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NEWS IN BRIEF

Irchester Library

The library reopened on 19th October under community management. Irchester Parish Council signed the lease and volunteers will take on the running of the library. Support will be provided by North Northamptonshire Council including the training of volunteers, provision of lending stock and the library computer systems.

Customers will be able to continue to use their LibraryPlus library card to access resources. The opening hours will initially be:

- Wednesday 10am - 2pm
- Friday 2pm - 6pm
- Saturday 10am - 12noon

Cllr Helen Howell, North Northamptonshire Council's Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Sport, Leisure, Culture and Tourism, said: "We have been working alongside Irchester Parish Council to finalise the solution for Irchester Library. I am delighted that agreement has now been reached and this valuable local resource can once again open its door to the local residents."

Nikki Daft, Irchester Parish Council said: "The Parish Council is delighted to support the library and enable the doors to be open once more. Community engagement is really positive as local support for the library continues to grow."

BIG BIRTHDAY SURPRISE FOR FORMER MAYOR

Higham Ferrers councillor Bert Jackson was in for a big surprise when a friend invited him to pop in for a drink at a local pub.

When he walked through the door, two dozen friends and colleagues who had been waiting for him burst into "Happy Birthday Bert" as someone lit two candles on a special celebratory cake.

Bert's 80th birthday had somehow slipped by unnoticed, so his friends turned out in force at The Carriage House to make up for it and help him celebrate his 81st in style.

"The deputy mayor, Vijay Paul, asked me along for a drink and I

was certainly taken aback to find so many people waiting for me," said Bert, a former mayor of the town.

The current Mayor, Nigel Brown, and three former mayors, Pam Whiting, Tina Reavey and Chris O'Rourke, also helped him mark his special birthday.

Members of Higham Ferrers Tourism – Bert has served on the committee for 17 years – were among the crowd of wellwishers.

As well as being on the Higham Ferrers Town Council, busy Bert also



Helping busy Bert Jackson (centre) celebrate at his surprise birthday bash were the current mayor Nigel Brown (second right) and three former mayors – Pam Whiting, Chris O'Rourke and Tina Reavey

serves on the new Unitary North Northants Council, representing part of Rushden, Higham Ferrers

and Chelveston-cum-Caldecott.

He is also chair of the trustee board of United

Charities which looks after the Alms Houses, the Bedespeople and the Pressland pensioners.

And he is on the John White Close Committee that looks after nine bungalows.

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WORDS BY
ROY BURRELL

Life in our countryside is not always quiet and calm. Some human activities conflict with wildlife; our houses, transport and manufacturing can damage the soil, where it all starts, yet they also do a pretty good 'hatchet job' (literally) on prey like insects, and usually the cause is found when defending food, shelter or a "desirable partner".

Many schemes are trying to improve areas where results should be possible; those overall operations are nowadays grouped under the heading 'rewilding', but it can easily put one species under pressure if the competitor takes over.

In our countryside we have an example of how invading species achieve their own version of genocide, a little more clearly now as this year's generation spreads out from their home area to establish their own food supply – squirrels, grey and red.

The greys species are not true natives, but so common that it is unlikely that any bushy-tailed animal leaping around in the trees will be anything other than a grey squirrel. The reds are overall more lightweight animals, though the diet for both

species is rather similar. Population pressure brings the problem of whether the greys can eat the reds "out of house and home", and in most areas the odds are clearly very much on the greys side. It would seem then that some areas where the reds have been driven out should provide ideal spots to recreate the population of reds – after all it was their 'patch' hundreds of years ago.

It is examples like this which lie behind the idea of rewilding. It is more than feeding the creatures during times of drought or thirst, vital though that is. It is not just a matter of bringing in plants or animals, and protecting them while they get rooted. What if they don't come? If they used to flourish there centuries ago there must have been a cause why they failed – disturbance, disease, changing climate condition, removal of dependent comparison of whatever origin. Until those conditions can be determined, some important factor will continue to be absent, however much effort is put in. Yet it is happening in our own country; consider how red kites have succeeded in Britain, or ospreys, or mammals like beavers, even squirrels.

GENEALOGY JOTTINGS

WORDS BY
JAN PEARSON

British Summer Time ends this weekend, which means that the evenings will draw in more, heralding less time outside in the garden during the winter ahead. However, on the plus side, there should be more time for researching those family trees of ours – or even getting started on one if you have not already done so.

