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ROSE OF NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

AWARDS FOR LOCAL HEROES

Volunteers from local charities The McCarthy-Dixon Foundation and The Lewis Foundation have received Rose of Northamptonshire Awards, for their tireless work and dedication to their local communities. In total, 57 presentations to local unsung heroes will be taking place as part of this year's awards re-launch.

At The Lewis Foundation, Founders Lee and Lorraine Lewis source, package and hand deliver free gifts and support packs to adult cancer patients in 17 different hospitals. Supporting The McCarthy-Dixon Foundation, volunteers Liz and Graham Chapman, Mick Donnelly, Marie Ryan, Kathleen Soper and Andy Leeming work to alleviate hunger and provide for the most vulnerable in Northampton.

Aiming to acknowledge, recognise and celebrate unsung heroes across the county, Northamptonshire Community Foundation

and the North and West Northamptonshire Unitary Authorities came together at the beginning of 2023 to re-launch the Rose of Northamptonshire Awards.

Awards are being presented by representatives from each organisation, including the High Sheriff of Northamptonshire and the Chairs of North and West Northamptonshire Councils.

James Saunders Watson
Esq, His Majesty's
Lord-Lieutenant of
Northamptonshire and one of
the presenters of the Rose of
Northamptonshire Awards,
said: "In a world that often
moves at a fast pace, the Rose

of Northamptonshire Awards serve as a touching reminder of the incredible acts of kindness and dedication that transpire within our own neighbourhoods.

"The outpouring of nominations for the Rose of Northamptonshire Awards reflects the deep appreciation and respect that residents have for those who contribute their time, energy and resources to uplift the lives of others.

"As the community gathers to celebrate these exceptional individuals and groups, we invite everyone to join us in applauding their remarkable achievements. The Rose



Northamptonshire's Lord-Lieutenant presents volunteers Liz and Graham Chapman from The McCarthy-Dixon Foundation with their Rose of Northamptonshire Awards

of Northamptonshire Awards not only honour the recipients but also inspire a collective spirit of giving back and fostering a sense of belonging."

Northamptonshire Community Foundation CEO, Rachel McGrath, said: "Northamptonshire Community Foundation is absolutely delighted to be working in partnership alongside our respective local councils to re-launch the Rose of Northamptonshire Awards.

"In doing so we wish that so many more community groups, charities, social enterprises and volunteers get well deserved recognition for the incredible good so many do on the doorstep of our county and to celebrate civic pride in our local communities."

NEWS IN BRIEF

It's time to apply for your child's school place

Parents and carers are now able to apply for a reception place in a primary or infant school, a Year 3 place in a junior school, or a Year 7 place in a secondary school for the September 2024 intake.

Parents and carers can apply for a place in reception if their child will be 4 years of age on or before 31st August 2024. The closing date for applications for places in reception and Year 3 is Monday 15th January 2024 at midnight. The closing date for applications for Year 7 places is Tuesday 31st October 2023 at midnight.

All applications must be received by the closing date to be considered as on time. All on time applicants will receive an offer of a school place on the National Offer Days – Friday 1st March 2024 for secondary places and Tuesday 16th April 2024 for reception places. There is a separate application process for children who have special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and an Education, Health and Care (EHC) plan.

Find out more online at northnorthants.gov.uk/primary-school-places/apply-primary-school-place



BARK IN THE PARK 20

Rushden Town Council held the 9th Bark in the Park at Hall Park on Sunday 3rd September.

This event consisted of 14 dog showing classes including the 'Fastest pizza eating' class (2-inch square of dog-friendly pizza kindly made by Cllr Cesare Marinaro of Pizza Venezia, Rushden) and culminated with Best in Show. There was also a fun scurry competition with cups awarded to the fastest dogs in the under 35cm and over 35cm categories.

Various stalls were set up around the Walled Garden offering high quality treats, toys and other

dog related products. North Northants Council attended and offered advice and promoted responsible dog ownership. The main sponsor for the show was Gladwell's Pet & Country Store based at Sanders Lodge, Rushden and thanks go to them for their continued support. The Council would also like to thank all the staff and volunteers who worked tirelessly to ensure a very successful day.

The event will be back next year with the 10th Anniversary Show!

GENEALOGY JOTTINGS

WORDS BY JAN PEARSON

That was a rather sombre thought that I ended on last time, so hopefully, this issue's 'lottings' will be brighter!

