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NEWS IN BRIEF

Mayor's Show cancelled

As a mark of respect following the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Raunds Town Council has decided to cancel the Mayor's Show which was scheduled to take place on Saturday 17th September.

Any suppliers or stall holders for this event will be contacted with more information.

Ise Valley Strategic Plan launch postponed

A blueprint to protect and enhance the natural environment of North Northamptonshire's Ise Valley was set to launch last Thursday.

However, following the sad news of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II it was decided to postpone the launch event.

The launch event will now be held on Thursday 6th October, between 10.15am and 2.15pm.

If you would like to attend then please contact Dr Corinne Muir (Senior Project Officer - Ise Initiative and Forest for Life) by email Corinne@nrnp.org or call 07874 855429. Also Media@northnorthants.gov.uk

Have your say on the amalgamation of two Rushden schools

North Northamptonshire Council is asking for views on the amalgamation of two schools in the town.

The schools are:

- Tennyson Road Infant School which provides education for children aged 3 (Nursery) to 7 years (Year 2).
- Alfred Street Junior School which provides education for children aged 7 (Year 3) to 11 years (Year 6).

At a meeting of the Council's Executive on 25th August - and following an initial consultation - it was agreed for a Statutory Notice to be issued proposing the amalgamation.

Now people are being asked to have their say in a formal consultation which runs until midnight on Sunday 2nd October.

For the amalgamation to progress, one of the schools has to 'technically' close - in this case by the formal closure of Tennyson Road Infant School and by expanding the age range of Alfred Street Junior School to provide education for children aged 3 (Nursery) to aged 11 (Year 6).

This is purely a 'technical' closure and does not prejudice that there will be a change of site, name, staffing or any other aspect of the new school, which will be the subject of a further consultation and decision-making process. The proposal will mean closing the Department for Education number of Tennyson Road Infant School only.

A Steering Group - made up of Governors from both schools - has been set up in relation to the potential amalgamation of the schools. The Steering Group recommends that the amalgamation of Alfred Street Junior School and Tennyson Road Infant School is progressed. It is the view of the Steering Group that this decision will lead to the development of a stronger, sustainable school that will be best placed to meet the needs of children, parents/carers and the wider community into the future.

Cllr Scott Edwards, North Northamptonshire Council's Executive



North Northamptonshire Council

member for Children, Families, Education and Skills, said: "Supporting children in their education is very important to us and it's important that as many people as possible have their say to make sure that everyone has had their view and all sides of the issue have been fully explored."

Cllr Jason Smithers, Leader of the Council, said: "Our young people are the future of North Northants so it's important that they receive the best education possible. Ensuring the right school arrangements are in place is essential so it's important we get this right. As such I'd encourage people to have their say to ensure that all views are represented."

To address several financial and

operational challenges at Alfred Street and Tennyson Road schools, the Council was approached by the Governing Bodies from both schools to support an amalgamation.

Council officers support the request of the Governing Bodies and agree that the proposed amalgamation would be to the benefit of children in the local area, continuing to ensure the best outcomes for children at Alfred Street Junior School and Tennyson Road Infant school.

An initial consultation took place over a period of eight weeks from 1st March to 29th April. The outcome of the initial consultation showed majority support for amalgamation of the schools.

The consultation is available online at: <https://northnorthants.citizenspace.com>. Following the consultation a further decision will be made by the Council's Executive on next steps.

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HOW TO TALK TO CHILDREN ABOUT GRIEF AND CHANGE - COACHES FROM ACTION FOR CHILDREN'S PARENT TALK SERVICE

Parenting coach Ruth Duckworth from Action for Children's Parent Talk service (parent-talk.org.uk) discusses how to talk to children about grief and change:

"The news of Her Majesty The Queen's death and the current mourning period might be causing difficult emotions for your child. They might find that it brings up memories of their own loved ones who have died.

"Talking about things like death and illness can be challenging. There are a

number of ways you can help your child to feel supported and understood during this time. These include using child-friendly explanations, limiting the amount of time spent watching the news and keeping your family routines as much as possible, as well as taking time to highlight all the positive things the Queen achieved."

More info is available from Action for Children's Parent Talk team on how to talk to children about grief and change. Parent Talk offers free,

down-to-earth information and advice for parents of children aged 0-19 from Action for Children. The confidential one-to-one online chat service connects parents directly with a parenting coach for judgement-free practical advice and emotional support whilst the website answers some of the most common parenting questions.

Parenting coaches are qualified and experienced support workers, childminders, play practitioners and teachers. Visit parent-talk.org.uk

GENEALOGY JOTTINGS

WORDS BY
JAN PEARSON

Researching your family history is never-ending! I started when I was just aged 4, listening to the stories that my Gran told me about her family. Being one of 13 children, there were a lot of stories to tell! I blame her entirely for my fascination and it still continues...

