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NEWS IN BRIEF

**Aaron Services wins
£4.9m NNC contract**

Following a competitive tendering process, North Northamptonshire Council (NNC) has chosen Aaron Services to deliver essential gas and electrical checks, maintenance and repairs to around 8,000 properties across the area.

To be delivered largely across Corby and Kettering, the company has secured the £4.9m contract over the next four-years to carry out annual gas servicing (Landlord Gas Safety Record – LGSR), repairs and breakdown cover.

The company has also won the five-year £3.5m contract to deliver Electrical Installation Condition Reports. Both contracts will start on 3rd June 2024.

A phased start will occur for the annual Gas Servicing over the summer, with NNC Operatives completing pre-booked services, alongside Aaron Services for new appointments.

Cllr Mark Rowley, Executive Member for Housing, Communities and Levelling Up, said: "We have worked with Aaron Services previously and look forward to continuing the excellent working relationship we have with them in delivering first class services to NNC tenants."

First 'Letters to Heaven' planted at Raunds Cemetery

Raunds Town Council is pleased to confirm that the first planting of 'Letters to Heaven' collected from the memorial post box at London Road Cemetery took place recently.

Installed in August 2023, the post box provides a unique and touching way for mourners to express their feelings and memories to loved ones who have passed away. Since its installation, almost 100 letters have been posted.

The letters are written on special wildflower seed paper supplied by the Town Council, enabling these messages to become a beautiful and lasting tribute, literally blooming into life within the cemetery grounds.

Councillor Oliver Curtis, Chairman of the Council's Environment, Leisure and Recreation Committee, said "The memorial post box has been a heartfelt addition

to Raunds Cemetery. We have been touched by the feedback received from our residents, who say it has offered them a place for quiet reflection and a way to remain connected with their loved ones.

"Planting the wildflower seed paper letters adds another layer of meaning, creating a vibrant display of wildflowers that will flourish throughout the year."

The Council has planted the letters in a designated area within the cemetery, to create a peaceful and colourful space for visitors to enjoy. This ongoing initiative will see letters planted regularly, offering a continuous cycle of remembrance and growth.



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AGM and Mayor Making 2024

At the Annual General Meeting of Raunds Town Council on 14th May, Councillor Paul Byrne was unanimously re-elected for a further term as Town Mayor for the 2024/25 Civic Year.

Councillor Byrne was delighted to present cheques to representatives in attendance from his two nominated charities, Raunds Foodbank (£4,238.82) and Bone Cancer Research Trust (£4,258.82). In total, £8,524.64 was raised in charitable donations during the 2023/24 Mayoral year, a truly fantastic achievement.

On being re-elected, Councillor Byrne said: "I am very grateful to be given the opportunity for a second year to represent the town of Raunds as its Mayor and thank my fellow Councillors for trusting me with this privilege again. With the support of the Deputy Mayor and fellow Councillors, together with the Town Clerk and his staff, I hope to continue to serve

the people of Raunds and represent our town positively both within and outside of the county."

The Mayor's chosen charities to support this year will be Alzheimer's Research UK and Children's Air Ambulance.

Councillor Lee Wilkes was re-elected as Deputy Mayor for the 2024/25 Civic Year, with Councillor Helen Howell as his consort.

Any correspondence for the Town Mayor or Deputy Mayor may be sent to the Town Council offices at the following address: Town Hall, Thorpe Street, Raunds, Northants NN9 6LT or emailed to mayor@raunds-tc.gov.uk

GENEALOGY JOTTINGS

WORDS BY
JAN PEARSON

My great grandparents ran a Laundry in St Albans, Hertfordshire. This was left to my great grandfather in the will of his cousin Jane. As Jane had never married and came from a side of the family that was not terribly well-off, I decided to research into how she had enough money to set this up.

I found her in the censuses and her age was recorded thus:

1841 – 9

1851 – 19

1861 – 28

1881 – 39 So far so good. Then things take a strange turn...

1891 – 39

1901 – 39

1911 – 69!

