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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Get maximum Covid-19 vaccine protection ahead of Christmas

With winter fast approaching, drop-in vaccination clinics are open across the county in a move to get as many protected against Covid-19 as possible.

Several walk-in clinics in Northampton and Corby are open for:

- Boosters – for those eligible if it's been six months since your second dose. Appointments can now be booked five months after having a second dose (with vaccination at six months)
- First doses – for anyone over the age of the 12
- Second doses – for anyone over the age of 18 (if first vaccination was at least 8 weeks ago)
- Third primary doses – for those who are immunosuppressed (must have a letter of eligibility from their GP or consultant)

Frontline health and social care workers who are not able to access a booster through their employer can also book online or attend a local drop-in clinic. All the latest details can be found on [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/covidvaccine](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/covidvaccine). Those eligible can book online, call 119 or visit a local drop-in clinic.

# Help for most vulnerable in North Northants this winter

Millions of pounds will be made available to help the most vulnerable this winter as the North Northants economy area continues to recover from the Covid pandemic.

North Northamptonshire Council's Executive heard recently that a total of £2.5million will be made available through the Government's Household Support Fund (HSF).

This support ranges from Holiday School Meal Vouchers for the next two term holidays to a fuel bank concept which supports the maintenance of energy within the household over the winter period.

The process of identifying the individuals and families in need will be done through the Citizens Advice Bureau,

Job Centres and other local voluntary organisations.

Management and oversight will be provided by the Covid-19 Programme Team.

The HSF is the third iteration of the Covid-19 Winter Grant Scheme that was originally launched in November 2020. This latest fund will be available up to March 2022.

In line with previous iterations, there is a stipulation that a minimum of 50% of the fund must be used to support families with children.

Cllr Jason Smithers, Leader of the Council, said: "I'm proud that we're in a position



to be able to help the most vulnerable in North Northants during the winter months and I'm grateful to Government for making this money available.

"It is almost two years since Covid first emerged and it has been an immensely challenging time for everyone. "However there are some

families who have really felt the pinch and so it's our duty to play this vital role to offer the appropriate support where we can."

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# WILDLIFE NEWS

WORDS BY  
ROY BURRELL

Current photography technology gives many naturalists more chance to be constructive and artistic in their hobby or career, and we all benefit from knowledge we might not have seen before, or choose what nature study appeals most to us. In particular we remember that much of nature's action takes place at or just above ground level, where even the simpler (and therefore less expensive) equipment provides opportunity to examine a new 'jungle' world. For example, putting the camera into a dark garage showed how varied this new world is in a group of creatures known to us at all levels – spiders.

Why do so many find spiders so scary? They can be found almost literally anywhere in the world, probably up to 40,000 different species, in different colours and with different diets and therefore different surroundings to provide food; there are even species which live underwater (though they do not really live below the water surface but trap bubbles of air for breathing). They are however meat-eaters (carnivores) which must

find their food by hunting – but don't worry, the vast majority are not big enough or strong enough to cause us harm; their normal method with their smaller prey involves biting and injecting their poison to finish off the job.

Spiders are not insects, they come into a group with creatures like crabs, and are called arachnids; the simplest difference is the number of legs, with insects having six legs and arachnids eight. Maybe the problem is that for most of us our contact relies on chance meetings in unexpected circumstances (like suddenly appearing round the corner of table legs or crawling slowly onto a book we are reading), and some of the larger ones do have a rather menacing appearance. Years ago I seem to remember a film based on H G Wells's book 'War of the Worlds', where the alien machines looked like little pale brown peas supported by long legs as thin as sewing thread yet strong enough, and fast enough, to chase and capture prey. Just one more fact showing that these creatures deserve more than a hasty blow or shaky newspaper swat when they venture into our territory.

# GENEALOGY JOTTINGS

WORDS BY  
JAN PEARSON

Have you had a look at the 1939 Register at all? It was taken on 29th September 1939, just after World War 2 started and was used to produce up-to-date population statistics and information for ration cards.

For the family historian it is invaluable. The previous census of 1931 was destroyed by a fire that broke out in the Office of Works in Hayes, Middlesex in December 1942. No census was taken in 1941 and so this register is the most complete record of the population between 1921 and 1951. But roll on January! The 1921 census is due to be released and will be available to view on the website Find My Past. This is a subscription service but you should be able to access it via your local Library.

Back to 1939 – if you expect to see an ancestor who was around in 1939 and who is still alive today, they will not be seen. The records of those who were born less than 100 years ago and whose death information has not been pulled through

to the records will be redacted, or blanked out. If you have evidence that the person has died, then you can apply to have the record released. I have found information about my great grandparents as well as great aunts and uncles from this register as it shows their occupations at the time, some of which were a bit of a surprise! Just bear in mind that not all the information was transcribed correctly. I have discovered birth dates that were slightly askew, either for the day of the month or the year. Bad handwriting can make a 5 look like an 8 and a 4 look like a 7!

