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Moving on up!

Adults in North Northamptonshire are increasing the amount they exercise, with 6 in 10 now classed as 'active'.

The latest data from Sport England revealed that 2021-22 has seen an increase in the number of active adults in the Council area to 62.5% from 57.4% in 2020-21.

This equates to 181,200 adults meeting guidelines of doing more than 150 minutes of exercise each week, beating the East Midlands average of 61.1%.

North Northamptonshire in 2021-22 has also seen a decrease in the number of inactive adults to 24.5%, from 30.6% in 2020-21.

This is lower than the East Midlands average of 27.5% and the England average of 25.8%.

North Northamptonshire results:

- Inactive – exercising for less than 30 minutes each week – 24.5%
- Fairly active – exercising for between 30 minutes and 149 minutes each week – 13%
- Active – exercising for more than 150 minutes each week – 62.5%

Full survey results can be found on www.sportengland.org/research-and-data/data/active-lives/active-lives-data-tables

PUPILS SMASH 5,000-MILE TARGET FOR EAST MIDLANDS ACADEMY TRUST TORCH RELAY

Pupils were joined by Olympic athletes for an incredible week-long torch relay as part of the East Midlands Academy Trust Olympic Day programme of events.

The EMAT torch moved from school to school as the pupils were joined by sporting heroes to run or walk a mile, together clocking up a total of 5,000 miles – a mile per pupil across the East Midlands Academy Trust. Its schools are Northampton

International Academy, Castle Academy, Hardingstone Academy, Stimpson Avenue Academy, all in Northampton, Prince William School in Oundle, Orchard Academy and Shepherdswell Academy, both in Milton Keynes.

Visiting the Trust's seven schools during the week were Olympic sprinter Anita Neil who competed for Great Britain in 1968 and 1972; GB hockey player and double Olympic medallist Shona McCallin MBE; Olympic rower Caragh McMurtry; British judo athlete and double world medallist Nekoda Davis and British Paralympian and gold medallist Laura Sugar.

East Midlands Academy Trust Chief Executive Joshua Coleman said: "Our Olympic Day events are a unique opportunity for our pupils across our family of schools to compete in a range of sporting activities and learn more about the Olympic values of excellence,



friendship and respect.

"With the support of GB Olympians, our pupils learn about aiming high and working hard to achieve your goals through sport. It's an amazing opportunity for them and they've loved meeting the athletes and hearing about their journeys to success."

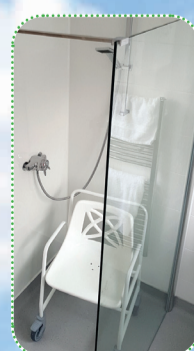
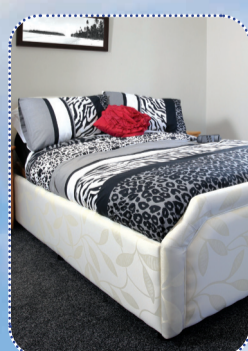
The Olympic Day programme continued with the Ability Games, a fun sporting competition for pupils with additional needs, namely communication and interaction difficulties. This event

is fully inclusive, enabling pupils to take part in appropriate sporting activities as part of the Olympic Day programme.

The culmination of the series of events is the Trust's Olympic Day, which took place this year at Corby Athletics Stadium on Wednesday 21st June and offered pupils the chance to compete at a full-sized athletics track and field. There was a live broadcast from the stadium for parents and classmates, hosted by Sky Sports presenter Jamie Weir.



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We have received an email from Katherine Hopkinson, daughter of Roy Burrell, informing us of his recent death. Roy wrote the Wildlife News column for Nene Valley News since 2017 and was still contributing until recent months. Katherine told us how much Roy enjoyed writing his column and thoroughly enjoyed sharing his love of nature and was saddened when it became more difficult for him to contribute. We are honoured to publish his obituary.

The family of Wildlife News contributor Roy Burrell are saddened to report his death in June 2023. He had a lifelong passion for nature and wildlife, which he shared with his wife, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren and he delighted in the opportunity to communicate this love with the readers of Nene Valley News. His family hope that his topical pieces, driven by local



Roy visiting Sywell Country Park

and seasonal observations, inspired local people to go out and enjoy the beautiful Northamptonshire countryside.

