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NEWS IN BRIEF

Rules for bird keepers in Oundle

Bird keepers within a 3km Avian Influenza Protection Zone (AIPZ) and a 10km Avian Influenza Surveillance Zone (AISZ) must now follow a set of rules, following an outbreak of Avian flu at a rural premises near Oundle on 7th Nov.

Within the 3km Protection zone, bird keepers must:

- follow the rules for 10km surveillance zones and 10km temporary control zones
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 - not move poultry or other captive birds onto or off your premises without a licence (there are exceptions for pets)
 - not move eggs without a licence (you can move table eggs to wholesale or retail premises to be sold directly to consumers)
 - not move poultry meat inside or outside the zone
- For information on the 10km surveillance zone, visit www.northants.gov.uk/news/rules-bird-keepers-introduced-oundle-area

CELEBRATION EVENING FOR MARATHON RUNNERS

Local brain injury charity, Headway East Northants (known affectionately as 'HEN'), was delighted to host a very special 'Celebration Evening' at its Irthlingborough centre this month to honour the incredible efforts of their London Marathon charity runners this year.

The runners travelled from across the county to catch up with each other, meet HEN staff, clients and volunteers, share their Marathon experiences and swap stories, with tales ranging from free beer handouts from the crowd through to monster blisters and lost toenails!

One runner was even asked if they were on a hen do – due to the fact that the running vests provided by the charity are emblazoned with 'TEAM HEN'!

It was an uplifting and emotional evening, with several runners having waited at least two years to fulfil this phenomenal challenge, due to the pandemic.

All of the HEN Marathon runners went to fantastic lengths to not only train to take on those 26.2

miles, but also to organise as much fundraising as they could, every penny of which has gone straight to Headway East Northants. This pivotal event helps to ensure that HEN can continue providing its crucial support to survivors of acquired brain injury (or 'ABI'), and their families.

Headway East Northants relies enormously on donations, support, sponsorship and funding to ensure the continuation of their work – which is where the London Marathon comes in! HEN is fortunate enough to have a quantity of 'Golden Bond' charity running places available each year for this incredible event.

HEN works hard to get to know each runner individually, maintain

a personal link, keep in regular touch and provide full support including welcome packs and running vests, hosting a full information evening with guest speakers, as well as Celebration Nights after the run to celebrate everyone's achievements.

The evening was hosted by HEN staff, along with volunteers and board trustees, one of whom, Wilson Paterson, commented: "The runners make the most enormous difference to our ability to deliver a first-class service for our clients."

HEN has an activity centre based on the ground floor of the library in Irthlingborough. Open Monday to Friday, it offers a wealth of engaging, purposeful and stimulating



activities for survivors of ABI in a non-clinical, safe and friendly environment. The charity prides itself on its warm welcome, its understanding of the complexities of ABI and their hidden nature, and the genuine 'family feel' the centre provides.

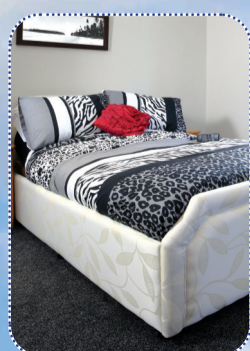
HEN clients include survivors of stroke, haemorrhage, aneurysm, accident, illness and assault.

Is running the London Marathon on your bucket list, or that of someone you know? If so, HEN has yearly places available and would LOVE to hear from you!

For all the information you'll need, please call 01933 652311 or email Fundraising Coordinator, Laura Richards, on laura.richards@headwayeastnorthants.org.uk

Find out more about Headway East Northants you can visit their website (www.headwayeastnorthants.org.uk) as well as follow them on social media! Check out their Facebook page (www.facebook.com/@headwayeastnorthants), Instagram (@[headwayeastnorthants](https://www.instagram.com/headwayeastnorthants)) and Twitter (@[EastHeadway](https://twitter.com/EastHeadway)).

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WORDS BY
ROY BURRELL

What wildlife memories have you been storing through the year? There are several weeks still to go, but we will all have our own "horror stories" about the days and weeks when very little or no rain fell and the traditional picture of what summer should look, and feel like changed. As we relax and hopefully "rebuild" our bodies, out in the fields the energy from the sun is collected in the body of the plant or animal to be used in the next stage of growth – particularly the flowers or prey.

