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RAYNAUD'S AWARENESS MONTH

This February, the charity Scleroderma and Raynaud's UK (SRUK) will be raising awareness of the potentially devastating impact the UK's cost of living crisis is having on people with Raynaud's.

For people with Raynaud's, cold temperatures and stress trigger painful attacks. This is when the blood temporarily stops flowing to the body's extremities, most commonly the hands and feet.

These attacks can happen without warning and affect fine motor skills, making simple everyday tasks almost impossible. In more severe cases, they can affect a person's independence and leave them in immense pain.

Raynaud's cannot be cured, but the risk of attacks can be minimised. One of the best ways to prevent them is to keep your body warm, but SRUK warns that many are struggling because of high energy prices.

A survey by the charity towards the end of last year found that some are even choosing to buy less food to prioritise their energy bills.

During February, the charity will be encouraging people with Raynaud's to write to their MPs and share their stories to raise awareness of the issue.

Moulton College and Wicksteed Park join forces on animal welfare skills partnership

Moulton College animal welfare students and Wicksteed Park staff are set to mutually benefit from a formal partnership agreed between the college and the Kettering-based visitor attraction.

The agreement will see Wicksteed Park help Moulton College animal welfare students enhance their employability skills through a number of opportunities including careers advice, work placements, and the launch of a new apprenticeship in Level 2 Animal Care and Welfare from September 2023.

Carley Daniels, Head of School – Animal Welfare and Management at Moulton College says: "We've had a longstanding relationship with Wicksteed Park for a number of years, but this formal partnership will secure even more opportunities for both our students and Wicksteed's own employees.

"Moulton College is offering training courses for Wicksteed's

animal park staff with a bespoke programme to ensure that their work-based skills are also backed by national standard qualifications."

Elaine Hamblett, HR Manager at Wicksteed Park says: "Moulton College invited us to become a member of their Animal Welfare Employer Liaison Group in 2021, which led to discussions on how we could work together more formally on education and training opportunities for both students and employees."

The partnership will enable Moulton College's animal welfare students to develop their skills in the workplace, while further benefiting from the practical knowledge and experience Wicksteed's team can offer. It will also

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Students and staff from Moulton College and Wicksteed Park

help raise awareness of the career possibilities within the burgeoning animal welfare sector.

Carley adds: "Wicksteed is a very inclusive employer, which means we can work together to provide support and learning for any learner regardless of their additional needs."

Wicksteed Park is renowned for its animals as well as its rides, thanks to its aviary and the more recent addition of its meerkats. In March last year, the site opened Wicky's Farmyard, which is home to rabbits, pigs, goats,

barn owls, ferrets, chickens, ducks, guinea pigs, and the newest addition, tortoises.

Wicksteed Park has a range of permanent and seasonal roles. To find out more, visit www.wicksteedpark.org/careers/

For more information on Animal Welfare courses at Moulton College, visit www.moulton.ac.uk

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Young people are being invited to take the plunge and enjoy free swimming sessions across the North Northamptonshire Council area this February half-term.

The offer will be applicable from Monday 13th to Friday 17th February at the five North Northants pools:

- Corby – 11am to 12.30pm. Corby East Midlands International Pool, Parkland Gateway, George St, Corby NN17 1QG
- Rushden – 11am to noon and noon to 1pm (two

sessions). Splash Leisure Pool, Station Road, Rushden NN10 9SJ

- Thrapston – 1pm to 2.30pm. Nene Leisure Centre, Cedar Drive, Thrapston NN14 4JY
- Wellingborough – 1.35pm to 2.55pm. Waendel Leisure Centre, Thomas Street, Wellingborough, NN8 1DZ
- Kettering – noon to 1.30pm.

Kettering Pool, London Rd, Kettering NN15 7QA
For booking and more information contact your local swimming pool.

The sessions are available to anyone under the age of 18, however under eights will need to be accompanied by a paying adult

Swimming has many health benefits as a non-weight-bearing exercise that improves both physical and mental health, while keeping the sessions free makes the activity available to all.

