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Coffee Morning at Hermitage House

Residents and staff at Hermitage House Care Home in Thrapston enjoyed a successful Community Coffee Morning recently.

"Our new resident Keith kept visitors entertained as he discussed his past career working and owning H. Johnson and Sons butchers in the heart of Thrapston. Thrapston's resident historian Eric Franklin found this extremely interesting and couldn't wait to hear more. Eric even had an old photograph of where resident Keith's butchers used to be in the town," commented Home Manager Clare Hedge.

"We had some special guest visitors at our coffee morning, and they were Diane our Housekeeper's beautiful dogs Indi and Lucky. They interacted well with each resident and guest. They were also a great talking point for people and added to the wonderful atmosphere of the morning," said Customer Relations Manager Chloe Kenna.

The next community coffee morning will be held on 24th May. For more information about Hermitage House Care & Nursing Home contact Chloe Kenna on 07849 830 520 or via email chloe.kenna@countrycourtcare.com

Mayor of Rushden's cheque presentation for his chosen charities

On Tuesday 16th May, the Town Mayor, Cllr Adrian Winkle, invited the Royal British Legion (Rushden) Branch, Rushden Mind, Twinkling Stars and Rushden Foodbank (Encompass) to Rushden Hall, where a short presentation was held to donate monies raised from his Mayoral year.



Cllr Winkle raised a total of £2,500 for his chosen charities during his Mayoral Year 2022/2023, with his main chosen Charities receiving the following:

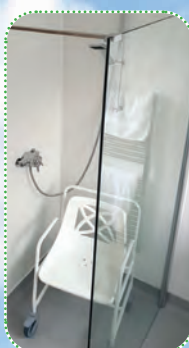
- Royal British Legion (Rushden) Branch – £500
- Children with Cancer – £500
- RNLI – £500

The following good causes were added throughout Cllr Winkle's Mayoral year;

- Rushden Food Bank (Encompass) – £250
 - Rushden Mind – £450
 - Twinkling Stars – £300
- Well done, Cllr Winkle on a fantastic Mayoral year!



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THE TRAIL, THE TALES AND A TOWN'S FASCINATING HISTORY – HIGHAM FERRERS TOURISM UNCOVERS THE BLUE PLAQUE STORIES

Higham Ferrers Mayor, Councillor Nigel Brown, always wondered what the full stories were behind the Town Council's 18 Blue Plaques on sites in the historic town...

Now, thanks to an intensive two-year research project by the town's Tourism Committee, he will be able to find out all about the various places and people behind the blue plaque locations.

The Mayor told of his curiosity about the plaques at the recent Mayor's Market, on the final day of the Coronation celebrations, when he launched the Tourism

Committee's Blue Plaque Trail at the committee's promotional market stall.

Armed with a four-page brochure, the Mayor will now be able to walk the trail, either taking his time over several days or doing it all at once.

And just like others who are interested in the tales of the town, he will also be able to discover the full fascinating

stories by logging on to the new website www.blueplaquetrail.com

"I always wanted to know more than the brief details on the blue plaques. Now I have the chance to find out more. I think this is a great scheme: you have done a fantastic job," the Mayor told the committee.

A small team of committee members, aided by local

historian Brenda Lofthouse, researched the stories and special mention was made at the launch of the hard work of Brenda and Pam Webbley, who produced the brochure and website.

The website tells of a 500-year-old walnut tree which has its own blue plaque; details the background about buildings linked to people in the region's shoe and boot trade; and features landmarks associated with Higham's most famous son, Archbishop of Canterbury Henry Chichele (1364-1443), who founded the town's Chichele College in 1422 from the proceeds from his properties in Essex, London and Higham, including the revenue from his local pub, The Swan Inn.

Chichele's birthplace, 67 High Street, has a blue plaque as does 2 College Street, where the prolific local author, H.E. Bates – of The Darling Buds

of May fame-used to visit his grandparents.