One of the members of my forum had discovered that an ancestor attested from the Brunswick Industrial Day School in Poplar, London into the Royal Cameron Highlanders, where he served as a musician. However, she was unable to read the handwriting that recorded the instrument that he played. It looked like it started with 'Bow...' and one suggestion was that it was 'Bow Fiddle'. This term could refer to either a double bass or a fiddle the size of a violin. However, a bit of research into the Royal Cameron Highlanders found that they had a Pipe band rather than having strings for the musicians. Aha! The instrument Bombardon came to a member's mind and The Globe newspaper of 1908 included the following: The bombardon, or bombardone, is a large-sized musical instrument of the trumpet kind in tone, and according to the 'Century Dictionary', not unlike the ophicleide. Well! There you are! When I mentioned this to my musician brother. I received the comment of "Ah – rather like a tuba." So now we know. (I'll let you search to see what an ophicleide is)

All of these jottings led to us then wondering where this musical talent came from. He was

still a musician in 1939, although there was no indication as to the instrument that he played.

talent that has been passed down through the genes? It might be musical, like the bombardon player, or the gift of the gab or even a skill that, looking back through the family, has passed from parents to children for generations. I have always been interested in research and discovering new things but I have no idea as to where that comes from! Maybe, if I can find discover hidden talents amongst them!

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Memorial post box

A poignant memorial postbox has been installed at London Road Cemetery, Raunds, offering mourners the chance to post a private letter to deceased loved ones.

The idea follows the popularity of 'Heavenly Post Boxes' at several crematoriums across the country, which were set up after grieving Nottingham schoolgirl Matilda Handy wanted a 'post box to heaven' after her grandparents passed

Letters can be written on biodegradable paper impregnated with wildflower seeds, which can be collected from the Cemetery Chapel. Collected letters will then be planted in the Cemetery grounds when the postbox is emptied.

Cllr Oliver Curtis, Chairman of Raunds Town Council Environment, Leisure and Recreation Committee, said: "The memorial post box is a welcome addition to London Road Cemetery and the Town Council was fully supportive of this installation, having observed how they have proven in other

locations to be of great benefit for people dealing with the loss of a loved one.

"People dealing with bereavement can sometimes find it easier to write down their feelings. The act of posting a letter, card or picture to a lost loved one in the newly installed post box will hopefully provide

extra comfort, particularly on anniversaries and special days.

"Every letter or card put into the memorial post box will be treated with the utmost respect and confidentiality, and there will be a designated area for the planting of the wildflower seed paper, which we look forward to



Can a proper shoe fitting appointment be the answer to your footwear problems?

Evervone's feet are different in size, shape, deep and width. That's why we sometimes struggle to find exactly the right shoes for our unique feet. As children, we are often taken to specialist shoe shops to be measured for exactly the right size. But as we get older, we're rarely measured for our footwear needs and we may just 'assume' that we are a particular size.

We continue to buy that size throughout our lives. Our feet, however, go on changing. They may widen or swell and we might suffer from a range of medical conditions or foot complaints which can radically change our footwear needs. And manufacturers' views of what constitutes a wide-fitting shoe can vary considerably.

So what can you do to ensure that you are buying the best fitting footwear possible for you as an individual? The DB Shoes Fitting Centre is a great place to find specialist help. You can have your feet measured and be advised on finding the perfect fit for you - whether they are naturally broad or whether you suffer from foot conditions which make buying shoes troublesome.

The DB Shoes Fitting Centre is located next to their large warehouse in Rushden, where thousands of shoes, slippers and boots are kept in stock. If they don't have your style, size or colour in the shop, but it's in the warehouse, they can fetch

MD Charles Denton tells us: "We meet so many people who have struggled for years to find shoes that fit. They "make do" by squeezing into a shoe or going for a size far too large to be comfortable. Either way, compromising is not healthy for your feet. If your feet hurt, your whole wellbeing is affected.



The DB Wider Fit Shoes Fitting Centre can be found at 19-21 Irchester Road, Rushden NN10 9XF. You can call ahead to arrange a shoe fitting appointment, by phoning 01933 311077. More information online www.widerfitshoes.co.uk

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Spotlight on > EDUCATION

>THE EAST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COLLEGE

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"We offer an extensive range of academic and vocational courses, uniquely offering the flexibility to combine academic and vocational courses

"We have an excellent track record in academic and vocational examination results. Our students have successfully gained places at Russell

East Northamptonshire College

and Cambridge, local universities, apprenticeships and employment.