Don't worry if you don't know where to begin. Just start with yourself. One golden rule in genealogy is to start from the known and work backwards, trying to find documentary evidence to prove the link from one generation to the previous one. The first steps in this process are talking to relatives and gathering clues. A family bible, old photographs, birth, marriage and death (BMD) certificates, medals, birthday books, address books, letters... The more names, dates and places you have to get you started, the better.

Old birthday books – do people still use them, I wonder – can be wonderful. One that belonged to a great aunt sorted out the names of her sisters: Aunt Nell was really Florence Mary Helen and Aunt

Ada was really Harriet Ada. Not everyone went by the name(s) that they had been given!

A lot of people have put family trees online but don't assume that these are correct! It is easy to make wrong assumptions, and the internet makes it very easy for people to copy each other's mistakes and multiply them. Good researchers should quote their sources, so you can tell where they found their information and can check it for yourself. One of my several times great grandmothers is in a tree on Ancestry. Not only do they have her father's details incorrect (I have the certificate so know that I have the right name) but they have her death with the wrong date. Further research shows that the person of the same name that the originator has recorded died at the age of 4! This mistake has been perpetuated as more people have just copied the information willy-nilly.

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Fly-tipping grant scheme extended into 2023

A scheme which helps victims of fly-tipping on private land in North Northamptonshire has been extended.

When waste is fly-tipped on private land, it falls to the landowner to arrange for the waste to be removed at their expense. However, since October 2021, a scheme launched by the Northamptonshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner (PFCC) and administered by North Northamptonshire Council (NNC) has supported those impacted by fly-tipping on private land.

Under the scheme, farmers and other private landowners can apply through NNC for a grant towards the cost of having the waste removed and putting preventative measures in place to make

the land less vulnerable to fly-tipping in the future.

Over the past year, preventative measures that have been put in place include gates at entrances to known fly-tipping hotspots and the installation of an earth bund on a lay-by near Lilford Woods along the A605.

Clr Graham Lawman, the council's Executive Member for Highways, Travel and Assets, said: "Fly-tipped waste on private land falls to the landowner to remove and it can be costly, especially if the land is a hotspot for fly-tippers, as well as being anti-social and possibly dangerous to farm animals. In the last year, this scheme has

meant we have been able to help landowners and alleviate some of the cost, whilst also preventing future incidents.

"I can only reiterate that private waste can be taken to the Household Waste Recycling Centres and, if you have someone take your waste away for you, ensure that they have a Waste Carriers' Licence and you note it, because you could be liable should that waste be dumped."

Anyone struggling with illegal fly-tipping on their land can apply for a grant of up to £1,500 and more information, including how to apply, is available on the NNC website.

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Engagement with local residents on electric vehicle charging points launched

A survey has been launched on potential locations for on-street electric vehicle charging points in seven towns across North Northamptonshire.

Twenty-one sites are being considered in Corby, Desborough, Higham Ferrers, Kettering, Rothwell, Rushden and Wellingborough and residents living nearby will receive a letter inviting them to have their say on the proposed sites. The letter will be from Liberty Charge, who are running the project with North Northamptonshire Council (NNC). All the sites are in locations with little or no off-road parking to support those residents who do not currently have the option of charging at home.

Cllr Graham Lawman, NNC's Executive Member for Highways, Travel & Assets, said: "As sales of electric vehicles continue to climb, it is vital that we plan investment in charging points for those who have no access to a private drive and need on-street facilities or wish to charge their vehicle whilst visiting our town centres.

"The sites being consulted on have been identified following recommendations to us by residents and suggestions by local councillors. If you have a location that you think we should be considering, please let us know through our dedicated website page.

"As a driver of an electric vehicle myself, I am

acutely aware of the need for more charging points and am delighted we are taking part in this scheme as we seek to become carbon neutral by 2030."

Cllr Jason Smithers, Leader of the Council, added: "Since January 2021, with Liberty Charge, we have installed 23 on-street charging points, each with two sockets, across North Northamptonshire in 12 locations. This consultation has been launched to, hopefully, increase the number of points available and we value residents' opinions. If you live near one of the proposed sites, or are an electric vehicle user, or considering becoming one, I encourage you to have your say."