The Old House at 5 Market Square, which was built in the late 16th century, still retains the original key, which has to be inserted upside down to open the original oak front door.

The website reveals that the Market Cross in the town centre, which dates from the 13th century, was used to bind oaths and contracts and is historically the focal point of proclamations such as the death of a monarch. It was there where a proclamation was made about the succession of Charles III on Sunday 11th September 2022.

The Market Cross site was also the spot where public whippings were once carried out and where people were put in the stocks as a form of humiliation.

Website visitors will also discover that even though Chichele College was meant for a community of priests, as

well as a warden, choristers and fellows, that some of the activities were less than law-abiding.

"In 1433, the fellows of the college were in trouble at the Duchy Court for poaching fish in the River Nene... There were numerous complaints about the lax attitude of the inhabitants. These included the fellows being far too fashion-conscious and wearing their gowns cut very short."

As for the chaplain, he was charged with "haunting suspicious places, particularly the houses of Elizabeth Bere and Margery Chamberlayne, ladies of ill repute."

There is a printer-friendly version of the trail's map on the website. Alternatively, visitors can collect the brochure from the Higham Ferrers Town Hall on the Market Square or from the Discover Northamptonshire Hub at Rushden Lakes Shopping Centre.

GENEALOGY JOTTINGS

WORDS BY
JAN PEARSON

A thought: how often do we read the war memorials in our towns and villages? Listing the names of those brave men – and women – who gave their lives for us in the two world wars, many of the local families lost one or more of their family in these conflicts. A few years ago, I was involved in the research of those listed on the war memorial of a local village. It was quite poignant to discover what was happening in their lives before they went off to fight for their country.

Have you visited the Commonwealth War Graves Commission website? (<http://www.cwgc.org/>) This covers not just those British soldiers, sailors and airmen who died, but also those from Commonwealth countries. Not only that, civilians are also recorded who died as part of enemy action. One such person was Leonard Albert Wright, the son of Mrs Kate Wright, of 5 Council Houses, Easton-on-the-Hill, who died aged 20 on 23rd February 1941. Kate was a widow, her husband Frederick having died in 1938 at the age of 54. The family may

be seen in the 1921 census where Frederick is shown as working as a Limestone Quarry Foreman in the Ketton Quarry.

On the CWGC website, you will find details of the person's memorial, where their name is recorded within a War Graves cemetery or burial plot as well as, for non-civilians, details of the battles that were fought in which they died. One such memorial is to Patrick Dudgeon, who was captured in Italy whilst on a secret mission and shot by the Germans on 3rd October 1943. Aged just 23 when he died, Patrick had been a pupil in St Anthony's House at Oundle School from 1934 to 1938 and now has an award made to students each year in his name.

It goes to show that you never know where a memorial to your ancestor or their siblings might turn up.

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Proposed Interim Executive Director of Place and Economy announced at North Northamptonshire Council

Following recent changes to the corporate leadership team at North Northamptonshire Council, a proposed Interim Executive Director of Place and Economy at the authority has been announced as Graeme Kane.

Graeme is currently the Council's Assistant Director of Highways and Waste. He was shortly due to leave the authority but the new appointment has allowed the Council to secure Graeme's employment.

The position of Executive Director had become vacant following the news that George Candler, who currently fills the role, had been proposed as Interim Chief Executive.

It had been revealed in March that the current Chief Executive, Rob Bridge was to move to a position in the top job at Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority.

Cllr Jason Smithers, Leader of the Council, said: "I'm delighted that we've been able to propose Graeme [for] this very important role at the Council and secure his employment at the authority.

"Graeme already occupies a substantial post in the Place directorate and has a great understanding of the area. Retaining quality

staff with deep local knowledge is important to the Council and helps build excellence in our services for residents.

"Graeme has been a director previously and carries an enormous wealth of experience making him a valuable asset to the leadership team and to the North Northamptonshire area as a whole.

"I look forward to working with him and our corporate leadership team as we continue our journey and progress as a Council."