"Students who choose to study with us enjoy their time, feel valued, challenged and supported in their ambition to achieve the best they can

"However, we believe that being in the Sixth Form is not just about gaining academic qualifications. We pride ourselves on providing exemplary pastoral care and personal development opportunities to ensure that students have the skills, confidence and character to excel in their lives beyond TENC.

"Students are supported through

a wide-ranging PSHE, careers and enrichment programme. We offer opportunities to participate in organised visits to conferences, skills shows and university open days, in addition to talks from external speakers and other enrichment opportunities both on and

"In Year 13 students will receive extensive support with university applications, apprenticeship or employment applications.

"Our Open Evening provides the perfect opportunity to meet with Sixth Form Leaders and subject teachers to discuss and discover the best courses

"For further information, our prospectus can be viewed at www. tenconline.co.uk

"We look forward to meeting you."



"We warmly welcome you to our annual Open Evening from 5.30pm-7.45pm on 26th September. We can't wait to show you around so you can see what makes The Ferrers School so special. It is hard to describe, but we're confident that you will feel it when you visit!

"We encourage you to tour our faculties and House areas, talking to



students and looking at the facilities available. Staff will be on hand to answer questions about our curriculum and the extensive enrichment opportunities we have on offer.

"We are a truly inclusive school and one that sits at the heart of the community we serve. We have high aspirations for our students and work tirelessly to ensure they strive for success in all areas of school life. We extend the boundaries of learning by offering a programme of extracurricular activities and special drop-down days. We invite students to work through our Meridian Trust Pledges, asking them to participate, help organise and lead

initiatives independently.

"We're proud of our learning environments and the way that our students continue to shape and influence the identities of the four main school Houses. From expressive arts showcases to Duke of Edinburgh expeditions and Combined Cadet Force overnight camps, we have so much going on. We are a thriving community and have much to celebrate!

"Most importantly, students tell us that they feel safe and happy here. They work hard and live our values of 'Aspire, Achieve, Acclaim' every day.

"We think there's never been a better time to be #TeamFerrers!"

The East Northamptonshire College



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"We provide a calm, safe environment where children are encouraged to reach their full potential, recognise their value and where each child contributes to make our school such a wonderful place

"Our values are underpinned by three words: BELIEVE: ACHIEVE: SUCCEED.

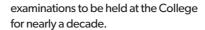
"We are an inclusive school and one that sits in the heart of the community

we serve. We have aspirations for our children to fulfil their academic potential and develop into successful lifelong learners. We want our children to possess high levels of social and emotional intelligence so they are well placed to succeed in the future and take their place as well rounded, productive members of society.

"We would like to invite you to visit Bozeat Primary School to see for yourself what fantastic staff and facilities we have that will support your child in their development. Our open days are on Thursday 12th October, Thursday 19th October and Friday 10th November and we can't wait to meet vou."

>BRITISH HORSE SOCIETY **PRAISES MOULTON COLLEGE'S EQUESTRIAN OFFERING**

Moulton College has been applauded by The British Horse Society (BHS) for its equestrian offering and facilities. It follows the first set of the charity's



Assessors from equine charity, the BHS, visited Moulton for two days of exams in lune and July, with candidates from across the UK joining them to undertake riding skills and coaching assessments.

Sam Gregory, Equine Centre Manager for Moulton College explains: "We got in touch with The British Horse Society earlier this year to discuss becoming a national examination centre for the charity going forward. With more than 20 horses, a 60x40m arena, a hydrotherapy unit and a team of dedicated grooms, our well-equipped facilities are ideally located to host national exams."

During the first of the two practical examination days, Moulton's horses were ridden on the flat and over fences before candidates were assessed on their practical skills, including horse care and stable management. Those put



through their paces on the day included four Moulton College Level 3 Equine students and two of the College's

Sam adds: "I'm delighted to say that all of our Moulton candidates passed the examinations with flying colours, and each was a real credit to the College, winning praise from assessors who commented on how well prepared they were and what a positive attitude they

Vicky Connolly, IQA Programme Manager at The British Horse Society adds: "Although Moulton College had not run a BHS assessment for many vears, our assessors reported that they did an exemplary job and need to be commended on their preparation for and running of the day.

"Whether our qualifications are being used to start their equestrian career or

we're honoured to play a part in all the students' journeys and to be by the side of all those who care as greatly for horses as we do.

Sam adds: "It is no small task preparing 22 horses for use in an exam, and the quality of their training, behaviour and presentation is a credit to our Equine Resources Coordinator Anna Hickling and her team of grooms who worked tirelessly. Six months of preparation was well worth it, and our efforts have put us on the map as both an equine-focused further education college and a commercial centre for equestrian events. We look forward to hosting the BHS again next year."