However, names. Yes, those first names endowed upon our ancestors by their well-meaning parents. Not everyone likes the name that they were given and some use another one, which may – or may not – be their middle name. One of Gran's sisters was my Aunt Nell. No. Her real name was Florence Mary Helen. Another was Aunt Ada. Again, her name was really Harriet Ada. How many of you use another name instead of your 'Sunday Name'?

I recently stumbled across a person in my extended family tree who was baptised with the name Semolina Dora Hawkes Ives. Semolina? Actually, if you pop that into the search box of FreeBMD, five others appear so she was not unique, but I wonder where her parents got the name from. Needless to say, Semolina used the

name Dora rather a lot. Not only that, the Hawkes name was hyphenated with Ives from time to time, so that made searching rather interesting!

I also have five instances in my family of the name Major being used as a first name – not a rank in the army! One of them had the surname of Leonard, which is also a first name. Actually, none of them did enter the Armed Forces, or it might have been rather confusing: Private Major Leonard... Oo-er! But talking of the army, some people were named after battles that had recently taken place. Although the name Alma had been previously used, but just from time to time, once the battle took place there in the Crimean War on 20th September 1854, there were 269 births registered between October and December that year for children given Alma as a first name. It can be rather interesting to discover why the parents gave the children their names.

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Books of condolence and floral tributes

All our thoughts are with the Royal Family following the news that Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, died peacefully at Balmoral on Thursday 8th September 2022.

Online book of condolence
The Royal Family book of condolence is available online.

Books of condolence

From Friday 9th September, books of condolence were opened in North Northamptonshire Council's main office buildings to mark the sad news. This is available for everyone to pay their respects.

Books of condolence will be located at the following locations:

- Corby: Main Reception, The Cube, Corby NN17 1QG
- Kettering: Council Chamber, Bowling Green Road, Kettering NN15 7QX

- Thrapston: Main Reception, Cedar Drive, Thrapston NN14 4LZ

- Wellingborough: Main Reception, Swanspool House, Doddington Road, Wellingborough NN8 1BP

Kettering's Council Chamber will be accessible from Bowling Green Road.

Opening times:

- Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 6pm
 - Saturday, 9am to 5pm
 - Sunday, 9am to 5pm
- Please be aware that during peak periods there may be queues.

Closing of the books of condolence

The books of condolence will be closed on the day after the Queen's funeral.

Once closed, the books of condolence will form part of North Northamptonshire Council's archive so that future generations are able to easily gain access to them and find

out the way in which this important national event was marked.

Floral tributes

People can lay floral tributes if they wish to do so. Some town and parish councils will wish to designate a space for floral tributes in their areas. Please check their individual websites for details.

- Corby: Floral tributes lawned area on the lower level flower terrace closest to the bus shelter at George Street
- Kettering: Floral tributes may be laid on the grass in front of the flagpole on Bowling Green Road
- Thrapston: Floral tributes to be laid by the flagpole at East Northants House
- Wellingborough: Floral tributes to be laid in front of the fountain directly in front of Swanspool House at the corner of London Road and Doddington Road.

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Plan for the beautiful Ise Valley will enhance natural environment for **people and wildlife**

A blueprint to protect and enhance the natural environment of North Northamptonshire's Ise Valley is set to launch.

At its helm, are flagship projects like the Ise Valley Greenway, a sustainable walking and cycling route from Wellingborough to Corby, South Meadows at Wicksteed Park, looking to restore the natural flow of the River Ise and Boughton Estate, creating new habitats, redesigning water structures enabling fish movement upstream and embracing natural flood management by creating a floodwater storage zone.

The Ise Valley Strategic Plan has been written to bring a focussed approach to projects that will improve access through and the quality of the Valley.

These will be delivered across an area stretching from the historic fields of Naseby, across to the village of Geddington, roaming north to Corby and south to Wellingborough.

The Ise Valley, which covers a large swathe of North Northamptonshire, is

vital to the economic, sustainable, and environmental growth of the region.

In recognition of this, the large-scale and ambitious plan not only aims to enhance the quality of the valley's natural environment for people and wildlife but also to create socioeconomic benefits through tourism opportunities for local communities, provide for natural flood management and mitigate against climate change.

The plan, alongside the Ise Valley Greenway and South Meadows projects, will be showcased at a launch event at Wicksteed Park, Kettering – in the heart of the Valley – and where work has already started on the South Meadows to restore the natural habitat.

Cllr David Brackenbury, North Northamptonshire Council's Executive Member for Growth and Regeneration, said: "The launch of the Ise Valley Strategic Plan is a great



moment for North Northamptonshire. The Valley may not be well-known by some people in the region, but this Plan is the start of putting it on the map, celebrating everything it has to offer and building on the benefits it will bring to residents and businesses."