All feedback will be reviewed by NNC and before installation can go ahead residents will have a further opportunity to comment on the designation and operation of the bays through the Traffic Regulation Order process.

If you would like to respond to the resident engagement survey for the proposed electric vehicle charging points across North Northamptonshire, you can do so via the online survey.

The deadline for commenting on the proposed electric vehicle charging points is 9th November 2022.



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 Fri 28 London Museums or Free Time
 Fri 28 St Pauls Cathedral London
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 Thu 9 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
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DECEMBER
 Thu 1 Thursford
 Fri 2 Worcester Christmas Market
 Sat 3 Melton Mowbray Christmas
 Sun 4 Rochester Christmas Market
 Thu 8 Christmas Lunch River Cruise
 Fri 9 Stratford Upon Avon Victorian Christmas
 Sat 10 Oxford Christmas Market
 Sat 10 Nottingham Christmas Market
 Sun 11 Windsor or Windsor Castle
 Mon 12 Thursford
 Sun 18 Hyde Park Winter Wonderland
 Sun 18 Thursford
 Tue 20 Thursford

JANUARY 2023
 Sat 7 Boundary Mills Grantham
 Wed 18 Seasonal Mystery Trip
 Sat 21 Coventry
 Sat 21 Coventry Transport Museum

FEBRUARY 2023
 Sat 4 Warwick & Leamington Spa
 Wed 8 St Albans Market Day
 Thu 16 London Museums or Free Time
 Thu 16 Houses of Parliament
 Tue 21 Melton Mowbray
 Wed 22 Seasonal Mystery Trip
 Thu 23 Ely
 Sun 26 Orchids at Kew Gardens
 Tue 28 Chippenham Park Snow Drops

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Silver award for North Northamptonshire Council's commitment to supporting Armed Forces community

North Northamptonshire Council has received the Employer Recognition Scheme Silver Award for its outstanding support towards the Armed Forces community this year.

The Ministry of Defence's Employer Recognition Scheme Awards recognise organisations which have actively demonstrated their support for the Armed Forces community through implementing practical policies in the workplace.

This includes commitments such as paid time off for reservists and cadet force adult volunteers and ensuring HR policies are inclusive of veterans and military spouses.

Under the Defence Employer Recognition Scheme, employers support defence personnel and encourage others to do the same.

The scheme has three levels, bronze, silver and gold. To achieve silver, organisations must proactively demonstrate that the Armed Forces community are not unfairly disadvantaged as part of their recruitment policies.

They must also actively ensure their workforce is aware of their positive policies towards defence people issues.

Cllr Matt Binley, the council's Executive Member for Housing, Communities and Levelling Up and Armed Forces Covenant champion, said: "I'm really

proud that we have made the commitment to tap into the skills and experience those from the armed forces can offer our communities.

"Not only do we have a duty to support those who volunteer to serve, we also need to make sure they have clear routes back into civilian employment where the rest of us can benefit from that rich experience."

Cllr Jason Smithers, Leader of the Council, said: "As a member of the Armed Forces Covenant, we have a duty and commitment to support ex and current service personnel in any way we can.

"We not only appreciate our Armed Forces' service to the country but also the important role they play in our communities throughout North Northamptonshire."

Kirstie Lawrence, the Ministry of Defence's Deputy Regional Employer Engagement Director for the East Midlands, said:

"We are delighted that so many local businesses have been recognised with this Silver Award. Despite the pressures

of the last few years, these companies have taken the time to ensure our Armed Forces community is supported.

"It is gratifying to see that, whatever the size of the business, there is a place for the Armed Forces Covenant, and they

recognise the benefits of working with defence. They should be really proud of this significant achievement."



HAVE YOUR SAY ON LEISURE FACILITIES IN NORTH NORTHANTS

Residents across North Northamptonshire are being asked for their views on leisure facilities in the council's annual user survey.

The surveys which are available at all North Northamptonshire Council owned leisure centres can be completed online, via the QR code on posters, and some paper copies are also available on site.

For those not planning a visit to their local leisure centre soon, the questionnaire can also be accessed from social media posts promoted via each centre's social media and the North Northants Leisure channels.

The surveys are designed to assess how services are performing and questions will be asked on a variety of topics including how helpful the staff were, ranges of programmes and classes on offer, parking and cleanliness. Each survey will be specific to the facility.

