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NEWS IN BRIEF

Oundle Golf Club's oldest member celebrates her 100th birthday!

On Tuesday 22nd November, Oundle Golf Club's oldest member celebrated her 100th birthday. Cicely Grace Robinson has been a member at the club for 50 years, and she continued to play up to the age of 94.

Debbie Verdino, Oundle's Women's Captain, presented Cicely with a card and presents from Women members, while Club President Richard Cole presented her with a bouquet of flowers. They then cut her birthday cake while members sang Happy Birthday and gave three cheers.

Following the celebration, the women's team watched in wonder as she drove off on the first tee to mark the occasion. Cicely thanked everybody for their good wishes and said how much she missed them all.



Debbie Verdino, Oundle's Women's Captain, with Cicely Robinson

LIGHTS AND SMILES LIT UP RUSHDEN

Many people visited Rushden Town Council's Christmas Lights Switch-on event in the High Street.



Lady were a fantastic addition to the day.

Winkle switched on the impressive Christmas light displays.

said: "The event was very well attended and a fantastic day was had by all. Thank you to all who came. We lit up Rushden."

Huge crowds gathered for the countdown, as Town Mayor, Cllr Adrian

A spokesperson for Rushden Town Council

Luckily the weather stayed dry and mild as the community came together for a day of festive fun with local businesses, fun fair and an array of entertainment, both on and off the stage.

Santa and his real Reindeer proved as popular as ever and the Snow Lion and Bubble



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WORDS BY
ROY BURRELL

It is not at all difficult to keep a record of arrival dates of birds coming into 'our patch', whether that is a small back garden or our regular walk. All we need is to remember to make a note of it. But it is impossible to carry out a similar catch at the end of the season, to provide "board and lodging" for the "other half" of the year. There is no set time or day for the birds to be out of the premises. The cuckoo shows the problem of trying to compare travelling times: the well-known call tell us when they have arrived, but how do we tell when any particular sighting will be the last for the rest of the year?

The easy way, of course, is to look up the answer in our 'bird book' but it is not always quite as simple as that, especially when the visitor is not often seen in our garden or field. For example, the wagtails are a family of birds which are not by any means rare but are not commonly seen on an afternoon stroll.

They could be described as "dainty", with slender bodies and legs, often but not always found near water. In our countryside there are three species – pied, grey and yellow (plus quite a few variants grouped together under the umbrella 'white'), but are they summer visitors? There is some uncertainty whether they do travel large enough distances to earn the label "migrant", but the shadow of a small but lively bird passing through some small plants gave the game away. The initial sighting was not very clear, but several more glimpses showed that it was not all the bright yellow expected; the back was actually a gentle grey while the underparts remained yellow (to confuse watchers?), and "a picture paints a thousand words", says the old poem. In this case the puzzle remained – was this a bird which 'got left behind' or just a family changing home? It has not been seen again in that spot, so let's hope it found either its family, or at least a food supply.

GENEALOGY JOTTINGS

WORDS BY
JAN PEARSON

Have you ever read Dickens' A Christmas Carol – or at least seen the film? Those with money had wonderful Christmases: lots of food and drink and making merry. However, for much of the population, many meals were the same as they had been for the other 364 days of the year – meagre, to say the least. Sadly, those times are being reflected this year for many.

At the beginning of the 19th century, Christmas was hardly celebrated – certainly not in the way that it is today. Queen Victoria's husband, Prince Albert, brought the idea of a Christmas tree over from Germany and so that fashion grew with the tree being decorated with nuts, fruits and homemade sweets. Gifts had traditionally been given at New Year, but the Victorians were responsible for moving that idea to Christmas. These were usually homemade and could be embroidered picture frames, keepsake boxes or a doll that had been made from local wood.

However, Christmas Day was often the one day – or part thereof – that many people did not have to work. Therefore, do not be surprised if you find a Christmas Day wedding or baptism. Also, some

churches married people for free on public holidays.

So, this Christmas, take a moment to think back to days gone by. How might your ancestors have celebrated Christmas? Would they have gone to Church? Probably. Would they have exchanged presents? They may have. Would they have eaten well? Not always the case.

