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### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Free under 18s swimming sessions

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

The offer will be applicable during four weeks of the summer holiday between:

- Monday 31st July and Friday 4th August
- Monday 7th August and Friday 11th August
- Monday 14th August and Friday 18th August
- Monday 21st August and Friday 25th August

The sessions will take place at the locations below and can be booked one week in advance:

- Corby East Midlands International Pool, Parkland Gateway, George St, Corby NN17 1QG
- Splash Leisure Pool, Station Road, Rushden NN10 9SJ
- Nene Leisure Centre, Cedar Drive, Thrapston NN14 4JY
- 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 must be accompanied by a paying adult.

## BECOME ONE OF NORTHAMPTONSHIRE HEALTH CHARITY'S 75 RUNNERS FOR NHS75 IN THE AMAZING NORTHAMPTON RUN

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Jump into your running shoes and take on a half marathon challenge to support your local NHS and celebrate its 75th birthday. When you pledge to raise £100 or more for Northamptonshire Health Charity you'll run for FREE! The race starts at 9.30am from The Guildhall, Northampton Town Centre.

This year, there is a brand new course encompassing a loop around the town. Starting at the historic Guildhall, it follows the river past Northampton's three main sporting grounds – Sixfields stadium, Franklin's Gardens,

and the County Cricket Ground – through two beautiful parks, passing through the modern University campus and returning to the Guildhall.

If the 13.1-mile half marathon is a little too much, then break up the distance by entering the 3-stage relay with friends for a very manageable 4.1 to 4.6 miles each instead. Raise £160 or more between you and you'll run for free.

Northamptonshire Health Charity supports Northampton General Hospital (NGH), Kettering General Hospital (KGH) and all the community hospitals and mental health

services across the county under Northamptonshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (NHFT). They do this by funding equipment and projects that enhance patient care and experience, and promote NHS staff wellbeing. All proceeds from the event will help make a significant difference to patients and staff.

Recent projects supported by the charity and making a difference to patients and staff include refurbishing the family room at the Serenity



Sexual Assault Referral Centre (NHFT), a dedicated space for staff wellbeing (NGH) and a rehabilitation garden space for patients receiving Intensive Care (KGH).

It's not too late to get started with your training, especially

for the relay. The charity will support you with your fundraising every step of the way as well as be there on race day to cheer you on alongside KB Sports Therapy offering a free post-race mini massage for the charity's registered runners!

**Help celebrate NHS75 and register now via the charity's website <https://northamptonshirehealthcharity.co.uk/events/the-amazing-northampton-run/>**

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## Grants for rural organisations in North Northants now available

Organisations across the more rural areas of North Northants are being encouraged to come forward and apply for capital grants of up to £15,000.

Using the area's allocation from the Rural England Prosperity Fund, North Northamptonshire Council is currently taking applications for rural organisations that meet certain criteria.

Organisations including parish councils, charities, community groups and school PTAs are all being encouraged to check their eligibility and apply online.

Organisations can apply for capital grants of up to £15,000 if they can demonstrate that the funding will be used to support:

- creation and improvements to local rural green spaces
- existing cultural, historic and heritage institutions
- active travel enhancements e.g. community transport

Cllr David Howes, the Council's Executive

Member for Rural Communities and Localism, said: "The Rural England Prosperity Fund is designed to support those in the more rural areas of North Northants. It is great that we are now able to offer grants of up to £15,000 to organisations that will truly make a difference to rural communities.

"So, if you have a project in the pipeline that, for example, could improve a green space or heritage scheme that needs a funding boost, do get in touch."

Cllr Jason Smithers, Leader of the Council, said: "If you are a member of an organisation or community group that operates in one of the rural areas of North Northants, I would encourage you to take a look at the information online and apply for a grant before the deadline."

Applications are open until 31st July 2023, with full criteria and how to apply on the council's community funding pages.

This project is funded by the UK government through the Rural England Prosperity Fund.

## GENEALOGY JOTTINGS

WORDS BY  
JAN PEARSON

Have you been watching the recent series of *Who Do You Think You Are?* I wish that they would research my Irish side of the family and find my elusive Grandfather! Yup – a trip to the Dublin Archives will certainly have to take place next year. However, I digress...