Whilst I can understand an age being a couple of years out, it is most odd that she remained the same age for 20 years! In both 1891 and 1901, she was a servant – a Housemaid – for two different families. It was the Head of the House who would have completed the census return and the chances are that he was more interested in getting the facts correct about his immediate family rather

than any servant. I know that I have the right person in these censuses, as her surname was not that common and she is the only one around who was born anywhere near the town stated. However, it is certainly a lesson in not taking all that you see on the census at face value!

Don't get too hung up about places of birth on censuses either. Some people moved when they were quite young and so may only know of the town in which they grew up and assume that was where they were born. Also, it could be completely incorrect! I have seen instances where ditto marks have been used with enthusiasm by the enumerator, causing the whole family to have been born in the same place as the Head – or even the neighbour at the top of the page! If all other factors are correct, the chances are that you have found the correct family. It is always worth checking the census in the 10 years before and after the one that you are reading, especially if they were known to stay in the area.

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More than £2 million investment in schools across North Northamptonshire to be considered at Executive meeting

Two papers will be considered at an Executive meeting proposing a combined investment of £2,027,560 in school buildings across North Northamptonshire.

The money would pay for further refurbishment at Alfred Lord Tennyson Primary School and the fit out of the relocated Wilby CE VA Primary School, to the site at Glenvale Park.

The total sum for the work at Alfred Lord Tennyson Primary School would be a maximum of £749,300. This project is the final phase of adaptations to enable the school to function as a 1FE primary school following the amalgamation of Tennyson Road and Alfred Street Schools. The money will reconfigure and refurbish current classrooms to meet current standards, create break out groups space, improve toilet provision and a play area for Reception and Year 1-6 classes. If approved, the project will be delivered in two consecutive phases with the final phase completing in August 2025.

The funding for the fit out

of the Glenvale new school in readiness for Wilby School to relocate will also be considered. The Executive approved the proposal to relocate Wilby CE VA Primary School to the Glenvale Park site for September 2024 use on Thursday 16th November 2023, following a statutory process and consultation.

The Executive will be asked to approve a budget of £1,278,260.10 to ensure the school is fully fitted out to enable the opening of the new school in September 2024.

Cllr Scott Edwards, Executive Member for Children, Families, Education & Skills, said: "The surroundings and environment in which the children of this authority learn are hugely important and we are committed to working with schools and partners to get this right for our pupils."

"These funding allocations will make sure that responsible bodies can start to plan ahead and get projects started to do the necessary works so pupils and teachers can learn and work in a comfortable space."

Jason Smithers, Leader of North Northamptonshire Council, said: "It's a cornerstone of the vision of this council that every school has access to high-quality learning facilities and that we will care for our young people, providing them with a high-quality education and opportunities to help them flourish."

"In the last 12 months we have spent £9.8m on NNC Schools and this proposed additional funding will go towards better surroundings and ultimately better outcomes for the children and young people of North Northamptonshire."



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Roar-some discovery made at Irchester Country Park

Physical evidence that dinosaurs once walked through North Northants has been discovered at Irchester Country Park by a grandad and his 3-year-old grandson.

Keen fossil hunter Steve Pulley was exploring with his grandson, Cody, when he spotted a large and unusually shaped rock lying partially buried on the ground.

Having spent hours searching the shores of the Isle of Wight for dinosaur fossils, Steve instantly recognised the dinosaur footprint cast, but was cautious and carried out some more research.

Steve said: "These casts formed as a result of a dinosaur making a footprint in soft ground, which then gradually filled in with local sediment. It then solidified over eons, eventually leaving a cast of the footprint long after the actual footprint disappeared."

"We left the rock, which was 55cm in length, where it was after visually examining it to confirm it was a sedimentary

rock, an essential requirement if we were to prove that we had found evidence of dinosaurs.

"The next piece of detective work that had to be done was to research what the local geology was, in order to confirm that it was viable that a footprint cast could have been laid down in the area. After all, if the local geology showed that the area was pre-historically covered in a massive ocean, then it would have been impossible for dinosaurs to have walked on the land."