The surprising summer has now given way to cooler days – and "closed for the winter" signs will soon dominate; all part of the essential life-cycle.

We will recall the plants and animals which showed themselves during what always feels to be the shortness of the 'midsummer season'. This year has been exceptional, but much of the effect will only be seen in coming years, and there are species in our natural environment which

are suffering, possibly needing some assistance from gardeners and farmers to improve survival chances, because weather conditions may vary widely.

For example we made some additions to our garden plant list which then had to be adjusted to try to meet the requirements of bumblebees which had found suitable conditions under a wooden shed! Some of our visitors were not too happy with the prospect of a colony of these usually quite placid insects out simply to build up the strength of their community.

It is not difficult to work out that with plants and animals, with their different ways of drinking, it is not enough to provide just an occasional drop of water in a tin lid. Obviously a hedgehog will need more fluid than, say, a mouse, or a dandelion.

So next year's planning, as summers are becoming hotter, should try to cover the needs of a wider range of the millions of species all chasing that supply of the vital liquid.

GENEALOGY JOTTINGS

WORDS BY
JAN PEARSON

Now, you should know by now that I have been visiting Oundle Library on the first Wednesday each month to offer free help and guidance to folk who are researching their family trees. However, there is no need to fret if you could not make it. There is free access on the Library computers to subscription websites such as Ancestry, Find My Past and the British Newspaper Archives (BNA). Many years ago, I used to visit the BNA when they were in Colindale, north London, and had a wonderful time scouring the newspapers. Luckily, I worked in Edgware at the time, so it was just down the road. Oundle Library also has a fair number of family history reference books covering both the local area as well as other general help. Ask the Library staff and they will be able to point you in the right direction.

However, if you are unable to visit the Library, or you want to research from home, it is worth checking out the different commercial websites as, although they offer the same ideas, the

actual records differ. For example, at present, the 1921 census is only available from Find My Past. But if your ancestors came from London, chances are that you might discover a copy of the original marriage register on Ancestry. Use their offers of "free access" that pop up from time to time in order to have a scout around and see which suit you. But don't forget to cancel any subscription details before the offer ends!

If, like me, your ancestors came from places further afield, it could well be worthwhile joining one of the Family History Societies (FHS) local to that area. Many have transcribed parish registers, census returns and other records and may publish them online. I have a friend in Melbourne, Australia who has a branch that came from Essex. She has joined the FHS that covers those towns and villages and has received some invaluable help.

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Rising Garden Centre star

Employee of Bosworth's Garden Centre, Ella-May Bradshaw, has been nominated through to the finals of the Garden Centre Association Rising Stars Awards.

The GCA Rising Stars programme recognises young employees with recognised potential within the garden centre industry. The programme is a fantastic opportunity for anyone nominated to develop and manage their skills and be mentored by experts in the gardening industry.

Out of the original 24 Rising Stars, 10 have been selected to go to the GCA Conference in Blackburn. Ella was delighted to be the 'First Pick' by her peers on the programme to progress.

Ella is a very familiar face at Bosworth's Burton Latimer and has been with the business since 2018 and in 2021 became Till Supervisor.

Ella, who turns 21 this year, has a bubbly personality and is always happy to assist



customers. When asked what Ella enjoys most about her job, she said: "I enjoy making a difference and meeting and working with customers and other team members and having a positive impact."

She already has a great knowledge of the industry, which with the help of the Rising Stars programme is

rapidly expanding.

The business regularly receives feedback about how helpful and patient Ella is. Ella will be attending the GCA conference in January 2023 where she will make a presentation to the principals before an overall winner is chosen from Garden Centres around the UK.

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A WARM WELCOME AT RUSHDEN HALL FOR NEW WARM ROOMS INITIATIVE

Rushden Town Council has successfully launched its Warm Rooms initiative, which will be held on Friday afternoons from 1.30pm to 3.30pm at Rushden Hall.

The new community warm rooms are free of charge and available to all residents of the town, providing a welcoming space for people to keep warm whilst socialising as energy costs continue to rise.

Several members of the community attended the opening of the initiative where they were greeted and welcomed by councillors and staff and invited into the Panelled Room at Rushden Hall for refreshments kindly provided by the Coop.