Cllr Helen Howell, the council's Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Sport, Leisure, Culture and Tourism, said: "Leisure facilities are vital to communities across North Northamptonshire and we are proud of what is available. But we are also keen to make sure what we are offering is right. With this in mind, I would encourage as many people as possible to have their say, so we can use the feedback to drive improvements."

The surveys are open until Sunday 30th October.

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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS ALL MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT THE TOWN HALL UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTIFIED

Town Council Meeting - Tuesday 25th October, 7.30pm

Planning & Development Committee Meeting - Tuesday 8th November, 6.45pm

Environment & Recreation Committee Meeting - Tuesday 8th November, 7.30pm

Town Council Meeting - Tuesday 29th November, 7.30pm

Farmers Market - Saturday 29th October, 9am-1pm - Market Square

Christmas Sparkle - Saturday 19th November, 11am - 6pm - Market Square

Farmers Market - Saturday 26th November, 9am - 1pm - Market Square

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Iconic sculpture to be temporarily removed from Peterborough landscape

Nene Park Trust has confirmed that the Peterborough Arch sculpture located in Thorpe Meadows will be temporarily removed to allow conservators to inspect the sculpture. The impressive large-scale work by artist Lee Grandjean has been enjoyed by drivers along Longthorpe Parkway and visitors to Thorpe Meadows since 1988 and provides a unique landmark on the western approach to the city.

The work was carved from Iroko wood and pegged together. Unfortunately, after 34 years of exposure to the elements, the sculpture is in need of urgent attention. Once the extent of the works is known, Nene Park Trust will fundraise to ensure this well-known sculpture is not lost from the city.

Matthew Bradbury, Chief Executive of Nene Park Trust said: "We are proud to host Peterborough Arch within Nene Park. The sculpture is an iconic landmark in Peterborough and represents the important role that the city and our beautiful greenspaces have played and continue to play in welcoming new communities to the city. We are hopeful that the sculpture can

be reinstated next year after some much-needed care and attention.

"As a charity we are anticipating that we will need significant public support to ensure this important landmark can be re-installed. Once we know the extent of the works required, we will be looking at how we can generate the funds needed to return this much loved sculpture to the city."

Lee Grandjean selected the site for the Peterborough Arch, aligning it with the city centre and the cathedral. The linear shapes represent the architecture of the city and the organic shapes represent the greenspace and landscape that residents enjoy.

The sculpture is part of the Peterborough Sculpture

Collection that was established by Peterborough Development Corporation during the development of Peterborough as a New Town. During the 1970s and 80s Peterborough Development Corporation bought and commissioned new artworks by some of the best British sculptors working at the time. They selected artworks that linked with the architectural style and planning of Peterborough and created a collection that reflected the diverse subject matter and practice of British sculptors creating new work at that time. The aim was to create a culturally rich city and a reference point in time for future generations. The collection currently comprises 30 sculptures including important

works by Antony Gormley and Anthony Caro.

Nene Park Trust took over the management of the Peterborough Sculpture Collection in December 2020 and has received funding from Arts Council England to carry out conservation works on the sculptures at Thorpe Meadows Sculpture Trail, install information and signage and

run creative workshops.

The artist Lee Grandjean was born in 1949. He grew up in Harlow, Essex and studied at the North East Polytechnic and Winchester School of Art. He was Deputy Head of Sculpture at the Royal College of Art, London and has exhibited nationally and internationally. He currently lives and works from his studio in Norfolk.



Peterborough Arch



Peterborough Arch repair work

North Northamptonshire Council

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:

> BRIGSTOCK
Change of use from former kennels, valeting room and adjacent store to small flexible use rental units to be primarily used as workshops, for domestic storage purposes and a meeting/tea room at Kennels 15 Kennel Hill Brigstock NN14 3HB (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/22/01060/FUL (23 November 2022)

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 29 October 2022

Consultation deadlines will differ for each application.