But studies of maps from the British Geological Survey clearly showed that the spot in Irchester sat right on an ancient shoreline – overlooking a large inlet.

The Natural History Museum in London were contacted with details of the find and two experts very quickly came back confirming the find was indeed a dinosaur footprint cast and, in their opinion, from a Theropod (meat-eating) dinosaur. Although impossible

to say for sure, it is believed that the Theropod concerned was probably a Megalosaurus, a creature that stood at 6 m in length and weighed around 1 tonne.

Cllr Harriet Pentland, North Northamptonshire Council's Executive Member for Climate and Green Environment, said: "Our country parks are extremely popular with residents, but it is a wonderful glimpse into our area's past to know that 170 million years ago, dinosaurs were roaming the land and that a moment in time could result in a footprint preserved in stone forever."

"I want to thank Steve for coming to us with this and the team are very excited about this unique and major find."

It is hoped that the find will be able to go on display at Irchester Country Park. In the meantime, visitors to the Park can take the Ironstone Heritage trail, which tells the story of Ironstone quarrying at the park and the Jurassic geology and fossils this uncovered.

ON YOUR MARKS...

In the run-up to the Rushden Soap Box Derby, Rushden Town Council would like to remind people that they should be building their vehicles and registering them soon, ahead of the big event on 9th June. Do you think you could give them a nudge?



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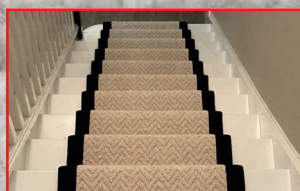


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Thu 30 Gullivers Land Theme Park Resort
Fri 31 Milton Keynes Shopping
Sat 31 The Deep Aquarium
Sun 31 Hull

JUNE

Sat 1 Skegness
Sat 1 Rochester
Sat 1 Call The Midwife Tour at Chatham
Sun 2 Great Yarmouth
Sun 2 Melton Mowbray
Mon 3 Sheringham & NNRW
Tue 4 Hunstanton
Wed 5 Nottingham Cruise & Lunch
Thu 6 Nantwich Market Day
Fri 7 Cromer
Sat 8 Gardeners World & Good Food Show
Sun 9 National Arboretum & Lichfield
Mon 10 National Arboretum
Tue 11 Swanage
Wed 12 Windsor Luxury Afternoon Tea Cruise
Thu 13 Hovercraft Experience to Ryde
Fri 14 Sheringham
Sat 15 Great Yarmouth Wheels Festival

JULY

Sat 6 Llangollen Motorised Boat Trip
Sat 6 Llangollen Railway/Classic Transport Show
Sun 7 Hampton Court Garden Festival
Mon 8 Bicester Shopping Village
Tue 9 Skegness
Wed 10 Hunstanton
Thu 11 Rutland Belle River Cruise & Oakham
Fri 12 RAF Fairford Tattoo
Sat 13 Shropshire & Little Switzerland
Sun 14 London Zoo
Mon 15 Postal Museum, London
Tue 16 Southend on Sea
Wed 17 Whitby
Thu 18 Weymouth
Fri 19 Trentham Estate & Monkey Forest
Sat 20 Sandringham Flower Show

AUGUST

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HISTORICALLY IMPORTANT ARCHIVES RETURN TO THE COUNTY

The Northamptonshire Archaeological Resource Centre (ARC) has recently completed the move of archaeological archives from a major Roman villa, alongside prehistoric and iron age finds, into the state-of-the-art facilities at the Chester House Estate.

The archives were excavated between 1984 and 1991 from Stanwick Lakes and had been stored by Historic England at their store in Portsmouth.

The archives consisted of over 3,000 boxes of archaeological material including 2.5 tonnes of Roman pottery and 3,750 Roman coins. The team also received 16 partially reconstructed pieces of Roman mosaic and 280 large pieces of Roman sculpture. Highlights also include a Roman pot with a gladiator painted on it and a figurine of a frog.