GENEALOGY JOTTINGS

WORDS BY
JAN PEARSON

I was on holiday recently and met a lovely old boy by the name of Peter, from Port Talbot. He was telling me about his family's history (yes, there's no getting away from it!) and about the difficulties he had with researching ancestors from Scotland when he was living in the depths of South Wales. I mentioned the website <https://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/> to him with which, surprisingly as he had been trying to research for many years, he was not familiar. He was comfortable with using the internet, so we had a good discussion about how to use it and buying credits for it etc. Oh yes – since I last mentioned them a couple of years ago, they have uploaded details of the 1921 census. Very useful!

It can be difficult to research ancestors when they seem to have lived hundreds – if not thousands – of miles away. I keep telling myself that I need to get across to Ireland and visit the National Archives in Dublin. Perhaps I could

have another little holiday this year and explore the city as well as delve into the records. I have been looking for my elusive grandfather for years, using every possible website available to me, but to no avail. There is only so much that you can do online without having "eyes on the ground", so to speak. That is where the good folk on my forum come in handy. Most – if not all – are prepared to visit their local graveyards to check out memorials and take photographs, visit nearby records offices and archives to photocopy the records held. I even have one member who became so engrossed in what had happened locally, that he has created his own website that people refer to when they are researching that area.

So, don't give up hope if you cannot find your ancestors – they are out there somewhere!

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Expressions of interest invited from local schools to move to new primary school at Glenvale Park, Wellingborough

Local schools are being invited to submit 'expressions' of interest in relocating from their existing school into a new primary school at the Glenvale Park development to the north of Wellingborough.

The 'relocation of an existing school' opportunity has been launched following approval to go ahead at a meeting of North Northamptonshire Council's Executive recently.

Glenvale Park will provide an additional 3,000 new homes and in preparation for new families moving into the area, the school, which has been built by the developer Glenvale Park LLP, is due for completion this autumn.

As the estate grows and the need for school places arises, primary aged children from the Glenvale Park development will be able to apply for a school place as part of the normal admissions process for places for September 2024.

However, with an appropriate number of primary school places currently available in Wellingborough, it is not envisaged that demand to open a new school, and receive Department for Education funding, would be high enough until the start of the school year in September 2025.

This relocation opportunity will enable a local primary school which has poor or unsuitable accommodation to move to a purpose-built facility from September 2024 and the vacated smaller site could be re-purposed for other educational uses.

Cllr Scott Edwards, the Council's Executive Member for Children, Families, Education and Skills, said: "I'm delighted that we are now moving forward with this process and are at the stage of inviting expressions of interest from schools."

"I'm very pleased that we can make use of this wonderful new school until the bulge of new demand comes through and offer some contemporary accommodation for an existing school which would face challenges with their current site."

Cllr Jason Smithers, Leader of the Council, said: "I'm delighted that we have found a clever solution so this wonderful new facility can be of use as quickly as is possible and that we are now moving forward at pace."

Expressions of interest are invited from local primary schools between now and 30th June before a shortlisting and interviewing stage takes place between 3rd and 14th July.

It is envisaged that a panel decision will take place during the week beginning 17th July, before returning to the Executive in September. The process is scheduled to be fully completed by December 2023.

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Venue: Priors Hall Park Centre, Corby, NN17 5EB

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CLEAN AIR DAY IN NORTH NORTHANTS

North Northamptonshire Council supports Clean Air Day.

This national event, which was held on 15th June, focuses on raising awareness about the importance of clean air and encourages individuals, communities and organisations to take actions towards improving air quality.

Clean Air Day highlights the way we can all work together to clean up our air – something which has been shown to have benefits for our physical health and environment but can also protect our mental and brain health.

North Northamptonshire Council takes its responsibility of reducing emissions in the local area seriously, and we take care to ensure our impact on the environment is as little as possible, whilst monitoring nitrogen dioxide air pollution across the area.

Actions taken to reduce carbon emissions can also assist to improve local air quality. Since committing to being carbon neutral in July 2021,

Officers have been working on various initiatives and the council's Carbon Management Plan was approved in December 2022.

Initiatives currently being undertaken by NNC include the Voi e-scooter and e-bike hire scheme and the introduction of Starship Delivery robots in Wellingborough, Rushden and Higham Ferrers.