To find out more about Moulton College's equine courses, or for further information on facilities for hire, visit www.moulton.ac.uk.





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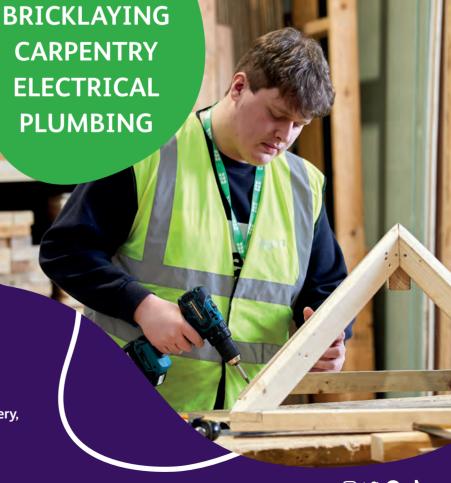
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Notice of planning **APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**

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

>BRIGSTOCK

Replace 21 existing PVC windows and doors to recycled UPVC flush casement, woodgrain colour Agate Grey; Replace 2 patio doors with UPVC flush casement, woodgrain finish - colour Agate Grey; Replace 1 entrance door with UPVC flush casement, woodgrain finish - colour Agate Grey; Replace 1 front door with composite solid door - colour Granite. At 11A Park Walk Brigstock NN14 3HH (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/23/00807/FUL (10 October 2023)

>FINESHADE

Re-submission of NE/22/01434/ FUL - Construction of two storey side extension and erection of detached garage with office above. at 4 Top Lodge Fineshade NN17 3BB (Info) (Part3) (Info) NE/23/00831/FUL (10 October 2023)

>KINGS CLIFFE

Installation of 18 Solar PV Panels to roof and like-for-like replacement

of existing windows and main entrance door at 45A West Street Kings Cliffe PE8 6XB (LB/CA) (Info) (LBRegs) (Info) NE/23/00878/LBC and NE/23/00877/FUL (10 October 2023)

>BRIGSTOCK

Conversion of the existing derelict barns, with part to be used as ancillary outbuildings associated with the existing dwelling and part to form an annexe for family use only (Re-submission of 22/00147/LBC) at 1 Lyveden Road Brigstock NN14 3HE (LB/CA) (Info) (LBRegs) (Info) NE/23/00798/LBC (10 October 2023)

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Conversion of the existing derelict barns, with part to be used as ancillary outbuildings associated with the existing dwelling and part to form an annexe for family use only (Resubmission of NE/22/00114/FUL) and 22/00147/LBC) at 1 Lyveden Road Brigstock NN14 3HE (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) (LBRegs) NE/23/00797/FUL and NE/23/00798/LBC (10 October 2023)

>COLLYWESTON

Proposed single storey extension at 2 Ketton Road Collyweston

PE9 3PS (Info) (LB/CA) (LBRegs) NE/23/00519/FUL and NE/23/00520/LBC (10 October 2023)

>WOODFORD

Demolition of an existing single storey flat roof extension and its replacement with a new single storey flat extension at 13 Church Street Woodford NN14 4EX (LB/CA) (Info) NE/23/00900/FUL (10 October 2023)

>YARWELL

Internal alterations and 2 storey extension to rear of property at 39 Main Street Yarwell PE8 6PR (LBRegs) (Info) NE/23/00892/LBC (10 October 2023)

>LOWER BENEFIELD

Demolition of garage and two storage buildings. Replace with a new annexe, a double garage with storage at ground floor level and self contained accommodation at first floor level. At Manor House Main Street Lower Benefield PE8 5AF (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/23/00899/FUL (10 October 2023)

>WOODFORD

Demolition of an existing garage and attached storage building and

its replacement with new garage and storage structure with a selfcontained play room above at 13 Church Street Woodford NN14 4EX (LB/CA) (Info) NE/23/00901/FUL (10 October 2023)

>LOWER BENEFIELD

To replace the existing oil heating system with an air source heat pump in a conservation area at Gilmour House Causin Way Lower Benefield PE8 5AF (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/23/00888/FUL (10 October 2023)

The reason for applications being advertised is as follows:
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Graeme Kane, Interim Director Of Place And Economy

Dated 16 September

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UNLOCK YOUR BUSINESS POTENTIAL WITH THE BUILD YOUR BUSINESS PROGRAMME

Empowering small businesses, local entrepreneurs and aspiring business owners is the aim of North Northamptonshire Council and West Northamptonshire Council's Build Your Business programme, which is being rolled out across the area.

