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NEWS IN BRIEF

NHS chefs serve up silver medal win

Two local NHS chefs rose to the occasion during a high profile cooking competition wowing the judges and winning a silver medal.

Kerrey Healey and Natasha Day from Cafe Vie, Isebrook Hospital, in Wellingborough – part of Northamptonshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (NHFT) – were competing in the NHS 4 Nations Chef Challenge, part of the world famous International Salon Culinare, on 20th March at ExCeL, London.

The pair – who were previously regional winners in 2022's NHS Chef of the Year, and fourth in the grand finals – competed alongside seven other NHS teams. Kerrey and Natasha came second overall, winning a silver medal.

Kerrey said: "It was an honour to represent the Trust and to work alongside Natasha again. It was a great competition to enter, fast paced but enjoyable."

Natasha said: "We had an amazing day, supported by our managers, and meeting up with friends from the NHS 2022 competition. It gave us the chance to show how our skills in cooking have improved over the whole experience."

Countywide awards relaunched to celebrate **residents doing good on their doorstep**

Working in partnership, Northamptonshire Community Foundation and the North and West Northamptonshire Unitary Authorities have relaunched the Rose of Northamptonshire Awards for 2023.

The Rose of Northamptonshire Awards were first launched in 2021 by the High Sheriff's Office, the Lord Lieutenancy, and what was at the time Northamptonshire County Council. The awards were part of the Unsung Heroes Initiative, looking to identify and express thanks to groups and individuals who worked tirelessly to keep communities safe and businesses moving during the global Covid-19 crisis.

This year, the countywide awards initiative will identify residents who continuously go above and beyond to support their local communities, with support from several representatives for the county, including James Saunders Watson Esq, Lord-Lieutenant of Northamptonshire; Crispin Holborow DL, High Sheriff; Chairman André González De Savage, Chair of West Northamptonshire Council; and Chairman Larry Henson, Chair of North Northamptonshire Council.

James Saunders Watson Esq, Lord-Lieutenant of Northamptonshire, said: "I am delighted that the Rose of Northamptonshire Awards are being relaunched. This gives all of us in Northamptonshire an opportunity to recognise the incredibly valuable contributions that individuals and groups make to our lives in the county. This also highlights the importance of volunteering, which is one of the key themes of the Coronation."

Rachel McGrath, CEO of Northamptonshire Community Foundation, said: "Northamptonshire Community Foundation is absolutely delighted to be working in partnership alongside our respective local councils to re-launch the Rose of Northamptonshire awards. In doing so we wish that so many more community groups, charities, social enterprises and volunteers get well deserved recognition for the incredible good so many do on the doorstep of our county and to celebrate civic pride in our local communities."

If you know someone who always goes the extra mile to better the lives of those in their local area, nominate them for a Rose of Northamptonshire Award. More information, the nomination form and nomination criteria can be found on Northamptonshire Community Foundation's website - www.ncf.uk.com/page/?title=Rose+of+Northamptonshire+Awards&pid=178



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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE
AWARDS 2023

March 2023

Launch of 2023 Rose of the Shire Awards

March - May 2023

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Chief Executive set to depart for new role

The Chief Executive of North Northamptonshire Council, Rob Bridge, is set to depart this June for a new top role at Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority.

Rob started his role in November 2020 with the North Northamptonshire Shadow Authority in preparation for the new unitary council which came into existence in April 2021. Rob has had the honour of being the first Chief Executive of North Northamptonshire Council and has overseen the successful implementation of a wide range of projects and initiatives including:

- Ensuring a safe operational transition from the previous two-tier local government arrangements to the new unitary authority.
- Putting in place a new, highly motivated leadership team for the council, whilst at the same time, reducing costs of senior

management to the tune of £2.2 million per annum compared to the previous council management team arrangements.

- Worked with senior colleagues and members to ensure the council has a firm grip of its financial and service performance. The council has set three balanced budgets and has delivered savings of £27 million over the last two years with £15 million identified for the year ahead.