Don't forget that, as the libraries are now open once again, and activities have started up, I am at the Oundle Library on the first Wednesday morning each month from 9:30am to 10:30am if you need any help with your family history.

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# GROWING PLANTS FOR DONATIONS

David H Woods from Woodford has reached a new milestone in his fundraising for the NHS. Since the first lockdown he has been growing plants from seed and giving them to local people in return for donations. Donations this month have taken him to 100% of his target of £10,000.

"I want to thank everyone for their support over the last 575 days to make this possible," said David.

"There's more good news, in that I am continuing to raise more donations to help the NHS, using a new 'Just Giving' platform, with the donations again going to NHS Charities Together. If you just want to support my venture and help the NHS you can donate by clicking on the link and donating online <https://www.justgiving.com/davidsgrowingplantsforthenhs>

"The final donation to exceed £10,000 was thanks to Sheila Jackman purchasing a 'bug hotel'



courtesy of the kind Con Farden for making and supplying them. But all of the hundreds and I suppose thousands of donations have contributed over the last 1 year 6 months and 27 days."



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# North Northamptonshire Council's blueprint for the future

*A blueprint which will shape the direction of future policy at North Northamptonshire Council was approved by the authority's Executive recently.*

**The council's first Corporate Plan – a strategy for the next four years and beyond – outlines the values it will commit to as well as six key policy areas:**

- Helping people to lead active, fulfilled lives – helping people be more active, independent and fulfilled
- Building better, brighter futures – caring for young people, providing them with a high-quality education and opportunities to help them flourish
- Develop safe and thriving places – enabling a thriving and successful economy that shapes great places to live, learn, work and visit
- Create a green, sustainable environment – taking a lead

on improving the green environment, making the area more sustainable for generations to come

- Build connected communities – ensuring communities are connected with one another so they are able to shape their lives and areas where they live
- Develop modern public services – providing efficient, effective and affordable services that make a real difference to all our local communities

CLr Jason Smithers, Leader of the Council, said: "North Northamptonshire Council is committed to making the area a better place to live, work and relax. "I strongly believe that by putting residents and local communities at the heart of

everything we do, we will be better placed to make the right decisions for North Northamptonshire.

"To achieve all of this, we are going to need to be a council that is efficient and effective.

"The Corporate Plan is more than a plan for the future. It is a framework for helping the council make difficult decisions about where to allocate its finite resources.

"The corporate priorities set out in the plan help define those areas that are most important to the council. They provide clarity of focus on which to help inform future decision-making.

"This document is not set in stone, the Corporate Plan should be seen as a living document which remains a

work in progress.

"We know our aspirations are high, but we are committed to achieving them. We will strive to make North Northamptonshire a place where everyone has the best opportunities and quality of life."

Work started on the

council's vision back in 2020. A series of focus groups were held with key stakeholders including residents, schools, businesses, customers, town and parish councils and key partner organisations. The result was a draft vision which, as a new council, has been further refined.

A public consultation was carried out in September 2021. This sought views on the new vision, along with a

proposed set of values, key commitments and priorities for North Northamptonshire.

Over 600 people responded to the public consultation, the results of which showed that over 80% of consultees agreed with the council's proposed vision for North Northamptonshire.

Now approved, the Corporate Plan will need to be formally adopted by Full Council.