I found the episode with Andrew Lloyd Webber most interesting as he was looking for musical connections. They discovered that one of his ancestors was a composer of cello music – there were many, many notes! However, I would have liked to have heard Andrew's brother Julian, a most accomplished cellist, play one of the pieces that were discovered.

This made me think – have you inherited any known traits, behaviours, skills etc from your ancestors or do you get the question, I wonder where he/she got that from? My Mum could talk the hind legs off a donkey and sell anything to anyone, if she was of a mind to. I wonder if that came from the Irish blarney. It is certainly worth

trying to find out about the hobbies of your ancestors – if they had any – to see if those interests have been passed on. Also, look at any skills used in their occupations – have you or others in your family inherited those talents?

I am not sure what my agricultural labouring great grandfather would have passed on – apart from my love of animals. He was a horsekeeper on a farm for the most part, whereas another line of my ancestors were blacksmiths. I must admit that I have enjoyed creating things – I majored in Art & Craft at college, so maybe there is a connection. I blame my Gran's love of Agatha Christie novels for my inquisitive (or nosy) mind – perhaps she was more curious than I remember. Also, if you have children or grandchildren, take a step back and see what family traits that they are showing.

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## Moulton College students support conservation projects at Rushden Lakes

*Construction students from Moulton College have been putting the final touches on a series of new projects at Rushden Lakes in collaboration with the Wildlife Trust Beds, Cambs & Northants.*

It follows the success of last year's Gateway Project, which saw students from the College's Higham Ferrers campus team up with North Northamptonshire Council and other partner organisations to deliver heritage-themed planters in the shape of a train.

Over the last few months, a group of Level 1 and Level 2 Carpentry and Bricklaying students have created new furniture and carried out maintenance work at the vibrant Rushden Lakes complex and Nene Wetlands


nature reserve. The projects have included a new gate for the pond dipping platform, and benches and stools in the Wildlife Trust's Education Area, where the charity runs community group visits and family events to help the public learn about nature.

The students have also worked in partnership with The Wildlife Trust and Rushden Lakes on their new community garden project. This project allows local groups to get hands-on, growing wildlife-friendly plants and herbs, as well

as fruit and vegetables that will be donated to local community food initiatives.

Alan Turner, Carpentry Lecturer at Moulton College says: "A number of our cohort have been involved in this year's projects, working closely with the Wildlife Trust and Rushden Lakes to carry out maintenance work and deliver new projects. It's been a fantastic opportunity for our students to get hands-on experience while contributing to the local community and conservation efforts."

**Moulton College offers a range of construction courses at its Moulton and Higham Ferrers and Moulton sites, including carpentry bricklaying, plumbing, and electrical services. Visit [www.moulton.ac.uk](http://www.moulton.ac.uk) to find out more.**



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# Crackdown on unlicensed multiple occupancy households

*Illicit households of multiple occupancy have been targeted in North Northamptonshire in a bid to improve housing standards and make communities safer.*

North Northamptonshire Council joined forces with Northamptonshire Police in the crackdown which targeted 76 private properties in the East Northants, Kettering and Wellingborough areas.

Of the houses inspected during the week of action, four were discovered to be unlicensed, 68 were houses of multiple occupancy (HMO) that did not require a licence because of their size, while four are still being investigated. One property was found to be the location of a cannabis factory.

The landlord of any HMO is required to meet certain requirements under regulations and those HMOs of five or more tenants need to be licenced. HMOs that are poorly managed and badly maintained can put an extra burden on local services and have a negative impact on an area.

A financial penalty of up to £30,000, plus a repayment of rent order, may be imposed if a landlord is operating a licensable HMO without a licence.

The Council is urging any landlord who has yet to register their HMO to apply for the relevant licence.

The authority is also asking any residents who

suspect an unlicensed HMO in their area to make contact by emailing: [privatesectorhousing@northnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:privatesectorhousing@northnorthants.gov.uk). This can be done anonymously.

Cllr Mark Rowley, the Council's Executive Member for Housing, Communities and Levelling Up, said: "It is important that authorised officers of the Council identify and inspect unregulated HMOs and tackle those landlords that choose to ignore the law, so that these properties can be properly managed moving forward and to ensure the safety of tenants which is paramount. This week of action has been successful and future planned ones will continue."