Rob Bridge, Chief Executive said: "It has been an absolute honour to be the Council's first Chief Executive. I am moving to another very challenging role but I will always have the fondest of memories for North Northamptonshire, its local communities, staff and elected members."

The Council will be considering a report on the process of recruiting an interim Chief Executive when it next meets.

GENEALOGY JOTTINGS

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JAN PEARSON

Picture the scene: you have details of your great grandparents through various censuses, their names were John and Ann and you know where and roughly when they were born. You have details of their deaths and have even visited their graves and taken pictures of their headstones. However, the one thing that you do not have is their marriage certificate, which you badly need so as to confirm Ann's maiden name as well as the name and occupation of her father. Okay, so you already have the name from the birth certificate of one of their children, your grandfather, but the marriage certificate will confirm it – plus provide further details of their respective fathers. The ordered certificate duly arrives and... John is married to Jane?

You are now thrown into a tailspin! Are all of your years of research incorrect? Did you order the right certificate? You go back to your notes and double check. The answer to these questions is "no". So how can it happen? It is possible that when it was transcribed into the registers held by

the GRO that attention was not being paid and a slip of the eye helped the hand to record the name above. Another way to check is to see a copy of the original Church Register. Not always possible, I know, but at least it could confirm the error as those certificates that you order from the GRO are copies of their registers, which have been transcribed in the past when the records were sent over from the individual Churches or Register Office.

On one of my certificates from the GRO, the bride's father is recorded as George instead of Henry. But the original Church Register shows the correct name. If all of the other information is correct – the maiden name of 'Jane' is the same as the records that you are holding for 'Ann' – then the chances are that a transcription error of some description has been made. It still turns the tummy over though!

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ART COMPETITION IS HIGHAM TOURISM'S CROWNING GLORY OF CORONATION CELEBRATIONS

Higham Ferrers Tourism is planning a right royal way to celebrate King Charles III's coronation.

They want local school children to mark the big occasion by submitting imaginative portraits of kings or queens. "Perhaps they could show an armada ship with their portrait of Queen Elizabeth I or maybe their entry could show Queen Elizabeth II holding a marmalade sandwich," organisers suggest.

Higham Ferrers has a long connection with royalty – the town's Chichele College is owned by the Duchy of Lancaster (the monarch of the day) – which is why the Tourism committee want to feature kings and queens who have ruled since the foundation of the Duchy of Lancaster when Robert de Ferrers (the son of William, who gave his name to the town) rebelled against the king and had his lands

confiscated as a result. The king, then Henry III, then gave Higham Ferrers to his son, Edmund, the Earl of Lancaster.

Edmund created the Duchy of Lancaster in 1276 and Higham Ferrers became part of his inheritance with his successor, Henry IV, deciding that all Lancaster lands should belong to the ruling monarch.

The artwork will be judged by celebrated local artist Ophelia Redpath, and after the prize-winning ceremony, the winning work will premiere at a special exhibition in Chichele College on Monday 8th May. It will then go on display at the Chichele Garden Fair on Saturday 27th May and a variety of venues throughout the summer. The competition has sponsorship support from Wilson Browne Solicitors. Entries should not be bigger than A3 and can be in any medium, including collage. Schools are asked to collect entries by 3rd May.



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LOCAL NHS CHIEF EXECUTIVE NAMED NUMBER ONE IN THE COUNTRY

The Chief Executive for local NHS organisations Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust (LPT) and Northamptonshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (NHFT) has been named as the number one NHS Chief Executive in the country.

Angela Hillery, who has led NHFT since 2013 and LPT since 2019, was named top NHS Chief Executive in the annual rankings collated by



Local NHS Chief Executive - Angela Hillery

the Health Service Journal (HSJ). Angela has placed in the top 50 every year since 2018, and has moved up to top spot for the first time this year.

The HSJ recognised Angela as a 'pioneer' for her work leading two Trusts since 2019, a trend which is being replicated in other parts of the country. Closer collaboration and partnership working was a key reason for the move up the ranking. During 2022, working with NHS Trusts across the East Midlands region, Angela led NHS support for independent mental healthcare provider St Andrew's, helping them on their quality improvement

journey. NHFT and LPT are lead providers for regional CAMHS and adult eating disorder collaboratives, and a key part of the East Midlands Alliance for mental health and learning disabilities.