GENEALOGY JOTTINGS

WORDS BY
JAN PEARSON

I was watching a television programme the other day where Jane McDonald visited Argentina whilst on a cruise. She visited the Recoleta Cemetery in Buenos Aires, to see the grave of Eva Perón – she who was the inspiration for 'Evita' – and was stunned by the monuments that were there. Nothing like our graveyards, but she compared it to "streets of houses for the dead". Have a rummage on the internet for pictures and you will see what she means.

As I said, it was not like our cemeteries – apart from Highgate, perhaps – but have you ever wandered round a cemetery and looked at the beautiful carvings on some of the graves? Many of them can provide clues to the lives of our ancestors.

For example, a beehive carved into the memorial was often used by the Freemasons and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. It symbolises human industry, faith, education and domestic virtues. I have seen graves where theatre masks have been carved to denote that the 'resident' worked

in the entertainment industry. The village in which I used to live – in a completely landlocked county, by the way – has a churchyard where you can see the memorial to one chap as some rocks with an anchor embedded therein. Yes, he was a sailor.

Not all carvings refer to the previous lives of those buried. There can be other symbolism, chosen either by the deceased and recorded in their will, or by those grieving relatives left behind. One of the most popular is that of a dove, representing the Holy Spirit. Another is a heart – symbolising love. A friend of mine, who died almost five years ago, has her name on her headstone, with space beside it for her husband's. Above them is a pair of hands holding each other. They were very much in love.

So, the next time that you have the chance to visit a graveyard in search of your ancestors, take a moment to take in the surrounding monuments.

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Avian flu detected in North Northants

North Northamptonshire Council is warning bird keepers and members of the public to be aware after a case of avian (or bird) flu was detected in dead mute swans in Kettering.

The swans were tested as part of the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) Wild Surveillance programme, which has been set up to detect the spread of avian influenzas in the UK.

All bird keepers (whether you have pet birds, commercial flocks or just a few birds in a backyard flock) must always keep a close watch on them for signs of disease and maintain good biosecurity.

Anyone who suspects any type of bird flu in poultry or captive birds must report it immediately by calling the Defra Rural Services Helpline on 03000 200 301.

For all the latest information in relation to the spread of avian flu, including the housing measures which

have now been brought in across the country, and also for information on how you can help to protect your birds, please refer to central Government's avian flu information: www.gov.uk/guidance/avian-influenza-bird-flu

People are being asked to register poultry, even if pets, so Defra can contact them during an outbreak. This is a legal requirement for 50 or more birds. Includes chickens, ducks, turkeys, geese, pigeon, partridge, quail, guinea fowl and pheasants.





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MAYOR'S AWARDS 2022-2023

Rushden Town Council is seeking nominations for the Mayor's Awards for Services to the Community for the year 2022 / 2023. The Mayor's Award is given to an individual for their work and commitment within the community of Rushden over a number of years. (Group nominations will not be eligible for an award.)

Please submit the name and address of nominees, together with details of the reason for their nomination, to the Town Clerk at Rushden Town Council, Rushden Hall, Hall Park, Rushden, Northants, NN10 9NG, or e-mail the Town Clerk at info@rushdentowncouncil.gov.uk. All nominations should be received by **Monday 27th March 2023**.

WORK STARTS ON NEW DISCOVER NORTHAMPTONSHIRE HUB

Using funds from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, work is now well underway, with the new Discover Northamptonshire hub expected to be open in time for English Tourism Week in March and the Easter holidays. The hub will be open 7 days a week and is located next to the entrance to the cinema at the Rushden Lakes Centre.

A dedicated Discover Northamptonshire team will work at the centre to capitalise on the 6 million visitors who visit Rushden Lakes annually and encourage them to stay longer in the area, visiting other attractions in the county and supporting local tourism, including our high streets, accommodation providers and transport.