Neighbourhood Inspector for Corby and Kettering Paul Cash, of Northamptonshire Police, added: "The partnership working we do is so important in supporting a good quality of life for our communities."

"Joining these visits enabled us to support the HMO team, building partnerships while identifying any criminal activity and supporting and safeguarding any vulnerable people."

"At one address in Kettering we also located a cannabis grow which is now being investigated, and I'm sure its removal is a relief to all who will have been affected by it."

## GRANTS AVAILABLE TO HELP RESIDENTS HEAT HOMES AND REDUCE ENERGY BILLS

*Residents living in private homes (both owned and rented) with a gross household income of less than £31,000 are being encouraged to apply for a government grant to help improve the energy efficiency of their homes.*

ECO4 Flex is a government scheme, funded by energy companies, that supports households on lower incomes or those particularly vulnerable to the impacts of living in a cold home.

Funding is available for things that can improve the energy efficiency of your home, including insulation and heating systems.

Improving the energy performance of your property through different methods could save you hundreds of pounds in fuel bills each year. For example:

- Loft insulation - up to £500
- External wall insulation - up to £350

- Energy efficient boiler - up to £200
- Cavity wall insulation - up to £250

As well as households on a low income, residents who are being encouraged to speak to their GP, who may be able to complete an NHS Eco Flex referral and you will not be required to undertake a means test.

Cllr Mark Rowley, North Northamptonshire Council's Executive Member for Housing, Communities and Levelling Up, said: "We estimate there are approximately 3,000 households eligible for ECO4

Flex funding across North Northamptonshire, which is why we are encouraging residents to come forward and apply.

"Households with a gross income, after deductions and mortgage or rent, of under £31,000 are eligible, as are households that do not meet the income threshold but have a household member with a health condition that makes them more susceptible to the cold. Simple changes like a new energy efficient boiler could save you up to £200 a year on fuel bills - something which is more important than ever, with heating bills at a high level."

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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  
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Sun 19 Hunstanton  
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Mon 21 Lake District - Windermere & Keswick  
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Wed 23 Wye Valley River Cruise with Lunch  
Thu 24 London Free Time OR Museums  
Thu 24 Kensington Palace  
Fri 25 Clacton Airshow  
Sat 26 Weston Super Mare  
Sun 27 Shakespeare Express  
Mon 28 Skegness  
Wed 30 Leamington Spa & Guide Dogs  
Thu 31 Kew Palace & Gardens

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### AUGUST

#### 3rd - 7th AUGUST - SUMMER MYSTERY

Half Board including Excursions, £459pp. Our 'Mystery Tour' is very popular, so early booking is essential to avoid disappointment. These tours represent excellent value for money and accommodation will be of a very high standard! Includes a full day excursion and on the final day, we make our way home via another place of interest.

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### OCTOBER

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# DPD robot deliveries heading to Raunds

*Autonomous robot deliveries to be rolled out to 10 UK towns and cities in the next 12 months following successful Milton Keynes trial.*

Leading parcel delivery company DPD has confirmed plans to expand autonomous robot deliveries to 10 UK towns and cities in the next 12 months, starting with Raunds in Northamptonshire, following a successful trial in Milton Keynes.

Based at DPD's depot at Warth Park on the western edge of Raunds, the robots will deliver to nearby residential areas within a mile of the depot, via the existing network of footpaths. In Raunds, the robots will have three separate parcel compartments, instead of just one in the original trial, and an extended battery life of up to 12 hours.

DPD parcel recipients in Raunds will be notified of a robot delivery in advance, and once they confirm that they are at home to accept the parcel, the robot will be dispatched.

Customers will then be able to track the robot's progress on a map and are notified when it reaches their property. They then use a code to open the secure compartment and access their parcel. Once the compartment is closed, the robot will either continue to its next delivery or return to the depot.

DPD has worked closely with North

Northamptonshire Council on the introduction of the robots in Raunds.

Cllr Graham Lawman, North Northamptonshire Council's Executive Member for Highways, Travel and Assets, said: "We are delighted that DPD is introducing delivery robots in Raunds. The council is committed to the environment and supporting clean and green alternatives to traditional forms of transport to reduce emissions. It is great to be able to help bring this innovation to North Northamptonshire."