The Council have enabled the installation of on-street charging points at 12 locations across 6 towns as well as in some of its car parks. Further work is planned with an additional 18 locations scheduled to go ahead this year. Development of a strategy is underway which will set out plans for a step-change in charging infrastructure, to keep pace with expected growth in EV ownership.

The Council is also developing plans for improved walking and cycling facilities in our towns. Consultation



has recently taken place on a Local Cycling and Walking Improvement Plan for Kettering, with similar plans for Corby and Wellingborough following over the coming months.

But it is also about everyone working together and NNC are encouraging residents to get involved by learning more about the impact air pollution can have on our mental and physical health and taking

manageable steps to help improve air quality.

Cllr Harriet Pentland, the council's Executive Member for Climate and Green Environment, said: "Clean Air Day highlights the changes we can all make to improve the quality of the air we breathe, which as well as having benefits to the environment has been shown to improve mental and physical health.

"We understand that we have a direct responsibility to address climate change, and we know that each small change we make adds up. Everyone within the council is working to help improve air quality and achieve carbon neutrality, from personal steps like how they travel to work through to wider actions, such as factoring in carbon and air pollution reduction into service planning."

Voi are offering 30 minutes of free travel by e-scooters to users across the UK with code CLEANAIRDAY23 (Offer valid from Clean Air Day, 15th June, until 30th June). Also, central Government's £2 bus fare cap scheme has been extended until October 2023.






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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
Sun 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
Sun 6	Sheringham
Mon 7	Chesterfield Market Day
Tue 8	Cromer
Wed 9	Haworth & The KWVR
Thu 10	Liverpool Open Top Bus
Thu 10	Liverpool Afternoon Tea Cruise
Thu 10	Liverpool Free Time
Fri 11	Butterfly Farm & Stratford Upon Avon
Sat 12	Broadstairs OR Margate
Sun 13	Skegness Carnival Day
Mon 14	Norfolk Broads River Trip
Tue 15	Kennet Vale Horse Drawn Boat Trip
Wed 16	Rutland Bell River Cruise & Oakham
Thu 17	Windsor OR Windsor Castle
Fri 18	Canterbury OR Whitstable
Sat 19	Eastbourne Airshow
Sat 19	Hunstanton
Sun 20	Great Yarmouth
Mon 21	Lake District - Windermere & Keswick

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JUNE	
25th – 30th JUNE – DISCOVER THE ORKNEYS	
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JULY	
22nd – 30th JULY – THE BEAUTIFUL DOLOMITES	
Hotel Paganella, Paganella, Italy. Half Board, includes Excursions £929pp. Holidays to the Dolomites invite you to uncover beautiful secrets in one of the most stunning mountain ranges in the world, an Eden of striking peaks, lush valleys and hidden lakes. Vertical walls, sheer cliffs and sharp plateaux combine to make an unmistakable silhouette. This area is relatively unheard of in Britain, so you can experience natural Italian beauty without the hordes of tourists.	
24th – 28th JULY – HISTORICAL HAMPSHIRE	
Langstone Quays Resort, Portsmouth. Half Board including Excursions, £449 per person. On the coast between Portsmouth and Chichester and shaped like a hammerhead shark. Hayling isn't a classic-looking island, but it has enough history and stories to fill a dozen islands. The Romans put Hayling on the map when they turned an Iron Age shrine on the island's north area into a temple, the remains of which now lie beneath farmland. Holiday includes excursions to Arundel Castle and the Weald & Downland Museum.	

OCTOBER	
9th – 14th OCTOBER – CORNISH DELIGHTS	
Rosemunda House Hotel, St Agnes. Half Board including Excursions £449pp. Tucked into a stunning and unspoilt spot on the coast, St. Agnes sits in both a designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and a World Heritage Site and is a picturesque village on the north coast of Cornwall. There are dramatic coastal walks and breathtaking scenery filled with relics from the past, including the iconic Wheal Coates engine house. Sample the beautiful scenic coastline, fantastic beaches, arts and craft shops and mining heritage.	

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“Think before you bin your batteries,” warns NNC

Following a fire at Wellingborough Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) in May, North Northamptonshire Council is reminding residents to think before disposing of used batteries.

An investigation following the skip fire on 29th May revealed that the fire had been started by a battery in the general waste skip.