Town Councillor, Janet Pinnock described the council's first warm rooms event as a "friendly and sociable afternoon with lots of

chatting and laughter amongst guests." Janet said: "We have plenty of games on offer for those who enjoy a game of cards, scrabble or dominoes, and encourage others to bring their knitting, sewing, or anything they are stuck on and would perhaps need a bit of help with, or just to come along to read a book or be with people for a chat and a

laugh." Attendee, Trish Pat Collins made these comments about her experience: "I have to say it was a lot of fun, I'll definitely be back next week and I can recommend this as a way to spend a Friday afternoon."

The Town Council will trial the initiative until Christmas and if successful will carry it on into the New Year.



The afternoon has been registered with www.warmwelcome.uk, a directory which lists organisations that provide free, warm, welcoming spaces throughout the UK.

Consultation on admission arrangements for schools in North Northamptonshire for the 2024-2025 academic year

North Northamptonshire Council's School Admissions Team is co-ordinating a formal consultation on the admissions arrangements which will apply for mainstream schools within the local authority (LA) area for the September 2024 intakes (Primary, Junior and Secondary). This consultation period allows parents, schools, religious authorities and the local community to comment on proposed admission arrangements.

North Northamptonshire Council is NOT consulting on the admission arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled schools for the 2024-2025 academic year.

CONSULTATION takes place between 14th November 2022 and 31st December 2022.

DETERMINATION of school admission arrangements by admission authorities must be completed by 28th February 2023.

PUBLICATION of admission policies should happen as soon as possible after 28th February 2023 and must be completed by 15th March 2023 (published on schools' websites with copies sent to the LA).

To view the consultation, please visit 'Consultation on school admission arrangements for September 2024 intakes': www.northnorthants.citizenspace.com/school-admissions/2024

If you would like to respond to this consultation, then please email School Admissions Consultation at: Schooladmissionsconsultation.NCC@northnorthants.gov.uk

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DECEMBER

- 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
- Sun 18 Hyde Park Winter Wonderland
- Tue 20 Thursford

JANUARY

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

FEBRUARY

- Sat 4 Warwick & Leamington Spa
- Wed 8 St Albans Market Day
- Sat 11 London Museums or Free Time
- Sat 11 Houses of Parliament
- Tue 11 Melton Mowbray
- Wed 22 Seasonal Mystery Trip
- Thu 23 Ely
- Sun 26 Orchids at Kew Gardens
- Tue 28 Chippenham Park Snow Drops

MARCH

- Thu 2 Cotswold Tour - New route
- Tue 7 Springfields or Spalding
- Thu 9 Seasonal Mystery Trip
- Sat 11 National Railway Museum or York
- Sat 11 Yorks Chocolate Story
- Tue 14 Derbyshire & Peak District
- Fri 17 Ideal Home Show
- Tue 21 Saffron Walden
- Thu 23 Canterbury or Whitstable
- Fri 24 Stratford Upon Avon
- Wed 29 Imperial War Museum Duxford
- Thu 30 Wembley Stadium

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Rushden marks Remembrance Sunday with the return of the parade and a poignant service

After two years of scaled down Remembrance commemorations due to the pandemic, Rushden Remembrance Day parade made an impressive return.

Rushden gathered on Sunday 13th November to mark Remembrance Day with an exceptionally well attended parade, which this year started at Rushden Hall and then processed to attend a service at the War Memorial and St Mary's Church. This Remembrance Day service was organised by Rushden Town Council with support from The Royal British Legion (Rushden



Branch) and the Rotary Club of Rushden.

Over 200 people from local organisations joined the parade, this included members of the Airforce, Army and Sea Cadets, Scouts and Brownies groups, plus civic dignitaries including Brigadier David Russell-Parsons, Deputy Lieutenant of Northamptonshire, Cllr Adrian Winkle, Rushden Town Mayor, Vice Chairman of North Northamptonshire Council, Peter Bone, MP for Wellingborough and Rushden, and members of Rushden Town Council.

More than 1,500 members of the public lined the parade route and gathered at the War Memorial on Church Parade for the service conducted by Rev Tom King and Rev Linnet Smith. The service was supported by

Rushden Town Band and the NN10 Choir.

Town Mayor, Cllr Adrian Winkle said: "Remembrance Sunday is always a major event in my calendar, this is where we give our thanks and honour those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice. To see so many of you there paying your respects shows what a caring community we are, I am so proud to be part of it. As the Kohema says, 'they gave their today for our tomorrow, so that we could have the freedom we have today'.

"My grateful thanks to everyone who came along and to the organisers. We will remember them."