Delivered by both Councils and the Business & IP Centre Northamptonshire (BIPC), with a total of £600,000 funding from the Government's UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) over a two-year period, the dynamic business support initiative is accessible to businesses free of charge.

It offers a diverse range of modules and has already seen local businesses use the opportunity to access workshops, webinars, one-to-one support, mentoring and more which are all available as part of the programme to help local businesses grow, flourish and succeed.

A key component of Build Your Business is the opportunity for aspiring local businesses under one year old to apply for a start-up grant of £2,000 to help towards business-associated costs. Businesses are invited to apply online for this financial boost, and successful applicants will not only receive this important funding but also ongoing support from the experienced BIPC Northamptonshire team.

Councillor David Brackenbury, North Northamptonshire Council's Executive Member for Growth and Regeneration said:

"Northamptonshire is home to thousands of local businesses, run by talented and passionate people and I am delighted to come together with our partners at West Northamptonshire Council and BIPC Northamptonshire to launch this excellent

progamme of support.

"Through workshops, one-to-one consultation, webinars and more, this brilliant initiative provides local businesses with a blend of expert-led tools to help them to thrive and demonstrates our commitment to nurturing entrepreneurship and fostering economic growth within our communities. We are encouraging local businesses across the area to find out more and use this fantastic opportunity."

Councillor Daniel Lister, Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Town Centre Regeneration and Growth at West Northamptonshire Council, said:

"This dynamic project not only fuels the entrepreneurial spirit across the county, it enables every local business to access dedicated expert advice to grow, expand, innovate and diversify within Northamptonshire.

"Supporting local businesses is a priority for both local authorities in this area and we have a vision to enable every business to be sustainable, resilient and continuously developing and growing.

"Both the West Northants Economic Growth & Inward Investment Team and the BIPC are on hand to enhance the local offer, delivering numerous funding streams for businesses and working collaboratively to see every business in the area thrive."

The Build Your Business programme comprises five modules covering a range of essential topics including marketing, business growth and financial planning, and businesses can tailor engagement with these according to their individual needs. As part of the complete package of support, drop-in sessions are on offer at Wellingborough, Kettering, Brixworth and Towcester Library.

Businesses interested in taking advantage of the Build Your Business programme are encouraged to visit the website where they can learn more, find dates for drop-in sessions, register for workshops, webinars, one-to-ones and more.

MORE THAN £1M SPEND ON **IMPROVEMENTS TO BUS**

SERVICES ACROSS NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE DISCUSSED

A proposed round of bus service improvements worth a total of £1.14m was discussed by North Northamptonshire Council last week.

Members of North Northamptonshire Council's (NNC) Executive met on Thursday 14th September to consider the funding for a host of improvements to facilities and services to buses across North Northants.

A large section of the money, released by Government, is part of a national initiative called the Bus Service Improvement Plan which aims to improve local bus services. This money, together with grant funding, will be targeted towards actions which will deliver the best overall outcomes for bus services across North

Northamptonshire and will be received in two tranches.

- £569,412 for June 2023 to April 2024, and the other £569,412 for April 2024 and April 2025. If given the go ahead, the money will be spent as follows:
- To continue to fund existing bus services where they represent value for money
- To maintain essential bus services for local communities
- To increase the frequency of buses
- To restore services withdrawn since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic where there

is a reasonable prospect of the service becoming commercially viable

 To fund future improvements

Next steps

Following approval at the Executive meeting, the next steps will be to work with local bus operators to understand any reductions in commercial services which they intend to make.

Alongside this, work will be undertaken to explore other options for service improvements. In the coming months a proposed list of service interventions will be drawn up and tender prices sought from operators.



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NENE VALLEY NEWS - EVENTS

> SUNDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER, 10,15AM

Whitefriars Church Morning Worship at Whitefriars Primary School, Boughton Drive, Rushden NN10 9HX. All are welcome.

> SUNDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER, 10.30AM

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

> SUNDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER, 7 TO 8PM

Together in Prayer & Praise event for the churches of Rushden & Higham Ferrers, at Highfield Community Baptist Church, Highfield

Road, Rushden, NN10 9QD - all are welcome 01933 418681

> SUNDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER, 10AM

Harvest Festival Service at St Peter's Church, Newton Bromswold.

> TUESDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER, 7.30PM

Harvest Sale in The Swan Newton Bromswold: auctioneering of Harvest Produce.