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> OUNDLE
Installation of an 18m slim line monopole, H3G antennas, GPS module and equipment cabinets at Market Place Oundle (LB/CA) (Info) (Info) NE/22/01282/PNT (23 November 2022)

> LILFORD
Proposed internal and external alterations as per Section 2 of the Heritage Statement at Lilford Hall Lilford PE8 5SG (LBRegs) (Info) NE/22/01222/LBC (23 November 2022)

> POLEBROOK
Internal and external alteration works to add bedroom, ensuite and linen to 2nd floor including structural repairs, new Collyweston roof, dormer and conservation windows at The Manor House Main Street Polebrook PE8 5LN (LBRegs) (Info) NE/22/01252/LBC (23 November 2022)

> OUNDLE
Removal of garden building and addition of two new detached garden buildings at 33 West Street Oundle PE8 4EJ (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/22/01265/FUL (23 November 2022)

> KINGS CLIFFE
Structural repairs to failed timber beams in basement at 5 West Street Kings Cliffe PE8 6XB (LB/CA) (Info) (LBRegs) (Info) NE/22/01284/LBC (23 November 2022)

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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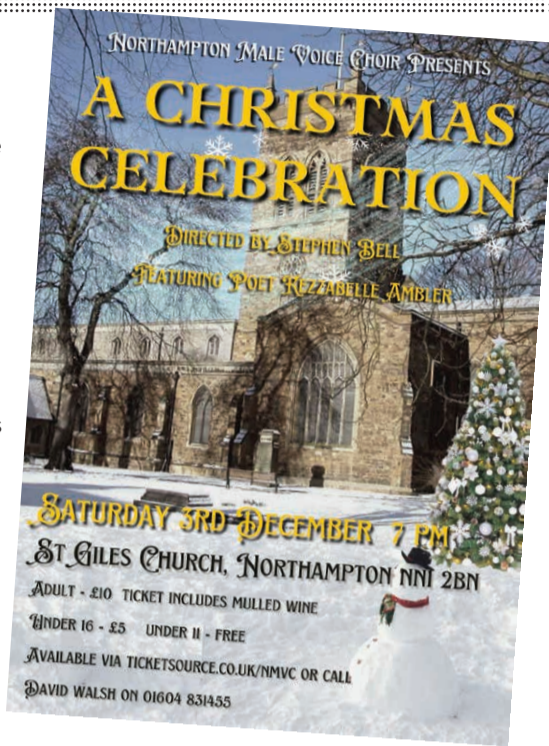
On 3rd December 2022 Northampton Male Voice Choir (NMVC) will present a brand new, sparkling celebration of the forthcoming Christmas Festival which it hopes will become a regular seasonal feature in its concert programme.

This event will be held in St Giles Church, St Giles Terrace, Northampton NN1 2BN starting at 7pm and promises to get you well and truly in the Christmas mood with just three weeks to go before 'The Big Day'.

The programme will include a rousing audience sing-a-long to a selection of everyone's favourite carols, led by the choir and conducted by its charismatic Musical Director, Stephen Bell.

NMVC will also be showcasing its entirely new repertoire of Christmas carols and songs that have been specially arranged to be sung in harmony by male voices.

This will all be interwoven with seasonal poetry readings by passionate and inspiring Northamptonshire performance poet, Kezzabelle Ambler.



Tickets: Adult £10 (inc mulled wine); u16 £5; u11 free available online from www.ticketsource.co.uk/nmvc or from NMVC Concert Secretary, David Walsh on 01604 831455 or from other choir members.

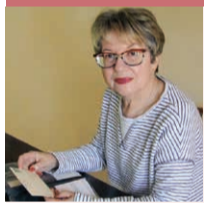
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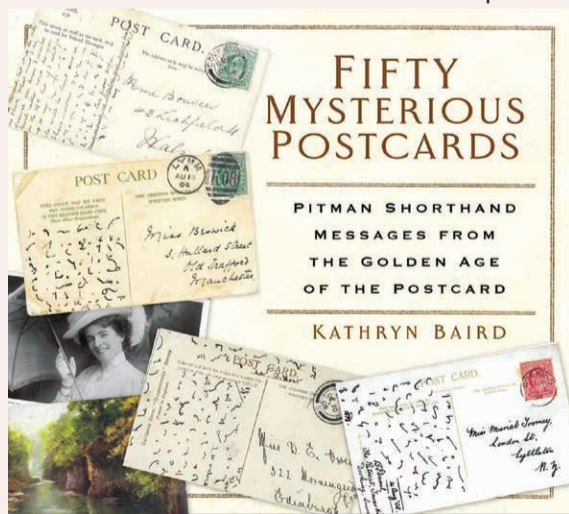


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> **SUNDAY 30TH OCTOBER, 10.15AM**
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6GX) in time to leave at 10.30am. Organised by Whitefriars Church, Rushden, all welcome. Details from Andrew Presland (andrew.presland.harborough58@gmail.com or 01933 316927).