Rushden Town Council would like to thank everyone that supported the event including all the organisations who took part in the emotive parade.



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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:

> IRTHLINGBOROUGH

Proposed erection of a single block containing 6 apartments (4 x 1 Bedroom Studios & 2 x 2 Bedroom Flats) together with associated parking, landscaping and refuse and cycle storage (Revised resubmission of 20/01181/FUL) at Land Between Louisa Lilley Almshouses And St Peters Way Irthlingborough NN9 5SD (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/22/01375/FUL (20 December 2022)

> POLEBROOK

Redevelopment of the site comprising the relocation and consolidation of the existing Olive Grove Garden Centre including associated polytunnels (to the south) and development of an elderly care home (Class C2) (to the north) with ancillary cafe and associated landscaping and car parking at Olive Grove Nurseries Oundle Road Polebrook PE8 5LQ (Info) (Part3) (Info) NE/22/01271/FUL (20 December 2022)

> EASTON ON THE HILL

Front extensions, front and rear elevational changes, internal alterations and garage extension at 16A Church Street Easton On The Hill PE9 3LL (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/22/01391/FUL (20 December 2022)

> KINGS CLIFFE

New two storey dwelling (re-submission of NE/22/00095/FUL) at 34 Wood Road Kings Cliffe PE8 6XF (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/22/01386/FUL (20 December 2022)

> BRIGSTOCK

The erection of a large shed to sit on an existing concrete slab to the side of the property. Constructed using ship lap timber stain black to match existing fences, windows and fascia at White Lodge 6 Grafton Road Brigstock

NN14 3EY (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/22/01270/FUL (20 December 2022)

> THRAPSTON

Re-roofing of the pitched section of the roof including its thermal upgrade, and alterations to the eaves and verge to suit at 1 Cosy Nook Thrapston NN14 4PS (LB/CA) (Info) NE/22/01382/FUL (20 December 2022)

> ISLIP

Proposed car parking area. Plum tree (T1) to be removed and repositioned at 4 School Lane Islip NN14 3LQ (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/22/01331/FUL (20 December 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.

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 26 November 2022

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

Town Council Meeting - Tuesday 29th November, 7.30pm

Planning & Development Committee Meeting - Tuesday 13th December, 6.45pm

Policy and Resources Committee Meeting - Tuesday 13th December, 7.30pm

Town Council Meeting - Tuesday 20th December, 7.30pm

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

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

Farmers Market - Saturday 17th December, 9am - 1pm - Market Square

ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS

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Volunteer Action is a local charity supporting local residents who may be elderly, unwell, disadvantaged or have disabilities. By providing services to these valuable members of the community, our aim is to maintain independence and improve the quality of their lives.

The volunteer action car scheme is run by volunteers within the community of Oundle, Thrapston and the surrounding 48 villages. We provide a driving service for medical trips to the elderly or vulnerable – in addition to a newly launched befriending scheme that is designed to help combat loneliness.

On 2nd November 2022 we held a Supporter Recognition event at The Queen Victoria Hall and Fletton House in Oundle – where we saw over 100 of our amazing volunteers attend. Here we provided a lunch to say thank you for all their hard work and present certificates for long service. The food was kindly donated by both Tesco



and Co-op in Oundle – which was truly a feast!

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Nene Valley News - EVENTS

> SUNDAY 27TH NOVEMBER, 10.15AM

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> FRIDAY 2ND DECEMBER, 1.30-3.30PM

Rushden Whitefriars Church Retireds' Group

Christmas crafts, and carols and songs with Liz Youngman at the Bridge Community Office, Whitefriars Junior School. Free admission.

> SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER, 7.30PM

Wellingborough Orpheus Choir - The Music of Ralph Vaughan Williams

St Barnabas Church, College Street, Wellingborough. Tickets £12 (students £5, under 12s free) This year sees the 150th anniversary of the birth of Ralph Vaughan Williams and we shall be celebrating with a concert of his music, with professional baritone soloist Gabriel Gottlieb. Tickets available from Irvin's House of Flavour, High Street, Wellingborough or at the door. Email maureen@thejetty.eclipse.co.uk or visit orpheuschoir.org.uk

> SUNDAY 4TH DECEMBER, 10.15AM

Whitefriars Church, Morning Worship

Whitefriars Primary School, Rushden NN10 9HX.