The Discover Northamptonshire hub will be a fully interactive space, promoting all things Northamptonshire and the surrounding areas, including days out, attractions, walks, town and village offerings, places to eat, sustainable transport, heritage,

accommodation and events.

A retail space will promote small and local business, rotating stock on a regular basis to give a variety of businesses the chance to showcase their products at Rushden Lakes and reach a large audience, whilst a flexible events and conferencing space will mean workshops, talks and events can be held.

Once open, staff will work with partners including local schools, colleges and universities to provide learning and volunteering opportunities for those interested in working in the tourism sector, as well as working with local businesses to promote the area and encourage visitors to 'Discover

Northamptonshire', asking the question where next to visit in Northamptonshire?

Cllr Helen Howell, North Northamptonshire Council's Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Sport, Leisure, Culture and Tourism said: "It is great that work has started on the new Discover Northamptonshire hub and I look forward to it opening in March. There will be a dedicated team on site ready to help and advise visitors on all the wonderful attractions we have across the local area and further afield - from local walks along the Greenway and Nene Valley to Chester House Estate, through to our lovely high streets, villages, culture and

heritage venues and the larger visitor attractions.

"We have some wonderful hidden gems in the area and the hub will really help promote these, as well as giving small businesses the chance to showcase their products to such a large, captive audience. We hope the new hub will really help put Northamptonshire on the map."

Although the site will be operated by NNC, the team have worked closely with West Northamptonshire Council on the hub's branding and both councils plan to launch a new long-term tourism strategy for the county which will coincide with the opening of the new hub at Rushden Lakes. The

new tourism strategy is a collaboration between both councils and, once completed, will look at promoting the county as a whole, working closely with partners and stakeholders within the industry. The Discover Northamptonshire hub will be a key element of this strategy for Northamptonshire.

Cllr Daniel Lister, West Northamptonshire Council's Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Town Centre Regeneration and Growth, said: "We are delighted to be working in partnership with NNC to launch this exciting

project and develop a new Northamptonshire Tourism Strategy. We hope that both initiatives will help cultivate a vibrant, successful visitor economy in Northamptonshire which shines a light on our fantastic heritage, cultural and natural assets, while also supporting local businesses and creating jobs and opportunities for communities throughout the local area."

Further details about the Discover Northamptonshire hub opening and the new tourism strategy for Northamptonshire will be available soon.



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Thu 23 Ely
Sun 26 Orchids at Kew Gardens
Tue 28 Chippenham Park Snowdrops

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 York's 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

NOVEMBER

Fri 24 Thursford Christmas Spectacular
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15th-21st APRIL 2023 - SCOTTISH
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MAY

30th APRIL - 5th MAY - ISLE OF SKYE

Dunollie Hotel, Broadford. Half board including Excursions, £629pp. The village of Broadford is the second largest on Skye. This beautiful, tranquil town is a great place to stay while taking part in various outdoor activities like walking and climbing. The area is dominated by the magnificent Red Cuillins mountains, while the views over the bay extend across to Applecross mountains on the mainland. There is some wonderful wildlife in the area like otters, seals, sometimes Orca whales, Whooper swan, Brent geese and many other marine and bird life.

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Final call to come forward for people in Northamptonshire for Covid-19 booster

Eligible people in Northamptonshire yet to come forward for their Covid-19 booster are being urged to do so before the end of the campaign.

The Government has accepted the JCVI advice, which recommends that the booster offer for all 16 to 49-year-olds who are not considered at risk should end at the same time as the current autumn campaign.

This means that Sunday 12th February will be the last chance for anyone who has been invited for a Covid-19

booster to take up their offer, until future campaigns are agreed by the JCVI and Government.

The evergreen offer of first and second doses will still be available after 12th February for those eligible and they are encouraged to come forward to get the protection they need.

It comes as the JCVI is recommending

moving to a more targeted offer to those considered to be at risk of serious illness.

While more than 1.8 million Covid-19 vaccinations have been delivered in Northamptonshire, including over 240,000 seasonal boosters, there are still a number of eligible people who are yet to take up their winter vaccinations and are therefore at increased risk of serious illness.