Although I mentioned last time that I visit the Oundle Library on the first Wednesday of each month – and have been doing so for about 8 years – I have decided that a quarterly visit would be more beneficial. With Christmas and New Year happening very soon, I am sure that people are busy with other commitments – enjoy those parties and family gatherings! Therefore, the next time that you see me in the Library will be towards the end of February at a more convenient time for folk, when I will be able to spend more than just an hour there.

Wishing you and yours well over Christmas and New Year.

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Readers' letters

Dear Sir/Madam,
I am writing to congratulate Rutland Sinfonia on another wonderful concert at St Peter's Church, Oundle.

Their four performances per year are a rare treat in the region, eagerly anticipated by sell-out audiences. They are a group of accomplished amateur classical musicians from the area who invariably perform to a professional standard, with up to 70 on stage for each concert.

The latest programme included three works: Overture to 'Bishop Rock' by Doreen Carwithen, written in 1952; Piano Concerto #3 by Beethoven and Vaughan Williams' Symphony #2, 'A London Symphony'.

The Sinfonia typically feature a work by a lesser-known composer in the

programme and this time it was Doreen Carwithen, an English composer who began composing at the tender age of 16 and wrote over 30 film scores. She has come to prominence more recently and featured in the Last Night of the Proms in September.

The performance of Beethoven's Piano Concerto #3 was perhaps the highlight of the evening, starring Dr Robert Markham, the Sinfonia's new musical patron for 2022/23.

Finally, and in recognition of Vaughan Williams' 150th anniversary this year, we heard his 'London Symphony' which was first performed in 1914 and dedicated to George Butterworth.

It was such a well balanced programme and throughout the performances the

dedication of the musicians, their leader Katherine Collison and Music Director Paul Hilliam shines through. They clearly have great collaborative chemistry, playing with passion and joy, and we are so lucky to have them on our doorstep.

Surely classical music is the genre that invariably rewards the audience most in a live format?

We should cherish the opportunity to see Rutland Sinfonia and support them throughout their season.

The next concert is at Oakham School Chapel on 11th March with a programme of Stage and Screen favourites - not to be missed!

Yours sincerely
Colin Pulley
Stamford



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STAY SAFE WHEN YOU'RE OUT CELEBRATING THIS CHRISTMAS

Ahead of the start of the Christmas party season, residents across North Northamptonshire are being asked to remember some golden rules when planning a trip or night out.

If you are arranging an evening out this Christmas, make sure that you plan well in advance how you are getting home by using licensed taxis.

All taxis that are registered with the local council must display a licence plate (usually on the front and rear of the vehicle) which has a number, along with a smaller licence in the front windscreen. Always check this before getting in a taxi to make sure that your driver has followed the correct and legal processes.

Here are a few golden rules when using taxis this Christmas:

- Plan how you're going to get home from your night out – arrange a lift or book a taxi in your name. And leave the taxi booking details with a friend
- Always keep the number of a reliable firm with you
- When you make a booking, ask if you can pay by card. It is worth agreeing the fare in advance, so you can make sure you have the correct cash to pay if necessary
- Avoid taxis that tout for business and are unlicensed
- When the taxi arrives, check it is the one you booked by asking for the name in which it was booked. If in doubt, don't get in
- Always sit behind the driver in the back seat
- If you feel uneasy, ask to be let out
- Stick with your friends and choose a meeting point for if you get separated
- Never accept a lift from a stranger.



Household Support Fund set to help low wage workers manage cost of living

North Northamptonshire Council is committed to supporting households with difficulty managing food and heating costs.

An estimated 4,000 households of North Northamptonshire residents who are working, but receiving a low wage, will now be able to apply for financial relief.

The funding, part of the Household Support Fund phase 3, provided by the Department of Work and Pensions, has been allocated to help working North Northants residents who were not eligible for the Cost of Living benefit.

The payments have been earmarked for employed adults (aged 18 or over) on an income of £300 a week or less.

Applicants will need to fill in a simple online form, upload payslips and proof of identity, ideally using a computer, and

must have a bank account. Once approved they will receive £125 directly into their nominated account with a further £125 credited to the same account 60 days later.

No further application will be needed for the second payment.