Batteries thrown into general rubbish or recycling bins, or left inside old electrical items, have caused several fires in bin lorries and at recycling centres locally and nationally, recently.

When waste and recycling bins are collected by crews, any batteries inside can be squashed, punctured or shredded, which could cause batteries to get very hot and ignite, resulting in a fire or explosion in the bin lorry or at the waste facility.

But batteries can be recycled, easily and safely for free – at places such as supermarkets and DIY stores which all have battery bins. All North Northamptonshire

Household Waste Recycling Centres also have battery bins, where you can take your old batteries for recycling.

Cllr Graham Lawman, the council's Executive Member for Highways, Travel and Assets, said: “This is a very real reminder that batteries should be disposed of correctly. It might be easy to think that a battery will be okay to put in your general waste bin, but as this recent case shows – they can easily cause fires, which can have a wide impact. In the worst-case scenario, more than just the waste in the skip could have been set on fire and serious damage caused at the Wellingborough HWRC.

“On this occasion, we had to evacuate the site to keep the public safe and were advised by the Fire Service to close the site for

the remainder of the day to ensure the fire had been completely extinguished, which inconvenienced people wanting to use the site that day.

“Fires on our bin lorries could also cause the loss of a vehicle entirely at a significant cost to the council.”

Cllr Jason Smithers, Leader of the Council, added: “Anywhere that sells batteries should have a battery bin, including all major supermarkets. So next time you are doing your weekly shop, please put your used batteries in one of these bins, rather than in your recycling or general waste bin at home.”

Recycleyourelectricals.org.uk has a postcode checker where residents can find their nearest battery recycling point.

North Northamptonshire team that helps vulnerable adults live independently praised for good work

A North Northamptonshire Council team which gives vulnerable young adults the support they need to live independently has been noted for its good work by sector watchdog, the Care Quality Commission.

The Specialist Support Services for Younger Adults with Disabilities North team (SSYA) received a ‘Good’ rating in all areas after a recent inspection which included interviews with service users, family members and staff.

The team is a registered domiciliary care service providing personal care to younger adults to live independently in Northamptonshire. These younger adults (classed as aged between 18 and 65), have a physical or learning disability or mental health problems.

The team joins the council's Reablement North team, which also received a

‘Good’ rating from the CQC after an inspection in July last year.

Cllr Helen Harrison said: “We are celebrating the fantastic results following our second inspection with the Care Quality Commission.

“The team, which is based at Patrick Road Resource Centre, Corby, helps people living in the North Northamptonshire area to remain living independently within their own homes for longer.

“It is no understatement to suggest that the dedicated staff in this team greatly enrich the lives of these young adults and help them to flourish. I’m extremely proud of the good work

they do and would like to congratulate them on this achievement.”

The CQC inspection ensures care providers are meeting the legal requirements and regulations of providing personal care to clients, assesses the quality of the service provided and awards an official rating.

Cllr Jason Smithers, Leader of the Council, said: “Helping our vulnerable adults live active, independent lives is important to us as a Council and [we are] delighted that this team is delivering a quality service. I’d like to offer my congratulations for all their hard work and dedication.”


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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

Outline: Erection of up to 450 dwellings, a community/retail/and or health facility, improvement works to the existing A6/Bedford Road roundabout including provision of shared pedestrian/cycle access, parking, landscaping, drainage features, open space, and associated infrastructure (All matters reserved except access from the A6/Bedford Road) at Land East Of A6 And Roundabout At Bedford Road Rushden (Info) (Part3) (Info) NE/22/00851/OUT (18 July 2023)

>COLLYWESTON

Single storey rear extension (Re-submission of NE/22/00616/FUL) at 12 Back Lane Collyweston PE9 3PJ (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/23/00417/FUL (18 July 2023)

>YARWELL

Demolition of existing two storey dwelling and detached garage and erection of new dwelling part single, part two storey dwelling with integral store/garage at 40 Main Street Yarwell PE8 6PR (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/23/00524/FUL (18 July 2023)

>TWYWELL

Conversion of the Slaughter House to form a 4 bed dwelling to include a two storey rear extension; demolition of detached outbuildings and attached structures to the front and the rear of the existing Slaughter House; creation of off street parking and reconfiguration of the surrounding landscape. At Slaughter House Approx 20m SW Of The Gables Lower Street Twywell (LB/CA) (Info)(LB Regs)NE/23/00399/FUL and NE/23/00400/LBC (18 July 2023)