Graeme Kane said: "I'm delighted to be proposed for the position of Executive Director of Place and Economy and look forward to working with Members, colleagues and partners to continue the good work we are doing in the area."

If approved, Graeme would assume the role in early June.



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Sat 27 Warwick Market Day
Sun 28 Brighton
Tue 30 Family Seaside Mystery
Wed 31 American Museum & Bath

JUNE

Thu 1 Tank Museum
Fri 1 Monkey World
Fri 2 Yorkshire Wildlife Park
Sat 2 Doncaster
Sat 3 Skegness
Tue 6 Melton Mowbray Market Day
Wed 7 Sheringham & NNRW
Sat 10 Hunstanton
Sun 11 Great Yarmouth
Wed 14 Nottingham Cruise & Lunch
Thu 15 Nantwich Market Day
Sat 17 Cromer
Sun 18 Gardeners World with Good Food Show
Fri 23 National Arboretum & Lichfield
Fri 23 National Arboretum
Sat 24 Hovercraft Experience to Ryde
Sun 25 Swanage
Tue 27 Windsor Luxury Afternoon Tea Cruise

JULY

Sat 1 Llangollen Motorised Boat Trip
Sat 1 Llangollen Railway/Classic Transport Show
Sun 2 Great Yarmouth
Sat 8 Hampton Court Garden Festival
Sun 9 Hunstanton
Tue 11 Bicester
Sat 15 RAF Fairford Tattoo
Sat 15 Skegness
Sun 16 Sheringham
Mon 17 Bakewell Market
Wed 19 Rutland Belle River Cruise & Oakham
Sun 23 Whitby
Tue 25 Trentham Estate & Monkey Forest
Wed 26 Sandringham Flower Show
Thu 27 Shropshire & Little Switzerland
Fri 28 London Zoo
Fri 28 Postal Museum
Sat 29 Southend on Sea
Sun 30 Weymouth

AUGUST

Tue 1 Black Country Museum OR Dudley Zoo
Wed 2 Hovercraft Experience to Ryde
Thu 3 Southwold
Fri 4 Colchester OR Colchester Zoo
Sat 5 Buckingham Palace & Afternoon Tea

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Volunteer Action celebrates Coronation at Fletton House

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

The Volunteer Action car scheme is run by volunteers within the community of Oundle, Thrapston and the surrounding 48 villages. It provides a driving service for medical trips to the elderly

or vulnerable – in addition to a newly launch Befriending Scheme that is designed to help combat loneliness.

The King's Coronation was celebrated in style at The Hub, Fletton House, Oundle

with Volunteer Action on 9th May. Thirty members of the Volunteer Action Befriending Scheme, attended the event, with ten Volunteers providing additional support on the day – all dressed in their royal finery of

red, white and blue and some outfits being fit for a Coronation itself!

Volunteers helped with hosting in a number of ways, from baking a beautiful Union Flag cake and royal cupcakes to serving the very British High Tea style food to the attendees. Music played in the background and games of Coronation Bingo were played with the roar of 'God Save the King' being heard loud and clear when the game was won,

with prizes at the end of each round.

Photographs of Oundle Town's decorations courtesy of the Yarn Bombers were displayed on a projection for all to see (in case they had not managed to get into town to see them in person).

There was lots of talking, laughter and fun on the day, with new friends being formed during the event to help reduce rural isolation within the community.

The event was topped off with a present fit for The King himself – a packet of Coronation branded wildflower seeds to take home and sow in a tub, window box or garden alike. A long-lasting memento of a day to remember.

VA would like to thank Oundle Town Council for the funds to run this event for the community – the charity is grateful for this support and the smiles from the attendees made the event worthwhile indeed.