Chris Pallot, Director of the Northamptonshire Covid-19 Vaccination Programme, said: "I would urge everyone who is eligible and not benefited from the seasonal Covid booster to come forward and get protected ahead of the 12th February deadline. We have plenty of bookable appointments, as well as walk-in clinics offering Covid-19 jabs across the county.

"Covid-19 remains very dangerous and even life threatening for some, especially older people and younger people with long-term health conditions.



"The good news is that the vaccination reduces the chance of people suffering from the serious effects from Covid-19. The seasonal booster protects against Omicron variants as well as the earlier Covid variants. So, by getting boosted, people can recharge the protection offered by earlier Covid-19 vaccinations. The vaccine is still the best way to protect yourself and your loved ones."

People can book their latest Covid-19 vaccination, including a first, second or booster dose, through the national booking system or by calling 119. You

can also get a dose of the Covid-19 vaccine from a drop-in site without an appointment. Visit the www.nhs.uk/covidvaccine for more information.

The NHS will continue to operate a smaller scale vaccine offer from mid-February onwards so please do visit www.nhs.uk/covidvaccine for more information and for booking links.

The NHS is also prepared to move quickly to roll out a potential spring campaign, as well as another autumn campaign later this year, and will set out operational plans once further guidance is received.



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:

> RUSHDEN

Replacement of existing external machine signage with new at 75 - 79 High Street Rushden NN10 0NZ (LB/CA) (Info) NE/23/00057/ADV (28 February 2023)

> RAUNDS

Variation of condition 1 to allow for revised drawings proposed elevations with revised glazing, revised materials used and revised landscaping and waste storage proposals for units 1-8 only. Condition 6 to be removed as covered by the above pursuant to 14/01082/REM – Reserved matters: For appearance, landscaping, layout and scale pursuant to 12/01889/VAR, pursuant to 09/01626/OUT: Outline application: Proposed sustainable urban addition to Raunds comprising residential (Use Class C3); residential care facilities (Use Class C2); business (Use Class B1); storage and distribution (Use Class B8); new vehicular and pedestrian access and associated road infrastructure, public open space, landscaping (including flood alleviation measures), and conversion of existing buildings to provide residential (Use Class C3) and/or community facilities (Use Class D1) (All matters reserved except for access) dated 23.08.2010 at Land North Of Raunds Fronting Brick Kiln Road North Street Brooks Road And Midland Road Raunds

(Info) (Part3) (Info) NE/22/01603/VAR (28 February 2023)

> UPPER BENEFIELD

New frontage entrance porch to replace an existing entrance canopy at The Lodge Main Street Upper Benefield PE8 5AN (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/23/00035/FUL (28 February 2023)

> OUNDLE

Proposed internal alteration works to existing flat at Flat 1 36 Market Place Oundle PE8 4AJ (LBRegs) (Info) NE/23/00048/LBC (28 February 2023)

> KINGS CLIFFE

Proposed extractor fans to kitchen, bathroom and ensuite at 22 West Street Kings Cliffe PE8 6XA (LB/CA) (Info) (LBRegs) (Info) NE/23/00047/LBC (28 February 2023)

> FOTHERINGHAY

Internal and external alteration works to allow for conversion of two dwellings to singular dwelling, demolition of existing rear extension; addition of single storey extension at 26 Main Street Fotheringhay PE8 5HZ (LBRegs) (Info) NE/23/00038/LBC (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/23/00037/FUL LBC (28 February 2023)

> TITCHMARSH

Erection of garden gazebo at 13 High Street Titchmarsh NN14 3DF (LBRegs) (Info) (LB/CA) NE/23/00028/LBC and NE/23/00027/FUL (28 February 2023)