> SATURDAY 10TH DECEMBER

Christmas Carol Concert

St Mary's Church, Little Addington, are holding the annual Christmas Carol Concert with brass band. Tickets £10 or £3 children and includes free mince pies and mulled wine or juice. Details from (01933) 650245. Contact details for the church via Mrs Jean Goodey, Estoril, High Street, Little Addington.

> THURSDAY 15TH DECEMBER, 7.30PM (DOORS 7PM)

A Causley Christmas

St Peter's Church Raunds NN9 6JB. £12 (young person £5). Celebrate Christmas with Jim Causley playing all sorts of carols, poems and fun.

> FRIDAY 16TH DECEMBER, 7.30PM

Rushden & District History Society

Whitefriars Primary School, Boughton Drive, Rushden NN10 9HX. Members £1.50, non-members £2.50. Contact information: Tel. 01536 238320 for more information. Douglas Goddard - Thomas Tresham and his buildings.

> CHRISTMAS EVENTS AT NEWTON BROMSWOLD

Christmas Quiz

3rd December at 7.30pm in The Swan, Newton Bromswold. Entry fee £10 for a team of 4.

Children's Carol Service

St Peter's Church, Newton Bromswold will be holding a Children's Carol Service on Sunday 11th December at 10am with the parable puppets performing 'Snapshots to Bethlehem'.

Carol Singing

The Swan, Newton Bromswold on Monday 19th December at 7.30pm.

Carol Service

St Peter's Church, Newton Bromswold will be holding a Carol Service on Christmas Eve at 6pm and Holy Communion on Christmas Day at 9am.

> CHRISTMAS EVENTS AT LYVEDEN

Join the Midwinter Merriment at National Trust's Lyveden this Christmas

With a dash of colour and a large helping of greenery, come and see Lyveden's recipe for a traditional Tudor Christmas. This year Lyveden will

be taking inspiration from traditional midwinter festivities. Discover how the Tudors celebrated Christmas and, in the new year, learn more about the tradition of wassailing the orchards. Join us to embrace a simpler, more natural way to celebrate the festive season inspired by our Tudor predecessors. Greenery decorations, craft workshops, family trails and much more...

YULETIDE WORKSHOPS

Festive Door Hangers Workshop

30th November (10.30am and 2pm sessions), £40.

Taking inspiration from the Tudor Christmas and ably guided by Liddy Parry from Something Less Boring you'll use a selection of different evergreen foliage to construct your own festive door display

Christmas Table Decorations

7th December (1.45pm sessions), £45. Enjoy a festive few hours making a floral centrepiece which will bring a little extra magic to your Christmas table. Our expert will be on hand for tips and tricks. Refreshments in the form of tea, coffee and a mince pie will help keep you merry and bright as you work.

Eco Festive Wrapping Workshop

15th December (10.30am and 2pm sessions), £15.

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TRADITIONAL GHOST STORYTELLING

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An Evening of Haunting Ghost Stories

3rd December 7-8pm, £10 Adult. An evening of stories around the fire for adults and brave older children. Hear some of the tales that would have sent the Tudors to bed shivering and quaking (and not just with the cold).

For more information about the Lyveden visit nationaltrust.org.uk/Lyveden.

Raunds Christmas Lights Switch-On

Sunday 27th November.

Santa's Parade leaves the Town Hall at 2.45pm Entertainment from 3pm. Lights switched on at 6pm. Lots to see and do including: Live music from Ed Sheeran tribute act, Petting Farm, Big Hero's for Little Hero's, Fair Rides and variety of crafts & food.

Raunds Christmas Bauble Trail

Find the Christmas Bauble in local participating shops along Raunds Brook Street and High Street and collect 12 stamps to win a prize. Pick up a Trail Card from participating shops or the Town Council offices and start collecting from Sunday 27th November until Tuesday 20th December.

Raunds Santa's Grotto

At Saxon Hall, Raunds
Fri 16th December - 4pm-8pm
Sat 17th & Sun 18th December - 10am-8pm
Mon 19th December - 10am-4pm
Wed 7th December we have the Coffee Afternoon where we will be making wreaths - see artwork.

Mayor's Family Carol Service, Raunds

Wednesday 14th December we have the Mayor's Family Carol Service. Pre-book at the Box Office on the Town Square on 27th November or via www.raunds-tc.gov.uk from the 28th November. £3 per child including a present. Pre-bookings only.