> SUNDAY 1ST OCTOBER, 10.15AM

Whitefriars Church Morning Worship at Whitefriars Primary School, Boughton Drive, Rushden, NN10 9HX, All are welcome

CURTAIN RISES ON NEXT YNBB CONCERT

The schools are back and the sun is still shining. How can life get any better? Well how about buying your tickets for the next Yarwell and Nassington Britannia Band concert in October.

John Hudson is back conducting the band and Tony Cooper will be back as your compere for the night. Bad jokes and all. Lots of tunes that you will recognise with lots of excitement as we go back to some favourites from the film and stage with the title of 'There's No Business Like Show Business'. It will be in Nassington Church at 7.45pm on Friday 20th October so put the date in your diary and buy your tickets. The bar will be open from 7pm operated by our regular trusty trio and there will also be a raffle. We are working together again this year with the Nene Valley Care Trust a really worthwhile local charity.

Tickets will be available this week from Nassington Stores, Moulds Butchers, NVCT committee members and from band members. Tickets are now already available online, visit: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/theresno-business-like-show-business-tickets-713156629677?aff=oddtdtcreator%2520https://www.eventbrite. co.uk/e/theres-no-business-like-show-business-tickets-713156629677?aff=oddtdtcreator%2520

Please come and support us again and bring your friends. We know you will have an enjoyable evening. We look forward to seeing you on the 20th.

Volunteer Action – Group Befriending Events

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, our aim is to maintain independence and improve the quality of their lives.

We are delighted to announce that we are looking to run regular meet-up opportunities within the Community of East Northants North to help reduce rural isolation within people aged 65 years plus. We are looking for Volunteers to help us and anyone to come and join us for a meet-up.

Please keep an eve on our website for more details and in the press – we will be coming to a café near you soon for a brainstorming event – to see how we can best help serve the community and the already existing social groups in providing more opportunities to meet up, socialise and hopefully make some lifelong friends.

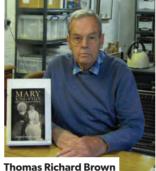
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Book Review - Mary Knighton by Thomas Richard Brown

The story of Mary Knighton is played out on the borders of North Bedfordshire, Northamptonshire and the old county of Huntingdonshire. It describes the lives and often harsh existence of the yeoman stock into which Mary was born. The book starts in 1898 as she is about to leave school and contrasts the rural idyll with the isolation and cruelty country life can bring.

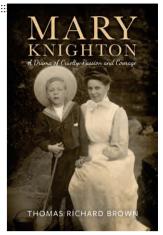
Mary is headstrong, passionate and alluring but, after a promising start to a



career in fashion, circumstances conspire against her and she is forced into a hapless marriage. How she copes and overcomes her misfortune is compellinaly told and her relationships with others develop as the story unwinds.

Richard Brown is a local author who lives close to the Three Shire Stone and has been involved with the countryside all his life which is reflected in his writing. Mary Knighton is his first novel, and at over 800 pages is a huge tome. The length was one of the reasons why he was unable to attract an agent, but with the help of another local author he published it online in 2017. Despite its length, it reads very easily with short chapters and a fast moving plot.

Some of the details of the location of the action have been disguised but it is not difficult for local people to identify where the action is taking place. Many issues of the day such



as the humane slaughter of animals, the desperate plight of workers of the boot and shoe industry and the exploitation of poor working class girls are dealt with. The impact of the First World War dominates the latter part of the book, which concludes in the early 1920s.

The book is available on Amazon as a print version or ebook together with the author's other two novels. 'Thisbe' and 'A Knock On The

WICKEDLY, WONDERFUL CHILDREN'S

HALLOWEEN ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS WORKSHOP

Free, half-term Workshop for Children, to be provided by Rushden Town Council, held at Rushden Hall on Friday 27th October.

Following the success of the Summer Workshops, Rushden Town Council is delighted to provide a free Halloween Animal Encounters workshop for children during half-term week.

A series of six classes holding up to 30 children will run throughout the day starting at 10am and lasting for 45 minutes.

This exciting animal-handling workshop will help children learn about animals in a safe, controlled environment. The session is fully interactive and time is made for every child to touch or hold the animals. This close-up experience helps to build confidence, as well as making the experience truly memorable.