Angela also sits on the Midlands Strategic Transformation Recovery Board; part of the National Mental Health Restoration and Recovery Group; and is a member of the Department of Health and Social Care's Psycho-social Group.

On receiving the news, Angela said: "This is a great honour for both myself and the Trusts I am proud to lead. The recognition we have received through this ranking is testament to the brilliant teams at LPT and NHFT, who step up and make a positive difference every day.

"I truly believe as an NHS we need to continue to work in ever closer partnerships as we look to address the real challenges we have in the health system.

I'm proud to continue to lead these organisations and to see the commitment our people have to collaborative working and continuous improvement."

Angela has worked in the NHS for over 30 years, beginning her career as a

speech and language therapist, before holding a variety of leadership positions. She is only the second woman to take the top HSJ CEO spot.

The HSJ Top Chief Executives in the NHS was judged by some of the NHS's leading

figures. They are asked to choose the top 50 based on the performance of the organisation run by the CEO, their contribution to the wider healthcare system, and the personal example they set to peers and employees.

Take the plunge with free under 18s swimming sessions this Easter

Young people are invited to make a splash and enjoy free swimming sessions across the North Northamptonshire Council area again this Easter holiday.

The offer will be applicable in the two weeks of the Easter holiday between Monday 3rd April and Friday 7th April and Monday 10th April to Friday 14th April at the five North Northants pools:

- Corby – Corby East Midlands International Pool, Parkland Gateway, George St, Corby NN17 1QG
- Rushden – Splash Leisure Pool, Station Road, Rushden NN10 9SJ

- Thrapston – Nene Leisure Centre, Cedar Drive, Thrapston NN14 4JY
- Wellingborough – Waendel Leisure Centre, Thomas Street, Wellingborough NN8 1DZ
- Kettering – Kettering Pool, London Rd, Kettering NN15 7QA

The sessions are available to anyone under the age of 18, however under 8s will need to be accompanied by a paying adult.

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JUNE

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Moulton College's stonemasonry apprenticeship scheme **breathes new life into heritage skill**

As one of only seven UK providers offering courses in stonemasonry, Moulton College has a strong pedigree in teaching the craft, as well as established links with the industry. Now, for those looking to learn a new skill and build the foundations of a rewarding career at the same time, Moulton has added a further route to learning stonemasonry in the form of an apprenticeship.

For school leavers and adults returning to education via the workplace, a stonemasonry apprenticeship provides an opportunity to learn the centuries old craft in the form of block or day release at Moulton College, while working on-the-job in the industry.

The College currently has four stonemasonry apprentices on its books, including one apprentice who is working for the National Trust, Europe's biggest conservation charity.

Moulton College works alongside the Natural Stone Industry Training Group (NSITG) to deliver its stonemasonry offering. Funded by the Construction Industry Training Board, the NSITG is instrumental in providing training, development and guidance for the UK's natural stone sector as well as stone delivery colleges.

Claire Wallbridge of the NSITG explains: "We're delighted to support Moulton College in its apprenticeship offering. It is critical to the future of

the natural stone industry and the necessary skills required that colleges offer apprenticeship routes and training to students. The stone sector offers diverse career options, ranging from office-based designing to on-site stone work, encompassing modern and heritage work."

Liz Coughlin, Head of Apprenticeships & Employer Engagement at Moulton College said: "As an apprenticeship provider, Moulton College works with businesses operating in the stone sector to meet their needs with tailored learning opportunities. As we have accommodation onsite, we're able to offer block release training as well as day release, which means our offering is available to UK-wide companies.

"Our courses introduce both apprentices and students to a range of stone carving methods, developing insight and practical learning into the complexities of restoration, carving, and letter cutting. We're

also supported by industry training providers like the NSITG and the Worshipful Company of Masons and have strong industry links with the likes of Exeter Cathedral, where our students can put their skills into practice."