Also found during the excavations at Stanwick were prehistoric finds including beaker pots, jets and a pristine example of a flint dagger, which research has shown was unused before it was buried within a grave.

This is the first time the objects have returned to the county since they were excavated and are now publicly accessible to researchers. It is intended that selected objects will be loaned to Stanwick Lakes for a display in their museum in early 2025.

It is also anticipated that objects will go on display at the Discover Northamptonshire hub at

Rushden Lakes and the ARC offers weekly, free tours so visitors can see some of the excellent objects from Stanwick alongside the rest of the archive.

Cllr Helen Howell, Deputy Leader of North Northamptonshire Council and Executive Member for Sport, Leisure, Culture and Tourism, said: "It is fantastic news that these historically important items have been able to return to the county and their new home is so close to where the items were originally excavated – it truly is a full-circle moment.

"The ARC is a fantastic asset that ensures our history is preserved for future generations, and the team on site work extremely hard on projects like this as well as making sure, where possible, that the artefacts can be publicly accessible."

Becky Gill, Heritage Manager at Stanwick Lakes, said: "The excavations at Stanwick Lakes were described as nationally and historically significant, and having the artefacts returned to the county is a real milestone moment.

"Being able to display items in our Heritage Museum, on the site on which they were found, is a wonderful and engaging way for us to be

able to tell the story of the area's rich heritage and history and share that with our visitors.

"We have a great partnership with the ARC, who have loaned us various items for display, so being a part of this journey is incredibly exciting."

The move of the artefacts was funded by a grant from Historic England and is the result of a three-year project with teams from both the ARC and Historic England involved.

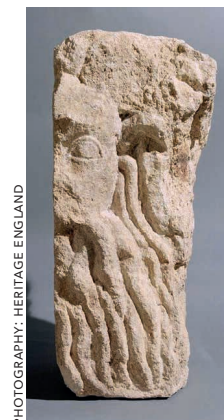
Claire Tsang, Archaeological Archives Principal at Historic England, who has been overseeing the transfer of artefacts to their new home, said: "We are pleased to see the final boxes from the Stanwick and Irthlingborough Archive being deposited in the state-of-the-art ARC at the Chester House Estate. These storage facilities are invaluable to the Northamptonshire community and researchers. The scale of the excavations and the quality of the Prehistoric and Roman material is remarkable and makes this collection highly significant.

"Historic England's grant towards this project will help to ensure that people will better understand and engage with our shared heritage."



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Minerva



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The ARC is run by North Northamptonshire Council in partnership with West Northamptonshire Council. More information about the ARC is available on the Chester House Estate website.

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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE CHILDREN'S TRUST JOINS IN NATIONAL CAMPAIGN FOR FOSTER CARE FORTNIGHT

Foster Care Fortnight (FCF), which this year runs from 13th to 26th May, is the UK's biggest foster care awareness raising campaign, delivered by leading fostering charity, The Fostering Network. FCF over the years, has showcased the commitment, passion and dedication of foster carers whilst also highlighting the need for more people to step up and be a foster carer, with the greatest need being foster carers for teenagers and sibling groups.

The theme this year is #FosteringMoments

Fostering provides vital care to children and young people in our communities, enabling them to stay local to everything they are familiar with.

Julian Wooster, Chair of Northamptonshire Children's Trust said: "Foster Care Fortnight is a fantastic way to raise awareness of fostering and the constant need for

more foster carers in the UK. "Our carers do an incredible job of supporting and guiding our children, ensuring that they have the best care and support as well as the same opportunities as everyone else. Together, we can make a real difference to a child or young person's life."

Foster carers come from a variety of backgrounds and bring a wide range of life and work experiences with them. Our foster carers are part of our team of professionals and receive ongoing training to develop the skills and knowledge required to best meet the needs of children in their care. Alongside this professionalism, they offer children and young people with stability, support and care.

Cllr Fiona Baker, Cabinet Member for Children, Families & Education at West Northamptonshire Council, said: "Foster Care Fortnight is such an important time to highlight our brilliant foster

carers and all they do to make a difference to the lives of our children and young people. The work they do is invaluable, and it is really important that we recognise this, say thank you for all they do and also encourage new foster carers to come forward and join us.