DPD first introduced the Cartken robots in Milton Keynes in July 2022 and they have since travelled almost 500 miles and successfully performed over 2,500 trips delivering parcels to DPD customers.

Tim Jones, Director of Marketing, Communications & Sustainability DPDgroup UK commented: "The trial in Milton Keynes has been a huge success for us. The robots have exceeded our expectations, and the feedback has been fantastic. We can see people's reactions when they meet them, and it is overwhelmingly positive. We set out to understand the role that delivery robots could

play in certain locations in the UK and the trial has helped us identify more sites where we could deploy the robots successfully.

"Our aim is to be the UK's most sustainable delivery company and that means investing in innovations and trying new things. We are well on our way to decarbonising our van fleet with EVs and we are also making a big step forward by switching our HGVs to renewable biofuel, but we are also interested in brand new solutions that can help us transition to a smarter, more sustainable future."

The announcement extends DPD's relationship with AI-powered robotics and last mile delivery specialists, Cartken and follows work by DPD that identified up to 30 UK depot locations which could potentially deploy robots.

Cartken's level 4 autonomy and leading micro-AV technology platform is regarded as one of the safest last mile delivery solutions on the market and enables full autonomy on footpaths with only cameras – one of the only companies in the autonomous vehicle delivery space to achieve this with a purely vision-based system.



Cartken Co-Founder and COO, Anjali Jindal Naik, commented: "Autonomous mobility will be a key lever for decarbonisation, as it transforms last mile transportation into a much greener process. By partnering with delivery companies, such as DPD, we're propelling this transformation forward, making sustainable delivery the norm, rather

than a nice to have.

"2023 has been a year of tremendous growth for Cartken and we're only in Q2. Developing our partnership with DPD is a critical step in expanding our presence globally, beginning with the UK, while also being at the forefront of sustainable last mile delivery by cutting down on CO2 emissions."

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## North Northamptonshire Council

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### > ASHTON

A single storey, detached modern glass garden room and chimney restoration at 14 The Green Ashton PE8 5LD (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/23/00694/FUL (15 August 2023)

### > ASHTON

Restoration works to chimney, to include replacement of damaged capping stones with identical finish (with a lime mortar mix) at 14 The Green Ashton PE8 5LD (LBRegs) (Info) NE/23/00695/LBC (15 August 2023)

### > OUNDLE

Variation of condition 3 (materials) to allow for the roof to be Natural Blue Slate instead of matching to the existing Collyweston Slate. Condition to be varied to state "The works hereby permitted shall be carried out using materials (including the replacement windows) to match the existing dwelling apart from the roof finish to be natural slate to match sample supplied and they shall be retained in this manner in perpetuity." pursuant to NE/22/00393/LBC - Single storey rear extension, replacement windows, replacement rainwater goods. At 35 North Street Oundle PE8 4AL (LBRegs) (Info) NE/23/00690/VAR (15 August 2023)

### > COLLYWESTON

Resurfacing of front and rear driveways and replacement of non-original internal staircase at 4 Hall Yard Collyweston PE9 3PZ (LB/CA) (Info) (LBRegs) NE/23/00674/FUL and NE/23/00675/LBC (15 August 2023)

### > OUNDLE

Redevelopment of former dairy farm to create nine dwellings in total, including change of use of agricultural land, conversion and extension of existing agricultural barns to form five dwellings and erection of four new dwellings. Repair of existing dovecote. Associated operational development to include part demolition, new ancillary hardstanding and landscaping. At Dovecote At Dairy Farm Stoke Doyle Road Oundle (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/23/00641/FUL (15 August 2023)

### > COLLYWESTON

Replacement conservation grade UPVC windows to be fitted to the main house at 92 Main Road Collyweston PE9 3PN (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/23/00637/FUL (15 August 2023)

### > ALDWINCLE

Demolition of an existing single storey extension, including a modern, flat roofed kitchen extension and fully glazed sunroom to the rear of an existing Grade II listed dwelling, to be replaced with a new, slightly larger single storey kitchen dining room extension at 93 - 95 Main Street Aldwincle NN14 3EP (LB/CA) (Info)

(LBRegs) (Info) NE/23/00671/LBC (15 August 2023)