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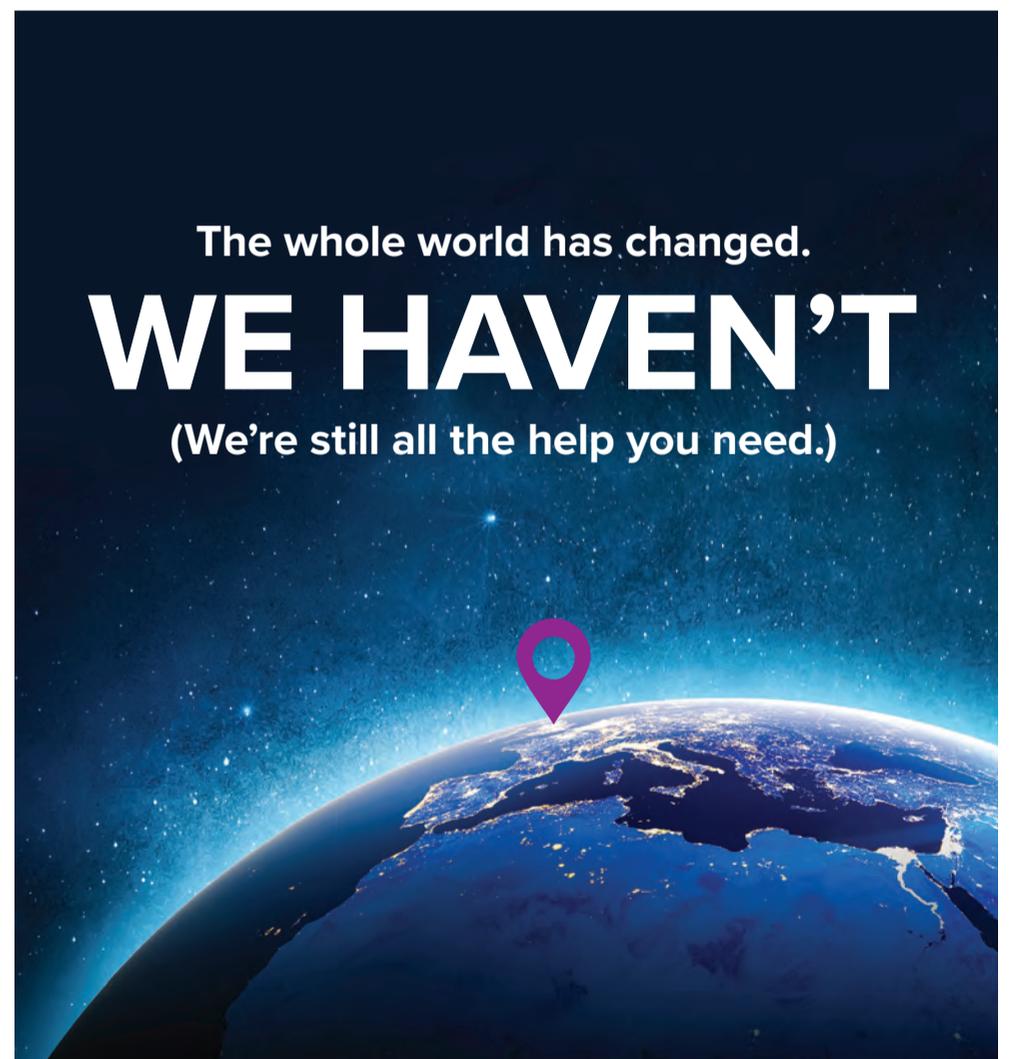
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# Nene Valley News Recipe - Turn turkey into tempting treats

Are leftovers one of the best things about Christmas? Here are two easy recipes which will make the most of your turkey this year.



## Turkey, Chorizo and Manchego Sandwich with Chive Aioli

Serves 2

3 garlic cloves, peeled and crushed  
2 egg yolks  
1 tbsp Dijon mustard  
300ml olive oil  
A small handful of chopped chives (optional)  
Sea salt and black pepper  
4 large slices of sourdough bread  
200g cooked golden turkey  
8 slices of chorizo, cooked and sliced  
4 slices of Manchego or mature cheddar cheese  
Vegetable oil, for frying

### Method

- First make the aioli. Put the garlic, egg yolks and mustard into a food processor or blender.
- Blitz into a paste and very slowly drizzle in the olive oil to make a thick mayonnaise-style sauce. When everything has come together, add the lemon juice and chopped chives, if using, and then season to taste. The aioli will keep covered in the fridge for up to 2 days.
- On a large board, drizzle the slices of bread on one side with a little olive oil and rub the bread with a garlic clove and spread some aioli on the inside of the slices of sourdough, then continue to layer with the turkey, chorizo and slices of Manchego or Cheddar, then top with another slice of bread.
- Wipe the frying pan clean with kitchen paper and heat the pan with a drizzle of vegetable oil, then wipe with kitchen paper. Fry the two sandwiches, weighing them down with a clean pan, for 2 minutes on each side or until toasted and crisp. Cut in half and serve immediately with more chive aioli.

### Tip

If you do not want to make the Aioli, you could just make a garlic mayonnaise using 4 tbsp of good

quality mayonnaise, 2 cloves of garlic, peeled and crushed and ½ tbsp of Dijon mustard.

## Turkey, Bacon and Avocado Eggs Benedict

Serves 2

1 large avocado, peeled and de-stoned  
½ a small red onion, peeled and chopped  
½ a red chilli, deseeded and chopped  
1 vine tomato, roughly chopped  
Juice of 1 lime  
1 tbsp olive oil  
Sea salt and black pepper  
2 egg yolks  
1 tbsp lemon juice  
125g unsalted butter, cut into small dice and chilled  
2 large eggs  
1 tsp white wine vinegar  
1 muffin, cut in half and toasted  
4 slices of cooked golden turkey  
4 bacon rashers, grilled  
Pinch of paprika, to serve  
Small handful of rocket, to serve

### Method

- Start by making the guacamole. Scoop the avocado flesh into a mixing bowl and fork together with the onion, chilli, tomato, lime juice

and olive oil. Season with a little salt and pepper and leave to one side.