> IRTHLINGBOROUGH

Reserved matters: Appearance, landscaping, layout and scale pursuant to 18/00945/OUT. Outline: Residential development with public open space and associated infrastructure. Means of access from Nicholas Road. (All matters reserved except access) (resubmission of 17/00969/OUT) at Land Rear Of Nicholas Road Irthlingborough (Part3) (Info) NE/22/01628/REM (28 February 2023)

> TITCHMARSH

Installation of 16 Solar Panels on centre of the roof (east elevation only) at 4 Manor Farm Court Titchmarsh NN14 3EJ (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/23/00022/FUL (28 February 2023)

> BRIGSTOCK

Garage conversion to become family room at 4 Braybrooks Brigstock NN14 3HX (LB/CA) (Info) NE/23/00025/FUL (28 February 2023)

> NASSINGTON

First floor rear extension (resubmission of NE/22/01442/FUL) at 38B Church Street Nassington PE8 6QG (LB/CA) (Info) NE/23/00032/FUL (28 February 2023)

> STANWICK

Removal of an existing single storey glazed conservatory and construction of a single storey traditionally built lean-to to match the adjacent buildings at The Cottage Stanwick Hall Farm Villa Lane Stanwick NN9 6QQ (LBRegs) (Info) NE/23/00036/LBC (28 February 2023)

> EASTON ON THE HILL

External painting to all doors and windows, updating colour from Farrow & Ball Joa's White exterior eggshell to Farrow & Ball Worsted Exterior Eggshell paint at 58 High Street Easton On The Hill PE9 3LN (LB/CA) (Info) (LBRegs) (Info) NE/23/00046/LBC (28 February 2023)

> HARGRAVE

Replacement of rotten windows, French doors, and sills with identical hardwood windows, doors and sills, but having double glazed panels for greater thermal efficiency at Box Tree House Church Street Hargrave NN9 6BW (LBRegs) (Info) NE/23/00001/LBC (28 February 2023)

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Rob Harbour, Assistant Director Growth And Regeneration
Dated 4 February 2023

Consultation deadlines will differ for each application.

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

Love is in the air for The GUS Band!

Love will be in the air at the Holy Trinity Church in Rothwell on the evening of Saturday 18th February, when the world renowned GUS Band takes to the stage for what will be a romantic evening of bewitching tunes and passionate melodies.

This concert will not only be held in commemoration of St Valentine, with Valentine's Day happening the same week, but will also mark the first concert in a year of celebration for the GUS Band's 90th anniversary. The evening will include many well-known popular pieces that have more than a hint of 'amour' and will feature several of the stellar GUS Band musicians as soloists.

In honour of the band's anniversary, a march, 'Naworth Castle' by J. Ord Hume will be included in the programme, which was the first piece to be played at the band's inaugural rehearsal, way back in January 1933.

With the launch of the GUS Band's Go Green initiative last year, this concert will also mark a first for the band, with an online programme as well as the usual paper version being made available to the audience.

As one of the most successful Midlands brass bands, the concert will also include a performance of 'Red Priest', a concerto for brass band after Vivaldi, by Philip Wilby. This will be the test piece for the forthcoming national qualifying Regional Championships and will provide listeners with a preview of this thrilling music. A virtuoso violinist, the baroque composer Antonio Vivaldi was nicknamed

the Red Priest because of his fiery red hair, and his romantic relationship with a singer, although always denied, inspired the film of the same name, which neatly ties together the Valentine theme for this concert. Be prepared to be stunned by the thrilling sound of this band and the virtuosity displayed by its players!

So, if you are feeling in the mood for romance and an evening of seductive and beguiling music, then 'From Rothwell with Love' will be the concert of the year to go to.



Tickets are FREE for under 19s from NMPAT, Youth Brass 2000 and Gretton Silver Band. General Admission Tickets: £12 Adults, £5 Children. Available from: www.priorbooking.com/e/from-rothwell-with-love-the-gus-band-in-concert-7-30pm

Nene Valley News - EVENTS

> FRIDAY 3RD FEBRUARY, 1.30-3.30PM:

Rushden Whitefriars Church Retireds'

Group – Pat Heed talking on: 'World War II: Ration to Fashion' at the Bridge Community Office, Whitefriars Junior School, Boughton Drive Rushden NN10 9HX. Free admission. Details from Celia Underwood (01933 676989).