Those who do not have access to a computer can visit a North Northamptonshire library where they are available for free public use.

Cllr Jason Smithers, Leader of the Council said: "For the third Household Support Fund we wanted to help our many hard-working North Northamptonshire residents who are employed but receiving a low wage.

"It's important that these, who haven't been eligible for previous Household Support

Funds or other support, such as the Cost of Living benefit, don't miss out on vital help with rising bills."

As well as offering support to residents who are working, but receiving a low wage, the Household Support Fund phase 3 is also helping families with children on free school meals with vouchers covering the Christmas holidays.

Additionally the fund is also being used by the council to work with community groups to identify where best to target funds which would benefit up to a further 1,750 families. This assistance will either be in the form of direct payments, payments to charities, or assistance to foodbanks.

Cllr Smithers added: "We are delighted that this funding will also enable us to support our community groups, who are so important in helping us access those in need, including assistance to foodbanks and warm spaces."

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Bosworth's Garden Centre

Step into the woods at Treewilder

If you are thinking of a festive walk in the outdoors this year, why not visit the free art exhibition at Barnwell Country Park? Artwork from seven international artists has been installed in outdoor locations around the park site as well as some more sculpture and video works in the visitor centre and café.

The park is open all year round with the visitor centre closed on 24th, 25th, 26th and 31st December plus 1st and 2nd January.

The exhibition is called Treewilder, suggestive of both the words 'bewilder' and 'rewilding', and invites

audiences to take a step into the woods and the world of contemporary art.

The project was commissioned by Fermynwoods Contemporary Art, guest curated by London based curator Angela Kingston, and features prints,

sculptures and video work by Denise de Cordova, Delaine Le Bas, Kim L Pace, Jenet Thomas, Danny Treacy, and Johannes Zits. Some work previously featured in the Royal Academy Summer Show, with other work being made especially for Barnwell.

Exhibition runs until 28th February 2023. Barnwell Country Park, Barnwell Road, Oundle PE8 5PB. For more information visit www.fermynwoods.org/treewilder, or call in at the park.



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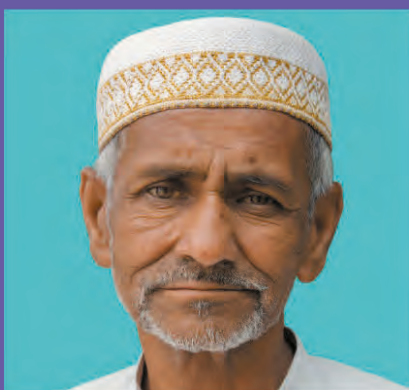
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> KINGS CLIFFE

Convert former school to four town houses, conversion of horsa to ancillary annexe accommodation, along with associated landscaping, parking and access, first floor extension to NE wing and changes to fenestration at Kings Cliffe Primary School Park Street Kings Cliffe PE8 6XN (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) LBRegs) (Info) NE/22/01431/FUL and NE/22/01432/LBC (3 January 2023)

> EASTON ON THE HILL

Demolition of rear UPVC conservatory and outbuildings and construction of new single storey extension, the replacement of lean to roof and replacement of UPVC vestibule roof at 38 Church Street Easton On The Hill PE9 3LL (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/22/01418/FUL (3 January 2023)

> THRAPSTON

Provision of solar/PV panels to the roof of the constructed care home at Land Off Huntingdon And Market Road Thrapston (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/22/01412/FUL (3 January 2023)

> HIGHAM FERRERS

Change of use of residential flat to commercial, first floor extensions,

external alterations and signage at 3 College Street Higham Ferrers NN10 8DX (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/22/01419/FUL (3 January 2023)

> RUSHDEN

Change of use of upper floor to C3 residential accommodation comprising 2 x 1 bed apartments and 2 x 2 bed apartments, with new front door and rear amenity space. at First Floor 95 High Street Rushden (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/22/01328/FUL (3 January 2023)

> THRAPSTON

Demolition of single storey lean to structure, and erection of two storey side extension, for use as display area. Change of use of existing light industrial/storage building (B1) to research and development facility with storage, training and educational area, test kitchen and on site cafe with retail sales and display of catering equipment at 12 Cottingham Way Thrapston NN14 4PL (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/22/01390/FUL (3 January 2023)