Cllr Jason Smithers, Leader of the

Council, said: "Working with partner organisations on the Strategic Plan has shown what can be achieved when the vision is clear and desired outcomes are realistic. Whilst incredibly important, the launch is just the beginning of what will be a wonderful project for North Northamptonshire."

The Strategic Plan, a vision of the future for the region, was prepared by the Nene Rivers Trust (formerly the River Nene Regional Park) on behalf of and with input from the River Ise Partnership, a collaborative partnership of leading organisations who have joined forces to secure a green future for the Valley.



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OCTOBER

Sat 1 Bletchley Park Code Breakers
Sat 1 Milton Keynes shopping
Wed 5 Shrewsbury Cruise & British Iron Works
Thu 6 Sulgrave Manor & Gardens
Sat 8 Knitting & Stitching Show
Sun 9 Skegness
Tue 11 Cambridge
Sat 15 Blackpool Illuminations
Sat 22 Westonbirt Colours of Autumn
Mon 24 Dad's Army tour, museum & Thetford
Thu 27 Black Country Museum or Dudley Zoo
Fri 28 London Museums or Free Time
Fri 28 St Paul's Cathedral London
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NOVEMBER

Sat 5 Silverstone Experience
Wed 9 Thursford
Thu 10 Tina Turner the musical
Sat 12 Birmingham Christmas Market
Fri 18 Chatsworth at Christmas
Sat 19 Nottingham Christmas Market
Sun 20 Blenheim Palace Christmas Market
Mon 21 Thursford
Wed 23 Cheltenham Christmas Market
Sat 26 Cadbury World at Christmas
Sat 26 Bath Christmas Market
Sun 27 Bury St Edmunds Christmas Market
Sun 27 Skegness Christmas Market

DECEMBER

Thu 1 Thursford
Fri 2 Worcester Christmas Market
Sat 3 Melton Mowbray Christmas
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Thu 8 Christmas Lunch River Cruise
Fri 9 Stratford Upon Avon Victorian Christmas
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Mon 12 Thursford
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Tue 20 Thursford

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Spotlight on > EDUCATION



Out to Water, Into History



> FULL STEAM AHEAD AS NEW GREENWAY GATEWAY OPENS IN RUSHDEN

A new gateway to reflect Rushden's railway history has been unveiled by North Northamptonshire Council (NNC) and partner organisations along the Greenway.

The final piece of the Out to Water, Into History project has been co-designed and created in collaboration with the community and students

Plumbing students created this welcome message in pipework



Students and staff celebrating the official unveiling of the project

from Moulton College.

Level 1 and Level 2 Construction students based in Higham Ferrers have worked with NNC since initial scoping with the public started last September to design and create the new

Gateway, which reflects the heritage of the section of the Greenway that follows the former Wellingborough-Rushden-Higham Ferrers line. Tutors have worked exceptionally hard over the past few months with pupils

on the bricklaying, carpentry and plumbing teams to create the new installation including a new 'Welcome to Rushden' sign and planters in the shape of a train.

Cllr Helen Howell, the council's Deputy Leader and

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Executive Member for Sport, Leisure, Culture and Tourism said: "Thank you to everyone who has worked so hard on the new gateway along the Greenway in Rushden."

"Throughout the process, it was important to us that we took on board the thoughts and views of residents, whilst working closely with Moulton College, to ensure we reflected Rushden's history. I hope everyone will be pleased with the result. If you haven't visited the Greenway yet, I really would encourage you to take a stroll."

Leader of the Council, Cllr Jason Smithers added: "It is great that we have been able to continue the work started under the former East Northamptonshire Council and our teams are working alongside partner organisations to create such a brilliant asset for the people of Rushden and the surrounding area."

The construction students at Moulton College were pivotal to the success of the project throughout. Corrie Harris, Principal and CEO of Moulton College said: "We have been delighted to be involved in the Greenway Gateway project. This has given our students an amazing opportunity to gain further invaluable 'hands on experience'. We are incredibly proud of what they and their tutors have achieved."

The Out to Water, Into History (OTWIH) project is a five-year project funded by Heritage Lottery Funding through Nenescape and North Northamptonshire Council. It was launched to improve access between Rushden and the Nene Valley.

For the latest updates on the project, make sure you

are following the OTWIH Facebook page.

The OTWIH team would like to thank the teaching staff and pupils at Moulton College for embracing the project, all the local businesses who have contributed to the project and Nenescape.