>COLLYWESTON

Replacement of Collyweston slate roof with Collyweston slates and removal of unsupported brick chimney at 31 High Street Collyweston PE9 3PW (LBRegs) (Info) NE/23/00492/LBC (18 July 2023)

>WOODNEWTON

Variation of condition 2 to allow for addition of PV panels to rear roof slope pursuant to NE/22/00409/FUL. Conversion of existing steel framed barn into dwelling (previously approved under app: NE/21/00058/PDU, but with addition of rear balcony and garden room). At Barn Rear Of 17 Main Street Woodnewton PE8 5EB (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/23/00608/VAR (18 July 2023)

>COLLYWESTON

Replacement of Collyweston slate roof with Collyweston slates. Removal of unsupported brick chimney which is

dangerous and out of character at 31 High Street Collyweston PE9 3PW (LB/CA) (Info) NE/23/00489/FUL (18 July 2023)

>KINGS CLIFFE

Part two storey, part single storey side and rear extension, part attic conversion over existing garage, extended porch, PV panels to the west facing pitched roofs, new garden wall and greenhouse at 2 Howards Meadow Kings Cliffe PE8 6YJ (LB/CA) (Info) NE/23/00598/FUL (18 July 2023)

>KINGS CLIFFE

Refurbishment and alteration works to existing dwelling and the construction of link building leading to existing WC outhouse at 1 Park Street Kings Cliffe PE8 6XN (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/23/00551/FUL (18 July 2023)

>KINGS CLIFFE

Refurbishment and alterations works to existing dwelling to include removal of lightweight partitions to form new layout; removal of 1no. assumed structural wall (between existing GF bathroom and kitchen); replacement of inadequate and unsafe services; repairs and consolidation to structure and other elements such as windows and doors; removal of existing Front Elevation doors and replacement with windows to match the existing; refurbishment of existing finishes such as new sanitaryware and kitchen;

NOTICE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

and Conservation Areas Act 1990. LBRegs - Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990.

Rob Harbour, Assistant Director Growth And Regeneration

Dated 24 June 2023

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2 new conservation roof lights and construction of new link building to provide enclosed access to an existing WC outhouse. At 1 Park Street Kings Cliffe PE8 6XN (LBRegs) (Info) NE/23/00552/LBC (18 July 2023)

>APETHORPE

Erection of oak-framed outbuilding at The Lodge Lodge Farm Lane Apethorpe PE8 5DE (Info) (LBRegs) (Info) NE/23/00556/FUL (18 July 2023)

>COLLYWESTON

Single storey rear extension (Re-submission of NE/22/00763/LBC) at 12 Back Lane Collyweston PE9 3PJ (LBRegs) (Info) NE/23/00418/LBC (18 July 2023)

>BRIGSTOCK

Rebuild and repair unsafe stone garden retaining wall (Retrospective) at 8A Latham Street Brigstock NN14 3HD (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/23/00214/FUL (18 July 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.
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Rural business grant scheme launched

Grants of £10,000 - £50,000 are now available for rural businesses across North Northamptonshire.

Using monies received from the Rural England Prosperity Fund, North Northamptonshire Council has launched the grant scheme to support existing rural businesses, with applications now open.

The Rural Fund provides capital funding to support rural businesses to develop new products and facilities that will be of wider benefit to the local economy. This includes farm businesses looking to diversify income streams.

Further information on how to apply for these business grants is available on the NNC website. Completed applications must be received by 5pm on 21st July 2023.

Cllr David Howes, the council's Executive Member

for Rural Communities and Localism, said: "Rural businesses often face specific challenges and this grant scheme will help support them [to] grow and develop. This particular scheme is just the start of the support on offer for rural communities across North Northamptonshire, so I would encourage those living and working in rural areas to keep an eye out for more information."

Cllr David Brackenbury, the council's Executive Member for Growth and Regeneration, said: "The capital grants are available

to support business resilience and growth, with applications around innovation and those looking to reduce carbon emissions prioritised. But I would urge any rural businesses in North Northants to have a look online and apply."

Cllr Jason Smithers, Leader of the Council, said: "As with our main Shared Prosperity Funding, we are looking to ensure our allocation reaches those most in need. Grants of up to £50,000 are available so this could make a real difference to business in our rural communities."