Liz adds: "Whether you join us as an apprentice, or choose to study stonemasonry full-time, our courses are a great way to hone a new craft and take the first steps to a fulfilling build career in stone."



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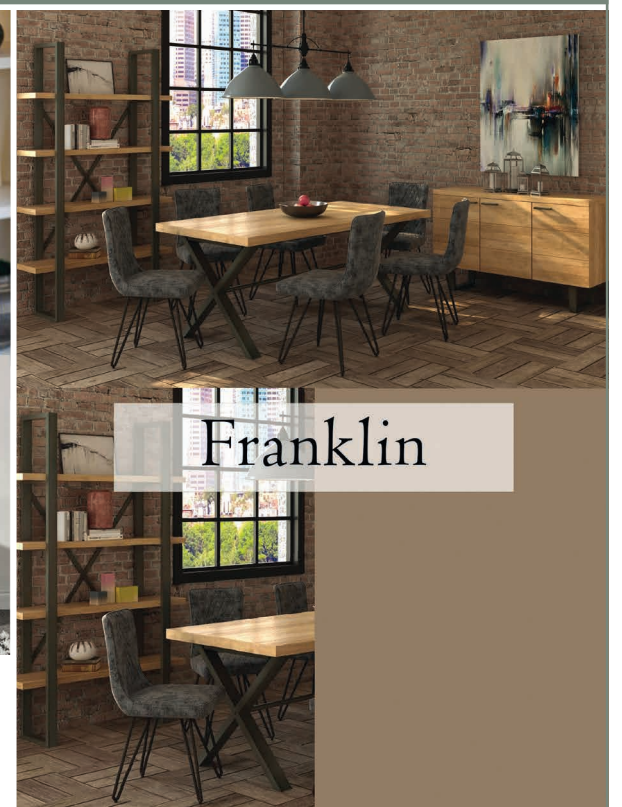
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DISCOVER NORTHAMPTONSHIRE HUB OFFICIALLY OPENED

The new tourism hub at Rushden Lakes was officially opened to coincide with English Tourism Week.

Run by North Northamptonshire Council and supported by The Crown Estate, the Discover Northamptonshire Hub is open 7 days a week, located next to the entrance of the cinema, and promotes attractions throughout



Discover Northamptonshire Hub opening

Northamptonshire, highlighting the abundance of unique offerings in and around our local area.

The hub was formally opened with representatives from North Northamptonshire Council, West Northamptonshire Council, The Crown Estate and partners in attendance.

The hub has been designed as a fully interactive space, promoting all things Northamptonshire, including days out, attractions, walks, town and village offerings, places to eat, sustainable transport, heritage, accommodation and local and major events. There is also a retail space, providing local businesses with a chance to showcase their products, taking advantage of the 6 million visitors to Rushden Lakes annually.

Cllr Helen Howell, North Northamptonshire Council's Deputy Leader and Executive Member

for Sport, Leisure, Culture and Tourism, said: "It was great that we were able to formally open and celebrate the new Discover Northamptonshire hub, to coincide with English Tourism Week.

"We are now open, and the team are really excited to be welcoming visitors through the doors to this fantastic asset. We will be promoting all the wonderful attractions we have throughout the whole of Northamptonshire to visitors of Rushden Lakes – some of whom will be unfamiliar with the area and unsure of what else is on offer in our wonderful county and further afield. I would also encourage residents of North and West Northamptonshire to visit the hub and speak to our friendly team - you never know what you might discover right on your doorstep!

"The opening is very much the start of the Discover Northamptonshire hub's journey and the offering will continue to grow and develop and we are delighted to be working with our colleagues from the West to promote Northamptonshire as a tourist destination.

"We are also jointly in the final stages of developing a tourism strategy that will support and offer direction for the tourism sector moving forward. It is a very positive move for the industry."

The Discover Northamptonshire hub has received £245,000 from the UK Government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund. NNC are working closely with partners including West Northamptonshire Council (WNC), The Crown Estate and local businesses, as well as local schools, colleges and universities to provide learning and volunteering opportunities for those interested in working in the local tourism industry.