> FINESHADE

Erection of two storey side extension and detached garage building with office above at 4 Top Lodge Fineshade NN17 3BB (Info) (Part3) (Info) NE/22/01434/FUL (3 January 2023)

> EASTON ON THE HILL

Installation of secondary glazing to all windows at 26 Church Street

Easton On The Hill PE9 3LL (LB/CA) (Info) (LBRegs) (Info) NE/22/01441/LBC (1 January 2023)

> RUSHDEN

Four semi-detached dwellings with parking, conversion of existing outbuilding into carport and new vehicular access, following demolition of the existing residential dwelling at 23 High Street South Rushden NN10 0QU (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/22/01440/FUL (3 January 2023)

> WOODFORD

Change of use of ground floor room from commercial to residential annexe. Prior use history and annotated plans are provided at 57 High Street Woodford NN14 4HE (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/22/01378/FUL (3 January 2023)

> NASSINGTON

First floor rear extension at 38B Church Street Nassington PE8 6QG (LB/CA) (Info) NE/22/01442/FUL (3 January 2023)

> RUSHDEN

Installation of one new CCTV camera at 75-79 High Street Rushden NN10 0NZ (LB/CA) (Info) NE/22/01445/FUL (3 January 2023)

> RUSHDEN

Demolition of existing public house (class C4) and erection of three-storey building to a

mixed-use consisting of 2 retail (class E), 2 offices (class E) and 10 two-bedroom apartments with associated access, car parking, refuse storage & landscaping at 105 High Street Rushden NN10 0NZ (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) (Part3) (Info) NE/22/00909/FUL (3 January 2023)

> HIGHAM FERRERS

1 x Projecting (Blade style) sign; 1 x Fascia sign; 1 x Recessed sign at 3 College Street Higham Ferrers NN10 8DX (LB/CA) (Info) NE/22/01420/ADV (3 January 2023)

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Part16 - Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 2015.

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Rob Harbour, Assistant Director Growth And Regeneration

Dated 10 December 2022

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

NEW OFSTED RATING FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES IN NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE AS IMPROVEMENTS HIGHLIGHTED

Significant improvements continue to be made to children's services in North Northamptonshire according to a report published by Ofsted.

In a letter to North Northamptonshire Council, Ofsted highlighted the good work of Northamptonshire Children's Trust (NCT) and rated children's services as 'Requires Improvement to be Good' lifting it out of the 'Inadequate' category it had been rated since 2019.

After a number of monitoring visits, October this year saw the first full inspection of children's services by Ofsted since the unitary authorities came into being in April 2021.

In the report, Ofsted noted that inspectors recognised: 'Children in need of help and protection in North Northamptonshire receive much better support than they did at the time of the inspection in 2019.'

It continued: 'Early help support has been strengthened, children at risk of harm are identified and timely protective action is taken.'

Ofsted acknowledged that help was now at hand for children and families who were just beginning to have

problems, making sure that these small problems did not grow.

Inspectors also highlighted that when children were at risk of very serious harm, social workers acted quickly to make sure they were as safe as possible and social workers completed assessments so that they could plan the best ways to help children and families.

Social workers were also praised for finding the right families for most children who cannot live with their own families, and that they are well cared for.

Senior leaders who have worked hard to improve services for children and families since the previous inspection of Northamptonshire in 2019 were also commended.

However, although services have got much better, Ofsted recognised that there was still more to do.

Cllr Scott Edwards, North Northamptonshire Council's Executive Member for Children, Families, Education and Skills, said: 'I'm delighted that children's services continue to be on an upwards trajectory and that Ofsted have recognised the substantial improvements that have been made by lifting children's services out of the inadequate category.'

'Improving life chances for every child is a key priority for us and we're all absolutely committed to making sure that we continue on this journey. Progress has been made in some

challenging areas and I'm confident that we have the right leaders and staff in place to continue to progress.'

The predecessor authority, Northamptonshire County Council delegated its children's social care statutory functions and transferred the provision of children's social care services to Northamptonshire Children's Trust (NCT) on 1st November 2020.