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North Northamptonshire Council

Notice is given that the following applications have been received by North Northamptonshire Council – Thrapston Office together with the last date for making representations:

> KINGS CLIFFE

Internal and external conservation and repair works (as per design and access statement) at 22 Bridge Street Kings Cliffe PE8 6XH (LBRegs) (Info) NE/23/00352/LBC (20 June 2023)

> RUSHDEN

Conversion of dwelling to create two flats at 2 Bedford Road Rushden NN10 0NB (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/23/00474/FUL (20 June 2023)

> OUNDLE

Removal of external ATM and window to be replaced with new glazing, removal of night safe and infill existing cut out hole by brickwork to match existing; removal of ADT panel, removal of CCTV camera, removal of existing signage, removal of internal counters and all furniture to allow for decommissioning of bank at 2 New Street Oundle PE8 4EA (LBRegs) (Info) NE/23/00316/LBC and (LB/CA) (Info) NE/23/00315/FUL (20 June 2023)

> KINGS CLIFFE

Proposed workshop/studio to rear garden at 40 Park Street Kings Cliffe PE8 6XN (LB/CA) (Info) NE/23/00490/FUL (20 June 2023)

> EASTON ON THE HILL

Single storey rear extension. Replacement windows throughout dwelling. Installation

of electric car charging point (retrospective) at 12 High Street Easton On The Hill PE9 3LR (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/23/00454/FUL and LBRegs) (NE/23/00455/LBC (20 June 2023)

> OUNDLE

Replace rear living room window and patio door with a single French casement at 4A Benefield Road Oundle PE8 4ET (LB/CA) (Info) NE/23/00460/FUL (20 June 2023)

> OUNDLE

Replacement of single-glazed ground floor sash window with double-glazed heritage sash in the same style. Replacement of single-glazed ground floor bay window with double-glazed in keeping with the style of the house. At 75 West Street Oundle PE8 4EJ (LB/CA) (Info) NE/23/00465/FUL (20 June 2023)

> TITCHMARSH

Replacement of stonework to the front and rear of elevations and minor repointing as required and as schedule at 35 - 41 Islington Titchmarsh (LB/CA) (Info) (LBRegs) (Info) NE/23/00470/LBC (20 June 2023)

> RUSHDEN

Erection of 2 bedroom bungalow at Land Rear Of 25 - 29 St Marys Avenue Rushden (Info) (Part3) (Info) NE/23/00471/FUL (20 June 2023)

> WOODFORD

Replacement windows to the front, side and rear elevations at 7 Church Street Woodford NN14 4EX (LB/CA) (Info) NE/23/00285/FUL (20 June 2023)

> KINGS CLIFFE

Internal and external conservation and repair works as per design and access statement at 22 Bridge Street Kings Cliffe PE8 6XH (LB/CA) (Info) NE/23/00506/FUL (20 June 2023)

> OUNDLE

Variation of condition 2 to allow for alterations to the layout of the external landscaping levels including additional information, drawing 1351-02A specifically amended to 1351-02G, pursuant to NE/21/00581/FUL. Single storey front and rear extensions, internal and external alterations at 4 Stoke Doyle Road Oundle PE8 4BN (LB/CA) (Info) NE/23/00464/VAR (20 June 2023)

> NASSINGTON

New purpose made conservation windows and doors to replace existing windows and doors at 37 Church Street Nassington PE8 6QG (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) (LBRegs) NE/23/00476/FUL and NE/23/00477/LBC (20 June 2023)

> HARRINGWORTH

Double Storey Side and Front Extension, Single Storey Front Extension, an Orangery to the rear at Lindisfarne Wakerley Road Harringworth NN17 3AH (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/23/00439/FUL (20 June 2023)

> IRTHLINGBOROUGH

Change of use from place of worship to office (store 3 and unit 3 only) at 43B High Street Irthlingborough (LB/CA) (Info) NE/23/00443/FUL (20 June 2023)

NOTICE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

> IRTHLINGBOROUGH

Repairs and refurbishment to existing dwelling house at 62 High Street Irthlingborough NN9 5TN (LBRegs) (Info) NE/23/00366/LBC (20 June 2023)

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 27 May 2023

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North Northamptonshire Council's commitment to be fostering-friendly

North Northamptonshire Council has been accredited with being a Foster Friendly employer – demonstrating the importance the authority places on this vital role for families.