Cllr Jason Smithers, Leader of the Council, added: "The new Discover Northamptonshire hub will have enormous benefits to the local area, encouraging visitors to Rushden Lakes to travel to the other fantastic attractions we have nearby and in turn bringing more money and footfall into the local economy."



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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:

> ISLIP

Proposed new side balcony at Mill Barn Mill Lane Islip NN14 3JN (Info) (Info) NE/23/00067/FUL (25 April 2023)

> SUDBOROUGH

The removal of an internal wall and staircase, relocation of a sink and the reinstating by swapping of external door and window at The Old Rectory Main Street Sudborough NN14 3BX (LB/CA) (Info) (LBRegs) (Info) NE/23/00233/LBC (25 April 2023)

> RUSHDEN

Retrospective change of use from highways depot to a community based mixed use facility at Rushden Goods Shed And Exhibition Hall John Clark Way Rushden NN10 0FW (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/23/00261/FUL (25 April 2023)

> THRAPSTON

Change of use at First Floor Level to convert storage area into 3b4p Flat, Restoration of Storage Area at Rear of Ground Floor Level (due to dilapidation of existing area), New rear access into proposed first floor accommodation at 22 High Street Thrapston NN14 4JH (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/23/00204/FUL (25 April 2023)

> WOODNEWTON

Demolition of conservatory erection of two storey side and rear extensions at 8 St Marys Hill Woodnewton PE8 5EF (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/23/00193/FUL (25 April 2023)

> TWYVELL

Installation of a timber clad shed at Home Farm House Lower Street Twywell NN14 3AH (Info) (LBRegs) (Info) NE/23/00174/FUL (25 April 2023)

> ACHURCH

Undertake works to replace the timber cross to the top of the roof and replace the well lids as both have suffered significant signs of deterioration at Well Open Space Area Main Street Achurch PE8 5SL (Info) (LBRegs) (Info) NE/23/00212/LBC (25 April 2023)

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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 1 April 2023

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> MAJOR PLANNING APPLICATIONS (EIA DEVELOPMENT)

TITCHMARSH PARISH
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Reference NE/22/00151/FUL Hybrid Planning Application:

Full permission sought for the demolition of all existing buildings and structures and the re-alignment of an existing farm track; site infrastructure works, including groundworks, strategic landscaping and creation of development plateaus; and construction of a storage and distribution unit (Unit 01) (Use Class B8) with ancillary offices (Use Class E), including access, parking, servicing, landscaping and associated infrastructure.

Outline permission sought for the construction of industrial distribution space (Use Class B8) with ancillary offices (Use Class E). All matters reserved except for site access.

At: Land East of Halden's Parkway, Thrapston, Northamptonshire

This application is accompanied by an Environmental Statement.

The information relating to this application is available to view on the Council's website (www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/planningapplications). Copies of the Environmental Statement may be purchased from the Council (whilst stocks last) at a cost of £1.51 plus 15p per page. Please email PLANNING.ENC@northnorthants.gov.uk.

The Discover Northamptonshire hub is open Monday-Saturday 11am-6pm and Sunday 11am-4.30pm. You can find Discover Northamptonshire on Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn and Instagram, with a website launching soon. The Discover Northamptonshire team want to ensure that all tourism businesses in Northamptonshire are being promoted to such a large audience. Any business or attraction who wants to be promoted on the Discover Northamptonshire website and at the new hub should email info@discover-northamptonshire.co.uk

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Acclaimed Motionhouse dance-circus group to perform at dizzying heights for **Peterborough Celebrates Festival**



Motionhouse dance-circus group, Autin Dance Theatre and an interactive singalong cinema experience are all confirmed as key acts for Peterborough Celebrates Festival in May.

Peterborough Celebrates Festival is a three-day free-to-attend, community and feelgood, family-friendly festival at Ferry Meadows that will bring together and celebrate everything great about Peterborough over the weekend of 19th-21st May.

Alongside well-known and familiar festival attractions, the festival will showcase the city's vibrant and diverse mix of food, drink, culture, arts, sports, activities, music and performance across a packed and eclectic schedule with these and other

notable world class performance acts.