North Northamptonshire Council

Further grant support from NNC for rural community groups and organisations will be made available soon and more information will be published on the NNC website, when available.

Creative Oundle

Party at the Wharf

Saturday 15th July | 5pm – 10.45pm
Oundle Wharf

The party event of the summer - headlined by Crocodile Mock - an eight piece band delivering the ultimate tribute to Sir Elton John!

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> **FRIDAY 30TH JUNE, 7.30PM**

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> **SUNDAY 16TH JULY, 3-5PM**

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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.

KING'S SINGER HAILS NORTHAMPTON CHOIR AS OUTSTANDING

On Saturday 10th June, Northampton Male Voice Choir (NMVC) under its Musical Director, Stephen Bell and accompanied by Andy Poole on piano, set off to Kettering to compete in the North Northamptonshire Music Festival and went home with an epic haul of trophies.

The Festival's Adjudicator, Paul Phoenix (former member of the King's Singers and double BAFTA winner) awarded NMVC first place in each of the 'Community Choir', 'Sacred' and 'Male Voice Choir' classes. Then, in a hotly contested 'Show Songs' class, NMVC narrowly came second to Kettering's brilliant Decibelles Ladies Choir. Later, in the 'Barbershop Chorus' class (filled with specialist barbershop performers) NMVC Lite was placed a commendable third with distinction.

The final class of the day was 'Choir of Choirs' in which the Adjudicator had selected NMVC (winners last year), The Decibelles and ladies barbershop quartet, The Firebirds, to sing again. Following a thrilling "sing-off", The Decibelles were awarded first place with NMVC a very close second.

The Adjudicator's award for the 'Most Memorable Performance of the Day' also went to NMVC for its performance of Dan Forest's marvellous arrangement of 'How Great Thou Art'.



NMVC Musical Director, Stephen Bell said: "The adjudication by Paul Phoenix was outstanding. Some of the finest I've experienced. Well judged, sensitive, encouraging, thought provoking, emotional and so genuine. I was delighted when Paul said to me on stage 'your choir is at the top of their game' - I'll definitely take that!"

After an extremely long and hot day, an exhausted but very happy NMVC Chairman, Mark York said: "Well done Northampton Male Voice Choir for another great achievement and congratulations to the fabulous Decibelles Ladies Choir with whom we'll be performing in concert in July and again at our annual concert on 28th October in Northampton. Special thanks to Joshua S. Daniel for organising such an amazing event!"

**For more information about NMVC and its forthcoming concerts and events please visit the choir's website www.nmvc.co.uk
NMVC YouTube Channel: www.youtube.com/channel/UCWCKnjss8p1LrO1NonSf0KQ
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Picnic on the **Lawn is back!**

> **SATURDAY 22ND JULY, FROM 4PM - MAIN EVENT 7.30PM**

Following the success of its inaugural event in 2022, the Picnic on the Lawn is back for 2023! It is one of the most anticipated summer events in Northampton.

Served up by the University of Northampton, this brass and voice spectacular will take place on the Engine Shed Lawn in the grounds of the university and will be led by the Midland's champion brass band, The GUS Band, conducted by Stephen Bell. The band, ranked in the Top 20 worldwide, are excited to be celebrating their 90th anniversary this year and this will be one of the highlights in their celebratory calendar.

Not only this, the band is being joined by a champagne hamper full of other fantastic Northamptonshire musicians, including the amazing

Northampton Male Voice Choir led by Stephen Bell. The collaboration between the GUS Band and the Northampton Male Voice Choir has now become a regular partnership and for this outdoor musical banquet, they will also be joined by the sensational tenor, Joshua Daniel and the stunning, award-winning ladies Choir, The Decibelles, from Kettering. Completing this fabulous lineup is the unbelievable youth brass chamber group, the Youth Brass 2000 Dectet, who will be the cherry on top of this evening feast of musical treats.

So, pack your deck chairs, prepare your cucumber sandwiches and book your place for the picnic of the year. The fun starts early at 4pm with the main concert beginning at 7.30pm offering a mix of classical greats and more contemporary foot-tappers. We of course will be hoping that the sun will be smiling down on us but if it decides to hide away, there will be undercover places available too. Don't forget to include a bottle of fizz in your basket and we'll see you there for a celebration of the best music that Northamptonshire can offer.