> **SUNDAY 6TH NOVEMBER, 9.30AM**
Higham Ferrers Footpath Group

Saffron Road car park, for car sharing. Free. Contact Cindy 07552993777. 6.5 mile walk in the Cranford St John area.

> **SATURDAY 12TH NOVEMBER**
Fairtrade/Eco Market in Oundle

Oundle's popular Fairtrade/Eco Market returns on Saturday 12th November, from 9am to 2pm, in the beautiful spacious surroundings of St Peter's Church. "Come and browse a wide selection of fairly-traded and eco-friendly foods, crafts, gifts, clothing and homeware; learn about local green initiatives; enjoy Fairtrade refreshments; and do some ethical Christmas shopping. Entry is free and all are welcome."

> **SUNDAY 13TH NOVEMBER**
Countryside Walk: 'A Countryside Bash towards Denford Ash'

A 4 mile walk in countryside between Raunds and the hamlet of Denford Ash. Meet at the far end of Brawn Drive in the Northdale Park housing development off Brick Kiln Road, Raunds (NN9

> **FRIDAY 18TH NOVEMBER, 7.30PM**

Rushden & District History Society
Whitefriars Primary School, Boughton Drive, Rushden NN10 9HX. Admission: Members £1.50, non-members £2.50. Contact information: Tel 01536 238320 for more information. Margaret Burgon - It could only happen at a wedding.

> **SUNDAY 20TH NOVEMBER, 9AM**
Higham Ferrers Footpath Group

Saffron Road car park, for car sharing. Free. Contact Karin and Andrew 07879577433. Northampton Round, Leg 6. Harpole to Church Brampton. 6.5 miles.

> **SUNDAY 20TH NOVEMBER, 12NOON-6PM**
Art & Craft Fayre

Masonic Hall, Wellingborough Road, Rushden NN10 9YJ. Free. "Christmas is fast approaching so come along and enjoy a browse around our art and craft fayre. Our stalls will include a variety of products ranging from beautiful pottery, wax melts, Xmas goodies and a variety of Art... all available to help you with your Christmas gift ideas!"

KEIR GILES: RUSSIA'S WAR ON EVERYBODY

Friday 25th November at 7.45pm-8.45pm. The Glaphorn Room, Fletton House, Glaphorn Road, Oundle PE8 4JA.



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Russia's war on Ukraine has highlighted once again the threat Moscow poses to Europe and the world. Ukraine is the front line of a much longer, broader war waged by Russia - the war to expand its power and influence wherever it can, far beyond its neighbours in eastern Europe.

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just what Russia's deadly ambition means for ordinary people like us.

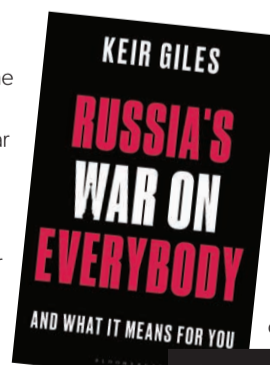
Russia has been waging a clandestine war against the West for decades. Hostile acts abroad, from poisoning dissidents to shooting down airliners, interfering in elections, spying, hacking and murdering, have long seemed to be the Kremlin's daily business. But what is it all for? Why does Russia consistently behave like this? And what does it achieve?

This book brings together stories from the military, politics, diplomacy, espionage, cyber power, organised crime and more. Giles describes how Moscow conducts its campaigns across the globe, and how nobody is too unimportant to be caught up in them. By

lifting the lid on the daily struggle going on behind the scenes to protect governments, businesses, societies and people from Russian hostile activity, Russia's War On Everybody shows how Moscow's hostile intentions for the rest of the world are far broader and more ambitious, and the ways it tries to achieve them far more pervasive and damaging than we realise.

Keir Giles has spent decades watching and explaining Russia. He has worked with more than a dozen national and international defence research agencies warning of the growing threat from Moscow, and he is a regular contributor and commentator on Russian affairs for international print and broadcast media.