- To make the hollandaise sauce, place the egg yolks and lemon juice into a heatproof bowl and whisk until blended. Place the bowl over a pan of just simmering water, making sure that the bowl is not in contact with the water. Whisk in the butter, a few cubes at a time, until the sauce begins to thicken. Continue adding the butter, whisking all the time and adding a splash of water if the hollandaise looks like it is becoming too thick. If the sauce begins to separate, remove from the heat immediately and add a teaspoon of cold water to the mixture. Once all of the butter has been incorporated, season to taste with some salt and pepper. Remove from the heat and keep warm.
- Add a teaspoon of white wine vinegar to a saucepan of water and bring to the boil. Reduce the heat until the water is barely simmering and poach the eggs.
- Spoon some guacamole onto each muffin half, top with a good slice of cooked turkey followed by a poached egg. Spoon some warmed hollandaise over the eggs and top with two slices of bacon. Sprinkle with a little paprika and rocket and serve immediately.

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*A donation of bricks is helping Northamptonshire students to lay the foundations of a career in construction.*

Persimmon Homes Midlands delivered a pallet of bricks to Youth Works Northamptonshire, enabling the charity to deliver practical training to young people not thriving in mainstream school.

Jane Rowley, business manager for Youth Works Northamptonshire, explained: "We provide a range of youth services and educational support, including vocational qualifications. Our introduction to bricklaying course is very popular and, as a result, we needed a fresh supply of bricks that the students could use and re-use.

"We appealed to Persimmon for help, and they immediately arranged for a pallet of new bricks to be delivered, which

was wonderful. We are so grateful for their help. The bricks are already being used by students who are looking to gain City & Guilds qualification and the Construction Skills Certification Scheme or CSCS card which would allow them to work on a construction site."

The Kettering-based charity is committed to developing a welcoming, safe and vibrant learning environment that will enable learners to become valued members of the community. For more information visit [www.youthworksnorthamptonshire.org.uk](http://www.youthworksnorthamptonshire.org.uk)

Simon McDonald, Regional Divisional Director (Central), added: "Persimmon prides itself on seeing the potential in young achievers and providing

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- Sat 11 Oxford Christmas Market
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### JANUARY 2022

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- Thu 27 Royal Courts of Justice

### FEBRUARY 2022

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- Thu 17 London Museums or Free Time
- Fri 18 Aylesbury Market Day
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## Your Health – Moving boxes

We've moved the clinic to the centre of Higham this week! This means we're currently going through the normal frustrations of packing up and unpacking.

So, how do you prepare for moving, and did we practice what we preach?

Firstly, the number one trick is to mix things in boxes. If you fill a box with books only Superman will be able to lift it, and he's not available the week you're moving. So half-fill the box with heavy items, then add ornaments or other light things. We put anatomical models in our heavy boxes, but I don't suppose you've got many of those lying around!

Our next tip is to get one of those tape dispensers. We all got sick of tearing it with our teeth – it feels horrible and tastes pretty disgusting.

We also recommend clear labels. When we moved in we couldn't find the couch



roll, nor the sanitising sprays straight away. So print off labels and use them!

Pack the kettle and cups last. It sounds really obvious, but people often forget. From a mental health point of view it's good to know that tea, coffee, cups, kettle and biscuits are all to hand during this chaotic time.

Of course we can't talk about moving house without discussing lifting.

Time pressures, stress and fatigue mean we all rush to get boxes and furniture in

place. Our advice is: do your best to slow down when you get irritated by the whole process. That two-second pause before lifting a heavy box could save you from months of pain.

And if you do hurt yourself, remember that we're now in the centre of Higham. Sure, we're surrounded by boxes, but we're here and already treating again, with no injuries of our own!

Have a gentler week than we're having!  
Claire

## PLANS FOR A509 ISHAM BYPASS GIVEN A BOOST

Plans for the A509 Isham bypass have taken a step in the right direction after the Government announced the scheme could progress to the next stage of development.

The Department for Transport has written to North Northamptonshire Council to say that the project has been progressed under the Major Road Network (MRN) programme.

To help the scheme move forward to the next stage, the DfT will make a contribution of £1,859,000 in the current financial year towards the costs of developing an outline business case, having considered the Strategic case submitted in December 2020.

The Council's Executive recently noted a report on the matter and agreed to spend the funding on developing the outline business case.

Cllr Graham Lawman the council's Executive Member for Highways, Travel and Assets, said: "I'm delighted that this very important project has taken a step forward and now we can progress an outline business case, design work and updated planning application.

"This scheme is a priority for the council as the route would not only help boost the local economy, but also alleviate traffic pressures in the village of Isham. We are grateful that the Government has identified this project as a vital piece of infrastructure to enable the growth of our area."