The status means that the Council has updated its HR policy to give staff that foster children extra support in balancing their work and care responsibilities.

The announcement coincides with Foster Care Fortnight, an annual national campaign organised by The Fostering Network, which also administers the friendly employer scheme.

Cllr Scott Edwards is North Northamptonshire Council's Executive Member for Children, Families, Education and Skills and will soon take over as chairman of the Council's Corporate Parenting Board.

Cllr Edwards said: "Fostering a child can be challenging but carers tell us it is also one of the most rewarding things they

have ever done.

"If anyone thinks they have what it takes to make a difference to the life of a child or young person, they should get in touch.

"As a Council we know how important fostering a child is and we are delighted to announce that recently we have become a Foster Friendly employer giving staff that foster children extra support in balancing their work and care responsibilities."

The Fostering Friendly employers scheme offers businesses of any size a chance to make a difference for foster carers and the children they care for in their local communities and improve support for their own employees at the same time.

According to the Fostering Network, nearly 40 per cent of foster carers combine fostering with other work. Those who do say that a supportive employer can make all the difference, enabling them to balance employment with looking after children.

Cllr Jason Smithers, Leader of the Council, said: "Making sure every child is safe in North Northamptonshire is imperative and our foster carers play a wonderful role in nurturing children and young people to ensure they are loved and cared for.

"I'm thrilled that we have signed up to be Foster Friendly and it demonstrates the depth of our commitment to improving the life chances of everyone."

Anyone who is interested in fostering can get in contact for an initial chat with the fostering team at Northamptonshire Children's Trust on 0300 126 1009. Employers interested in becoming Foster Friendly can find out more from The Fostering Network.

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> SATURDAY 27TH MAY, 2PM

Butterfly event

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> SUNDAY 28TH MAY, 10.15AM

Whitefriars Church Pentecost Worship

Whitefriars Primary School, Boughton Drive, Rushden NN10 9HX. Guest speaker will be Alex from Compassion UK. All are welcome.

> SUNDAY 28TH MAY, 6PM

Rushden and Higham Ferrers Churches' United Pentecost Service

Park Road Baptist Church, Rushden.

Guest speaker from the charity Open Doors. All are welcome.

> SUNDAY 4TH JUNE, 10.15AM

Whitefriars Church Morning Worship

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

> SATURDAY 1ST JULY, 2PM

Newton Bromswold Village Fete

Church Lane, Newton Bromswold
Free admission. Contact: Helen Lines 01933 315864. Rushden Mission Band, usual stalls and games, afternoon teas.

> SATURDAY 8TH JULY, 7PM

Newton Bromswold Summer Barn Dance

Place: Church Lane, Newton Bromswold
Tickets £12.50 adults and £5 children. For tickets contact 07703476689. The band is Kelly's Eye. Food provided, bar.

Wellbeing Walks in East Northants

- Woodford - Wednesdays 9.30am, meeting point at the Buttery Cafe car park.
- Irthlingborough - Thursdays 10.30am, meeting at the Irthlingborough Library.
- Rushden - Fridays 10am, meeting at flag pole in Hall Park.

To submit your event please contact us via our website www.nenevalleynews.co.uk or call 01522 692542. Please supply in the following format: Date, event, place, time, admission fee (if applicable), contact information, 15 word description.

Wellingborough Orpheus Choir's 'Come and Sing' Event

Following their successful performance of Handel's 'Messiah' in April, which received a standing ovation, Wellingborough Orpheus Choir is continuing to celebrate its 70th anniversary with a 'Come and Sing' day in the United Reformed Church, High Street, Wellingborough, on Saturday 10th June.