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Notice of planning APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

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

> DEENE

Extend outbuilding at Deepings Lodge Deene Park Deene Corby NN17 3EW (LBRegs) (Info) NE/22/00642/LBC (11 October 2022)

> HIGHAM FERRERS

Remove condition 3 pursuant to application NE/21/00647/FUL 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 (sui generis use) Condition 3 - Hours of operation at 11 Market Square Higham Ferrers Rushden NN10 8BT (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/22/01081/VAR (11 October 2022)

> POLEBROOK

A new walled garden including garden structures within the proximity of the existing detached garden building associated with Polebrook Hall at Polebrook Hall Main Street Polebrook Peterborough PE8 5LN (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/22/01106/FUL (11 October 2022)

> ISLIP

Replacement windows and door at 18 Mill Road Islip Kettering NN14 3LB (LBRegs) (Info) NE/22/01098/LBC (29 September 2022)

> ASHTON

Install new external boiler to the rear of the property at Chestnut Cottage 14 The Green Ashton Peterborough PE8 5LD (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/22/01086/FUL (11 October 2022)

Single storey rear infill extension with internal alterations at 1 Mill Cottages Oundle

Road Ashton Peterborough PE8 5LB (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/22/01072/FUL (11 October 2022)
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> HARRINGWORTH

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Rob Harbour, Assistant Director Growth And Regeneration

Dated 17 September 2022

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Crimestoppers joins East and West Midlands police to tackle growing County Lines drug networks for the first time in hard hitting campaign

As drug gangs increasingly move out of town by expanding into new areas, exploiting vulnerable people along the way, the charity Crimestoppers is working with all police forces across the East and West Midlands in a joint campaign.

It's the first time law enforcement has united with the charity to launch an initiative aimed at disrupting and stopping drug gangs operating across county.

County Lines gangs are expanding their networks quickly, with many choosing to move from larger cities to settle in rural areas in the Midlands.

Criminals often recruit children, young people and vulnerable adults through the promise of friendship, money, drugs and more, in return for couriating illegal drugs and money across cities, towns and villages, known as 'County Lines'. Sadly, these relationships soon turn violent with victims being robbed, threatened and abused.

The charity is encouraging anyone with information or suspicions about organised drug gangs

– and victims who need safeguarding – to contact Crimestoppers 100% anonymously by calling freephone 0800 555 111 at any time or by completing a secure online form at Crimestoppers-uk.org or Fearless.org for young people, where more can also be learnt about the warning signs of County Lines activity.

Fearless.org also offers young people non-judgmental advice so they can make informed decisions about lifestyle choices and realise that they have an alternative option when reporting crime.

Anybody can get caught up in illegal, harmful drug activity. Signs to spot that something may not be right include:

- Changes in the way young people you know might dress and unexplained,

sometimes unaffordable, new clothes, jewellery, phones, cars etc

- Access to multiple phones/receiving excess phone calls or texts
- You witness them dealing drugs.

Criminals can take over a home or short-term let as a drugs base. This is known as 'Cuckooing'. Signs of this can include:

- Regular short stay visitors
 - Residents or young people going missing, maybe for long periods of time
 - Curtains often always closed during the day
 - A change of resident's mood/demeanour (e.g. secretive/withdrawn/aggressive/emotional)
 - Unusual frequency of takeaway food
 - Increase in rubbish/drug paraphernalia.
- Matt Morgan, Detective



Inspector, Regional County Lines Coordinator, said: "How we tackle County Lines has changed dramatically, in relation to both our knowledge, safeguarding and enforcement activity. This success has only been possible due to the enormous efforts across policing and with partner agencies.

"Although we have made huge inroads in tackling this

type of offending, we are far from solving this issue.

We still have much to do to ensure that we create an environment where the County Lines offending model is high risk and as hostile as possible to phone line holders and their associates, to protect our communities."

Please note: With Fearless.org and Crimestoppers-uk.

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More information about County Lines and Cuckooing along with signs to spot can be found here: <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/keeping-safe/community-family/county-lines>

What's On at the Cowper & Newton Museum - October 2022

Children's Garden Trail 'Amazing Animals'

Family fun time! Throughout the year during usual opening times. £1.50 includes a small prize. Bring a picnic to enjoy sitting in our beautiful, tranquil gardens. Usual admission applies to see inside the historic house.

Make a Miniature Garden: Saturday 8th October at 2pm-3.30pm in the gardens

Aimed at children aged 6-10 and families. Build a miniature garden to take away using resources in the garden. There is no fee for the activity, but please be aware that the usual admission fee applies. Spaces are limited. Email info@cowperandnewtonmuseum.org.uk or pop into our shop to secure your slot.



Olney Historical Guided Walk – North End: Saturday 15th October 10.30am-12noon

Discover the stories of yesteryear, including the Great Fires of Olney and life and trades of the 18th and 19th centuries. Meet outside the museum. Pay on the day. More details on the website.

In Black and White: 18th Century Silhouettes, a talk by Georgian historian Mike Rendell: Friday 21st October 7-9pm

Traces the history of the silhouette and how paper cutting was imported by the Hanoverian Royal family. Bring your own scissors for a post-talk hands-on session to create your very own silhouette. Tickets £5 – book online.