Cllr Jason Smithers, Leader

of the Council, said: "This is a major boost for this priority scheme.

"We know that villagers have been campaigning for decades for it to go ahead and we agree it's of tremendous benefit to them and the wider area.

"I am particularly grateful to Peter Bone MP, who has campaigned tirelessly to move the project forward."

The proposed dual carriageway would provide a primary north/south link between the A14 and A45 trunk roads, serving Kettering and Wellingborough and destinations towards the southwest.

**Claire Short, Registered Osteopath, runs The Ashgrove Clinic in Higham Ferrers. Send your questions to [claire@ashgrovehealth.co.uk](mailto:claire@ashgrovehealth.co.uk) or Tweet to @AshgroveClinic**

## 'I Blame the Parents' is the fourth national tour for Geoff Norcott, following on from 'Conswervative', 'Traditionalism' and 'Taking Liberties'

The extended run goes from 2nd February – 29th May 2022  
At Castle Theatre, Wellingborough, Wednesday 9th March, 7.30pm

For his brand-new tour, Geoff Norcott (Would I Lie to You?, Live At The Apollo, Mock The Week, Question Time and The Mash Report/Late Night Mash) will be talking less politics (alright, there will probably be a bit), and, instead, will mostly explore personal responsibility, parenting and who should take the blame when things go wrong. Hint: it's you!

'He has become one of our most refreshingly funny comedians of any stripe.' *Dominic Maxwell, The Times*

Whatever happened to the idea of personal responsibility? In the age of victimhood, it seems like whatever is wrong with your life can be blamed on someone else: governments, employers... some bigot from four hundred years ago.

Where did it go wrong? It has to be the parents. For every generation, there's an opportunity for a new set of mums and dads to set their kids

straight and make a stand against whatever trendy nonsense is currently doing the rounds. But do we? Or is it easier to give in to fear and the pursuit of a quiet life?

Geoff has also realised that he's a bag of contradictions. Raised on a south London council estate by two maverick parents, there's plenty he has to sift through. His dad was a trade union man who obsessed over stocks and shares. His mum was a closet chauvinist and far too frank on the subject of sex.

All of which has made Geoff an unusual person, and in this show he casts his unique comedic eye over his most diverse range of subjects yet.

'He's a class act with a mature, sharp take on modern politics.'  
*Sunday Times*

Geoff now has a string of top-level credits to his name including: The Last Leg (C4), Would I Lie To You? (BBC1), Mock the Week (BBC2), Live at The Apollo (BBC2), Offended by

Irvine Welsh (Sky Arts), The Mash Report (BBC2), 8 Out of 10 Cats (C4), The Duchess (Netflix), A League Of Their Own (Sky), Late Night Mash (Dave), Richard Osman's House Of Games (BBC Two) and The Complaints Department (Comedy Central).

Geoff has also fronted his own documentary, How The Middle Class Ruined Britain (BBC2) (\*\*\*\*\* FT) and has released three Radio 4 specials to date, one of which won 'Best Comedy' at the BBC Radio & Music Awards.

Meanwhile, Geoff continues to be a feature in the world of political and social commentary, with regular appearances on political programmes, including Question Time, Politics Live and All Out Politics. He hosted a radio show for the first time in 2020, frequently deputising for Giles Coren on Times Radio as well as becoming a regular on BBC Radio 4's The News Quiz and The Now Show. TV writing credits include additional material for hit sitcom King



Gary (BBC1), Have I Got News For You (BBC1), It's Clarkson on TV (ITV), The Ranganation (BBC2) and many, many more.

2021 saw Geoff releasing his first book, the memoir Where Did I Go Right (How the Left Lost

Me), garnering praise from comics including Romesh Ranganathan, Katherine Ryan and David Baddiel and enjoying 5-star reviews across Amazon (where it was a long-running No.1 best-seller in political comedy), Audible and Waterstones.

**Title: Geoff Norcott – I Blame The Parents**  
**Duration: 90 minutes including support + interval**  
**Castle Theatre, Wellingborough**  
**Wednesday 9th March, 7.30pm**  
**Link: [www.livenation.co.uk/show/1347995/geoff-norcott-i-blame-the-parents/wellingborough/2022-03-09/en](http://www.livenation.co.uk/show/1347995/geoff-norcott-i-blame-the-parents/wellingborough/2022-03-09/en)**  
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For more information and for booking please visit [www.stanwicklakes.org.uk/whats-on/magical-winter-solstice-lantern-walk/](http://www.stanwicklakes.org.uk/whats-on/magical-winter-solstice-lantern-walk/)

## Nature's Winter Wonder Trail

Learn about the beautiful winter wildlife at Stanwick Lakes with their Nature's Winter Wonder Trail! From 29th November – Early Jan 2022 families can explore the great outdoors with the whimsical seasonal themed trail at Stanwick Lakes, as part of their Natureworks and Heritage Projects. Complete the trail and activities to win a Christmas Present Prize.