The trust now delivers children's social care and targeted early help services on behalf of North Northamptonshire and West Northamptonshire councils.

The letter to North Northamptonshire Council is now available to view in full on the Ofsted website.

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YOUR HEALTH – YOUR FEET

WORDS BY
CLAIRE SHORT

I spend a large proportion of my week explaining to people that osteopaths don't just treat backs. In fact, I regularly find myself singing "Heads, shoulders, knees and toes; knees and toes" to complete strangers.

Podiatrists and Foot Healthcare Practitioners don't have that problem. Everyone knows that they treat feet. Easy!

Our podiatrist, Ann Exton, is away for a while, so Jo Fowler, our Foot Healthcare Practitioner, gave me some tips on what you can do at home to look after your feet.

- Top foot tips from Jo:
- Clean under your nails - yes it does make a difference!
 - Dry between your toes - moisture between the toes can be a potential cause of yucky fungal infections.
 - Sore lumps might be corns or a verruca. Verrucas are



easier to treat in the early stages, so stop looking at that lump and poking it! Get it diagnosed and treated.

- In-growing toenails - don't cut your nails curved or too short.
- If you're prone to dry skin apply moisturiser to your feet, but not between your toes. I also asked Higham's gait analysis and rehab specialist, Rachel Hill, for some words of wisdom. She says that most people she sees use Google to mis-diagnose themselves with flat feet. The reality is that some

people have biomechanical changes at the back of their foot, some in the front, and some in the middle. The shape of inserts and the sort of rehab will be different for each. If you're using Google, make sure you use very professional sites to get your info.

Neither Jo nor Rachel had any comments on lawnmowers, which was disappointing. My own theory is that if you've got sore feet you can't push the lawnmower, so maybe you're better off keeping the sore feet!

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



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> SUNDAY 11TH DECEMBER

Countryside Walk: walking wisely through Riseley

A pre-Christmas walk of about four miles on some of Riseley's many public footpaths. Meet outside the Londis Store in the centre of Riseley (91 High Street, MK44 1DD) - in time to leave at 10.30am. Please contact Andrew Presland at andrew.presland.harborough58@gmail.com or 01933 316927 for more details. Organised by Whitefriars Church, Rushden, and open to all.

> SUNDAY 11TH DECEMBER, 7PM

Carol service at Whitefriars Primary School

Boughton Drive, Rushden NN10 9HX. All are welcome.

> SUNDAY 11TH DECEMBER, 3PM

Yarwell and Nassington Britannia Band Christmas Concert

Nassington Church. Some great Christmas music and some carols to sing along to. And if that is not enough then there will also be mince pies and a cup of tea. There is no charge for the concert but there will be an opportunity to donate to local charities. This year the charities will have been chosen by the children at Nassington School. If you went to the Spring concert you will have enjoyed the playing and witnessed the infectious enthusiasm of the young players from Elton School. Well they are coming back again to take part in this Christmas concert. So enjoy your Sunday lunch first and then come and enjoy the music of both bands. It is definitely a family event so please bring your children, grandchildren, parents and grandparents. They will all have a special, festive time.

> SUNDAY 18TH DECEMBER, 10.15AM

Christingle Service at Whitefriars Primary School

Boughton Drive, Rushden NN10 9HX. All are welcome.

> WEDNESDAY 21ST DECEMBER

Film: The Family Stone (Ages 13+)

Saxon Hall, Raunds. Refreshments served from 1pm. Film starts at 1.30pm. Ring 01933 622087 between 10am-2pm to reserve your seat. £1 entry (Includes tea/coffee and cake) Film Overview: A traditionalist and uptight businesswoman goes with her boyfriend to his quirky and outgoing family's yearly Christmas bash and realises that she is terribly out of place in such an environment. Film Genre: Christmas Romantic Comedy.

> SATURDAY 24TH DECEMBER, 4.30PM

Nativity Service at Whitefriars Primary School

Boughton Drive, Rushden NN10 9HX. All are welcome.

> SUNDAY 25TH DECEMBER, 10.15AM

Christmas Day Service at Whitefriars Primary School

Boughton Drive, Rushden NN10 9HX. All are welcome.