Tickets available at: www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on/a508/university-of-northampton-south-bridge-road/picnic-on-the-lawn-2023-gus-band-spectacular/e-vmbvmq



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> **9TH JULY, 11AM-4PM**
Amazing Grace Community Orchard Official Opening
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The official opening of the Amazing Grace Community Orchard will be taking place from 11am to 4pm at the Queens Canopy, Amazing Grace Orchard. Located beyond the far corner of the Olney Allotments.

> 13TH JULY, 10.30AM-12.30PM
Refreshments in the Courtyard
 Enjoy delicious homemade cakes, a choice of tea, coffee, speciality tea or juice and a relaxing stroll around our beautiful 18th-century, tranquil gardens – All for only £5. While away your time in peace and tranquillity or meet up with friends and family – there's something for everyone! No need to book in advance – just purchase your refreshments ticket in the shop. Short talk in the garden from 12.30pm – theme tbc.



> 15TH JULY, 7.30PM-9.30PM
Singing for All! Community Choir
Summer Concert



We are thrilled that this year, Olney's 'Singing for All! Community Choir' will be hosting a Summer Concert on behalf of the Cowper & Newton Museum, as part of the Amazing Grace 250 years commemorations. Raffle! Refreshments too – £2 cash please. Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start.

Tickets are £6 and available from the Cowper & Newton Museum office and on the door on the night. Cowper Memorial URC Church, High St. Olney MK46 4BB

> 22ND JULY, 12.30PM-1.30PM
Discover More: Rommi Smith
 Award-winning writer Rommi Smith
 reads from her new choral work
 Forever?, a collaborative commission

with composer, Roderick Williams. Rommi will share some of the stories behind the words, alongside other work relating to the themes in the piece. With audience Q&A. This event is FREE but tickets must be pre-booked if miltonkeynes.org/event/discover-more-rommi-smith.
Campbell Park, Milton Keynes

> 22ND JULY, 6.30PM
Discover More: Forever?
 Featuring writer Rommi Smith, Martin Clarke and Donald Burrows from The Open University's Music Department, and a pre-recorded interview with Roderick Williams, composer of this year's AG250 commission Forever?, we explore the role of new music in marking key events and dates.

FREE talk but tickets must be booked: ifmiltonkeynes.org/boxoffice/ticket/243202The Stables

> 22ND JULY, 8PM-10.30PM
Chineke! Chamber Ensemble:
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 With text by celebrated poet and writer Rommi Smith and music by renowned baritone and composer Roderick Williams OBE, the premiere will be performed by members of Chineke!, Europe's first majority Black and ethnically diverse

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Venue: The Stables, Milton Keynes.
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> 27TH JULY, 10.30AM-12.30PM
Refreshments in the Courtyard
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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS ALL MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT THE TOWN HALL UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTIFIED

Town Council Meeting - Tuesday 27th June. 7.30pm

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

Environment and Recreation Committee Meeting - Tuesday 11th July, 7.30pm

Town Council Meeting - Tuesday 25th July. 7.30pm

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

Farmers Market - Saturday 29th July, 9am - 1pm - Market Square

ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
(COTTERSTOCK ROAD, OUNDLE)
(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 that length of the Cotterstock Road in Oundle as 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 15th July 2023.

Dated this 24th day of June 2023

DEBBIE CARTER-HUGHES,
Executive Director, Pathfinder Legal Services Ltd

P/1955

SCHEDULE

Cotterstock Road, Oundle – from a point 369 metres north of its junction with Glaphorn Road for a distance of 133 metres in a northerly direction

NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14

(MAIN STREET & MILL ROAD, YARWELL)

(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 those lengths of Main Street and Mill Road, Yarwell as set out below.

LENGTHS OF ROADS TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Main Street and Mill Road, Yarwell from the junction of Nassington Road and Mill Road to the junction of Nassington Road and Main Street.

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

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 10th July 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 for up to four days.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Nassington Road.

If you require any further information please contact Steve Fowler
ref:- 23/24 – N033 Steve.Fowler@northnorthants.gov.uk PKG/T23/383

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14

(PEGS LANE, DENFORD)

(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 Pegs Lane, Denford as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Pegs Lane, Denford from the junction with High Street to the junction with Chapel Lane.