Your Health - Standing still

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CLAIRE SHORT

Over the next few weeks a lot of people are going to be standing around. Already at the proclamations and along the route of Queen Elizabeth's cortege thousands of people are spending a lot of time standing still.

And it's not good for us.

In fact, it's a great way to give yourself back pain.

So, what can you do to help the back ache when you're standing still or if you're on your feet all day at work?

1. Wriggle your toes! The age-old advice from soldiers still stands. Wriggling your pinkies keeps the blood flowing back up your legs and stops it pooling in your feet
2. Walk on the spot. Better than wriggling your toes is to get your legs moving, not only will this keep the blood



flowing, it will also get some of your joints and muscles moving a bit.

3. Wriggle all over! Dancing and wriggling is a great way to get everything moving. Bodies really don't like staying still, so have a wriggle.
4. If your GP has recommended that you wear compression socks, wear them. Sure, they're hard to get on, but they reduce extra fluid in the legs, reduce inflammation, and ultimately improve blood flow through the veins

to the heart. They're often recommended to people who stand all day at work, but do talk to a professional before using them.

5. Take a few deep breaths. Deep breaths help move fluid around the body. Don't hyperventilate, but a few deep breaths every now and then when you're standing still is helpful.

Wherever you are and whatever you're doing over the next few weeks, I hope you manage to keep moving. Have a wriggly week!

Claire Short, Registered Osteopath, runs The Ashgrove Clinic in Higham Ferrers. Send your questions to claire@ashgrovehealth.co.uk or Tweet to @AshgroveClinic



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> SUNDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER

Higham Ferrers Footpath Group

Meet 9.30am, Saffron Road car park for car sharing. Time: 10am at Harrold County Park. Contact: Donna 07841048026

A 7.5 mile walk – Three Woods and Three Shires Way.

> SUNDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER, 10.15AM

Morning Worship

Whitefriars Primary School, Boughton Drive, Rushden NN10 9HX. All welcome.

> SUNDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER, 10.15AM

Morning Worship with Holy Communion

Whitefriars Primary School, Boughton Drive, Rushden NN10 9HX. All welcome.

> SUNDAY 2ND OCTOBER

Higham Ferrers Footpath Group

Meet 9.30am, Saffron Road car park for car sharing. Time: 10am at Memorial Park, High

Street, Carlton MK23 7LD Contact: Cindy 07552993777. 7 mile walk in the Carlton, Stevington area via River Ouse.

> SUNDAY 16TH OCTOBER

Higham Ferrers Footpath Group

Meet 9.30am, Saffron Road car park for car sharing. Time 10am, Fermyn Woods Country Park, Lyvenden Road, Brigstock NN14 3HS. Contact: Mark 074622422097.

6 mile walk in the Brigstock area starting at Fermyn Woods.

> SUNDAY 30TH OCTOBER

Higham Ferrers Footpath Group

Meet 9.45am, Saffron Road car park for car sharing. Time: 10am at Grangeway shops, Rushden NN10 9JE

Contact: Daphne 01933 386839

An 11 mile walk between Rushden, Wymington and Hinwick. Packed lunches will be required.

To submit your event please contact us via our website 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.

Last Night of the Proms

On Saturday 24th September 2022 at 7pm the multi award-winning Northampton Male Voice Choir (NMVC) will present its "Last Night of the Proms" concert. The choir, conducted by its Musical Director, Stephen Bell, will be joined by the world famous GUS Championship Brass Band and special guest soloist, the fabulous soprano, Emily Haig.

This promises to be a magical night simply bursting with music to entertain you, with a fantastic range of music from the sublime Sibelius Finlandia Overture to Ron Goodwin's 633 Squadron and a rousing selection of songs from NMVC. The evening will end with a flag waving, "Last Night" sing-a-long with Emily Haig including favourites such as Jerusalem, Rule Britannia and Land of Hope and Glory. Audience participation will be essential.

This not to be missed concert will be held in the Spinney Theatre, Spinney Hill Road, Northampton NN3 6DG.

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For Emily Haig see www.emilyhaigsoprano.co.uk
For the Gus Band see www.thegusband.com

WEDDINGS AND CUSTOMS

A talk by Sharn Matthews in Cotterstock Village Hall PE8 5HD on Friday 7th October at 2pm or 7pm.

The government's latest proposals to expand where you can get married in England could change over 200 years of wedding tradition for many happy couples. But how and when we married and what we wear has been evolving continuously over the centuries.

For example the famous rhyme: "Something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue; And a silver sixpence in the shoe" only gained popularity in the 20th century. Brides wearing white wedding dresses only became widespread towards the end of the 19th century and during World War II many brides reverted to wearing a new best dress because of rationing.