> SUNDAY 5TH FEBRUARY, 10.15AM

Whitefriars Church Youth-led church service

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

> SUNDAY 12TH FEBRUARY, 10.30AM

Whitefriars Church, Rushden, Countryside

Walk – 'The Grendon Gallop' – a walk of about three miles north of Grendon, near Grendon Lakes. Meet in Grendon, at the side of Main Road, below the Half Moon pub (NN7 1JW), near the village hall in time to leave at 10.30am. All welcome. Details from Andrew Presland on 01933 316927.

> SATURDAY 11TH MARCH 11AM-3PM

Hermitage House Care Home Open Day –

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Everyone is welcome to take a tour of our brand-new care home, meet the Home Manager and staff team, and sample our mouth-watering menus.

CHOIR KICKS OFF NEW SEASON

Northampton Male Voice Choir (NMVC), foremost male choir in the region, begins its 2023 concert season on Saturday 4th March with a concert in The Ferrers School, Higham Ferrers, having been invited back by the Rotary Club of Rushden to help raise funds for Rotary charities and Youth Programme.

NMVC's calendar is rapidly filling up with bookings for the year ahead and beyond. Full details are available on the choir's website www.nmvc.co.uk plus contact details for anyone wishing to book the choir for fundraising or other events.

NMVC Chairman, Mark York, says: "Not only are we gearing up for another extremely busy year of concerts and other performing opportunities, but we're also planning another recruitment drive, calling on men in Northamptonshire and surrounding areas to join a new Charity Choir, led by NMVC Musical Director, Stephen Bell, to take part with NMVC in

a major concert later in the year, in aid of the Motor Neurone Disease Association."

MD, Stephen added: "We're looking to recruit men of all abilities and experience. And if you've never thought of singing with a choir, don't worry – I'll be working with the recruits so they'll be well up to speed and ready in time to sing alongside NMVC in our Charity Concert."

Full details of NMVC's recruitment project will be published shortly. Meanwhile, anyone interested in finding out more about this project should contact Marc Bentley on 07999 942 390 or marc.bentley23@gmail.com

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PETERBOROUGH CELEBRATES FESTIVAL RETURNS IN A RIOT OF FEEL-GOOD COLOUR

After the success of the first-ever Peterborough Celebrates Festival at Ferry Meadows last year, Nene Park Trust is pleased to announce that the exciting three-day community festival will be back again in May this year.

The Festival will run over the weekend of the 19th-21st May at Ferry Meadows and will celebrate everything that makes Peterborough great – its culture, diversity, talented communities – and will also champion the natural world and bring the city together.

From grassroots community, music, food and drink, performances, theatre, crafts, arts and culture, poetry and literature, to health and wellbeing and sports, there will be a packed, eclectic and diverse schedule of activities and entertainment across the weekend at Ferry Meadows. It will be a real community festival, with something for everyone and the chance to experience and enjoy a wide range of different things.

Stephanie Peachey, Head of Visitor Engagement at Nene Park Trust said: "When you come to this year's festival, you'll find a riot of colour. The weekend is all about feeling good and we're really excited about the huge variety of performances and the number of community groups and partners from the city who are supporting the festival. We hope we're lucky with the weather like last year and

are really looking forward to welcoming everyone to the Park and shining a spotlight again on the city's rich sense of community."

The three-day event will kick off with a schools showcase on the Friday, where schools from across Peterborough will be invited to come and join in, sharing music and performances. The city will come to Ferry Meadows on the Saturday, with the festival site alive with music, activities for all to get involved in, performances, and many surprising spectacles to discover and enjoy. The Sunday will have a family-focused feel with more entertainment and activities and even a mass participation event! The festival will be free to attend, but may include a ticketed performance on the Saturday evening. More details will be shared nearer the time.