Get your skates on! Buy your tickets for the Ferry Meadows ice rink now

Experience the magic of Christmas at Nene Park this winter. From 25th November to 2nd January, the heart of Ferry Meadows will be transformed for Christmas, with an open-air ice rink, mini Christmas market and vintage fun fair, festooned with twinkling lights and festive garlands.

Park visitors can glide into the festive season on our eco-friendly synthetic ice rink, open daily throughout the winter season. The synthetic surface is scientifically engineered to allow skaters to glide just as smoothly as on real ice, whilst having minimal impact on the environment. Suitable for ages 4 and over, prices start from just £6 per skating session and include a certificate for each child as a memento of their time on the ice. It's the perfect activity to get you and your family and friends into the Christmas spirit, with all proceeds from the ice rink going straight back to maintaining our beautiful Park for all the community to enjoy.

FREE car parking is included with skating sessions, providing an affordable as possible family-friendly Christmas experience in our idyllic Park setting. To book tickets visit: www.nenepark.org.uk/christmas.

A mini Christmas market full of delicious food and drink will add to the festivities, from warming mulled wine and indulgent hot chocolate to traditional Bratwurst and a mouth-watering selection of sweet treats. You'll also discover unique gifts and have the opportunity to support local community groups. Continue your shopping in the Ferry Meadows Gift & Farm Shop, full of unique Christmas decorations and exciting gift ideas for your loved ones, alongside a new range of festive Farm Shop produce from our premium local suppliers.

An exciting vintage fun fair and rides on the festive-themed miniature railway will provide even more entertainment, alongside a variety of children's crafts and activities, including letter writing to Father Christmas and sharing Christmas wishes on our Park wishing tree. Our fundraising Christmas stars will be available again this year from the Visitor Centre and as a craft activity. The stars will then be hung in the Park for everyone to enjoy.

Christmas at Ferry Meadows will be open daily from 25th November to 2nd January, with the exception of Christmas Day. Open hours are 4pm-8pm weekdays, and 10am-8pm at weekends and during the school Christmas holidays. The ice rink will also be available to privately hire for schools, groups and local businesses. Please contact visitor.services@neneparktrust.org.uk for more information. The Nene Park Team are delighted to be offering a Christmas experience this year and cannot wait to welcome you all to join in the festivities!

Ferry Meadows Ice Rink Details:

- The SuperGlide synthetic ice rink is 9x15 metres, with a capacity of 35 skaters per session.
- Each session runs for an hour, which includes a minimum of 45 minutes on the ice and time to change into skates.
- Ticket prices are as follows:

Ice Skating Ticket Prices	Peak (Friday, Saturday, Sunday and school holidays from 19 December)	Off Peak (Monday to Thursday evenings 29 November to 15 December)
Adult (18+)	£10	£8
Child (4+)	£8	£6
Student	£9	£7
Family of 3 (All family tickets require a minimum of 1 adult and 1 child)	£24	£18
Family of 4 (All family tickets require a minimum of 1 adult and 1 child)	£32	£24
Family of 5 (All family tickets require a minimum of 1 adult and 1 child)	£38	£30
Penguin skate aids	£3.50	£3.50
Skate Chair	Free	Free

- Children aged 4-12 must be accompanied on the ice by an adult age 18 and over, with a maximum of 4 children per adult. Children aged 13-17 must have an adult in the vicinity.
- Skate hire is included in the ticket price, no other skates will be permitted on the synthetic ice.
- A quiet skating session with reduced capacity, no music or flashing lights will be available every Sunday morning at 9am.
- Online booking is highly recommended to avoid any disappointment; however tickets may also be purchased at the ice rink kiosk during your Park visit, subject to availability.
- Penguin pal skating aids and a skate chair for wheelchair users are available. Pre-booking online is essential.