"Being a foster carer is extremely rewarding and plays a vital role in transforming the lives of children and young people. I would encourage anyone interested in becoming a foster carer to contact our fostering team for more information, we would really love to hear from you."

Cllr Scott Edwards, North Northamptonshire Council's Executive Member for Children, Families, Education and Skills, said: "Fostering a child can be challenging, but carers tell us it is also one of the most rewarding things they have ever done.

"If anyone thinks they have what it takes to make a difference to the life of a child or young person, then please

do get in touch."

There are many different types of fostering, each comes with its challenges and rewards, and the more people learn about fostering the more they realise which type of fostering would be most suited to them. These include emergency, short-term, long-term, short-breaks and specialist fostering schemes which can include parent and baby placements

and therapeutic foster care. The Trust's friendly fostering team will work with you to explore the different types of fostering, to understand what will be best for you.

A monthly fostering drop-in information evening is held in Northamptonshire for anyone who is considering becoming a foster carer and would

like to find out some more information.

This allows them to ask social workers any questions that they may have and listen to the experiences of our current foster carers.

Details about the evenings can be found on the Northamptonshire Children's Trust website.

If you are interested in fostering, please get in touch today by visiting <https://nctrust.co.uk/fostering/>

A NEW HORIZON FOR THE PETERBOROUGH CHORAL SOCIETY

Bradley Smith, acclaimed international tenor and choral director, has become the new Music Director of Peterborough Choral Society, taking forward the choir's record of performing music of all styles.

He says: "I'm excited to be working with an excellent group of talented singers and embarking on a new journey together." Bradley is committed to developing music making in local communities and currently works with a number

of groups, promoting the health and wellbeing benefits of music making, and developing new networks.

Margaret Wilson, Chairman of the choir said: "We are delighted that Bradley will be working with us. We are already enjoying stimulating and exciting rehearsals and looking forward to our first concert together on 7th July in Thorney Abbey."

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NENE VALLEY NEWS - EVENTS

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> SUNDAY 2ND JUNE, 10.15AM

Morning Worship

Whitefriars Church, Whitefriars Primary School.

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> SATURDAY 1ST JUNE, 12NOON-5PM

Raunds Mayor's Show 2024

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> SUNDAY 2ND JUNE, 9.30AM

Higham Ferrers Footpath Group

Saffron Road car park. Please note the earlier start time. Contact Julie on 07796 281247. A 6-mile circular walk from Higham Ferrers to Stanwick.

> THURSDAY 6TH JUNE, 6.30PM

Higham Ferrers Footpath Group

Saffron Road car park. Contact Claire on 07505 855116. Join Claire for a 3-mile evening circular walk from Higham Ferrers.

> SUNDAY 9TH JUNE, 2PM-5PM

Newton Bromswold Open Gardens

Family ticket £5 includes 2 adults and 2 children, adult £3. Contact Helen Lines: 01933 315864. Refreshment and programme available from Village Hall.

COWPER & NEWTON MUSEUM EVENTS

> 1ST – 31ST JUNE, 11AM-4.30PM

Children's Garden Trail 'All about Trees'

Family fun time! Follow our trail and learn about trees with our garden trail. £1 per trail includes a small prize. Usual admission applies for adults.

> 8TH – 9TH JUNE, 11AM-4PM

National Garden Scheme Open Gardens Weekend

Visit our beautiful, tranquil Flower Garden and Summer House Garden. It is hoped to have lacemaking demonstrations, artists painting and other activities in the gardens for additional interest to your visit. Refreshments on sale too! Adults £4/ Children free. (Please note that previously purchased Adult Annual Tickets are not valid for visiting the gardens on 8th and 9th June. They are valid for visiting the Historic House only on Saturday).

> 13TH JUNE, 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 the beautiful 18th-century, tranquil gardens – all for only £6. No need to book in advance – just purchase your refreshments ticket in our Shop.