The animal encounters workshop covers a range of curriculum-based topics including Rainforest, Mini-beasts, Nocturnal Animals and Lifecycles. Sessions include a mixture of mini-beasts, reptiles, mammals and birds and direct handling is actively encouraged! Each Session lasts 45 minutes and is available to children aged 4 years and upwards. Parents/Carers need to be present at all times Bookings are made on a first come, first served basis and early booking is recommended to secure a

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Your Health - Backpacks

WORDS BY CLAIRE SHORT

Have you squeezed enough books into the backpacks of the kids returning to school this month? Are they weighed down so much that they can't walk, let alone run away?

Backpacks are a perennial problem for us. Children have to carry books and computers around these days, don't they? And both are

Here are a few tips from the team on how to help manage the weight of the bag:

- Plan ahead I know, I know, it's really difficult, but if you pack the day's books the night before, you know no extra ones will be in the bag.
- Wide straps Try to get a backpack with wide shoulder straps to spread the load.
- Size Don't buy a backpack that is too big. The temptation will always be to fill it, and also the straps won't distribute the load properly.
- Talk to your kids about the consequences of carrying bags that are too heavy or carrying them on one shoulder. It might just make that tiny bit of difference.

If you hear your child talking about shoulder or back pain, get it looked at guickly. The



sooner you get help, the easier it is to fix. You'll probably get a combination of treatment, advice and exercises to ease the pain. Hopefully the exercises you're given are ones that can be incorporated into your normal day

If the shoulders are just a bit achev, but not painful, it can help to roll them around forwards and backwards. More specific exercises will be useful, but will depend on the individual problem. There is another exercise (that I hate), that can be useful for gentle maintenance of shoulder and back muscles. Yes, you've guessed it, using that horrid machine, the lawnmower! Go easy with it though, please don't over-do it.

Pack the backpacks well this week!

Claire Short, Registered Osteopath, runs The Ashgrove Clinic in Higham Ferrers. Send your questions to claire@ashgrovehealth.co.uk or Tweet to @AshgroveClinic

LAUGHS APLENTY AS GILBERT AND SULLIVAN EXTRAVAGANZA

HEADS TO TOWN



The Wandering Minstrels are, back row from the left: Tim Hurst Brown (artistic direction), Stephen Godward, Charles Mills and Peter Hewitt (pianist and musical director). Front row: Alexandra Ferrari and Emma Stratton

Higham Ferrers is preparing to host an evening of biting wit and enchanting music as the town welcomes a celebrated Gilbert and Sullivan concert group.

Decked out in period costume (the women will be wearing ballgowns and the men will be sporting white ties and tails) and with an array of props, the five singers, their pianist and lighting manager - members of the acclaimed Wandering Minstrels touring group – will present a programme from Gilbert and Sullivan's famed comic operas.

The women will change their dresses for the second half of the programme and the men will change their buttonholes.

It is the first time that the Wandering Minstrels have visited the town – and local people can't wait for what is being billed as an "Extravaganza".

"It is going to be a very exciting event. The piano has been tuned and we are really looking forward to the group's varied programme," said a delighted Carol Fitzgerald, secretary of The Friends of St Mary's, which is hosting the Wandering Minstrels.

The concert group generally perform Gilbert and Sullivan songs and scenes in parish churches as well as in theatres and stately homes and have helped to raise more than £300 000 for various charities in the last 30 years.

Their Higham Ferrers engagement will be performed in the town's medieval Bede House, next to the parish church.

The Friends of St Mary's, which is dedicated to the preservation of the Grade I Listed buildings in the historic town, is currently fundraising for a new roof for The Bede House, and the proceeds from the Gilbert and Sullivan Extravaganza on 30th September will boost the coffers.

With words by WS Gilbert and music by Sir Arthur

songs from the Mikado, HMS Pinafore, The Pirates of Penzance, The Yeoman of the Guard, Iolanthe, The Sorcerer and The Gondoliers.

The programme ranges from tongue-in-cheek humour (HMS Pinafore) to poking fun at the British establishment (The Mikado) and will feature the popular 'A Policeman's Lot' and the 'Major-General's Song' (both from The Pirates of Penzance).



The Victoria operatic duo WS Gilbert and Sir Arthur Sullivan, whose words and music will enchant a Higham Ferrers audience at the end of the month

The Extravaganza, which is sponsored by Wilson Browne Solicitors, starts at 7.30pm on Saturday 30th September and the tickets, priced £15 (which includes light refreshments) are available from Sidey Design in the Market Square, Higham Ferrers, or via friendsofstmaryshf@gmail.com

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NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14 (RRIDGE STREET RRIGSTOCK)

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2023
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that North Northamptonshire Council intend, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of Bridge Street, Brigstock as

set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Bridge Street, Brigstock from the junction with High Street to the junction with Park Walk.

