require any further information please contact Gary Thorp ref:- 21/22 – N257 on 01604 651072.

NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14

NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL (HIGH STREET, COLLYWESTON)

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2021

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that North Northamptonshire Council intend, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of High Street, Collyweston as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of High Street, Collyweston from New Road to outside number 30 High 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 25th October 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 29th October 2021.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use New Road, Back Lane and A43.

Dated this 2nd day of October 2021
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Whilst you or your child may not reach such dizzy heights, tennis is a fantastic (and low-Covid-transmission risk) sport which can be enjoyed by players of all ages and standards throughout the year. To encourage more people to try tennis, Oundle Tennis Club is offering a 40% discount on

membership fees from now until the end of April (when the new membership year begins).

The club offers five full size and two mini courts, all of which have been recently upgraded, as well as free to use floodlights which allow play until 9.30pm each night.

Six regular club sessions provide opportunities for members of all standards to 'turn up and play', whilst those who enjoy competitive tennis can enter club tournaments and local league teams.

Members can also book courts to play whenever suits their diary and can bring a guest for a small fee or book the ball machine as an opponent.

Those wanting to improve their game can access

the busy coaching programme for individuals and groups, led by Level 4 LTA CCA Performance Coach James Muir. Popular junior coaching camps and tournaments are held throughout the year too. Details are published on the Tennis Club website, or contact James on jmtennissace@hotmail.com or 07985 286176. James is offering those new to his coaching programme a 5% discount on the price of any lessons booked before the end of November.

"I learned to play tennis at an early age and, like riding a bike, it is a skill you never forget and it can provide enjoyment all year round," said Club Chairman Jason Atkinson.

"OTC is a friendly, medium sized and growing club where everyone is welcomed. I strongly recommend that – whether you are starting from scratch, needing to dust off the rust or an accomplished player – you make the most of our offer and sign up!"

When played seriously, tennis can offer a significant cardio workout, burning up to 1,000 calories an hour; mental focus and tactical judgement are also required to overcome an opponent. When played socially, it provides a wonderful way to take some gentle exercise in the company of familiar or new faces. During these times when physical and mental well-being should be prioritised, it is an outright winner!

Those interested in joining can contact the club to arrange a visit or introduction, or sign up through the website.



Oundle Tennis mini coaching

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