With the coronation still fresh in everyone's minds, the music will include Parry's 'I was Glad' and Handel's 'Zadok the Priest', both performed during the ceremony in Westminster Abbey on 6th May, plus Vaughan Williams' arrangement of 'The Old Hundredth (All people that on earth do dwell)' composed for the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II, and 'The mountains shall bring

peace', a new anthem specially commissioned by the Royal School of Church Music to celebrate this year's coronation.

The event, led by the choir's musical director, Nicolas Moodie, will start at 10am and will finish with an informal concert at 3.15pm lasting about 45 minutes. The participation fee is just £5, including the provision of the music and tea/coffee. More information and the registration form can be found on the choir's website: www.orpheuschoir.org.uk. The same form can be used to book tickets for the afternoon performance, which are also £5.

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The Orpheus Choir and Camerata Singers performing 'Messiah' on 1st April 2023

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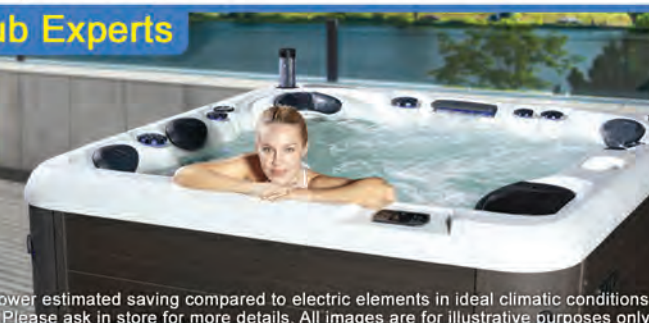
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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS ALL MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT THE TOWN HALL UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTIFIED

Town Council Meeting - Tuesday 30th May, 7.30pm

Planning & Development Committee Meeting - Tuesday 13th June 6.45pm

Policy & Resources Committee Meeting - Tuesday 13th June 7.30pm

Town Council Meeting - Tuesday 27th June, 7.30pm

Farmers Market - Saturday 27th May, 9am - 1pm - Market Square

Farmers Market - Saturday 24th June 9am - 1pm - Market Square

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**MAJOR PLANNING APPLICATIONS
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NEWTON BROMSWOLD PARISH**

Notice is given that additional / updated information has been received by North Northamptonshire Council – Thrapston Office in relation to the following application:

Reference 18/01284/FUL, for the construction and operation of a broiler rearing unit with six linked poultry buildings and ancillary structures comprising fifteen grain silos, three crumb feed silos, three feed blending houses, two water tanks with an associated pump house, two gas storage tanks, an electricity substation, switch room and standby generator with fuel tank, a weigh room, a welfare block, a cold store and incinerator, a boiler house and storage building, a security gatehouse and associated hardstanding, with boundary fencing, landscape, planting and flood attenuation works and an upgrading of an existing vehicular access track extending to the south-west to an existing anaerobic digestion plant access road (revised scheme to 17/01328/FUL). At Land North of Westwood AD Plant, Bedford Road, Rushden, Northamptonshire (received 25.06.2018). Applicant: Bedfordia Farms Ltd. Parish: Newton Bromswold

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/planning applications). Copies of the Environmental Statement may be purchased from the Council (whilst stocks last) at a cost of £1.50 plus 15p per page (£85), postage is not included and would be an additional charge. Please email PLANNING.ENC@northnorthants.gov.uk. Comments may be submitted in writing to: North Northamptonshire Council (Thrapston Office), Cedar Drive, Thrapston, NN14 4LZ, by emailing PLANNING.ENC@northnorthants.gov.uk or via the website by 30th June 2023.

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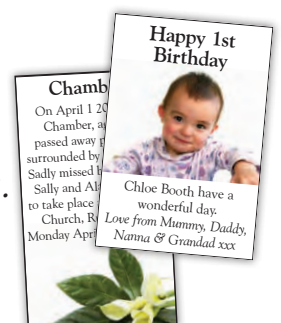
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May Half Term events at Nene Park

There is something for all the family to enjoy at Nene Park this half term. From Saturday 27th May, daily events and activities will be running in Ferry Meadows, from new treasure hunt and orienteering challenges to archery, climbing and the ever-popular holiday trail. As always there will be daily watersports at Nene Outdoors, boat trips and youth sailing courses too!