> SUNDAY 25TH DECEMBER, 8.30AM TO 10AM

Christmas Day breakfast (free!)

At the College Street Centre, Irthlingborough NN9 5TU. Everyone welcome. Free hot food and drinks, friendly company. Please ring 07722 843821 for more information.

Other events in the Rushden area:

Warm spaces in Rushden and Higham Ferrers: all are welcome:

In Rushden:

- Mondays: Salvation Army, 10am-2pm
- Tuesdays: St Mary's Church, 10am-2pm
- Wednesdays: the Wesleyan Church, High Street, 10am-2pm
- Thursdays: St Mary's Church, 12 noon-4pm.
- Fridays: Rushden Town Council (Rushden Hall), 1.30pm-3.30pm

In Higham Ferrers:

- Tuesdays: Hope Methodist Church, 1pm-3pm
- Thursdays: St Mary's Church, 10am-2pm

CLIMB UP THE BEANSTALK AND JOIN CASTLE THEATRE FOR SOME FEE FI FO FUN FOR EVERYONE!

It is nearly that time of year again when Parkwood Theatres and Castle Theatre, Wellingborough bring you another stunning, magical pantomime and this year it will be the classic, good vs evil tale of Jack and The Beanstalk.

This enchanting and fun for all the family pantomime has a stellar cast including Matt Monfort as Jack Trott, Elizabeth Armstrong as Jill,

Adam Borzone as Dame Trott, Sarafina Doussay as Fairy Fuschia, Will Frazer as Silly Simon and finally of course there is Daisy the Cow, "Oh yes there is!".

Welcome to the world of fairy tales, where our poor hero Jack and his dotty Mum Dame Trott are tricked into selling their beloved cow Daisy for a useless bag of beans.

Laugh at Silly Simon, boo and hiss the wicked

Fleshcreep and cheer on our hero Jack as he tries to rescue his sweetheart Jill from the nasty giant's castle in the clouds.

Jack and the Beanstalk is a fun-filled pantomime for all the family and the perfect Christmas outing. Book now to avoid disappointment and we look forward to seeing you all there.

A giant of a family pantomime!

The show will run at Castle Theatre until Saturday 31st December 2022. Tickets are available from the Box Office on 01933 270007 or online castletheatre.co.uk

MARTIN EDWARDS: BLACKSTONE FELL

Tuesday 13th December at 7.45pm-8.45pm. The Glaphorn Room, Fletton House, Glaphorn Road, Oundle PE8 4JA.

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Martin Edwards has been the editor of 38 anthologies and has written many contemporary whodunits, including The Coffin Trail, which was shortlisted for the Theakston's Prize

for best crime novel of the year. He has won the Edgar, Agatha, H.R.F. Keating, Macavity, Poirot and Dagger awards as well.

Martin is President of the Detection Club, a former Chair of the Crime Writers' Association and consultant to the British Library's bestselling crime classics series. In 2020 he was awarded the Diamond Dagger for his outstanding contribution to crime fiction.

Tickets £8 (£6), available from the Oundle Box Office, Queen Victoria Hall, West Street, Oundle PE8 4EJ

Phoneline open: 10am-2pm Mon to Fri: 01832 279086

Online at <https://oundlelitfest.org.uk/events/>

Enquiries contact oundlelitfestival@hotmail.co.uk

RAUNDS FILM AFTERNOON



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Showing at Saxon Hall, Raunds on Wednesday 21st December 2022

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Refreshments served from 1:00pm

£1 entry (includes tea/coffee & cake)

Film starts at 1:30pm

No under 18's permitted without an adult

Ring 01933 622087 between 10:00 am - 2pm to reserve your seat.

An event provided by Raunds Town Council

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We all need a bit of help sometimes...

We are living through some of the most challenging times that many of us will have experienced. The constant cycle of negative news and the current cost of living crisis have seen us experience many months of uncertainty, loss and isolation and this can have an impact on our mental health. In addition, there are many other factors that can cause stress, depression or anxiety in our lives and sometimes, we might just need a bit of help.

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Free, weekly webinars on "sleep", "low mood", "worry" and "practicing mindfulness" are also offered.