£3 per trail leaflet (one Christmas present prize per leaflet sold). Booking is not required, just purchase the activity leaflet from The Snack Shack (during the week) or Visitor Centre Reception (on weekends) 10am-3pm daily.

## Snowmen & Snowman Workshops

Looking for a fun Christmas activity? Create your very own Snowman, Snowman tree decoration plus admission to Nature's Winter Wonder Trail in the Snowman Workshops package at Stanwick Lakes! The workshops offer a great experience, using high quality materials sourced from the site, whilst having lots of festive fun. These will run over the weekend of 4th and 5th Dec, with 2 slots each day (10.30am-12.30pm and 1pm-3pm). This needs to be booked and paid for through [www.stanwicklakes.org.uk/whats-on/](http://www.stanwicklakes.org.uk/whats-on/) where more general information as well as on pricing can be found.

The famous snowmen are back at Stanwick Lakes at only £7.50 each! Bring a new addition to your Christmas collection with this little handmade piece, or why not browse the new snowmen tree decorations too, at only £2 each or 3 for £5.

# Nene Valley News - EVENTS

**Sunday 28th November, 10.15am**

## Morning Worship

Whitefriars Primary School, Boughton Drive, Rushden NN10 9HX. Looking at refugees. More details from [office@whitefriarschurch.org.uk](mailto:office@whitefriarschurch.org.uk).

**Saturday 4th December, 7.30pm**

## Christmas Concert

United Reformed Church, High Street, Wellingborough. Tickets £8, students £5, under 12s free, Available from: Irvin's House of Flavour, Wellingborough; by calling 01604 870318; or on the door. 'Comfort and Joy' – familiar carols and choruses from 'Messiah' performed with Camerata Singers of Kettering.

**Sunday 5th December, 9.35am**

## Higham Ferrers Footpath Group

Saffron Road car park Higham Ferrers for car sharing. Free, call 07816 065112. 5-mile walk from Ecton.

**Sunday 5th December, 10.15am**

## Morning Worship

Whitefriars Primary School, Rushden NN10 9HX. How to have a green and simple Christmas. More details from [office@whitefriarschurch.org.uk](mailto:office@whitefriarschurch.org.uk).

**Friday 17th December, 7.30pm**

## Rushden & District History Society

Whitefriars Primary School, Rushden NN10 9HX. Members £1.50, non-members £2.50. Tel: 01536 238320 for more info. Jon-Paul Carr 'The Twelve Days of 'Rushden's' Christmas'.

**Fridays: 9.30am**

## Sparklers, a toddler group for all pre-school aged children and their parents/carers

Bridge, Whitefriars Primary School grounds, Rushden NN10 9HX. Run by Whitefriars Church - all welcome. Details from Em Croxon via [emma@whitefriarschurch.org.uk](mailto:emma@whitefriarschurch.org.uk) or 07957 080074.

**Fridays: 1.30pm**

## Little Sparks, a baby group for children aged under one and their parents/carers

Bridge, Whitefriars Primary School grounds, Rushden NN10 9HX. Run by Whitefriars Church -

all welcome. Details from Em Croxon via [emma@whitefriarschurch.org.uk](mailto:emma@whitefriarschurch.org.uk) or 07957 080074.

**Thursday 2nd December at 8pm-9pm**

## Anita Sethi: I belong Here – A Journey Along the Backbone of Britain

Zoom webinar, Tickets £6. Please register at [oundlelitfest.org.uk/events/I-Belong-Here](http://oundlelitfest.org.uk/events/I-Belong-Here) heralds a powerful and refreshing new voice in nature writing. It was chosen as one of Waterstones' Best Books to Look Forward to in 2021, a Guardian 2021 Literary Highlight, and was also shortlisted for the Wainwright Prize for nature writing. Any queries, email [oundlelitfestival@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:oundlelitfestival@hotmail.co.uk)

**Sunday 19th December, 9.35am**

## Higham Ferrers Footpath Group

Saffron Road car park Higham Ferrers for car sharing. Free. Call: 07552 993777. 7 mile walk from Kimbolton.

**6th, 27th, 28th and 29th January 2022**

## Event: Cinderella

Queen Victoria Hall, West Street, Oundle 7.30pm (Weds/Thurs/Fri), 3pm & 7pm (Saturday) Admission fee: £10-£12. Tickets: [creativeoundle.co.uk](http://creativeoundle.co.uk) or call 01832 279086 (Mon-Fri 10am-1pm). Traditional family pantomime featuring popular local actors and a live band.