> 22ND JUNE, 7PM-8PM

Midsummer Magic – An Evening Tour of the Garden

The volunteer garden team leaders invite you to join them for a special summer evening tour of the 18th-century Flower Garden and Summer House Garden. Enjoy learning about the history of the gardens. This is a rare opportunity to explore the beautiful, tranquil gardens on a summer's evening and not one to be missed! Cost of tour: £10 to include a glass of wine. Spaces limited to 12 people. Book via info@cowperandnewtonmuseum.org.uk / ring 01234 711516 or ask in the Shop.

> 29TH JUNE, 11.15AM-12.30PM

Cowper & Newton Museum - Guided Tour

Your Guide will tell you the story of William Cowper and his friend, John Newton. Learn about Cowper's poetry and prolific letter-writing, about the Olney Hymns and especially about John Newton's famous hymn, 'Amazing Grace' of 250

years. Stories will be explained through key items within our collection. Tour price: Free with your annual pass. If you don't have an annual pass, they can be purchased in the Shop on arrival – only £10 to enjoy a year of visits to our museum, gardens, and art gallery, during usual opening hours.

HARRINGWORTH VILLAGE EVENTS

> ST JOHN'S CAFÉ

The Café opens every Saturday from 10.30am to 12noon in St John the Baptist Church, Harringworth (NN17 3AF), with delicious cakes, sausage rolls and steaming hot coffee. Welcoming visitors from the local area including walkers and cyclists. The Café is run by volunteers and the proceeds go to the Harringworth Appeals Fund.

> HARRINGWORTH SUMMER FETE - A

traditional Summer Fete in the lovely setting of Church Cottage, Seaton Road NN17 3AD on Saturday 15th June from 12noon-4pm. A day full of fun and friendship with many popular stalls including a Tombola, Book Stall, Bric-a-Brac, Plants, Crafts, with a BBQ, Pimm's, Ice Creams and Afternoon Tea plus games and Pony Rides. See the website: harringworth.org for your information.

> MOSAIC CHAMBER CHOIR

A concert in St John the Baptist Church on Saturday 6th July from 7.30pm with Mosaic, a local chamber choir. The choir specialises in "a cappella" repertoire for eight voices with songs from Bach to The Beatles. Proceeds to the Appeals Fund. See the website: harringworth.org for your information.

> REGULAR ACTIVITIES IN THE VILLAGE HALL

FITSTEPS CLASS with Julie McCrone on a

Tuesday from 9.30am-10.30am. No need to pre-book the class which costs £7.

GENTLE YOGA CLASS with Rae Bird on a

Thursday from 10am-11am in Harringworth Village Hall. No need to pre-book the class which costs £12. An excellent class for all levels of health and fitness.

TABLE TENNIS – come along to play Table Tennis on a Tuesday (2.30pm-4.30pm) or Thursday (5pm-7pm).

MAY HALF-TERM ADVENTURES WITH THE NATIONAL TRUST

National Trust places across Northamptonshire have a fun-packed programme of family activities planned for May half term.

From storytelling adventures at Packwood House, 'Bee Detective Trails' at Charlecote Park, to identifying animal poo at Lyveden, there's lots of fun to be had.

A National Trust spokesperson said: "Whether you want to delve into history or discover nature, there's plenty to entertain your little explorers at National Trust places this May half term. Let their imaginations run wild."

Here's some of the events and activities in Northamptonshire to keep the whole family busy. Discover more:

> NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

25th May – 2nd June, 10am-4pm. Normal admission applies, no booking needed. It is recommended to bring cash for purchasing books.

Lyveden

Become a nature detective this half term, with a free family trail around the grounds. Help Squirrel Holmes solve the mystery of who dug up the Gardeners Roses and uncover the clues to crack the case. Lyveden's Outdoor Tuesdays and Craft Thursdays also return this May half term. Ever wondered how to identify animals by their poo? Join National Trust's fun family activity on Tuesday 28 May, work out how to identify animals by their poo, and even have a go at creating playdough poo!