If you need a little bit of help, visit winter support where you can learn more and sign up to any of these free programmes.

CROYLAND CAR MEGASTORE ANNOUNCES PARTNERSHIP WITH CAMPERKING

Northamptonshire based Croyland Car Megastore has announced its latest business partnership with CamperKing.

The Rushden based dealership has been appointed as the exclusive approved dealer for CamperKing in Northamptonshire and will sell new campervan models, which Croyland customers can customise selecting from a range of bespoke fixtures, fittings, fabrics and finishes.

Croyland Car Megastore General Manager, Mark Swindells, said: "We are delighted to announce our partnership with CamperKing, it is an exciting development for the business.

"We have seen a rise in the number of Croyland customers choosing campervans and motorhomes as staycations soared in popularity. Our team will be able to advise customers on models and options allowing them to tailor the campervan to their own specification."

The announcement sees Croyland continue to expand its range of motorhomes and campervan options for customers and the business is already an approved Swift Motorhome dealer.

Croyland has already taken delivery of its first



collection of CamperKing conversions and will stock vehicles from the five-campervan model range with the option of customers choosing to specify and personalise their own CamperKing campervan.

Steve Hayward, CamperKing's Dealer Network Manager, said: "It's great to be able to announce Croyland Car Megastore as one of our dealers. Their position as one of the best-known automotive sales businesses in the East Midlands will ensure our campervans will be accessible to an even larger audience, and that the full range of choice and specification is on offer to all their customers. We're delighted to have them on board."

CamperKing is the UK's largest Volkswagen based campervan manufacturer in the UK.

Pictured from left to right are Jamie Waller and Jamie Burton at the Croyland Car Megastore showroom with one of the CamperKing models



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Help is at hand to reduce energy bills and cut carbon

Government grants are now available for those in North Northamptonshire who are eligible and want to make home improvements to reduce their energy bills and cut carbon emissions.

Sustainable Warmth is a government grant scheme designed to fund energy-efficiency upgrades for residents who are most likely to be impacted by the high cost of rising bills.

The grants managed by our partner organisation EON can be used for energy saving technology and upgrades fitted by approved installers.

Upgrades available include:

- insulation and ventilation upgrades
- an upgrade to a low carbon heating system (the new heating system cannot include a gas or oil boiler)
- heating controls
- solar panels (that generate free electricity)
- energy-efficient lighting

Grants are available for those who own their own homes and for landlords of privately rented properties.

Eligibility for the grants is determined by a number of factors including household income and the energy-efficiency rating of the property.

Cllr Matt Binley, North Northamptonshire Council's Executive Member for Housing,



Communities and Levelling Up, said: "I welcome this scheme in North Northamptonshire as the grants can help assist eligible households to make home improvements which will make properties more energy-efficient and sustainable going forward.

"Not only will these grants reduce energy bills but they will also lower carbon emissions too, which will contribute towards our environmental goals."

More details about the scheme, which runs until 28th December 2022, including eligibility and how to apply, are on the council's website.

Prizes up for grabs during World Cup 2022 in North Northamptonshire Libraries

World Cup fever has taken hold in North Northamptonshire Council Libraries with scores of activities on hand for football fans young and old.

Supporters have been invited to take part in the 'design your own football kit' competition with a grand prize up for grabs for the overall winner.

Additionally, the first three entries at each library received an official Panini sticker booklet and stickers.

Each library has a station filled with football related fun including colouring resources, books and posters.

There is also a Qatar 2022 wall chart so that enthusiasts can keep up to date with the World Cup tournament scores and fixtures.

Cllr Helen Howell, the Council's Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Sport, Leisure, Culture and Tourism, said: "I'm delighted that sports fans young and old will be able to take part in the football fun we have on offer.

"I would encourage as many people to come along to their local library to see what's on offer and, who knows, they may even be in with a



shout of scoring the grand prize!"

Cllr Jason Smithers, Leader of the Council, said: "We're all hoping that we'll all have a football fiesta in store over the coming weeks and I'm pleased that we've been able to offer some activities for enthusiasts across the North Northants area."

The stations will be available in local North Northants and community libraries from now until 24th December 2022. Details of the grand prize are available in libraries.