SANTA'S GROTTTO

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14
 (LAWSON STREET, RAUNDS)
 (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 Lawson Street, Raunds as set out below.
LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Lawson Street, Raunds from outside number 15.
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 19th December 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 three days.
ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Clare Street, Hollington Street and Hill Street.
 If you require any further information please contact Steve Fowler
 ref:- 22/23 – N395 Steve.Fowler@northnorthants.gov.uk PKG/T22/713

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14
 (KETTON ROAD, COLLYWESTON)
 (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 Ketton Road, Collyweston as set out below.
LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Ketton Road, Collyweston from New Road for 250 metres west.
REASON FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during installing of a new water connection.
PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 26th 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 Geeston Road, Station Road, Church Road, High Street, Stamford Road, Ketton Road, Stamford Road, A1, Kettering Road, Stamford Road, Main Road and Back Lane.
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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14
 (CHURCH LANE, BARNWELL)
 (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 Church Lane, Barnwell as set out below.
LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Church Lane, Barnwell from outside 56 Church Lane for 50 metres.
REASON FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during installation of a new gas connection.
PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 5th December 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 five days.
ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Well Lane, Armston Road, Red Lodge Road, Oundle Road, Main Street, Hemington Road, Polebrook Road and Hemington Road.
 If you require any further information please contact Steve Fowler
 ref:- 22/23 – N404 Steve.Fowler@northnorthants.gov.uk PKG/T22/724
 Dated this 26th day of November 2022
 DEBBIE CARTER-HUGHES
 Executive Director, Pathfinder Legal Services Ltd

THE PRESENT FROM THE PALACE IS UNPACKED – AND THEN COMES ANOTHER SURPRISE

A surprise gift from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II to Higham Ferrers has finally been unveiled.

Back in August, Morcea Walker MBE, the Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Northamptonshire, told guests at the 600th anniversary of the town's Chichele College, that Higham Ferrers was going to get "a present from the Palace". But the gift had to remain a secret until later in the year, she said in an interview at the time.

Now however, the mystery has been solved as the secret of the special gift is out. Higham Ferrers has just received a "Tree of Trees" tree which was planted in the Chichele College garden recently by the Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Northamptonshire and Paul Parsons, the Queen's Green Canopy chairman for Northamptonshire. Chichele College, a Scheduled Monument, is owned by the Duchy of Lancaster and Higham Ferrers Tourism cares for the day-to-day management of the site through an agreement with English Heritage.

The special tree – Higham Ferrers selected a hazel – came from the Queen's Green Canopy "Tree of Trees", an impressive sculpture made up of 350 British trees, which stood tall outside Buckingham Palace marking the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations and seen on televisions around the world.

The new Higham Ferrers tree, which joins more than a million trees already planted across Britain

as part of the Queen's Green Canopy, has now become a living legacy in honour of Her Majesty.

Based on the population of Northamptonshire, the county was gifted four "Tree of Trees" trees.

Higham Ferrers, which boasts a team of active volunteer gardeners at Chichele College, was an "obvious choice" to receive one, the Vice Lord-Lieutenant said after the planting ceremony. The other towns were Kettering, Northampton and Brackley.

The hazel tree came in a special metal pot embossed with Her Majesty's cypher and it will be used for floral displays in the historic Chichele College, Carol Fitzgerald, chair of the Chichele College Management Committee, said.

The Vice Lord-Lieutenant told guests at the ceremony that the hazel tree would add to the town's history.

But it was not the only special gift that the town received that day.

Professor Peregrine Horden, the Fellow Librarian of All Souls College, Oxford, said that Higham Ferrers-born Henry Chichele, who founded Chichele College and became Archbishop of Canterbury, had also founded All Souls College.

To mark the continuing association with Chichele College, the Warden and Fellows of All Souls had decided to sponsor £500 a year for five years towards the College's local educational initiatives.

Another VIP guest Victoria Wicks, granddaughter of famous local author HE Bates, told how he loved Higham Ferrers, having spent as much time as he could at his grandparents' farm, which is now the



Morcea Walker MBE (left), the Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Northamptonshire and Paul Parsons, the Queen's Green Canopy chairman for Northamptonshire, plant Higham Ferrers's "present from the Palace"

Chichele College garden.

The acclaimed author wrote that while Higham Ferrers might not be the most beautiful town in England, "I will simply say it is closer to my heart".

A poem, 'The Queen's Canopy', written by local poet Susan Waters, premiered at the ceremony and was read by Paul Parsons.

THE QUEEN'S CANOPY by Susan Waters

*Bright leaves spiral high above the Palace
Birch and larch, hornbeam and hazel,
Patient as courtiers in their crested rows
A beacon for a Queen.*

Steel branches harvest

*A royal gift for fertile planting
Points of green across the land.*

Lamb-tailed Corylus

*Nestled by the bee boles
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Tree of trees*

Little lung

*In the cold November moonlight
Whispers to the silver forest
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