Find out what's happening and when, with Nene Park's May half term what's on guide to family fun in the Park:

> ACTIVITIES ON EVERY DAY – 27TH MAY TO 4TH JUNE

Pay & Play Watersports at Nene

Outdoors: Open daily between 11am and 6.30pm, choose from dragon and swan pedalos, row boats, stand up paddle boards, kayaks and canoes. 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.

Book a camping trip! Enjoy a night or more under canvas on the peaceful banks of Gunwade Lake. The Lakeview bell tent campsite is perfect for families, ideally located in the heart of Ferry Meadows to take advantage of all the exciting activities on offer at Nene Outdoors.

Daily Boat Trips: Enjoy a tranquil trip around Overton Lake and onto the River Nene on an electrically-powered passenger boat. The 45-minute pre-bookable trips will depart daily from the Visitor Centre Jetty at 10am, 11am, 12noon, 1.30pm, 2.30pm and 3.30pm. Suitable for all ages, it's £9 per person, free for under 3s and wheelchair spaces are available.

Complete the Holiday Trail: Collect a trail sheet from the Visitor Centre, Gift & Farm Shop for just £1 and then hunt for questions as you walk around Ferry Meadows. Return to the Visitor Centre to claim your prize of basil seeds to grow at home!

Ride the Ferry Meadows Railway:

All aboard the Ferry Meadows Railway! Sit back and enjoy the ride as you pass through meadows while taking in views of Overton and Lynch Lakes.

> EVENTS BY DATE

Tuesday 30th May – Treasure Hunt in Ferry Meadows - 10.30am to

12noon: Explore Ferry Meadows using your investigations skills to work out where the treasure is hidden.

Tuesday 30th May – Climbing Wall

– **11am to 3pm:** The climbing wall will be back at Nene Outdoors, with sessions running throughout the day. Great fun for both adults and children

age 4 and over, who will reach the top first?

Tuesday 30th May – Orienteering Challenge - 1pm to 2.30pm: Do you think you can follow the directions and find your way around a real orienteering route? Come along and join us to test out your skills and see who will be the first to visit all the points.

Tuesday 30th & Wednesday 31st May: Youth RYA Sailing – Stage

1. This two day course covers basic sailing skills, rope work and collision avoidance. After the course, participants will be able to tack and control boat speed and understand basic principles. All safety equipment, including wetsuits and buoyancy aids are provided.

Wednesday 31st May: Wildlife Boat

Trip – 9.15am to 10.45am. Join us on this special wildlife trip around Overton Lake and along the River Nene where swans, geese and other water fowl will glide alongside the boat with you. We cannot guarantee what you will see but wildlife highlights may include herons, kingfishers and the elusive otter! A member of the knowledgeable team will make sure you don't miss a thing.

Thursday 1st & Friday 2nd June:

Youth RYA Sailing – Stage 2. This 2-day course covers launching and recovery, steering, parts of the boat and basic sailing. After the course,



participants will be able to steer and understand basic principles. All safety equipment provided.

Thursday 1st June - Archery: 11am to 4.15pm. Unleash your inner Robin Hood! Archery sessions are 45 minutes long and take place at Nene Outdoors.

Friday 2nd June – Pond Dipping – 12noon to 3pm. Come along to our free drop-in session at Lynch Lake and spend some time pond dipping and identifying the fascinating creatures you find. No need to book, just come down!

Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th June: Visit Longthorpe Tower. Have you discovered Peterborough's hidden historical gem yet? Be amazed at the Medieval wall paintings there, widely

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For more details on any of Nene Park's Half Term activities, and to book your places, visit www.nenepark.org.uk/may-half-term. You can also contact Nene Outdoors by email at nene.outdoors@neneparktrust.org.uk or call 01733 234193.

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