If you are interested in discovering more about wedding dresses and customs then come and listen to Sharn Matthews explore the origins of having chimney sweeps at weddings, confetti throwing, wedding breakfasts and much more. The talk will be illustrated by pictures of wedding dresses from Sharn's vast experience of working with museum costume collections for over 40 years including those with Cotterstock, Islip, Peterborough and Wisbech connections.

Before and after the talk there will be the chance to look at some vintage wedding dresses including gowns from the 1920s, 1950s and 1980s plus Sharn's own hand embroidered dress and matching groom's waistcoat.



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Tickets for the talk are £6 (which includes a complimentary soft drink and biscuits in the interval) and are available from Stu-Pots, Market Place Oundle PE8 4BE. There will also be a quality raffle prize draw at each presentation so come and enjoy the opportunity to rekindle memories of times past.

All proceeds from this event will be shared between the DEC Ukrainian Appeal and St Andrew's Church Cotterstock.

Max Adams: The Museum of the Wood Age

Monday 3rd October 7.45pm, St Peter's Church, North Street, Oundle PE8 4AL



From tools and devices to construction and artistic expression, Max Adams explores wood in his latest book. The Age of Iron began in 1779. Before that, all human history was one long... Wood Age.

As a material, wood has no equal in strength, resilience, adaptability and availability.

It has been our partner in the cultural evolution from woodland foragers to engineers of our own destiny. Tracing that partnership through tools, devices, construction and artistic expression, Max Adams casts light on our own history as an imaginative, curious, resourceful species. He begins with the material properties of various

species of wood, and the influence of six basic devices – wedge, inclined plane, screw, lever, wheel, axle and pulley – before investigating the myriad ways in which wood has been worked across the millennia of human history.

From the simple bivouacs of hunter-gatherers to sophisticated wooden buildings such as stave churches; from the decorative arts to the humble woodworking of rustic furniture, Max Adams fashions a lattice of interconnected stories and objects that trace a path of human ingenuity across half a million years. From bow and arrow to wheeled vehicles, bonfires to forges, canoes to ocean going ships; from pallets and barrels to mills and the construction of an Elizabethan theatre, this is a unique exploration of our relationship with the material that made us what we are.

'Adams' enthusiasm is beguiling, his knowledge as bountiful as a beech-mast, and his appreciation of the utility of trees is a pointer to a better world' The Times.

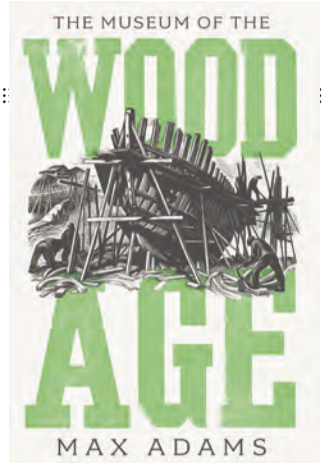
Max was a professional archaeologist before taking up careers as a woodsman, traveller and writer. His biographies of Admiral Collingwood and John Martin were followed by critically acclaimed works on the Dark Ages (The King in the North, In the Land of Giants and Ælfred's Britain). His Wisdom of Trees (2014), Little Book of Planting Trees (2019) and Trees of Life (2019) are all celebrations

of humans' rich relations with trees and woods. He owns and manages an 8-acre plantation of native broadleaves in County Durham and is an active campaigner for the planting and study of trees and woodlands.

He is a Director at WoodsfortheTrees.org, a CIC that matches people with land to create new native woodlands for the future. <https://woodsforthetrees.org>

Max was, until very recently, a Consultant Fellow with the Royal Literary Fund, mentoring and guiding writers at all stages of their academic careers.

He is a Visiting Fellow in the Department of History, Classics and Archaeology at Newcastle



University and was a Winston Churchill Memorial Fund Fellow in 2003. Max designs and delivers writing workshops, immersive programmes and writing retreats for academic staff in all subject areas but particularly in STEM disciplines and in history and archaeology.

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APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN FOR SEPTEMBER 2023 SCHOOL PLACES

Parents and carers are now able to apply for a reception place in a primary or infant school, a Year 3 place in a junior school, or a Year 7 place in a secondary school for the September 2023 intake.

Parents and carers can apply up until 12 midnight on the closing dates for both Primary and Secondary applications, making the process easier and fairer for families.

Parents and carers can apply for a place in reception if their child will be four years of age on or before 31st August 2023. The closing date for applications for places in reception and Year 3 (junior school) is 15th January 2023 at midnight.

The closing date for applications for Year 7 places is 31st October 2022 at midnight.

All applications, whether postal or online, must be received by the closing date to be considered as on time. Late applications will not be processed until after the National Offer Day and will be processed in monthly rounds.

All on time applicants will receive an offer of a school place on the National Offer Days – 1st March 2023 for secondary places and 17th April 2023 for reception places. Applicants will then be provided with information on the next stage of the process.