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CHRISTMAS IS NOT JUST FOR DOGS!

Huge numbers of our four-legged friends (plus one tortoise) had a very special opportunity this year to meet "Santa Paws" at The Ashgrove Clinic in Higham Ferrers.

The Ashgrove Clinic, known as a centre of excellence for pain, aesthetics and laser treatments, reinvented itself as Santa's grotto for the day. The canine visitors all seemed very pleased with the event (especially the bags of delicious treats provided by Bertie's Pet Shop in Higham). Tortellini the tortoise was less bouncy, but seemed to be happy with her own special goody bag of mealworms!

Brooke Robinson, lead osteopath at the clinic, said there was a wonderful Christmassy atmosphere, with queues of dogs waiting for their chance to get a photo of themselves with Santa.



The day raised over £550 for the Medical Detection Dogs charity. Brooke says that almost all of the practitioners in the clinic are dog owners, so the charity combines two of the clinic's passions: medical diagnosis and our canine friends.

www.medicaldetectiondogs.org.uk
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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 have made an Order the effect of which is 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 (GLAPTHORN ROAD, COTTERSTOCK & COTTERSTOCK ROAD, GLAPTHORN)
 (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2022
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 REASON FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during carriageway repairs.
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 EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted up to 21st December 2022.
 ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Southwick Road, Oundle Road, Glapthorn Road, Cotterstock Road and Oundle Road.
 If you require any further information please contact Steve Fowler ref:- 22/23 – N418 Steve.Fowler@northnorthants.gov.uk PKG/T22/741

Dated this 10th day of December 2022
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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS ALL MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT THE TOWN HALL UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTIFIED

Town Council Meeting - Tuesday 20th December, 7.30pm

Planning & Development Committee Meeting - Tuesday 10th January, 6.45pm

Environment and Recreation Committee Meeting - Tuesday 10th January, 7.30pm

Town Council Meeting - Tuesday 31st January, 7.30pm

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

Farmers Market - Saturday 28th January, 9am - 1pm - Market Square

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Trees from 'Tree of Trees' gifted to North Northamptonshire

Two trees that were included in the Queen's Green Canopy 'Tree of Trees' have been gifted to Chichele College in Higham Ferrers and the Green Patch in Kettering.

The trees, two of 350 that formed a sculpture outside Buckingham Palace during the Platinum Jubilee celebrations, were gifted as a 'thank you' for all the valuable and tireless work that volunteers and individuals undertake for the benefit of their communities.

Vice Lord-Lieutenant, Morcea Walker, presented one of the trees to volunteers at the Green Patch on 10th November, before she was joined by the Queen's Green Canopy Chairman for Northamptonshire, Paul Parsons to present the second to Chichele College on 12th November.

The tree gifted to Chichele College will join existing fruit trees and further add to the history of the site, whilst the

Green Patch's tree has been replanted on the 2.5-acre site by the River Ise.

CLr Harriet Pentland, North Northamptonshire Council's Executive Member for Climate and Green Environment, said: "This is such wonderful news. I am sure many of us will have seen the 'Tree of Trees' outside Buckingham Palace during the Jubilee celebrations and what an honour that two of the trees have now been re-planted in North Northants.

"The Queen's Green Canopy scheme continues until the end of March 2023, so there is still plenty of time for you to plant your own memorial to Her Majesty the Queen and I would encourage community groups and individuals to do so. As well as being a legacy, the benefits of planting trees are enormous

and will make a difference for generations to come."

The Lord-Lieutenant, James Saunders Watson, said: "I am delighted that Chichele College and the Green Patch have been selected to receive a Tree from the 'Tree of Trees', which form part of the legacy of the celebration of Her Late Majesty's Platinum Jubilee."

The Queen's Green Canopy scheme is currently running until the end of March 2023 and residents are being encouraged to plant a tree as a lasting legacy to Her Majesty the Queen. Any trees that are planted as part of the Queen's Green Canopy can be added to the official map which documents all the trees that have been planted since the start of planting season in October 2021.



Vice Lord-Lieutenant Morcea Walker



Green Patch planting



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Chichele College planting



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