**Saturday 11th December until Wednesday 22nd December**

## "The 12 Days To Christmas"

A foliage and flower display by church flower arrangers and village groups.

The arrangements will depict Christmas songs and carols.

St Andrew Church Brigstock, Saturdays 10am until 4pm, Sundays 12noon until 4pm, Weekdays 11am until 3pm. Admission free. Refreshments, raffle and a quiz sheet to guess the song title.

**To submit your event please contact us via our website [www.nenevalleynews.co.uk](http://www.nenevalleynews.co.uk) or call 01522 692542. Please supply in the following format: Date, event, place, time, admission fee (if applicable), contact information, 15 word description.**

# Raunds Music Festival back with a Christmas concert

Melrose Quartet – Saxon Hall, 4th December – 8pm (doors 7.30pm)

December 2019 was the last Raunds Music Festival concert – but we are back in 2021!

Melrose Quartet are often mentioned as a favourite Raunds act, so we are delighted that they return for our 'comeback event'. The folk band consists of Nancy Kerr, James Fagan and Jess & Richard Arrowsmith; all are established artists who have a great chemistry when they perform together. There will be traditional carols, new songs by some of the best contemporary songwriters, and they promise games and Christmas jumpers as well!

Our evening of good cheer will be at The Saxon Hall in Raunds, with thanks to Raunds Town Council. We will be following

Public Health England's advice on keeping ourselves and our audiences safe, so please see our website nearer the time for specific precautions.

Our Christmas concerts have been very popular – the last one was a sell-out. So that you are not disappointed we would encourage you to get your tickets (£15 and £5 for under 16s) early from [raundsfestival.com](http://raundsfestival.com), or ring 07756 015615.

We hope to see you there, and please watch out for our live music events in 2022.

**Keep checking for details at the website: [www.raundsfestival.com](http://www.raundsfestival.com)**

## Raunds Christmas Market & Lights Switch-on

**Sunday 28th November 2021**

**Raunds Town Square from 2pm – 6:30pm**

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## North Northamptonshire Council

# NOTICE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

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

### > LAXTON

Part removal of existing ground floor rear extension and conservatory to rebuild new redesigned single storey extension at 17 Main Street Laxton NN17 3AT (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/21/01596/FUL (21 December 2021)

### > RUSHDEN

Variation of condition to allow for replacement of UPVC windows to first and second floors with softwood painted windows of matching former windows – pursuant to application NE/21/00912/FUL Condition 4: Joinery at 26 High Street Rushden NN10 0PW (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/21/01599/VAR (21 December 2021)

### > FOTHERINGHAY

Single storey extension; retention and replacement of a number of UPVC windows including an exterior door (Revised submission to NE/21/00804/FUL and NE/21/00805/LBC) at Orchard Cottage Main Street Fotheringhay PE8 5HZ (Info) (LB/CA) (LBRegs) (Info) NE/21/01660/FUL (21 December 2021)

### > RUSHDEN

Change of Use/conversion of the former public house to office use, and part conversion to 3No. one bedroom residential units; and erection of 3No. one bedroom two storey dwellings with

associated parking and amenity space. at 1 High Street South Rushden NN10 0QU (Part3) (Info) (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/21/01555/FUL (21 December 2021)

### > TWYWELL

Demolition of existing dwelling and the construction of a replacement dwelling house at 4 The Lawns Twywell NN14 3AU (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/21/01597/FUL (21 December 2021)

### > HARRINGWORTH

Proposed replacement doors and windows. At Fineshade House Wakerley Road Harringworth NN17 3AH (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/21/01650/FUL (21 December 2021)

### > RUSHDEN

Construction of 133 dwellings, internal roads, public open space, landscaping and other ancillary works, including creation of a new vehicular and pedestrian access from Prospect Avenue and pedestrian access from Shirley Road at Land Off Shirley Road Rushden (Info) (Part3) (Info) (Info) (Part3) (Info) NE/21/00498/FUL (21 December 2021)

### > OUNDLE

Internal and external alterations to allow for restoration, reconfiguration and change of use of 1 New Road to single dwelling house, removing part of the boundary wall to create new access and demolition of modern adjacent buildings at 1 Station Road Oundle PE8 4DB (LBRegs) (Info) NE/21/01627/LBC (21 December 2021)

### > YARWELL

Construction of 3 new dormer windows to the second-floor front elevation of the existing dwelling, which will accommodate 2 additional bedrooms with a separate shower room. New steel staircase and door to access the existing roof space storage area over the existing garage at 68 Main Street Yarwell PE8 6PR (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/21/01637/FUL (21 December 2021)

### > IRTHLINGBOROUGH

Single storey side return extension and new soil vent pipe to front elevation at 27 Lime Street Irthlingborough NN9 5SH (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/21/01645/FUL (21 December 2021)