On Thursday 30th May, the team will be making nature diaries to help little ones record wildlife discoveries. £2 per participant, admission prices apply for non-members. No booking required.

Canons Ashby

The Canons Ashby Book Fair is on with plenty of entertaining reads to keep young minds engaged. Browse a wide selection of books which have been donated by supporters, offering wide-ranging genres. The Book Fair takes place in the Priory Church opposite the main house. If the sun is out, enjoy pre-loved books while having a picnic in the paddock or a light lunch or treat in the Stables Tea-Room.



Raunds Town Council

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Thursday 6 June 2024

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Muddy Stiletto regional winners!

Castle Theatre are delighted to announce that they have won the regional finals of the 'Muddy Stiletto's' awards for best 'Arts, Culture & Theatre' 2024.

This accolade makes them all very proud as the competition relies on a public vote, so to know they have a huge public backing means a lot to the entire Castle Theatre family.

The 2024 regional competition was bigger than ever as the category was open to Leicestershire, Rutland and Northamptonshire and saw them up against incredible higher capacity venues such as:

The Curve (Leicester), The Royal & Derngate, (Northampton), Kilworth House (Kilworth) and Lighthouse Theatre (Kettering).

Castle Theatre wishes to take this opportunity to thank all of their audiences who took the time to vote and show their ever growing support over what can only be described as a turbulent couple of

years for the world of theatre.

From the doors being shut in 2020, to hosting West End touring shows, to breaking personal panto records with over 20,000 customers through the doors; this award solidifies all that they've accomplished and plan on building upon in the future, especially with their 30th birthday in 2025.

They hope to continue to reach new records with the highly anticipated 2024 pantomime, 'The New Adventures of Peter Pan' commencing in December. It's never too early to hook your tickets and make the most of the early bird offer of £5 off tickets (excluding school and super saver shows).

The New Adventures of Peter Pan will be at Castle Theatre, Wellingborough from Sunday 1st until Tuesday 31st December 2024. Ticket prices from £13.50 and can be booked by calling the Box Office on 01933 270 007 or visiting the website www.castletheatre.co.uk



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PUBLIC NOTICES

NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
(OUNDE ROAD, LUTTON)
(40 MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2024

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that North Northamptonshire Council, in exercise of their powers, propose to make an Order under Section 84 and Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to prohibit any motor vehicle from travelling at a speed exceeding 40 mph along the length of road 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 June 2024.

Dated this 25th day of May 2024
ADELE WYLIE, Executive Director of Customer & Governance
(Monitoring Officer)

P/2019

SCHEDULE

1. Oundle Road, Lutton – At a point 109 metres south west of its junction with Warmington Road extending 463 metres in a south westerly direction.

NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14
(DRYDEN STREET, RAUNDS)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2024

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 Dryden Street, Raunds as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Dryden Street, Raunds from outside no.29.

REASON FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during water mains works.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 11th June 2024 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 London Road, Marshall's Road, Cartrill Street and Grombold Avenue.

If you require any further information please contact Steve Fowler

ref:- 24/25 – N061 Steve.Fowler@northnorthants.gov.uk PKG/T24/294

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14
(HIGH STREET, EASTON ON THE HILL)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2024

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 High Street, Easton on the Hill as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of High Street, Easton on the Hill from outside no.25 to no.27.

REASON FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during civils works by Open Reach.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 10th June 2024 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 New Road, A43 and Stamford Road.

If you require any further information please contact Steve Fowler

ref:- 24/25 – N063 Steve.Fowler@northnorthants.gov.uk PKG/T24/295

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14
(MAIN STREET & MILL ROAD, YARWELL)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2024

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

LENGTHS OF ROADS TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: Those lengths of Main Street and Mill Road, Yarwell for their entire lengths.

REASON FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during manhole maintenance.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 17th June 2024 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 two days.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Nassington Road.

If you require any further information please contact Steve Fowler

ref:- 24/25 – N062 Steve.Fowler@northnorthants.gov.uk PKG/T24/296

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14
(BRIDGE STREET, KINGS CLIFFE)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2024

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, Kings Cliffe as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Bridge Street, Kings Cliffe from outside no.5.