A number of different Peterborough communities are already involved, and there will be plenty of activity across the city in the run-up to the festival to create an exciting community art project, to be displayed for all to see throughout the festival weekend.

The event is being run by a team at Nene Park Trust with involvement and support from local communities and organisations. If you would like to get involved, through sponsoring or volunteering at the event, please do get in touch. For more information about the festival, please visit peterboroughcelebratesfestival.co.uk



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

Town Council Meeting - Tuesday 31st January, 7.30pm

Planning & Development Committee Meeting - Tuesday 14th February, 6.45pm

Policy and Resources Committee Meeting - Tuesday 14th February, 7.30pm

Town Council Meeting - Tuesday 28th February, 7.30pm

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

Farmers Market - Saturday 25th February, 9am - 1pm - Market Square

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Premium Care Solutions partners with nationwide charity Horatio's Garden

It's been a very Happy New Year for Horatio's Garden, which has welcomed Northampton-based Premium Care Solutions (PCS) as its first national partner for 2023!



Premium Care Solutions (PCS) team visiting Horatio's Garden Stoke Mandeville

As a nationwide charity, Horatio's Garden supports patients, their loved ones and NHS staff affected by life-changing spinal injuries by creating and nurturing beautiful, fully accessible, restorative gardens in NHS spinal centres across the UK.

Since establishing in 2015, the PCS team has passionately supported good causes, building a strong presence across the Northamptonshire community, including sponsorship of Northampton Town Football Club for many years. As a national complex care provider, it specialises in offering high quality care to adults and children with spinal injuries, as well as individuals with brain injuries and other significant neuro-muscular conditions.

Many of PCS' staff have experience working in the UK's 11 spinal injury centres and will not only be helping to raise funds and awareness, but also regularly volunteering in all six of the charity's current gardens, offering their signature kindness and support to people just when they need it most.

The PCS team has already visited Horatio's Garden Stoke Mandeville, designed by RHS Chelsea Gold Medal Winner, Joe Swift, which was officially opened in 2018 by Dame Mary Berry DBE. Members of

the small team also attended the charity's recent Christmas Carol Concert, contributing to the incredible £20,000+ total raised.

"As our first national partner, PCS is making history with us," says Bethan Cummings, Director of Fundraising at Horatio's Garden.

"We are all very excited to have them on board. Their team have so much passion when it comes to supporting people with spinal injuries and they are all incredibly knowledgeable. We are looking forward to working with them to help make the process of recovery and rehabilitation after spinal injury much more positive for the spinal cord injury (SCI) community throughout the UK."

"We are very excited to

be part of this wonderful community and to have the opportunity to volunteer in all the Horatio's Gardens is a huge privilege," says Jin Garcha, co-founder of PCS and current Clinical Director, who has over 30 years of experience working as both a nurse and offering community support to people affected by spinal injury.

"We look forward to the year ahead and to making a difference for Horatio's Garden and all that benefit from it nationwide."

"We know the PCS team will make exceptional volunteers and will help us to provide even more support to everyone who uses and enjoys our gardens," adds Bethan.

"We want to say a huge thank you to PCS and are looking forward to fantastic year ahead!"



Premium Care Solutions (PCS) team being given a tour of the greenhouse in Horatio's Garden Stoke Mandeville by Head Gardener Amy Moffett

To find out more and support Horatio's Garden, visit www.horatiogarden.org.uk
To find out more about Premium Care Solutions, visit www.pcs.uk.com

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(LOWICK LANE, ALDWINCLE)

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2023
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 Lowick Lane, Aldwinckle as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Lowick Lane, Aldwinckle from Baulks Lane to outside 12 Lowick Lane.

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

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 27th February 2023 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 four days.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Main Street and Lowick Road.

If you require any further information please contact Steve Fowler ref:- 22/23 – N517 Steve.Fowler@northnorthants.gov.uk PKG/T23/087

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14
(VARIOUS ROADS, RINGSTEAD)

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2023
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 those lengths of the various roads in Ringstead as specified in the Schedule below.