### > PILTON

New electric car charger to be fitted to existing stone garden wall at The Stone Barn Pilton Manor Main Street Pilton PE8 5SN (LB/CA) (Info) (LBRegs) (Info) NE/21/01673/LBC (21 December 2021)

### > YARWELL

Retrospective planning application for oak frame garage. Commencement and completion dates approximate only. At 83 Main Street Yarwell PE8 6PR (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/21/01629/FUL (21 December 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)**

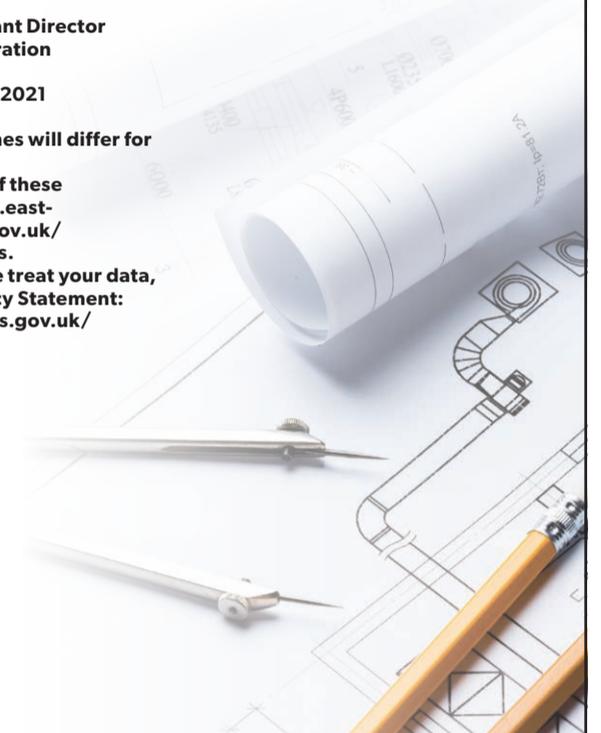
### Order 2015.

**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 27 November 2021**

**Consultation deadlines will differ for each application.**  
**You can see details of these applications at [www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/planningapplications](http://www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/planningapplications).**  
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**NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL (HIGH STREET, RINGSTEAD)**

**(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 High Street, Ringstead as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of High Street, Ringstead from outside 29 High Street for 60 metres.

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 6th December 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 10th December 2021.

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# STRATEGY PUBLISHED FOR NORTH NORTHANTS BUS IMPROVEMENTS

A strategy on how North Northamptonshire Council can improve bus services in the area – particularly to respond to the impact that Covid-19 has had on the sector – has been published by the local authority and approved by its Executive.

Forming part of the Government's National Bus Strategy – 'Bus Back Better' – recommendations include forming an 'Enhanced Partnership' with bus companies, towns and parishes, passengers and businesses.

Such an arrangement would allow access to a £3 billion funding pot to assist with sustaining, re-introducing and developing bus routes, which otherwise could potentially be lost as they would not be deemed commercially viable.

The strategy also lays out how it will work towards increasing reliability of journeys, boosting the number of passengers and ensuring people are happier with the service provided.

The plans also include proposals for multi-operator ticketing for journeys within and in and out of

North Northamptonshire as well as working with bus operators to resume their investment in new, more environmentally friendly vehicles.

Cllr Graham Lawman, the council's Executive Member for Highways, Travel and Assets, said: "Improving bus services, especially in rural areas, was an important part of our manifesto, so I'm delighted that we have published our proposals by the deadline and now we can move forward to the next stage of the process to improve bus services in North Northants."

"There are a myriad of reasons why an efficient bus service that is more attractive and convenient for passengers to use is good for our area and we're fully committed to do what we can to work towards this goal, whether it's fixed routes or

on-demand services for more rural areas."

Cllr Jason Smithers, Leader of the Council, said: "With COP26 having recently taken place, I'm delighted that we're seeing the start of our good work to improve the bus network in North Northants as the environmental benefits of us all making more journeys on public transport are well known.

"A better bus network also enhances links between communities. Our investment in these rural routes will help tackle the issue of social isolation, which many face in these areas and which has been particularly acute during the pandemic."

This first Bus Service Improvement Plan represents initial proposals over a medium-term timeframe of about three to five years, but will



be regularly reviewed before then. It has been informed by the results of a public consultation during September and October 2021 with more planned in the near future.

In March 2021 the Government published Bus Back Better, the National Bus Strategy for England to transform bus services and help the bus industry recover from the effects of Covid-19.

In order to proceed with

the strategy and access future Government funding for buses, the Department of Transport (DfT) had asked councils to demonstrate a commitment to develop plans by 30th June 2021 and required councils to publish their own Bus Service Improvement Plan by the end of October 2021.

The DfT requires all Enhanced Partnerships to be in place by April 2022.



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