REASON FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during tree clearance of power line safety.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 6th July 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 Pegs Lane, Front Street and High Street.

If you require any further information please contact Steve Fowler
ref:- 23/24 – N038 Steve.Fowler@northnorthants.gov.uk PKG/T23/387

Dated this 24th day of June 2023

DEBBIE CARTER-HUGHES

Executive Director, Pathfinder Legal Services Ltd

LICENSING ACT 2003 APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE (SECTION 17)

Notice is hereby given that The Flower Company of Irthlingborough has applied to North Northamptonshire Council for the grant of a Premises Licence in respect of The Flower Company of Irthlingborough, 32 High Street, Irthlingborough NN9 5TN, and intends to undertake the following licensable activities: sale of alcohol.

The Licensing register may be inspected at the Licensing Authority, at North Northamptonshire Council, Thrapston Offices, Cedar Drive, Thrapston NN14 4LZ during normal office hours. Any representation by a Responsible Authority or Interested Party must be made in writing to the Central Licensing Administration Unit, above address by 17th July 2023.

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Have your say on parking across North Northants

A new survey looking at parking habits and provision across North Northamptonshire has been launched.

The survey will be open for six weeks and asks a variety of questions on parking habits including parking in town centres, issues related to parking, on-street parking (not residential permit holders), electrical vehicle charging and thoughts on car parks in town centres across North Northamptonshire.

The results of this engagement stage will help develop a parking strategy for the area. The proposed parking strategy will then be consulted on later in the year and look at ensuring suitable levels of car and other vehicle type parking facilities are available to support town centre regeneration and access to towns across North Northants across the next 20 years.

Cllr Graham Lawman, the council's Executive Member for Highways, Travel and

Assets, said: "With the way people use town centres changing and a move to more sustainable forms of transport, it is vital that we understand people's parking habits across North Northants and issues that drivers are facing.

"Initially, we are asking a variety of questions that look at parking experiences both at home, on street and in Council owned car parks in North Northants; the responses will then help develop a parking strategy for the next 20 years."

Cllr Jason Smithers, Leader of the Council, said: "It is important that people have their say on issues that impact them. With this in mind, we want to hear from residents, businesses and visitors about your experience of parking in the area. This is the first of two opportunities to have your say, as we will

be consulting on the draft strategy later this year."

The outputs of the strategy will provide a series of high-level objectives and actions for the council to take forward and inform its approach to a range of subjects, including electric vehicle charging infrastructure, car park signage and charges. Work on these actions will be undertaken following adoption of the Strategy and include additional consultation where appropriate.

The engagement runs until midnight on 23rd July. Anyone can take part in the following ways:

- Completing the online survey
- Writing to: Parking Strategy Survey Response, North Northamptonshire Council, Swanspool House, Doddington Road, Wellingborough, NN8 1BP

Positive discussions show shared commitment to secure long-term future for Kettering Leisure Village

Representatives from North Northamptonshire Council have held positive talks with a community group who are determined to see a long-term future secured for Kettering Leisure Village.

The Council and the KLV Support Group met recently to discuss their shared commitment to ensuring the current activities at the leisure complex continue.

The Council is committed to focusing on finding a solution to confirm the site continues to provide leisure and recreational facilities for the community.

Officers continue to maintain regular dialogue with Phoenix Leisure Management Limited, to ensure momentum is maintained and a resolution found.

Cllr Jason Smithers, Leader of North Northamptonshire

Council, said: "This morning, the Council's Chief Executive, Cllr Anup Pandey and I met with KLV Support Group who are passionate about the long-term future of Kettering Leisure Village.

"Kettering Leisure Village is one of the area's premier event and leisure venues and we know how well valued it is by the local community, as indeed it is by us.

"We recognise our position as an enabler and broker to drive forward a solution and remain committed to working with all parties to find a positive outcome for the people of Kettering and the wider

area."

Jack Macdonald-Lucas from the KLV Support Group said: "Kettering Leisure Village is a key asset for the local community and surrounding areas, and we're absolutely determined that a resolution is found to keep services open at the site, to help support a strong economic future for the town. Without this facility Kettering would suffer enormously.

"We're grateful that Council representatives met with us today and have shown that they are equally as determined to find a solution."

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