There is a separate application process for children who have special educational needs and

disabilities (SEND) and an Education, Health and Care (EHC) plan, details of which can be found on the SEND admissions page.

Cllr Scott Edwards, North Northamptonshire Council's Executive member for Children, Families, Education and Skills, said: "I would encourage parents who are applying for a school place for September 2023 to submit their applications in good time and before the deadline.

"The School Admissions process gives families the opportunity to tell us which schools they would prefer to send their children to.

"While most people are successful at getting a place at their preferred school, there are steps that parents can take to maximise their chances. Submitting an application form on time is the most crucial step, followed by nominating a second and third preference school and including your closest school as one of your preferences."

Cllr Jason Smithers, Leader of the Council, said: "Starting or changing school is a big step for everyone and we hope that the time extension for applications to midnight means that it will be easier for families to submit their application before the deadline."

An independent admission appeals process is available for families who wish to appeal against refusal of a place at any school for which they have applied.

Web developers to benefit from new WordPress dashboard plugin

A new product created by a Northamptonshire digital marketing agency to transform the WordPress dashboard is being offered for free to agencies and web developers.

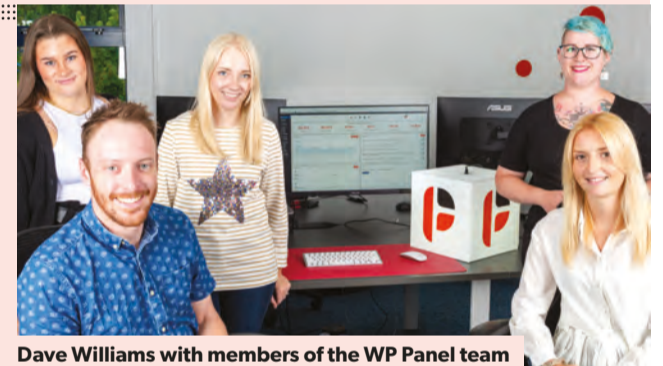
onefoursix's new custom WordPress dashboard plugin WP Panel enables developer customisation of the content management system which is used to host and build millions of websites around the world.

It enables developers to white-label the WordPress dashboard and provides core developer tools such as Google Analytics integration and a User Level Menu Manager.

As a result, users see a vastly improved branded dashboard with features such as their Google Analytics data, recent leads, sales data from WooCommerce and a more manageable and relevant WordPress menu.

Founder of onefoursix and WP Panel, Dave Williams, said: "There are more than 455 million WordPress websites in the world, but the back end of those sites often don't look or function the way their owners want them to and they can be difficult for staff to use.

"With WP Panel, users can completely transform their WordPress dashboard so it's easy for staff to use, white-labelling key areas of



Dave Williams with members of the WP Panel team

the dashboard to reflect their company's branding.

"It dramatically enhances the user experience and is a gamechanger for WordPress agencies and web developers because it gives their clients a WordPress dashboard that is both user-friendly and includes a host of great developer and user features.

"At onefoursix we've already started using WP Panel across the sites we manage for our clients and it's made a massive difference. Effectively, with WP Panel you get a hassle-free platform that more or less takes care of itself."

Exciting features include a dedicated Settings area giving agencies and web developers the ability to control advanced features and the opportunity to easily integrate Google Analytics, WooCommerce, Live Chat, Google Webmaster Verification, and Google and Social Media tracking codes.

Menus can be renamed to simplify the back end of WordPress sites, they can be

minified to only give users access to key administration pages with the Menu Manager and How-To Videos are provided to take users through how to easily manage their sites.

Developers can also disable specific capabilities such as the ability to change themes, add plugins or make updates.

In addition, there is a Login Redirect which helps to eliminate the threat of brute force attacks from bots and even the ability to brand the login screen for users.

WP Panel is available through a range of affordable annual retainer packages, starting from £29 a year but the developers have also made available a basic free version.

The free version allows users to install the new user dashboard, rename the theme, add tracking codes such as the Google Analytics Tracking ID and the Facebook Pixel, rebrand and redirect the login area, hide nag notices and disable Gutenberg. It is available for free from the WP Panel website.

To find out more about applying for a school place in North Northamptonshire and to submit an application, visit: www.northnorthants.gov.uk/school-admissions

For further information about onefoursix, visit <https://onefoursix.co.uk> or to learn more about WP Panel visit <https://wp-panel.co.uk>

Future of kerbside garden waste collections to be discussed by North Northamptonshire's Executive

Kerbside garden waste collections across North Northamptonshire will be harmonised – subject to Executive approval – creating a consistent fortnightly service across the unitary area.

North Northamptonshire Council's Executive will consider a report that recommends an opt-in, year-round service with an annual subscription fee per bin of £40 – which will start from Monday 3rd April 2023.

The paper had originally been scheduled to be discussed at Executive in July, but it was decided to defer a decision to allow more time to look at the options in more detail.