Motionhouse, the acclaimed dance-circus group, will be performing their hit outdoor production of 'Wild' four times throughout the weekend on a purpose-built stage and scaffolding on Coney Meadow. The show explores our relationship with the natural environment and performers use dynamic choreography, acrobatic movement and hand-to-hand partnering to move through a 'forest' of scaffold poles to dazzling effect.

Autin Dance Theatre will be bringing their interactive family show 'Out of the Deep Blue' to the festival, which features a 13-foot Sea Giant Puppet, inspired by the themes of the climate emergency and the biodiversity crisis. You'll be able to catch this show at the festival on Saturday 20th May.

On Friday 19th May, a collaborative 'Singing Schools' event will launch the festival, where a number of schools will join together in the big top to learn songs, building up to an afternoon performance for family and friends. A public launch will follow, with music and a ticketed singalong interactive cinema experience in the evening – more details to follow soon.

Creative Producer of Peterborough Celebrates Festival, Simon Hollingworth, said: "I'm very excited to be working on Peterborough Celebrates Festival again. It was such a brilliant event last time with such an amazing atmosphere and so many people enjoying themselves. We have tried hard to retain all the best aspects of the first festival, while at the same time adding some new and exciting ideas too and we think people are going to really enjoy it. Many

people commented last time that it was like the whole city had come down to Ferry Meadows and we really hope that it will feel like that again... and of course the weather is going to be perfect!"

To find out all the information about the festival as it is announced or to offer your support and volunteer, please visit peterboroughcelebratesfestival.co.uk

Nene Valley News - Events

> SUNDAY 2ND APRIL, 10.15AM

Whitefriars Church, Rushden presents the Whitefriars Great Spring Swap at Whitefriars Primary School, Boughton Drive, Rushden. Feel free to bring good quality items in good condition to swap. Focusing on books, toys and games for any ages, and baby/toddler clothes for under 3s. But remember they should be in good condition, as anything left over will go to charity shops.

> WEDNESDAY 5TH APRIL, 2PM

The Addingtons Horticultural Society's next talk is at The Memorial Hall, High Street, Great Addington Kettering (NN14 4BD - opposite the Church). The speakers will be Elaine and William Porch, who will talk on 'The History of The National Garden Scheme'. Everybody welcome! Members are free, so why not join? Annual membership only £20 or Visitors £5 (includes teas and biscuits). We have a full annual programme planned including, subject to availability, four outings so far (includes Burghley) and most are special "Gardener-Guided". Tel: 01832 734750 for more details.

> THURSDAY 6TH APRIL, 7.15 FOR 7.30PM

Raunds and District History Society presents Corby Steelworks, talk and vintage film with Billy Dalziel at Raunds Library. £3 per person including tea/coffee and cake, all welcome. At their height the works in Corby employed half the town – with thousands of people moving from Scotland to work. The steelworks dominated Corby in the 1970s. Its closure led to more than 10,000 jobs going over three years and unemployment rose to 30%.

> FRIDAY 7TH APRIL, 11AM

Rushden & Higham Ferrers Council of Churches

United Good Friday Service – outside St Mary's Church, Rushden.

> FRIDAY 7TH APRIL, 1.30PM

Rushden Whitefriars Church Retireds' Group – Easter crafts led by Liz Youngman at the Bridge Community Office, Whitefriars Junior School, Boughton Drive, Rushden NN10 9HX. Free admission. Details from Celia Underwood 01933 676989.

> SUNDAY 9TH APRIL, 10.15AM

Whitefriars Church Easter Sunday Worship with Holy Communion at Whitefriars Primary School, Boughton Drive, Rushden NN10 9HX. All are welcome.

> WEDNESDAY 12TH APRIL, 10AM-12NOON

Guided walk around King's Cliffe. Admission fee: £3.50 donation to Kings Cliffe Heritage. Contact information: barrie.galpin@zen.co.uk. Discover the history of this amazing village and its relationship to Rockingham Forest.