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

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 2nd October 2023 PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 2nd October 2023 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted for up to nine days.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use High Street, Church Street, Grafton Road and Park Walk. If you require any further information please contact Steve Fowler ref:- 23/24 – N277 Steve.Fowler@northnorthants.gov.uk PKG/T23/596

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14
(BIDWELL LANE, CHELVESTON)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2023
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that North Northamptonshire Council intend, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of Bidwell Lane, Chelveston as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Bidwell Lane, Chelveston from the junction with Higham Road.

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

repairs.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 2nd October 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 proceed by the Traffic State Regulations and General Directions 2016. ed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted for up to

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Higham Road and Caldecott Road.

If you require any further information please contact Steve Fowler ref:- 23/24 – N285 Steve.Fowler@northnorthants.gov.uk PKG/T23/622

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 — SECTION 14 (WATER LANE, CHELVESTON) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2023

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that North Northamptonshire Council intend, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of Water Lane, Chelveston as

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Water Lane, Chelveston just after junction with Higham Road to midway.

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

to repair sewer pipe.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 2nd October 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 bed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted for up to

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Higham Road.

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14 (SULFHAY ROAD, OUNDLE)

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2023 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that North Inchamptonshire Council intend, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of Sulehay Road, Oundle as set

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LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Sulehay Road,
Oundle from junction with Kings Cliffe Road to adjacent to no.1 Sulehay Road.

REASON FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during new

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 23rd October 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 proved the transport of the Depth State of Secretary of State (Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to Secretary of State for Transport for Transport

prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016. EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted for up to

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Kings Cliffe Road, Old Leicester Road and Yarwell Road. If you require any further information please contact Steve Fowler ref:- 23/24 – N291 Steve.Fowler@northnorthants.gov.uk PKG/T23/629

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14
(PROSPECT AVENUE, RUSHDEN)
(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 Prospect Avenue, Rushden as set out below.
LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Prospect Avenue, Rushden — adjacent to number 29 Prospect Avenue.
REASON FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during pipe repairs.
PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 25th September 2023 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.
EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted for up to three days.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Prospect Avenue, Higham Road, Tollbar, St. James Close

require any further information please contact Steve Fowler ref:- 23/24 - N250 Steve.Fowler@northnorthants.gov.uk

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14 (ADDINGTON ROAD, IRTHLINGBOROUGH)

(ADDINGTON ROAD, IRTHLINGBOROUGH)
(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 Addington Road, Irthlingborough as set out below.
LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Addington Road, Irthlingborough from the junction with Knightlands Road to the junction with Eastfield Road.

REASON FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during overhead

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 26th September 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 sign: prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016. EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted for one day.

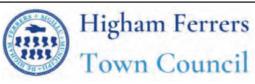
ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Station Road, Bypass Road and Addington Road.

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ated this 16th day of September 2023



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

Town Council Meeting - Tuesday 26th September, 7.30pm

Planning & Development Committee Meeting - Tuesday 10th October, 6.45pm

Policy and Resources Committee Meeting - Tuesday 10th October, 7.30pm

Town Council Meeting - Tuesday 31st October, 7.30pm

Farmers Market - Saturday 30th September, 9am - 1pm - Market Square

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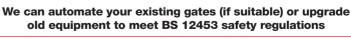
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Nene Park Trust has launched a new project in Ferry Meadows, inviting visitors to share their memories of the Park through words, photos and drawings, to create an exhibition that will grow throughout September

Volunteer 'Welcome Rangers' will be hosting the project and will be based at the wooden cabin near the Visitor Centre from 9am-1pm every Saturday and Sunday in September to greet and chat with visitors and give them a helping hand. For those visitors who are unable to come to the Park at weekends, they can pop into the Visitor Centre at any point during

the week and leave their memories (written or copies of photos) which will then be added to the display in the cabin. Visitors can also email their memories into memories@neneparktrust.org.uk.

The project is part of the wider Your Community Greenspace project, funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund. The overall project aims to make Ferry Meadows into an inclusive community hub. By inviting Park visitors to share their memories of this much-loved greenspace, the Trust hopes to foster a shared sense of community and pride in the Park.

Later on this year Nene Park Trust hopes to extend the Ferry Meadows Memories exhibition by creating a digital exhibition which can be shared more widely



Share your Ferry Meadows Memories

Get involved in our project and help us create an exhibition full of wonderful memories from your favourite Park!

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