His last book, Moscow Rules: What Drives Russia To Confront The West was described by the former president of Estonia as "the book I wish I had had 35 years ago".



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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14
(MAIN STREET, WOODNEWTON)

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2022
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 Main Street, Woodnewton as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Main Street, Woodnewton from outside number 31.

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

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 21st November 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 up to three days.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Orchard Lane and Sycamore Close.
If you require any further information please contact Steve Fowler ref:- 22/23 – N377 Steve.Fowler@northnorthants.gov.uk PKG/T22/693

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14
(A605, WELL LANE & BARNWELL ROAD, BARNWELL)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC & RIGHT TURN) 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 or turning right along those lengths of the A605, Well Lane and Barnwell Road, Barnwell as specified in the Schedule below.

REASON FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during a fireworks event (Police guidance).

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 6th November 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 roads will be restricted for one day.
ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: n/a.
If you require any further information please contact Gary Thorp ref:- 22/23 – N144 on 01604 651072. PKG/T22/459

SCHEDULE

(Lengths of roads to which prohibition of through traffic and right turn applies)
A608 Barnwell – No right turn. Well Lane – no right turn onto A605. Barnwell Road – Closure from Slip from A605 to Barnwell Road.

Dated this 29th day of October 2022

DEBBIE CARTER-HUGHES
Executive Director, Pathfinder Legal Services Ltd

Celebrating improvement and looking forward to an even brighter future

Newton Road School in Rushden is celebrating after an Ofsted inspection showed that the school had turned a previous report that showed it to be inadequate into one that saw it graded Good in nearly all areas.

The school has gone from strength to strength since it joined Nene Education Trust in 2018 and the recent Ofsted inspection is testament to the improvements that have been made.

Principal Kerry Mills said that while there was still some way to go, the report showed up nothing the school is not already aware of and that staff, pupils and parents had worked together to bring about change, even through the disruption of the last couple of years.

"It feels wonderful to know that the core strengths of early reading, early years and maths are all strong," said Kerry. "Since joining Nene Education Trust we have seen investment in infrastructure and support that has allowed us to develop the school.

"Prior to 2018, as Risdene Academy, we had had a very turbulent few years with a high turnover of staff but over the last four years we have been able to recruit and develop the leadership team and teaching staff, see them develop

and some become leaders themselves, promoting from within and coming together with a clear purpose and a clear vision."

Although the overall grade is Requires Improvement, the school was rated Good in leadership and management, behaviour and attitudes, personal development and Early Years Foundation Stage.

The school, which has a high proportion of SEND pupils, prides itself on its inclusive approach and the involvement of parents has increased considerably since lockdown, when home schooling led to parents becoming more involved in their children's education.

Kerry added: "When you think that we have been through all that since the last inspection, it makes us even more proud of what we have achieved. We know there is more we can do, but we took the decision to strengthen certain areas and core subjects, more specifically early reading, early years

and maths, alongside inclusion, safeguarding and pastoral care. Time is still needed to get to where we want to be on other foundation subjects, they are not yet embedded, but they will be."

Chris Hill, CEO of Nene Education Trust, said: "Short of getting Good overall, this is the best outcome we could have hoped for. It certainly reflects perfectly our own self-evaluation and the lead inspector was very clear that to reach this point is an achievement everyone should be proud of, especially as the four years since 2018 have been rather disrupted.

"The grades achieved within the headline areas are remarkable and should be celebrated. To move a school up two Ofsted grades in the timeframe we have had is something to shout about."

During lockdown, Newton Road School stayed open to more than 100 children because of their additional needs. Staff went to extra lengths to



support those that couldn't access other services that temporarily weren't available. The school has also strengthened its speech and language provision recently, having seen the effect lockdown has had on the development of some children as a result of not being able to attend nursery as normal during Covid.

Kerry Mills added: "The report shows the progress we have made and it's a reflection on the staff – both the current team and all those who have helped get us to this point – the children and

the parents. We are all driving towards the same goals, and parents are buying into our vision, so it's lovely for us to be recognised for what we have done, and what we are confident we'll be able to continue to do."

Nene Education Trust is a multi-academy trust comprising Newton Road School in Rushden, Windmill Primary in Raunds, Stanwick Primary, Raunds Park Infants, St Peter's CE Junior, Woodford CE Primary, Redwell Primary in Wellingborough and Manor School in Raunds.





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