> FRIDAY 21ST APRIL, 7.30PM

Fashion Show and Sale at Bede House, Higham Ferrers. Admission fee: £6 (includes FREE glass of wine or soft drink). Contact information: highamferrers tourism3@gmail.com. Pure Heart Boutique selling clothing, jewellery, accessories – tickets from Sidey Design and Savour the Flavour.

> SUNDAY 30TH APRIL, 2PM-4PM

H. E. Bates in Higham Ferrers. At Bede House, Higham Ferrers. Admission fee: £12.50 (includes cream tea). Contact information: highamferrers tourism3@gmail.com. Illustrated talk with the author's son and granddaughter with readings by Northampton-based actor Graham Padden.

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Town Council Meeting - Tuesday 28th March, 7.30pm

Planning & Development Committee Meeting - Tuesday 11th April, 6.45pm

Policy and Resources Committee Meeting - Tuesday 11th April, 7.30pm

Town Council Meeting - Tuesday 25th April, 7.30pm

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

Farmers Market - Saturday 29th April 9am - 1pm - Market Square

ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS

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Pioneering project aims to make Kingswood streets safer

Offenders set to work to brighten up a Corby community as part of a pioneering project to make North Northamptonshire's streets feel safer.

The Safer Streets Lite programme has focused on the town's Kingswood estate with offenders carrying out tasks under the Probation Service's community payback scheme.

Work has concentrated on helping people feel safer and has included trimming vegetation, along with replacing lighting and cleaning graffiti from a nearby underpass. Improvements to the CCTV coverage on the estate have also been made.

Safer Streets Lite is a collaboration from the North Northamptonshire Community Safety Partnership and has received funding from the Office for the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner. Improvements works were identified by the community, who then worked with North Northamptonshire Council and the Probation Service to carry out the project.

CLlr Matt Binley, the Council's Executive Member for Housing, Communities and Levelling Up, said: "I was delighted to witness first hand some of the great work that has been going on in Corby's Kingswood estate – this is a great example of partnership working and goes to show what's possible.

"I would like to personally thank Stephen Mold and his team at the OPFCC for their support and funding to help make this happen, I would also like



to thank the Probation Service for the assistance provided that has also been instrumental in completing this programme of works.

"Some further positive work is also planned and I look forward to seeing this taking place, as I believe this will be the first of many such projects after having had very constructive talks with partner agencies who have made their intentions clear to provide future support for community works in 'left behind' areas.

"As a Council we cannot level up 'left behind' areas alone, this has to be a concerted effort from all those involved in the community, utilising a multi-agency approach and of course the most important piece is with the support and engagement of those living in the community."

Northamptonshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Stephen Mold said: "I've been really encouraged to see how much impact small changes can have on a community, particularly when these changes are driven by the people of that community themselves."

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NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
(IRTHLINGBOROUGH ROAD, LITTLE ADDINGTON)
(30 MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2023

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that North Northamptonshire Council, in exercise of their powers, propose to make an Order under Sections 82, 83, 84 and Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to prohibit any motor vehicle from travelling at a speed exceeding 30 mph along Irlthlingborough Road, Little Addington specified in the Schedule below.

A COPY of the proposed Order, together with a plan showing the exact length of road to which it relates and a statement of the Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order, may be inspected on the Council's website at www.northnorthants.gov.uk (search traffic regulation orders) and may also be inspected at Kier Highways, Brixworth Depot, Old Harborough Road, Brixworth, Northants, NN6 9BX at a time and date specified by appointment only by calling 01604 529700.

OBJECTIONS to the proposed Order, stating the grounds on which they are made should be sent in writing to the Traffic Orders Section, Kier Highways, Highways Depot, Old Harborough Road, Brixworth, NN6 9BX or by email: NNCParkingenquiries@kier.co.uk by 22nd April 2023.

Dated this 1st day of April 2023

DEBBIE CARTER-HUGHES,

Executive Director, Pathfinder Legal Services Ltd

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SCHEDULE

Irlthlingborough Road, Little Addington starting from a point 150 metres north of the High Street junction to a point 298 metres south of the junction with High Street.

NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14
(WATER LANE, CHELVESTON)

(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 Water Lane, Chelveston as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Water Lane, Chelveston from High Street to Higham Road.

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

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 11th April 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 until 13th April 2023.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Higham Road and High Street.

If you require any further information please contact Steve Fowler ref:- 22/23 – N601 Steve.Fowler@northnorthants.gov.uk PKG/T23/199

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14
(COTTERSTOCK ROAD, OUNDLE & GLAPTHORN)

(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 Cotterstock Road, Oundle and Glapthorn as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Cotterstock Road, Oundle and Glapthorn from entrance to Church of England Primary School northbound to substation.

REASON FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety section 278 improvement works.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 7th April 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 until 14th April 2023.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Glapthorn Road.

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A LITERARY LEGEND AND HIS LOVE FOR A LOCAL TOWN

Whenever prolific author Herbert Ernest (H.E.) Bates visited Higham Ferrers as a boy, he was in his element – and so too is his eldest grand-daughter, actress Victoria Wicks.

Now, Victoria is preparing to visit Higham Ferrers once more to recount tales about her grandad's time in the historic town which had such a powerful influence on him, inspiring much of his life and work.

It will be the second time she has visited Higham in recent months and is returning following requests from H. E. Bates fans who were unable to make her earlier talk in November.



Victoria Wicks, grand-daughter of the famous author

Victoria, a director of the company which handles the literary estate to promote and protect the works of her late grandfather, will unfold tales about his boyhood in the town as well as his later life.

She will be accompanied by the author's son, Richard, who will read from his father's work, as well as actor Graham Padden, who can do the Northamptonshire accent, perfect for reading in as H.E. Bates as a young boy.

The Rushden-born author produced more than 1,000 works, including 11 novels, more than 300 short stories, several non-fiction books on country life and gardening as well as poems, plays and stories for children. And some of his work is still being discovered.

One of his most famous tales is 'The Darling Buds of May', the adventures of the Larkin family, which were televised. Victoria was the script consultant on the series.

She has recently completed and edited a collection of her grandfather's

country essays that have never appeared in a collection before. Entitled 'Why I Live in the Country', it is due for publication next year.

Victoria will recount how the author spent as many of his weekends and holidays as he could in Higham Ferrers, staying with his grandparents, Lucas and Priscilla, in York Road. Years later, when the writing bug bit, he set many of his stories in Higham with real people as the characters – cousins, grandparents and locals – many of whom recognised themselves.

"Grandfather Lucas was born in Kennel Row and the cottages and the walnut tree became part of our family folklore," Victoria recalled.

"His grandfather was a great storyteller and spoke about Henry Chichele – who became Archbishop of Canterbury – as if they had been plough boys together.

"H.E. worked on his grandparents' smallholding near Chichele College as a farm boy learning all he could about the countryside. This invaluable knowledge led to his many country books and essays."

Victoria said that whenever she returns to Higham, she feels very close to her family's roots.

"I think of H. E. as a boy riding a pony to the Green Dragon pub for supplies of beer for the men, or playing in the corn stooks with his cousins or sitting on the pony and trap with his grandfather or helping his grandmother to bunch violets for sale on his grandfather's horse-drawn dray.

"I feel I see them all everywhere whenever I visit and it all feels just an arm's length away."

Victoria is currently writing a book about her grandfather's time in the RAF



Prolific and best-selling storyteller Herbert Ernest (H.E.) Bates. Picture by James Jarche

during World War 2. He had been commissioned to write short stories that would bring war and its participants vividly and excitedly alive.

Many were written under the pseudonym 'Flying Officer X'.

"What is not generally known is that he hated war. It is interesting that a man so dedicated to the hatred of war was able to write about the men who fought in it with such insight and appreciation," she said.

The H.E. Bates illustrated talk on 30th April will be held at Bede House, Higham Ferrers, from 2-4pm, with memories shared afterwards over a cream tea. Tickets (£12-50) are available at Sidey Design on the Market Square, Higham Ferrers. Early bookings can be made via friendsofmaryshf@gmail.com

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