REASON FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during ducting works.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 20th February 2023 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 until 3rd March 2023. Only one road will be closed at any one time.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: Freemans Lane – use Chapel Lane, Pegs Lane and High Street. Pegs Lane – use High Street and Front Street. Ham Lane – resident access maintained. High Street – use Denford Road, Back Lane and Carlow Road.

If you require any further information please contact Steve Fowler ref:- 22/23 – N440 Steve.Fowler@northnorthants.gov.uk PKG/T23/025

SCHEDULE

(Lengths of roads to be closed)

Freemans Lane – from Denford Road to Ford Farm. Pegs Lane – from High Street to Chapel Lane. Ham Lane – from Back Land for 50 metres. High Street – from Cherry Street to Chapel Street

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14
(SUDBOROUGH ROAD, SLIPTON)

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2023
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 Sudborough Road, Slipton as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Sudborough Road, Slipton near Chestnut Cottage.

REASON FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during repairs.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 14th February 2023 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 one day.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Sudborough Road, Main Street, A616, Kettering Road and Islip Road.

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February half term events at Nene Park

From Saturday 11th February, Nene Park will be holding an exciting week of events and activities for all the family, tying in with the school half term break. There is something for everyone to enjoy, from bushcraft, archery and climbing wall sessions to the ever popular holiday trail and watersports activities.

Find out what's happening and when, with this February half term What's On guide to family fun in the Park:

Activities every day:

11th-19th February

Complete a Trail at Ferry Meadows:

There will be a trail up around Ferry Meadows for the half term holiday week. Pick up a trail sheet from the Visitor Centre for £1, hunt for questions as you walk around the Park and return to the Visitor Centre to claim your tomato seeds prize to grow at home.

Pay & Play Watersports at Nene Outdoors:

Make a splash with a whole range of Pay and Play watersports on Gunwade Lake, with activities available between 11am and 5pm each day. Daily watersports activities include swan pedalos and row boats, stand up paddle boards,

kayaks and canoes, dinghies and windsurfing. Buoyancy aids are included with hire and the friendly and experienced members of staff are always on hand to offer advice and ensure you are safe at all times.

Ride the Ferry Meadows Railway:

Sit back and enjoy the ride! To check if trains are running on the day of your visit, please email william@ferrymeadowsrailway.co.uk or go to the Ferry Meadows Railway website.

Events by date

Monday 13th February – Nature Tots:

Monthly group for pre-school children, where you can enjoy messy nature-based crafts, time to explore the beautiful outdoors, story and song time.

Monday 13th February – Wild Home Educators:

Outdoor

monthly learning sessions for home schooled children with nature-focused activities.

Tuesday 14th February – Climbing Wall:

The climbing wall is back out at Nene Outdoors! Great fun for children aged 4 and over. Who will reach the top first?

Wednesday 15th February – Bushcraft Tool Use:

Learn how to use a selection of tools

including loppers and gimlets to turn elder sticks into items such as beads, jewellery and more.

Wednesday 15th February – Bushcraft Firelighting & Cooking:

Learn techniques to light a fire without using matches, and use your fire to cook a tasty snack.

Thursday 16th February – Archery:

Book an archery session and unleash your inner

Robin Hood!

Friday 17th February – NEW! Tracks and Signs:

Discover the creatures that live in Ferry Meadows using the signs they leave behind, and create your own plaster track to take home.

For more details on any of the half term activities, and to book your places, please go to www.nenepark.org.uk/events

You can also contact Nene Outdoors directly with any questions by email at nene.outdoors@neneparktrust.org.uk or call 01733 234193.

Please donate if you can!

As you may know, Nene Park Trust is a charitable organisation and relies on public support to manage the upkeep of its beautiful green spaces for all of the community to enjoy. Any support you can give to ensure the continuation of these services will help considerably. Please go to www.nenepark.org.uk/donate if you are able to make a donation.





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