### > SUDBOROUGH

Two storey rear extension, ground floor rear conservatory, re-tile existing roof, and demolish and rebuild outhouses like for like at 13 Main Street Sudborough NN14 3BX (LBRegs) (Info) (LB/CA) NE/23/00682/LBC and NE/23/00681/FUL (15 August 2023)

### > STANWICK

The proposal is for the installation of a 75kW ground mounted solar PV system comprised of 184 individual panels, to the south of the holding next to an agricultural building at Hollywell Farm Chelveston Road Stanwick NN9 6TZ (Info) (Part3) (Info) NE/23/00693/FUL (15 August 2023)

### > OUNDLE

Proposed change of roof finish to rear projection of existing dwelling from Collyweston slate to natural blue slate at 35 North Street Oundle PE8 4AL (LBRegs) (Info) NE/23/00702/LBC (15 August 2023)

### > EASTON ON THE HILL

To replace 14no. windows at 12 Church Street Easton On The Hill PE9 3LL (LB/CA) (Info) NE/23/00658/FUL (15 August 2023)

### > ALDWINCLE

Repair works to front elevation on properties 59 and 61 Main Street

# NOTICE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

to include: recovering of defective Collyweston roof covering to match existing with addition of new breathable membrane; repairs to roof structure as required; replacement of non original defective rainwater goods; overhauling and repairs to timber framed leaded light casement windows to the front and rear elevations; repointing of stonework on external elevations at St Peters Cottage 57 - 61 Main Street Aldwincle NN14 3EL (LBRegs) (Info) NE/23/00657/LBC (15 August 2023)

### > WOODNEWTON

Form new vehicle access and construct new dwelling and detached outbuilding. Provide off street parking for existing dwelling (Re-submission of NE/22/01622/FUL) at The School House 65 Main Street Woodnewton PE8 5EB (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/23/00698/FUL (15 August 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.**

**Graeme Kane, Interim Director Of Place And Economy  
Dated 22 July 2023**

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## OVER 100 PERFORMERS TAKE PART IN CLASSICAL SPECTACULAR

On Saturday 22 July, Northampton Male Voice Choir (NMVC) will be joining the world-famous GUS Band, The Decibelles Ladies Choir, Joshua Daniel aka 'The Tenor' and Youth Brass 2000 along with a host of youth performing talent, for the second annual Picnic on the Lawn concert at The University of Northampton.

Speaking on BBC Radio Northampton, the event's compere and conductor, Stephen Bell, said: "Following the terrific success of last year's inaugural concert it's great

to be returning with an even bigger line-up of amazing performers. This promises to be an outstanding experience of music-making with lots (and lots) of your favourite melodies and toe-tapping moments to enjoy.

The evening will be rounded off with some rousing Last Night of the Proms music with both choirs and the GUS Band performing some favourite Proms classics including 'Jerusalem', 'Nimrod' and 'Land of Hope and Glory'.

**Tickets:** [www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on?q=picnic%20on%20the%20lawn](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on?q=picnic%20on%20the%20lawn)  
**Performances start from 4pm entry with the main event beginning 7:30pm at University of Northampton Engine Shed Lawn, NN4 8RP**  
**For more information about NMVC:** [www.nmvc.co.uk](http://www.nmvc.co.uk), [www.youtube.com/channel/UCWCKnjss8p1LrO1NonSf0KQ](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWCKnjss8p1LrO1NonSf0KQ)  
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## COLOUR YOUR WAY TO VICTORY IN FORESTRY ENGLAND'S ZOG COLOURING COMPETITION!

Fineshade Wood is excited to announce the launch of its summer fun Zog Colouring Competition, an exciting opportunity for young artists to showcase their creative skills and win a fabulous Zog prize bundle. With a range of roar-some goodies up for grabs, including a Zog soft toy and activity book, this competition is not to be missed!

With prizes for the winning picture, and two runners-up, Fineshade Wood invites participants to unleash their imagination and be as colourful, arty and sparkly as they like! Whether you prefer bright colours or subtle shades, the Zog colouring sheet is a blank canvas just waiting for your artistic touch. So, grab your colouring tools and get ready for an adventure with Zog!