REASON FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during gas connection works.

NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14
(PUBLIC BRIDLEWAY NC2 – HEMINGTON)
(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2024

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that North Northamptonshire Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit pedestrians, equestrians and cyclists from proceeding along that length of Public Bridleway NC2 in Hemington as specified below. Private access to land or premises adjacent to the said length of bridleway are unaffected.

RIGHT OF WAY TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That part of Public Bridleway NC2 in the Parish of Hemington to be closed starts at point A on the map at National Grid Reference (NGR) TL 0889 8438. It extends in a generally south westerly direction for approximately 426 metres to point B on the map at NGR TL 0874 8398.

The routes to be closed is shown by solid black lines between points A – B.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for public safety during environmental investigatory works.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The Order will come into effect on 4th June 2024 and will continue in force for a period of six months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for this Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such extent as is indicated by the display of notices.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTE: There is no suitable alternative route.

If you require any further information please contact Sarah Cureton – 07500 579332. ROW/097 – N

Dated this 25th day of May 2024

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GREEN ENERGY FUNDING BOOST

Vital energy efficiency works will take place at three key North Northamptonshire Council buildings thanks to a funding injection of more than £3.8million.

The projects, which will focus on Corby Cube, Corby International Pool and Desborough Leisure Centre, will help the authority move towards being carbon neutral by 2030.

Following the completion of energy surveys of council buildings, the authority made a grant bid under the Public Services Decarbonisation Scheme (PSDS) for energy improvement works at the three properties. The council has been awarded a grant of £3,858,419 against a total project cost of £4,384,568.08 under the scheme which is run by the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero and delivered by Salix.

Cllr Harriet Pentland, the Council's Executive Member for Climate and the Green Environment, said: "We are delighted to hear that we have been successful in our funding bid for some very important works which will help lower our carbon footprint and help us meet our target of becoming carbon neutral by 2030.

"Our carbon management plan sets out a clear vision of how we are working towards this ambitious target and this funding boost is a significant help for us."

Cllr Jason Smithers, Leader of the Council, said: "Our carbon management plan is the green thread that runs through everything we do and becoming carbon neutral is an absolute must for this authority.

"I'm proud of the work that has taken place so far and thrilled that these additional funds will give us a further boost in the right direction.

"Creating a sustainable council and wider North Northants area is essential not just for this generation but for future ones too."

Director of Programmes at Salix, Ian Rodger said: "Our teams at Salix look forward to working with the council and supporting them with their net zero objectives. The implementation of energy efficiency measures will not only contribute to the carbon neutral objectives but will make these buildings more comfortable environments in which to use and work."

As part of the council's commitment to becoming a carbon neutral council by 2030, it developed its carbon management plan, which was published in December 2022 and set out intentions to tackle climate change and reduce CO2 emissions.

Significant progress has been made in reducing council's emissions but with about 30% of measured emissions coming from electricity and gas usage at council owned and operated buildings and sites, more needed to be done.

The buildings that will benefit from the grant were identified based on their energy consumption, condition of plant, and the most carbon impact. The council remains committed to decarbonising its estate and will continue to actively pursue opportunities to do so.

Works will take place to replace fossil fuel boilers with air source heat pumps and the installation of photovoltaic panels at the properties along with other energy efficiency measures. Works need to be completed by March 2026. The project team will be working with operators and users of these buildings to minimise the impact wherever possible.

More details will be published in due course.

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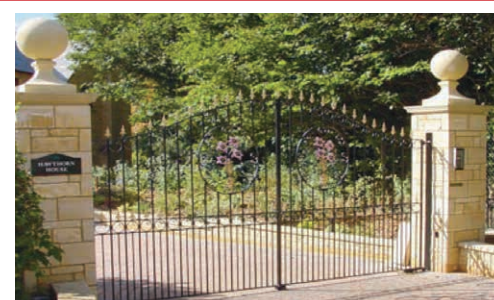
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