A direct charge for the collection of garden waste – rather than through general taxation – means only those using the service have to pay and is a fairer way forward for many.

If approved, residents will still be able to make use of the convenient kerbside collection and those who wish to continue using the service will be able to subscribe on an annual basis to make sure their garden waste is removed for 77p per week.

Those choosing to opt out of the collection can still dispose of their

waste through home composting, which is the most environmentally sustainable way to dispose of garden waste. The council will be making a limited number of the compost bins available at a subsidised price of £5 each.

Home composting is simple to do, provides gardeners with a ready supply of soil improving compost and avoids the transport impact of collection.

People can also dispose of their garden waste for free at one of the authority's four household waste recycling centres or take advantage of the authority's ad-hoc garden waste sack collection service.

North Northants would be joining the 80% of waste collection authorities in England and Wales currently making a charge for the collection of garden waste.

Cllr Graham Lawman, the Council's Executive member for Highways, Travel and Assets, said: "We know how valued the garden waste service is, but, however we run the service, there is a considerable cost, whether this is direct or indirect, therefore, one of the main questions is whether it is right that funding comes from general

funds only, such as everyone's council tax – which means that for the quarter of households that have no garden they are paying – or from users of the service only or a combination of both.

"The recent extensive consultation that we ran showed that residents agree that we should harmonise the service and we believe that charging an appropriate, affordable rate to users only across the whole unitary area is the fairest way of running this service – creating the most cost-effective and sustainable solution, whilst supporting our medium-term financial plans.

"This also gives us an opportunity to promote home composting, which is the most efficient and climate friendly option, so please take advantage of our offer here, if you can."

Following local government reorganisation last year, the new unitary council had inherited different approaches to the fortnightly kerbside garden waste collections from the previous local authorities.

In Corby and Kettering, the service has been provided all year at no extra charge, whilst in Wellingborough it operated between March and November with no additional cost

for users of the service. In East Northamptonshire, the year-round scheme had a £55 annual subscription charge, paid by users of the service.

The annual subscription charge for all North Northamptonshire residents who opt in to use the service is proposed to be set at £40 per year for the first bin.

Consultation and Scrutiny

The council held a consultation on the proposal to harmonise kerbside garden waste collections and received more than 9,500 responses.

The issue also appeared before an Executive Advisory Panel on 29th June and before the Finance and Resources Scrutiny Committee on 16th August.

Next steps

If Executive approves the report, work will start to ensure all arrangements will be in place ahead of the service launch – where all North Northants households will be able to sign up – anticipated to be from early January 2023.

The council would then provide more information about how the service would work and encourage residents to sign up to the scheme

before collections start in April 2023.

In the meantime, more information about the proposed service from some frequently asked questions prepared for the consultation process, is available on the council's website.

Those living in the former East Northants area

Up until now, people living in the former East Northants district area have had to pay an additional annual charge of £55 for their collections, while the remainder of the council area have not.

To acknowledge the historic disparity in charging for green waste collections the council has decided that existing subscribers due to re-subscribe from 1st November 2022, will be able to do so – for the first year of the new scheme only – for £20.

After 31st October 2023 – for all re-subscribing East Northants residents – the annual cost would then align with the rest of North Northants at the newly proposed rate of £40.

Any new subscribers in East Northants wishing to start green waste collections from 1st November 2022 onwards would pay the new charge of £40.

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14
(EAST STREET, STANWICK)

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2022

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 East Street, Stanwick as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of East Street, Stanwick from Chelveston Road to Marks Close.

REASON FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for Gigaclear works.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 19th September 2022 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 two days.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use The Avenue, Church Street, High Street and Grange Road.

If you require any further information please contact Gary Thorp ref:- 22/23 – N283 on 01604 651072. PKG/T22/574

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14
(STAMFORD LANE, WARMINGTON)

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2022

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 Stamford Road, Warmington as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Stamford Lane, Warmington from the junction of Chapel Street to Acremead.

REASON FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for broadband.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 30th September 2022 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 fifteen days.

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LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Church Street, Stanwick from the junction of High Street for 30 metres east.

REASON FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during a new water connection.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 10th October 2022 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 eighteen days.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Church Street, The Avenue, East Street, Grange Road and High Street.

If you require any further information please contact Gary Thorp ref:- 22/23 – N321 on 01604 651072. PKG/T22/630

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- Remember to keep Camellias and Rhododendrons well-watered and fed – buds are forming now and will perform better if prep work begins in Autumn.
- Keep dead heading spent Roses and perennial blooms to encourage

flowering for as long as possible.

- Trim hardy Lavender if you want to keep neat and compact – usually around August and September, after the final flush of flowers. Cut back by about a third to reinvigorate – do not cut back into the woody stems.
- Sow hardy annuals such as Cornflowers and Poppies before the ground gets too cold and hard.
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