To enter the competition, follow these simple steps:

1. Head to Fineshade Wood and pick up a free colouring sheet. Get creative, feel free to be as colourful and arty as you like!
2. Ask a grown-up to fill in your contact details on the back of your masterpiece. This information is vital to ensure that we can reach out to the lucky winners.
3. Put your completed entry into the Zog colouring competition post box, which will be located at

the visitor welcome point. Make sure to drop off your entry before the competition closes on 31st October 2023.

Now, here's the exciting part! The Forestry England team at Fineshade Wood will carefully evaluate all entries and select the winner and the two runners-up based on their artistic talent and creativity. Once the judging process is complete, the lucky winners will be contacted directly.

Winners will be rewarded with an incredible bundle of Zog goodies, including an adorable Zog soft toy who will become your loyal friend, and an engaging activity book to further explore the world of Zog – an extraordinary collection of goodies that any Zog fan would treasure.

So, don't miss this incredible chance to win the ultimate Zog prize bundle! Head to Fineshade Wood, let your creativity soar, and submit your entry to the Zog colouring competition today. Remember, the deadline for entries is 31st October 2023.

For more information and updates on the Zog colouring competition, please visit Fineshade Wood, Forestry England or follow on Facebook. Get ready for an unforgettable adventure with Zog! Good luck to all the aspiring artists, and may the most colourful and imaginative creations triumph!

## RUSHDEN'S PARTY IN THE PARK

After a wet start, the sun shone and Hall Park went into party mode.

The crowds arrived and everybody enjoyed the entertainment on offer. The Main Arena saw a fluttering display from Colchester Birds of Prey duo along with antics and stomach churning stunts from Stuntworld International. The Walled Garden received a showcase of local performers, young and old with the main stage welcoming local vocalist, Katy-Rose Parker and culminating with an outstanding performance from The Jersey Guys. Oh, What a Night!



A host of vendors offered their wares and a selection of stands presented a range of products from local businesses and charities.

## NENE VALLEY NEWS - EVENTS

> **SUNDAY 23RD JULY, 10.15AM: Whitefriars Church - Morning Worship with Holy Communion**  
 Whitefriars Primary School, Boughton Drive, Rushden NN10 9HX. All are welcome.

> **SUNDAY 30TH JULY, 10.15AM: Whitefriars Church Morning Worship**  
 Whitefriars Primary School, Boughton Drive, Rushden NN10 9HX. All are welcome.

> **FRIDAY 4TH AUGUST, 1.30-3.30PM: Rushden Whitefriars Church Retireds' Group**  
 Clive will be leading a quiz at the Bridge Community Office, Whitefriars Primary School, Boughton Drive Rushden NN10 9HX. Free admission. Details from Celia Underwood (01933 676989).

> **SUNDAY 6TH AUGUST, 10.15AM: Whitefriars Church Morning Worship**  
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## TURTLEY AMAZING DAY OUT

To highlight the problems facing the world's marine wildlife, the award-winning Wistow Maze has been designed in the shape of a Sea Turtle.

The giant 8-acre maize maze has a fun quiz trail hidden amongst its three miles of pathways, with high-level bridges and towers giving stunning panoramic views.

The Green Sea Turtle is one of many marine animals threatened by climate change and other damaging human activity. Visitors have to find 12 quiz boards, each one featuring an endangered marine animal and the problems that they face.

With plenty of space, the maze offers great outdoor entertainment for those young and old.

Visitors can also take part in a variety of mini mazes and games in the Activity Funyard, which includes a space-hopper track, hoopla, beanbag throwing and a football shooting game.

Across the road is the Wistow Rural Centre with its cafe, garden centre, model village, art gallery, wellbeing centre and numerous shops, making it a great day out for all ages.

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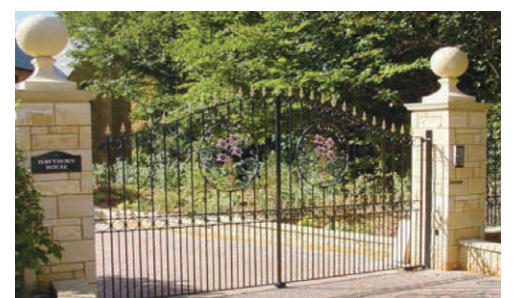
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Planning & Development Committee Meeting - Tuesday 8th August 6.45pm

Policy and Resources Committee Meeting - Tuesday 8th August 7.30pm

Town Council Meeting - Tuesday 29th August 7.30pm

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